



# THE STATE OF THE STATE IN DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

## Some Basic Facts

Vermont is justly proud of its community based system of developmental services. Vermont is highly rated in:

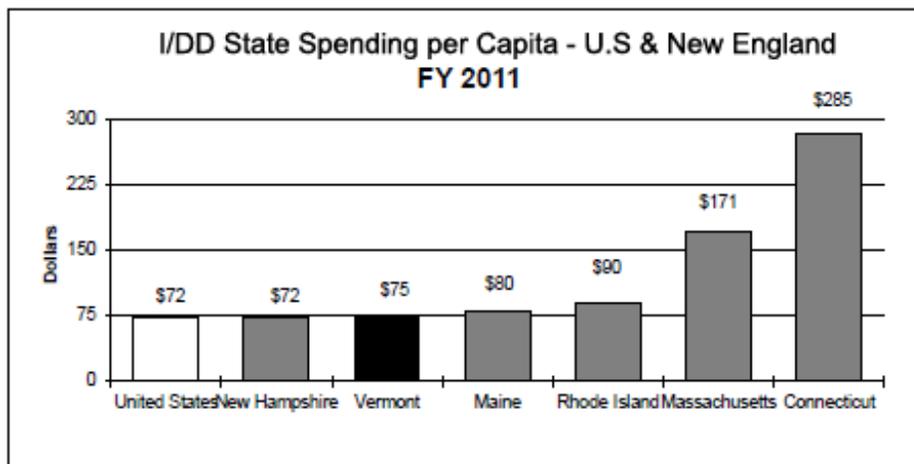
- *Providing housing supports in settings of 3 or less.*
- *Providing employments supports (38.7% for FY2012).*
- *Keeping people in the community and out of nursing homes and psychiatric institutions.*
- *Providing support to families.*
- *Providing individualized services that support self-determination.*

### Who do we serve?

- *Vermont now serves 2,649 people through home & community based “waiver” services, about 1,076 living with their families (FY2012).*
- *Funding priorities are limited to emergencies like health and safety, homelessness or death of caregiver, except for very limited funding for high school graduates with paid jobs.*
- *Vermont’s waiting lists are now about 300, due in part to narrowing priorities for funding.*
- *Single people in developmental homes live on \$140 per month after room & board is paid.*

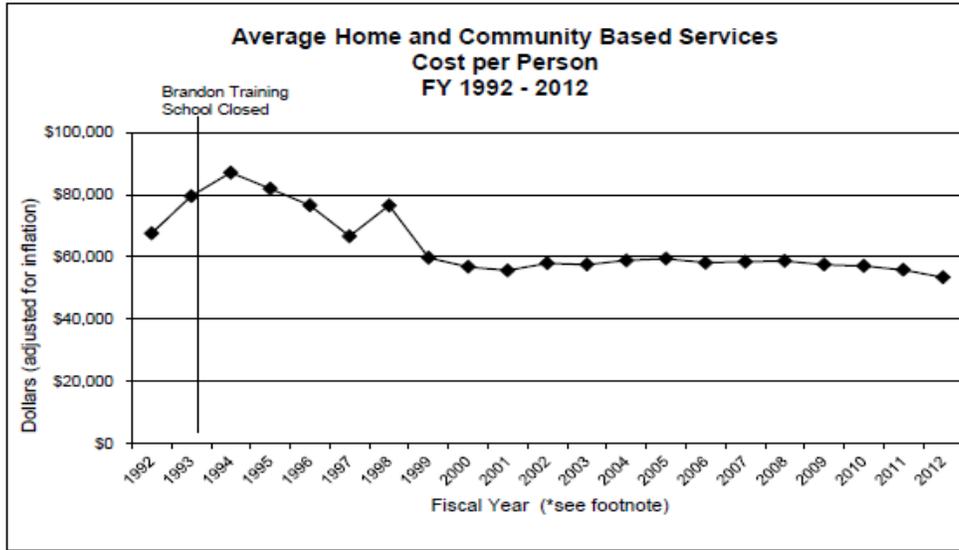
### How cost-effective are our supports to our neighbors?

- *In 2009 dollars it would have cost \$289,176 per person per year at Brandon Training School.*
- *In 2012, it cost \$53,461 per person to provide home and community-based services in Vermont.*
- *Vermont ranks 31<sup>st</sup> in spending per person in the US for developmental services.\**
- *Vermont spent less in 2011\* than all other New England states except New Hampshire.*



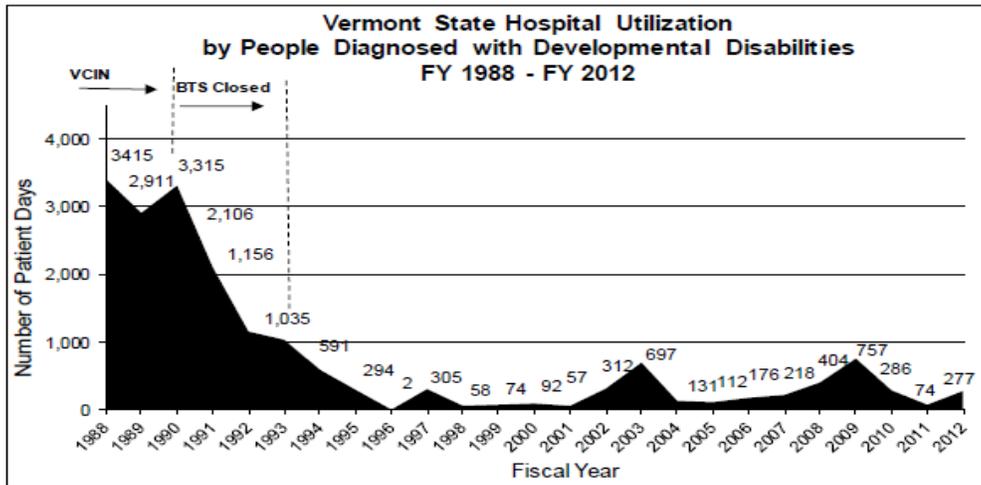
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Since closing Brandon Training School the average cost per person of services has gone down.



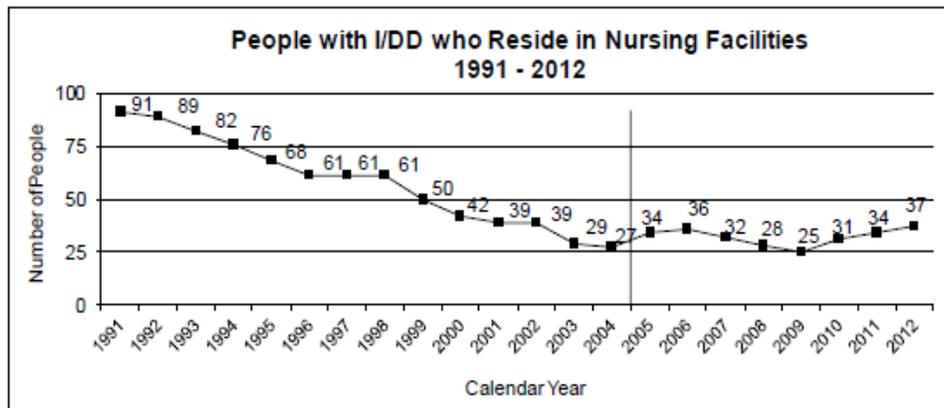
Vermont Developmental Disabilities Services State FY 2012 Annual Report, [page 9](#). 1998 reflects costs for 15 month period.

**So had emergency stays in the Vermont State Hospital.**



Vermont Developmental Disabilities Services State FY 2012 Annual Report, [page 30](#).  
FY03, 08 & 09 spikes due to one person's year long stays.

**Unfortunately, there has been an increase in people living nursing homes since 2009.**



Vermont Developmental Disabilities Services State FY 2012 Annual Report, [page 32](#)

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