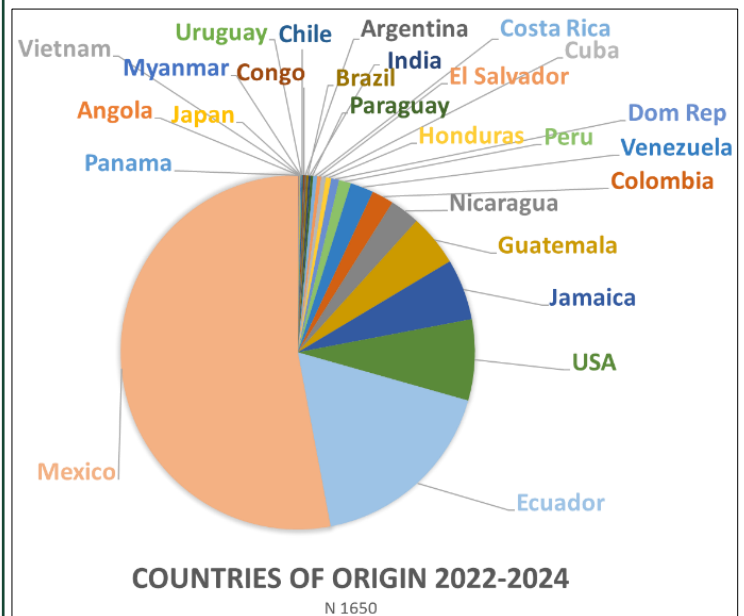
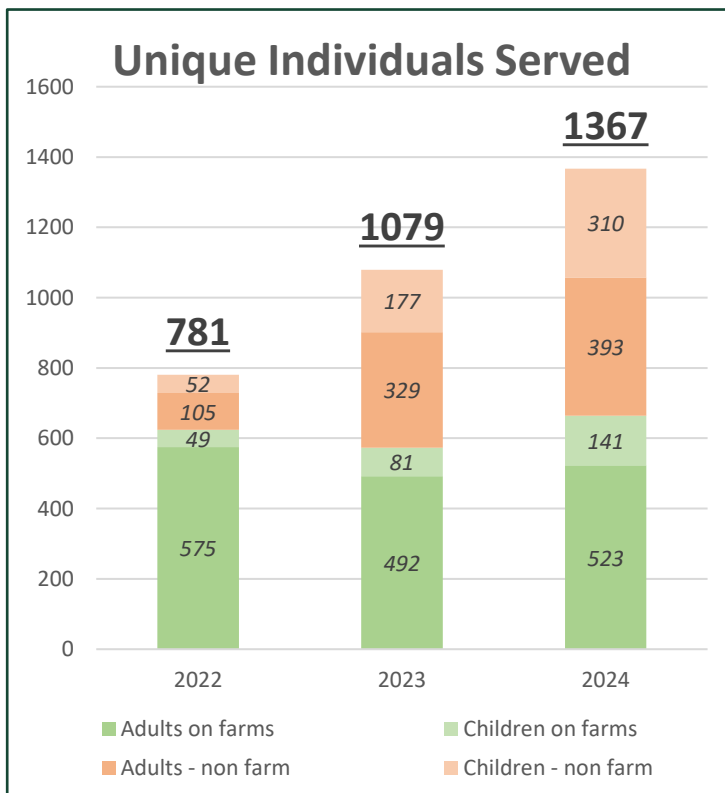


BRIDGES TO HEALTH

Bridges to Health is a health outreach and care coordination program for migrant and immigrant workers and families across Vermont who are not otherwise served by existing programs. Eight regionally based Community Health Workers meet needs identified by the communities they serve.

Community Health Workers:

- Provide navigational supports within an increasingly complex and complicated health system
- Serve as liaisons, cultural brokers, health educators, advocates, and interpreters between individuals and community-based organizations
- Empower clients to make timely health decisions
- Promote health, reduce disparities, and improve service delivery
- Improve access to care and quality of life at an individual, family and household level
- Coordinate outreach efforts in collaboration with local health and social service organizations to assist them in enhancing services and addressing systemic barriers to care



Collaborating with the Bridges to Health CHWs has been instrumental in securing appropriate health care for many of our immigrant and Spanish speaking patients. They have proven to be a great support to this vulnerable population. They have helped families find and secure primary care providers when they did not know where to start, and they have helped many individuals receive necessary acute visits when illnesses or injuries arise. Without these community health workers, these patients likely would have ended up in emergency rooms with no advocates and no support.

Nurse Care Manager, FQHC, Franklin County



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PROGRAM IMPACT: 2024

1367 Unique Individuals Served (*75% increase from 2022*)

- 49% farmworkers or their family members
- 451 children 0-17 years old
 - 43 VT born babies
- 552 new to Vermont in past year
 - 189 newly arrived children
- 452 households across 14 counties
 - 139 Farms
 - 277 Families

512 Health Insurance Enrollments & Renewals

200 Financial Assistance & Sliding Fee Applications Approved

200 home & community based health screenings and consults (*in collaboration with health partners and volunteers*)

2337 health & social services appointments coordinated

- 772 rides to appointments coordinated or provided
- 296 medical appointments interpreted
- 78 pregnant individuals connected to prenatal care

248 beneficiaries of CSAs and/or food box delivery programs in collaboration with partners

84 individuals connected to WIC and food access programs

68 farm & community based vaccine clinics (with health care partners)

- 611 vaccines administered

The level of outreach, education, understanding, and access [Bridges to Health CHWs] have brought to our farm, to help us and our employees has been integral in being able to operate a fair, healthy, and productive work environment for all. Whether it be intricate navigation of a complex health system for the underserved, helping to organize and communicate care, to hosting on farm vaccine clinics that surely went above and beyond protecting all in Vermont, this group has grown into an essential, trusted resource for our farm, family, and employees. *Dairy Farmer, Chittenden County*



Migrant Health Programs which includes Bridges to Health's Community Health Worker team is comprised of:

- Program Lead
- CHW Program Coordinator
- Eight bilingual CHWs
- Administrative Support
- 40-50 community-based volunteers
- 3-4 interns

Funding for this important program ends in the fall of 2025. For more information on how to support our work, contact Naomi Wolcott-MacCausland, Migrant Health Programs Lead via email at nwolcott@uvm.edu or [donate!](#) To learn more about Bridges to Health visit our [website](#) and [blog](#).