



HIGHER EDUCATION FACT SHEET

ORANGE COUNTY

Fiscal Year 2017, unless otherwise noted

VSAC Services

Services to individuals

	County	State
Vermont Grants		
Recipients (full-time, part-time, non-degree)	568	12,499
Total amount awarded	\$929,720	\$20,206,454
Grant Recipients Who Attend Out-of-State Schools (full-time, part-time, non-degree)		
Number of Grant Recipients	190	3,816
Percent of Grant Recipients	33%	31%
Grant Dollars	\$258,641	\$5,199,537
Percent of Grant Dollars	28%	26%
VSAC Advantage Loans		
Borrowers	121	2,886
Average loan amount per borrower	\$12,338	\$12,889
Total amount borrowed	\$1,492,893	\$37,197,567
Number of Scholarships Disbursed to Students		
Scholarships disbursed	252	3,114
Average scholarship	\$2,490	\$1,832
Total amount disbursed	\$627,363	\$5,706,330
VSAC Outreach Students, FY2017	355	6,164
Attendees at College Pathways, Financial Aid Nights, and Paying for College	180	3,762
Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan Participants		
Number of beneficiary accounts	503	17,391
Average beneficiary account balance	\$15,498	\$17,801

Educational Attainment

Senior Survey (High School Class of 2014 and 2016)

	County	State
Planned to enroll immediately after high school graduation ⁱ		
Total	72.4%	74.1%
First Generation	64.6%	66.5%
Not First Generation	85.5%	84.3%
Enrolled at a two- or four- year school immediately after graduation ⁱⁱ		
Total	57.7%	60.5%
First-Generation	49.6%	50.4%
Not First-Generation	74.8%	72.6%
Persistence rate: re-enrolled fall 2015 after having enrolled fall 2014 ⁱⁱⁱ		
Total	90.4%	88.4%
First-Generation	88.1%	82.6%
Not First-Generation	93.5%	92.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years ^{iv}	30.2%	36.0%
Associate's degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years ^v	39.2%	44.3%

Population

	County	State
Population Estimates ^{vi}	28,919	624,594
Percent of Overall Population	4.6%	
First-Generation Students, Class of 2016 ^{vii}	57.2%	48.2%
Students Enrolled in the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Program ^{viii}	45.7%	44.1%

Access & Affordability

VT Incentive Grant recipients

Full-time dependent students at four-year schools

	County	State
Average family income	\$41,054	\$42,370
Average total college costs	\$38,108	\$38,485
Average college costs after grant aid and scholarships have been subtracted ^{ix}	\$16,745	\$18,653
Percent of family income needed to cover these costs	41%	44%

VSAC's Financial Aid Distributed to Students Enrolled at Postsecondary Institutions located in this County

Total Aid from VSAC (grants, loans, scholarships) to students enrolled at institutions in this county	\$4,176,996	\$34,251,030
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ⁱ The percentage of the Class of 2016 graduates who report they plan to continue their education or training in the fall of 2016, also called aspiration rate.

ⁱⁱ The percentage of the Class of 2014 graduates who enrolled at a two- or four-year institution in the fall of 2014, also called continuation rate.

ⁱⁱⁱ The persistence rate is the percentage of student who enrolled in a fall 2015 after having enrolled fall 2014 (at a two- or four-year institution).

^{iv} U.S. Census Bureau, 2009–2016 Quick Facts

^v U.S. Census Bureau, 2009–2016 American Community Survey

^{vi} U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 Population estimates.

^{vii} First Generation Graduates: the percentage of graduates who have at least one parent with at least a bachelor's degree.

^{viii} Kids Count, 2015–2016

^{ix} Average college cost is the sum of tuition, fees, and room and board expenses for full-time, dependent grant recipients at four-year public or private institutions. Grants include Pell, Vermont State Grants, school grants, SEOG, and scholarships.