



HIGHER EDUCATION FACT SHEET

ESSEX COUNTY

Fiscal Year 2021, unless otherwise noted

VSAC Services

Services to individuals

	County	State
Vermont Grants		
Recipients (full-time, part-time, Advancement ⁱ)	128	11,039
Total amount awarded	\$211,476	\$19,306,433
Vermont Grant recipients who attended out-of-state schools (full-time, part-time, Advancement)		
Number of Grant recipients	49	3,407
Percent of Grant recipients	38%	31%
Grant dollars	\$72,578	\$4,841,798
Percent of Grant dollars	34%	25%
VSAC Advantage Loans ⁱⁱ		
Borrowers	14	1,780
Average loan amount per borrower	\$15,918	\$15,838
Total amount borrowed	\$222,850	\$28,190,792
Number of Scholarships disbursed to students		
Scholarships disbursed	59	5,025
Average scholarship	\$1,013	\$1,496
Total amount disbursed	\$59,767	\$7,518,398
VSAC Outreach students	71	6,252
Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan Participants ⁱⁱⁱ		
Number of beneficiary accounts	32	19,436
Average beneficiary account balance	\$12,134	\$19,945

Educational Attainment

High School Seniors (various cohorts)

	County	State
Planned to enroll immediately after high school graduation ^{iv}		
Total Class of 2018	66.7%	75.2%
First-Generation ^v		67.2%
Second-Generation		84.3%
Enrolled at a two- or four- year school immediately after graduation ^{vi}		
Total Class of 2018	60.0%	61.7%
First-Generation		51.3%
Second-Generation		73.0%
Persistence rate: after having enrolled fall 2018, re-enrolled fall 2019 ^{vii}		
Total Class of 2018	72.2%	85.1%
First-Generation		78.6%
Second-Generation		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	50.0%	59.8%
First-Generation		52.6%
Second-Generation		64.1%

Persons 25 years or older

Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years ^{ix}	16.2%	38.0%
Associate degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years ^x	25.8%	41.9%

Population

	County	State
Population estimates ^{xi}	5,920	643,077
Percent of overall population	1%	
First-generation students, Class of 2018	55.3%	44.6%
Students enrolled in the Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Program ^{xii}	58%	36%

Access & Affordability

VT Incentive Grant recipients Full-time dependent students at four-year schools	County	State
Average family income	\$32,343	\$42,238
Average total college costs	\$45,447	\$44,332
Average college costs after grant aid and scholarships have been subtracted ^{xiii}	\$20,046	\$19,491
Percent of family income needed to cover these costs	62%	46%

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		\$34,088,644
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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, 2015-2019 Quick Facts

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

^{xi} U.S. Census Bureau, Census, 2020

^{xii} County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, 2021

^{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.