



## HIGHER EDUCATION FACT SHEET

### WINDHAM COUNTY

Fiscal Year 2017, unless otherwise noted

#### VSAC Services

##### Services to individuals

|  | County      | State        |
|--|-------------|--------------|
| Vermont Grants   |             |              |
| Recipients (full-time, part-time, non-degree)  | 874         | 12,499       |
| Total amount awarded   | \$1,334,616 | \$20,206,454 |
| Grant Recipients Who Attend Out-of-State Schools<br>(full-time, part-time, non-degree) |             |              |
| Number of Grant Recipients   | 392         | 3,816        |
| Percent of Grant Recipients  | 45%         | 31%          |
| Grant Dollars  | \$521,994   | \$5,199,537  |
| Percent of Grant Dollars   | 39%         | 26%          |
| VSAC Advantage Loans   |             |              |
| Borrowers  | 172         | 2,886        |
| Average loan amount per borrower   | \$12,696    | \$12,889     |
| Total amount borrowed  | \$2,183,787 | \$37,197,567 |
| Number of Scholarships Disbursed to Students   |             |              |
| Scholarships disbursed   | 176         | 3,114        |
| Average scholarship  | \$1,784     | \$1,832      |
| Total amount disbursed   | \$313,903   | \$5,706,330  |
| VSAC Outreach Students, FY2017   | 238         | 6,164        |
| Attendees at College Pathways, Financial Aid Nights, and<br>Paying for College         | 236         | 3,762        |
| Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan Participants                                  |             |              |
| Number of beneficiary accounts   | 697         | 17,391       |
| Average beneficiary account balance  | \$17,004    | \$17,801     |

#### Educational Attainment

##### Senior Survey (High School Class of 2014 and 2016)

|  | County | State |
|--|--------|-------|
| Planned to enroll immediately after high school graduation <sup>i</sup>                |        |       |
| Total  | 67.7%  | 74.1% |
| First Generation   | 62.0%  | 66.5% |
| Not First Generation   | 77.9%  | 84.3% |
| Enrolled at a two- or four- year school immediately after graduation <sup>ii</sup>     |        |       |
| Total  | 57.2%  | 60.5% |
| First-Generation   | 50.9%  | 50.4% |
| Not First-Generation   | 68.7%  | 72.6% |
| Persistence rate: re-enrolled fall 2015 after having enrolled fall 2014 <sup>iii</sup> |        |       |
| Total  | 89.2%  | 88.4% |
| First-Generation   | 84.0%  | 82.6% |
| Not First-Generation   | 93.1%  | 92.4% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years <sup>iv</sup>                      | 35.3%  | 36.0% |
| Associate's degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years <sup>v</sup>                      | 42.7%  | 44.3% |

## Population

|  | County | State   |
|--|--------|---------|
| Population Estimates <sup>vi</sup>   | 43,145 | 624,594 |
| Percent of Overall Population  | 6.9%   |         |
| First-Generation Students, Class of 2016 <sup>vii</sup>                              | 48.7%  | 48.2%   |
| Students Enrolled in the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Program <sup>viii</sup> | 50%    | 44.1%   |

## Access & Affordability

### VT Incentive Grant recipients

#### Full-time dependent students at four-year schools

|   | County   | State    |
|---|----------|----------|
| Average family income   | \$39,128 | \$42,370 |
| Average total college costs   | \$41,888 | \$38,485 |
| Average college costs after grant aid and scholarships have been subtracted <sup>ix</sup> | \$18,853 | \$18,653 |
| Percent of family income needed to cover these costs                                      | 48%      | 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 | \$453,151 | \$34,251,030 |
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<sup>i</sup> 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.

<sup>ii</sup> 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.

<sup>iii</sup> 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).

<sup>iv</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2009–2016 Quick Facts

<sup>v</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2009–2016 American Community Survey

<sup>vi</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 Population estimates.

<sup>vii</sup> First Generation Graduates: the percentage of graduates who have at least one parent with at least a bachelor's degree.

<sup>viii</sup> Kids Count, 2015–2016

<sup>ix</sup> 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.