

# Church Planting Profile:

## **Montpelier, Vermont**

**Summary:** Montpelier is the capital of Vermont, the smallest capital city in the nation. Its population is white, educated, and professional. Many are employed in the public sector. As a whole, the people of the state of Vermont are last in the United States in “regular” church attendance (tied with New Hampshire). Approximately 2% of the population of Washington County, of which Montpelier is a part, is evangelical. There is an Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Barre, approximately six miles south of Montpelier.



Vermont Capitol, Montpelier

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### **Demographics:**

**City Population, 2007: 7,806**

*Pop. change: -1.9% since 2000*

**County Population, 2007: 58,926**

#### **Racial Breakdown:**

White, non-Hispanic	95.4%
Hispanic	1.4%
Two or more races	1.3%
American Indian	1.0%
Black	0.6%
Other	0.3%

**Median Age: 40.5 (37.7 Vermont)**

#### **Age Breakdown:**

Age 14 and under	16.7%
Ages 15-24	13.1%
Ages 25-44	28.2%
Ages 45-64	27.0%
Age 65 and over	14.9%

**Avg. Household Size: 2.1 people**

### **Economics:**

**Median Household Income, 2006: \$41,600**

**Median House/Condo Value, 2006: \$189,600**

**Unemployment Rate, 9/07: 3.8%**

**Cost of Living, 2008 (US average = 100): 90.8**

#### **Principal Industries**

Education/Health/Social Service	25.4%
Public Administration	12.8%
Arts/Entertainment/Recreation	10.3%
Retail Trade	9.7%

#### **Largest Employers, Central Vermont (900+)**

State of Vermont	9250
Central Vermont Medical Center	1178
National Life Insurance Co.	1000
Sugarbush Ski Resort (in season)	980

### **Other:**

#### **Educational Attainment Breakdown (age 25+)**

High School or higher	95.1%
Bachelor's Degree or higher	46.8%
Graduate/Professional Degree	19.9%

#### **Nearby Colleges and Universities:**

Norwich University (2585 full-time students)

#### **Principal Media Outlets:**

Newspaper: *Burlington Free Press*  
 Television: WCAX 3 (CBS), WPTZ 5 (NBC)  
 Radio: WSKI 1240 AM

**Average January Temperature: 19.0°**

**Average July Temperature: 69.0°**

**Average Annual Precipitation: 35.9 inches**

**Average Annual Snowfall: 108 inches**

### **Montpelier and Montpelier-Area Churches:**

Christ Episcopal Church (ECUSA)

[www.christchurchvt.org](http://www.christchurchvt.org)

Bethany Church (UCC)

[www.bethanychurchvt.org](http://www.bethanychurchvt.org)

Saint Augustine Parish (Roman Catholic)

[www.saintaugustinechurch.com](http://www.saintaugustinechurch.com)

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (ELCA)

[www.christchurchburlington.org](http://www.christchurchburlington.org)

Unitarian Church of Montpelier (UU)

[www.unitarianchurchofmontpelier.org](http://www.unitarianchurchofmontpelier.org)

Lighthouse Christian Church

[www.lighthousechristianchurchvt.org](http://www.lighthousechristianchurchvt.org)

Covenant Presbyterian Church (OPC) [Barre]

[www.copcvt.org](http://www.copcvt.org)

Middlesex United Methodist Church [Middlesex]

[www.gbgn-umc.org/mdlsxvt](http://www.gbgn-umc.org/mdlsxvt)

St. Jacob of Alaska Orthodox Ch. [Northfield Falls]

[www.stjacobofalaska.org](http://www.stjacobofalaska.org)

Trinity United Methodist Church

Resurrection Baptist Church