



BENNINGTON COUNTY

Fiscal Year 2018, unless otherwise noted

VSAC Services

Services to individuals

	County	State
Vermont Grants		
Recipients (full-time, part-time, non-degree)	741	12,476
Total amount awarded	\$1,154,863	\$19,704,330
Grant Recipients Who Attend Out-of-State Schools (full-time, part-time, non-degree)		
Number of Grant Recipients	302	3,763
Percent of Grant Recipients	41%	30%
Grant Dollars	\$412,231	\$4,777,358
Percent of Grant Dollars	36%	24%
VSAC Advantage Loans ⁱ		
Borrowers	112	2,515
Average loan amount per borrower	\$14,961	\$14,728
Total amount borrowed	\$1,675,605	\$37,040,968
Number of Scholarships Disbursed to Students		
Scholarships disbursed	77	3,192
Average scholarship	\$1,918	\$1,563
Total amount disbursed	\$147,700	\$4,989,160
VSAC Outreach Students, FY2018	137	5,260
Attendees at College Pathways, Financial Aid Nights, and Paying for College	174	4,022
Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan Participants ⁱ		
Number of beneficiary accounts	646	18,815
Average beneficiary account balance	\$15,692	\$17,526

Educational Attainment

Senior Survey

	County	State
Planned to enroll immediately after high school graduation ⁱⁱ		
Total Class of 2018 (preliminary estimate)	74.3%	74.9%
First Generation	58.5%	67.1%
Second Generation	90.0%	84.2%
Enrolled at a two- or four- year school immediately after graduation ⁱⁱⁱ		
Total Class of 2016	64.1%	61.8%
First-Generation	52.7%	52.3%
Second Generation	80.4%	74%
Persistence rate: after having enrolled fall 2016, re-enrolled spring 2017 and fall 2017 ^{iv}		
Total Class of 2016	81.9%	83.6%
First-Generation	70.1%	77.7%
Second Generation	90.2%	88.1%
Completion rate: after having enrolled full-time at a 4-year school, graduated with a two-or four-year degree ^v		
Total Class of 2012	60.1%	59.8%
First Generation	58.0%	52.6%
Second Generation	56.3%	64.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years ^{vi}	33.6%	36.2%
Associate's degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years ^{vii}	42.0%	44.3%

Population

	County	State
Population Estimates ^{viii}	35,594	623,657
Percent of Overall Population	5.7%	
First-Generation Students, Class of 2018 ^{ix}	30.1%	44.6%
Students Enrolled in the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Program ^x	65.6%	44.1%

Access & Affordability

VT Incentive Grant recipients

Full-time dependent students at four-year schools

	County	State
Average family income	\$39,423	\$41,796
Average total college costs	\$41,672	\$39,638
Average college costs after grant aid and scholarships have been subtracted ^{xi}	\$20,525	\$18,866
Percent of family income needed to cover these costs	52%	45%

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	\$739,971	\$34,750,932
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ⁱ Reflects Vermont accounts only.

ⁱⁱ The percentage of the Class of 2018 graduates who planned to continue their education or training in the fall of 2018, also called the aspiration rate (preliminary estimate).

ⁱⁱⁱ The percentage of the Class of 2016 graduates who enrolled at a two- or four-year institution in the fall of 2016, also called continuation rate.

^{iv} The percentage of Class of 2016 graduates who, after having enrolled in the fall of 2016 at a two- or four-year institution, remained enrolled in the spring of 2017 and the fall of 2017.

^v The percentage of the Class of 2012 who, after having enrolled full-time at a four-year school in the fall of 2012, completed a two- or four-year degree within four years.

^{vi} U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 Quick Facts

^{vii} U.S. Census Bureau, 2009–2017 American Community Survey

^{viii} U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 Population estimates

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

^x Kids Count, 2016-2017

^{xi} 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.