



HIGHER EDUCATION FACT SHEET

BENNINGTON COUNTY

Fiscal Year 2020, unless otherwise noted

VSAC Services

Services to individuals

	County	State
Vermont Grants		
Recipients (full-time, part-time, Advancement ⁱ)	703	11,653
Total amount awarded	\$989,868	\$19,470,699
Vermont Grant recipients who attended out-of-state schools (full-time, part-time, Advancement)		
Number of Grant recipients	302	3,558
Percent of Grant recipients	43%	31%
Grant dollars	\$408,752	\$4,775,226
Percent of Grant dollars	41%	25%
VSAC Advantage Loans ⁱⁱ		
Borrowers	110	2,462
Average loan amount per borrower	\$14,232	\$13,842
Total amount borrowed	\$1,565,551	\$34,078,353
Number of Scholarships disbursed to students		
Scholarships disbursed	62	3,193
Average scholarship	\$1,861	\$1,784
Total amount disbursed	\$115,363	\$5,694,908
VSAC Outreach students, FY2019	116	6,522
Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan Participants ⁱⁱⁱ		
Number of beneficiary accounts	615	19,436
Average beneficiary account balance	\$18,259	\$19,945

Educational Attainment

High School Seniors (various cohorts)

	County	State
Planned to enroll immediately after high school graduation ^{iv}		
Total Class of 2018	75.8%	75.2%
First-Generation ^v	59.3%	67.2%
Second-Generation	88.2%	84.3%
Enrolled at a two- or four- year school immediately after graduation ^{vi}		
Total Class of 2018	62.1%	61.7%
First-Generation	45.5%	51.3%
Second-Generation	74.3%	73.0%
Persistence rate: after having enrolled fall 2018, re-enrolled fall 2019 ^{vii}		
Total Class of 2018	80.8%	85.1%
First-Generation	73.2%	78.6%
Second-Generation	84.1%	89.2%
Completion rate: after having enrolled full-time at a 4-year school, graduated with a two-or four-year degree ^{viii}		
Total Class of 2012	60.1%	59.8%
First-Generation	58.0%	52.6%
Second-Generation	56.3%	64.1%

Persons 25 years or older

Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years ^{ix}	35.7%	37.3%
Associate degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years ^x	40.8%	41.9%

Population

	County	State
Population estimates ^{xi}	35,470	623,989
Percent of overall population	6%	
First-generation students, Class of 2018	30.1%	44.6%
Students enrolled in the Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Program ^{xii}	54%	38%

Access & Affordability

VT Incentive Grant recipients Full-time dependent students at four-year schools	County	State
Average family income	\$39,834	\$42,342
Average total college costs	\$43,150	\$41,686
Average college costs after grant aid and scholarships have been subtracted ^{xiii}	\$19,949	\$18,804
Percent of family income needed to cover these costs	50%	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	\$272,451	\$37,700,660
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ⁱ Previously the Vermont Non-Degree Grant

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^{iv} 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.

^v First-generation: the percentage of graduates who reported neither of their parents had obtained a bachelor's degree.

^{vi} The percentage of the Class of 2018 graduates who enrolled at a two- or four-year institution in the fall of 2018, also called continuation rate.

^{vii} The percentage of Class of 2018 graduates who, after having enrolled in the fall of 2018 at a two- or four-year institution, remained enrolled the fall of 2019.

^{viii} 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.

^{ix} U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018 Quick Facts

^x U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 American Community Survey 5 year estimates

^{xi} U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 Population estimates

^{xii} County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, 2020

^{xiii} 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.