



ESSEX COUNTY

Fiscal Year 2022, unless otherwise noted

VSAC Services

Services to individuals

	County	State
Vermont Grants		
Recipients (full-time, part-time, Advancement ⁱ)	148	10,946
Total amount awarded	\$249,733	\$20,250,813
Vermont Grant recipients who attended out-of-state schools (full-time, part-time, Advancement)		
Number of Grant recipients	55	3,271
Percent of Grant recipients	37%	30%
Grant dollars	\$79,984	\$4,657,620
Percent of Grant dollars	32%	23%
VSAC Advantage Loans ⁱⁱ		
Borrowers	14	1,742
Average loan amount per borrower	\$15,459	\$17,486
Total amount borrowed	\$216,421	\$30,459,953
Number of Scholarships disbursed to students ⁱⁱⁱ		
Scholarships disbursed	47	3,663
Average scholarship	\$1,460	\$1,778
Total amount disbursed	\$68,613	\$6,513,308
VSAC Outreach students ^{iv}	155	6,522
Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan Participants ^v		
Number of beneficiaries	51	26,316
Average beneficiary account balance	\$8,651	\$18,840

Educational Attainment

High School Seniors (various cohorts)

	County	State
Planned to enroll immediately after high school graduation ^{vi}		
Total Class of 2022	76.2%	72.2%
First-Generation ^{vii}		58.0%
Second-Generation		82.3%
Enrolled at a two- or four- year school immediately after graduation ^{viii}		
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 ^{ix}		
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 ^x		
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 ^{xi}	19.9%	40.9%
Associate degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years ^{xii}	25.8%	41.9%

Population

	County	State
Population estimates ^{xiii}	5,925	646,972
Percent of overall population	1%	
First-generation students, Class of 2022	66.7%	41.2%
Students enrolled in the Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Program ^{xiv}	41%	35%

Access & Affordability

VT Incentive Grant recipients Full-time dependent students at four-year schools	County	State
Average family income	\$36,525	\$43,483
Average total college costs	\$42,135	\$45,988
Average college costs after grant aid and scholarships have been subtracted ^{xv}	\$18,863	\$19,521
Percent of family income needed to cover these costs	51%	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	\$32,792,831
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ⁱ Previously the Vermont Non-Degree Grant

ⁱⁱ Reflects Vermont resident accounts only

ⁱⁱⁱ Includes work-force development forgivable loan programs such as nursing, early childhood education and trades.

^{iv} Reflects Fiscal Year 2021

^v Reflects Vermont resident accounts holders only

^{vi} The percentage of the Class of 2022 graduates who planned to continue their education or training in the fall of 2022, also called the aspiration rate.

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

^{viii} 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.

^{ix} 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.

^x 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.

^{xi} U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 Quick Facts

^{xii} U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 American Community Survey 5 year estimates

^{xiii} U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 Population estimates, July 1 2021

^{xiv} County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, 2022

^{xv} 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.