



## EDUCATION FACT SHEET

# BENNINGTON COUNTY

Fiscal Year 2023, unless otherwise noted

## VSAC Services

### Services to individuals

	County	State
Vermont Grants		
Recipients (full-time, part-time, Advancement <sup>i</sup> )	642	10,415
Total amount awarded	\$1380,163	\$24,382,868
Vermont Grant recipients who attended out-of-state schools (full-time, part-time, Advancement)		
Number of Grant recipients	221	2,969
Percent of Grant recipients	34%	29%
Grant dollars	\$442,893	\$5,507,933
Percent of Grant dollars	32%	23%
VSAC Advantage Loans <sup>ii</sup>		
Borrowers	83	1,741
Average loan amount per borrower	\$17,306	\$17,973
Total amount borrowed	\$1,436,394	\$31,291,640
Number of Scholarships disbursed to students <sup>iii</sup>		
Scholarships disbursed	84	3,470
Average scholarship	\$1,373	\$2,657
Total amount disbursed	\$221,991	\$9,221,237
VSAC Outreach students	173	5,385
Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan Participants <sup>iv</sup>		
Number of beneficiaries	891	23,493
Average beneficiary account balance	\$20,745	\$22,458

## Educational Attainment

### High School Seniors (various cohorts)

	County	State
Planned to enroll immediately after high school graduation <sup>v</sup>		
Total Class of 2022	75.7%	72.2%
First-Generation <sup>vi</sup>	59.8%	58.0%
Second-Generation	56.6%	82.3%
Enrolled at a two- or four- year school immediately after graduation <sup>vii</sup>		
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 <sup>viii</sup>		
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 <sup>ix</sup>		
Total Class of 2018	60.3%	62.7%
First-Generation	53.6%	57.2%
Second-Generation	61.8%	66.1%

### Persons 25 years or older

Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years <sup>x</sup>	39.4%	41.7%
Associate degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years <sup>xi</sup>	40.8%	41.9%

## Population

	County	State
Population estimates <sup>xii</sup>	37,312	646,972
Percent of overall population	6%	
First-generation students, Class of 2022	40.6%	41.2%
Students enrolled in the Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Program <sup>xiii</sup>	53%	35%

## Access & Affordability

<b>VT Incentive Grant recipients</b> Full-time dependent students at four-year schools	County	State
Average family income	\$42,764	\$44,945
Average total college costs	\$48,361	\$47,525
Average college costs after grant aid and scholarships have been subtracted <sup>xiv</sup>	\$20,876	\$20,231
Percent of family income needed to cover these costs	49%	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	\$384,174	\$36,031,245
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<sup>i</sup> Previously the Vermont Non-Degree Grant

<sup>ii</sup> Reflects Vermont resident accounts only

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

<sup>iv</sup> Reflects Vermont resident accounts holders only

<sup>v</sup> 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.

<sup>vi</sup> First-generation: the percentage of graduates who reported neither of their parents had obtained a bachelor's degree.

<sup>vii</sup> 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.

<sup>viii</sup> 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.

<sup>ix</sup> The percentage of the Class of 2018 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>x</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 Quick Facts

<sup>xi</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 American Community Survey 5 year estimates

<sup>xii</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 Population estimates, July 1 2021

<sup>xiii</sup> County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, 2023

<sup>xiv</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.