



## EDUCATION FACT SHEET

### ORANGE COUNTY

Fiscal Year 2024, unless otherwise noted

#### VSAC Services

##### Services to individuals

|   | County      | State        |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| Vermont Grants  |             |              |
| Recipients (full-time, part-time, 802 Opportunity, Advancement <sup>i</sup> )                     | 482         | 10,254       |
| Total amount awarded  | \$1,029,539 | \$22,400,664 |
| Vermont Grant recipients who attended out-of-state schools<br>(full-time, part-time, Advancement) |             |              |
| Number of Grant recipients  | 147         | 3,088        |
| Percent of Grant recipients   | 30%         | 30%          |
| Grant dollars   | \$260,249   | \$5,629,796  |
| Percent of Grant dollars  | 25%         | 23%          |
| VSAC Advantage Loans <sup>ii</sup>  |             |              |
| Borrowers   | 66          | 1,736        |
| Average loan amount per borrower  | \$18,948    | \$18,447     |
| Total amount borrowed   | \$1,250,560 | \$32,024,160 |
| Number of Scholarships disbursed to students <sup>iii</sup>                                       |             |              |
| Scholarships disbursed  | 287         | 3,423        |
| Average scholarship   | \$3,695     | \$3,646      |
| Total amount disbursed  | \$1,060,537 | \$12,481,667 |
| VSAC Outreach students  | 419         | 5,489        |
| Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan Participants <sup>iv</sup>                               |             |              |
| Number of beneficiaries   | 702         | 24,396       |
| Average beneficiary account balance   | \$20,183    | \$24,544     |

#### Educational Attainment

##### High School Seniors (various cohorts)

|  | County | State |
|--|--------|-------|
| Planned to enroll immediately after high school graduation <sup>v</sup>  |        |       |
| Total Class of 2024  | 65.9%  | 72.2% |
| First-Generation <sup>vi</sup>   | 60.9%  | 58.0% |
| Second-Generation  | 79.7%  | 82.3% |
| Enrolled at a two- or four- year school immediately after graduation <sup>vii</sup>  |        |       |
| Total Class of 2022  | 44.9%  | 53.5% |
| First-Generation   | 30.0%  | 39.5% |
| Second-Generation  | 55.4%  | 66.5% |
| Persistence rate: after having enrolled fall 2022, re-enrolled fall 2023 <sup>viii</sup>                                       |        |       |
| Total Class of 2022  | 75.2%  | 87.1% |
| First-Generation   | 59.1%  | 76.9% |
| Second-Generation  | 87.5%  | 92.0% |
| Completion rate: after having enrolled full-time at a 4-year school,<br>graduated with a two-or four-year degree <sup>ix</sup> |        |       |
| Total Class of 2018  | 64.1%  | 62.7% |
| First-Generation   | 63.2%  | 57.2% |
| Second-Generation  | 69.4%  | 66.1% |

##### Persons 25 years or older

|  |       |       |
|--|-------|-------|
| Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years <sup>x</sup> | 36.5% | 42.6% |
| Associate degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years <sup>xi</sup> | 47.9% | 51.1% |

## Population

|  | County | State   |
|--|--------|---------|
| Population estimates <sup>xii</sup>  | 29,943 | 647,464 |
| Percent of overall population  | 5%     |         |
| First-generation students, Class of 2024   | 53.5%  | 39.7%   |
| Students enrolled in the Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Program <sup>xiii</sup> | 41%    | 34%     |

## Access & Affordability

### VT Incentive Grant recipients

#### Full-time dependent students at four-year schools

|  | County   | State    |
|--|----------|----------|
| Average family income  | \$49,074 | \$48,966 |
| Average total college costs  | \$48,192 | \$48,505 |
| Average college costs after grant aid and scholarships have been subtracted <sup>xiv</sup> | \$17,360 | \$20,211 |
| Percent of family income needed to cover these costs                                       | 35%      | 41%      |

### VSAC's Financial Aid Distributed to Students Enrolled at Postsecondary Institutions located in this County

|   |  |              |
|---|--|--------------|
| Total aid from VSAC (grants, loans, forgivable loans, scholarships) to students enrolled at institutions in this county |  | \$35,055,445 |
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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 2024 graduates who planned to continue their education or training in the fall of 2024, 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 2022 graduates who enrolled at a two- or four-year institution in the fall of 2022, also called continuation rate.

<sup>viii</sup> The percentage of Class of 2022 graduates who, after having enrolled in the fall of 2022 at a two- or four-year institution, remained enrolled the fall of 2023.

<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 2018, completed a two- or four-year degree within four years.

<sup>x</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 Quick Facts

<sup>xi</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2023 American Community Survey 5-year estimates

<sup>xii</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2023 Population estimates, March 30, 2023

<sup>xiii</sup> County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, 2024

<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.