



ESSEX COUNTY

Fiscal Year 2019, unless otherwise noted

VSAC Services

Services to individuals

	County	State
Vermont Grants		
Recipients (full-time, part-time, non-degree)	134	11,766
Total amount awarded	\$225,099	\$20,168,796
Grant Recipients Who Attend Out-of-State Schools (full-time, part-time, non-degree)		
Number of Grant Recipients	40	3,578
Percent of Grant Recipients	30%	30%
Grant Dollars	\$52,484	\$4,799,195
Percent of Grant Dollars	23%	24%
VSAC Advantage Loans ⁱ		
Borrowers	20	2,910
Average loan amount per borrower	\$10,665	\$12,713
Total amount borrowed	\$213,300	\$36,994,157
Number of Scholarships Disbursed to Students		
Scholarships disbursed	37	3,328
Average scholarship	\$1,248	\$1,647
Total amount disbursed	\$46,180	\$5,482,777
VSAC Outreach Students, FY2018	41	5,779
Attendees at College Pathways, Financial Aid Nights, and Managing College Costs	6	3,443
Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan Participants ⁱ		
Number of beneficiary accounts	30	20,339
Average beneficiary account balance	\$10,889	\$18,010

Educational Attainment

Senior Survey

	County	State
Planned to enroll immediately after high school graduation ⁱⁱ		
Total Class of 2018	66.7%	75.2%
First Generation		67.2%
Second Generation		84.3%
Enrolled at a two- or four- year school immediately after graduation ⁱⁱⁱ		
Total Class of 2016	64.9%	61.8%
First-Generation	55.6%	52.3%
Second Generation	100%	74%
Persistence rate: after having enrolled fall 2016, re-enrolled spring 2017 and fall 2017 ^{iv}		
Total Class of 2016	83.3%	83.6%
First-Generation	80.0%	77.7%
Second Generation	87.5%	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	50.0%	59.8%
First Generation		52.6%
Second Generation		64.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years ^{vi}	15.9%	36.8%
Associate's degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years ^{vii}	25.6%	44.3%

Population

	County	State
Population Estimates ^{viii}	6,250	626,299
Percent of Overall Population	1.0%	
First-Generation Students, Class of 2018 ^x	55.3%	44.6%
Students Enrolled in the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Program ^x	62.1%	44.1%

Access & Affordability

VT Incentive Grant recipients Full-time dependent students at four-year schools	County	State
Average family income	\$43,207	\$42,415
Average total college costs	\$36,999	\$40,387
Average college costs after grant aid and scholarships have been subtracted ^{xi}	\$15,335	\$17,911
Percent of family income needed to cover these costs	35%	42%

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		\$36,201,596

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.

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, 2013-2017 Quick Facts

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

^{viii} U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 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. Grant aid and scholarships include Pell, Vermont State Grants, school grants, SEOG, and scholarships.