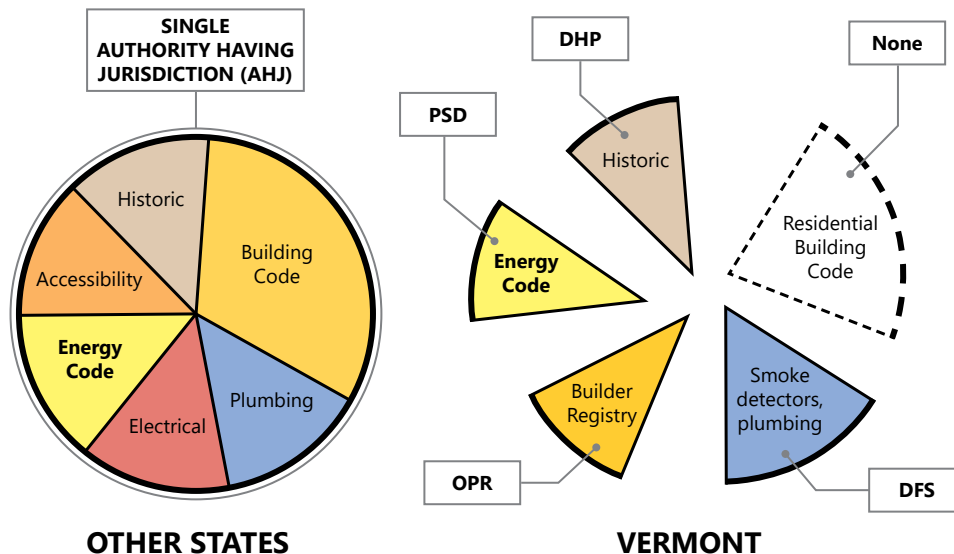
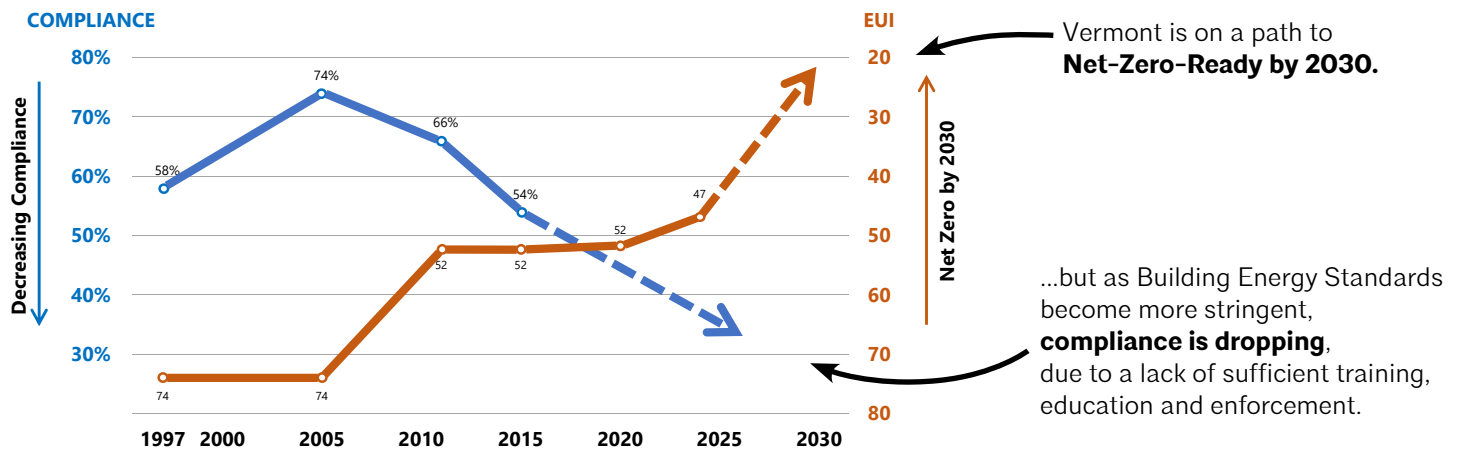


# The Need for Building Code Reform in Vermont

AIA Vermont has advocated for better authority over residential construction – including energy codes – for over 20 years. Now, as our energy requirements have become more stringent, the lack of a governing authority and the lack of an underlying residential building code is causing real harm.



One reason for this drop in compliance is the lack of a single statewide authority to oversee implementation of the code.

Other states have a coordinated, unified authority over residential construction.

Vermont has only partial and uncoordinated oversight.

And Vermont is the **only state** with no authority over residential single-family home construction.

## Without significant building code reform:

- ✗ Vermont will not meet it's energy goals
- ✗ Builders will have greater risk and liability
- ✗ Homeowners will face rising costs and safety hazards due to poorly built structures and building science failures

## We Can Fix This.

### AIA Vermont Supports These Actions:

- ✓ Increasing Training and Education, utilizing Vermont's existing network of Energy Professionals
- ✓ Establishing the IRC as Vermont's Residential Building Code for Single Family Homes
- ✓ Naming DFS as the Authority Having Jurisdiction over all Building and Building Energy Codes