



The Vermont Futures Project positions the economy in the center of a statewide discussion about Vermont's future, enriching that discussion with data, benchmarks, and research.

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## Vermont Futures Project: 3 Things to Know

1.

### Introducing *The Vermont Economy Talks*

The Vermont Futures Project has launched [\*The Vermont Economy Talks: Inspired Discussions About Vermont's Economy\*](#) to humanize and simplify complex economic topics, increase all Vermonters' opportunities to engage in and help shape Vermont, and spread public interest in our state's future. The campaign will foster a sense of urgency and passion around Vermont's growing economy and the work underway to create a resilient, equitable, and thriving future.

Join the conversation by [sharing our campaign content](#), inviting your friends to join the conversation, [signing the pledge](#) to engage with your local economy, and taking action to help us forge a brighter economic future for Vermont. Learn more [here](#).



2.

### *Vermont Economy Talks* Summer Series With UVM

As part of *The Vermont Economy Talks* campaign, The Vermont Futures Project is teaming up with the University of Vermont's

Center for Research on Vermont to put on a [summer series of Facebook Live interviews](#).

Our first interview featured [Vermont Futures Project Executive Director Lori Smith and Board Member Laura Galster](#). Our second featured the [Vermont Department of Labor's Mathew Barewicz and Advance Vermont's Tom Cheney](#). Our third featured [Eric Lampman of Lake Champlain Chocolates](#).

This summer interview series is being conducted by a team of paid University of Vermont student interns. Watch all of our recordings and find information on upcoming interviews [here](#).



### 3.

#### Follow-Up Stay in Vermont Survey

John E. Adams of The Vermont Center for Geographic Information [mapped 2020 out-of-state buyers in Vermont](#), after the state saw a huge surge in new residents. Once again, The Vermont Futures Project is teaming up with the University of Vermont's [Center for Research on Vermont](#) and [Office of Engagement](#) to conduct a [survey](#) to reach these new residents and better understand the influx. The survey is aimed at people who moved to Vermont in the last 15 months and are now considering making Vermont their permanent home.

"One of the most important issues facing Vermont is our [population growth](#) and demographic makeup," said Richard Watts, Director of the [Center for Research on Vermont](#). "Where will the people come from to fuel Vermont's future? This survey helps us understand our new Vermonters and proceed to welcome them to our communities and businesses alike." Please take the survey or share it [using this link](#).

Be Well,



*Lori Smith*

Lori A. Smith, Executive Director  
[The Vermont Futures Project](#)

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The Vermont Futures Project is an independent non-partisan organization with a goal of providing a vision that supports and encourages long-term economic growth for Vermont, providing data and recommendations to achieve this goal. The Vermont Futures Project is an initiative of the Vermont Chamber Foundation.

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