



**BENNINGTON COUNTY**

Fiscal Year 2019, unless otherwise noted

**VSAC Services**

**Services to individuals**

	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>
Vermont Grants		
Recipients (full-time, part-time, non-degree)	703	11,766
Total amount awarded	\$1,147,970	\$20,168,796
Grant Recipients Who Attend Out-of-State Schools (full-time, part-time, non-degree)		
Number of Grant Recipients	282	3,578
Percent of Grant Recipients	40%	30%
Grant Dollars	\$426,330	\$4,799,195
Percent of Grant Dollars	37%	24%
VSAC Advantage Loans <sup>i</sup>		
Borrowers	134	2,910
Average loan amount per borrower	\$13,544	\$12,713
Total amount borrowed	\$1,814,863	\$36,994,157
Number of Scholarships Disbursed to Students		
Scholarships disbursed	68	3,328
Average scholarship	\$1,875	\$1,647
Total amount disbursed	\$127,476	\$5,482,777
VSAC Outreach Students, FY2018	138	5,779
Attendees at College Pathways, Financial Aid Nights, and Managing College Costs	161	3,443
Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan Participants <sup>i</sup>		
Number of beneficiary accounts	696	20,339
Average beneficiary account balance	\$15,867	\$18,010

**Educational Attainment**

**Senior Survey**

	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>
Planned to enroll immediately after high school graduation <sup>ii</sup>		
Total Class of 2018	75.8%	75.2%
First Generation	59.3%	67.2%
Second Generation	88.2%	84.3%
Enrolled at a two- or four- year school immediately after graduation <sup>iii</sup>		
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 <sup>iv</sup>		
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 <sup>v</sup>		
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 <sup>vi</sup>	33.6%	36.8%
Associate's degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years <sup>vii</sup>	42.0%	44.3%

## Population

	County	State
Population Estimates <sup>viii</sup>	35,631	626,299
Percent of Overall Population	5.7%	
First-Generation Students, Class of 2018 <sup>x</sup>	30.1%	44.6%
Students Enrolled in the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Program <sup>x</sup>	65.6%	44.1%

## Access & Affordability

VT Incentive Grant recipients Full-time dependent students at four-year schools	County	State
Average family income	\$39,986	\$42,415
Average total college costs	\$43,015	\$40,387
Average college costs after grant aid and scholarships have been subtracted <sup>xi</sup>	\$20,120	\$17,911
Percent of family income needed to cover these costs	50%	42%

  

VSAC's Financial Aid Distributed to Students Enrolled at Postsecondary Institutions located in this County	County	State
Total Aid from VSAC (grants, loans, scholarships) to students enrolled at institutions in this county	\$714,523	\$36,201,596

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<sup>i</sup> Reflects Vermont accounts only

<sup>ii</sup> 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.

<sup>iii</sup> 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.

<sup>iv</sup> 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.

<sup>v</sup> 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.

<sup>vi</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 Quick Facts

<sup>vii</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2017 American Community Survey

<sup>viii</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 Population estimates

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

<sup>x</sup> Kids Count, 2016-2017

<sup>xi</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. Grant aid and scholarships include Pell, Vermont State Grants, school grants, SEOG, and scholarships.