



BENNINGTON COUNTY

Fiscal Year 2025, unless otherwise noted

VSAC Services

Services to individuals

	County	State
Vermont Grants		
Recipients (full-time, part-time, 802 Opportunity, Advancement ⁱ)	679	9,920
Total amount awarded	\$1,579,210	\$25,393,226
Vermont Grant recipients who attended out-of-state schools (full-time, part-time, Advancement)		
Number of Grant recipients	258	2,862
Percent of Grant recipients	38%	29%
Grant dollars	\$665,779	\$6,444,567
Percent of Grant dollars	42%	25%
VSAC Advantage Loans ⁱⁱ		
Borrowers	85	1,853
Average loan amount per borrower	\$21,057	\$18,853
Total amount borrowed	\$1,789,879	\$34,935,135
Number of Scholarships disbursed to students ⁱⁱⁱ		
Scholarships disbursed	105	3,439
Average scholarship	\$5,367	\$5,891
Total amount disbursed	\$563,530	\$20,259,044
VSAC Outreach students	185	4,850
VT529 Plan Participants ^{iv}		
Number of beneficiaries	976	27,881
Average beneficiary account balance	\$24,668	\$24,389

Educational Attainment

High School Seniors (various cohorts)

	County	State
Planned to enroll immediately after high school graduation ^v		
Total Class of 2024	73.8%	72.2%
First-Generation ^{vi}	62.5%	58.0%
Second-Generation	82.8%	82.3%
Enrolled at a two- or four- year school immediately after graduation ^{vii}		
Total Class of 2022	62.1%	53.5%
First-Generation	48.0%	39.5%
Second-Generation	73.8%	66.5%
Persistence rate: after having enrolled fall 2022, re-enrolled fall 2023 ^{viii}		
Total Class of 2022	86/6%	87.1%
First-Generation	73.5%	76.9%
Second-Generation	91.8%	92.0%
Completion rate: after having enrolled full-time at a 4-year school, graduated with a two- or four-year degree ^{ix}		
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 ^x	41.2%	42.6%
Associate degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years ^{xi}	59.7%	51.1%

Population

	County	State
Population estimates ^{xii}	37,039	648,493
Percent of overall population	6%	
First-generation students, Class of 2024	38.9%	39.7%
Students enrolled in the Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Program ^{xiii}	46%	31%

Access & Affordability

VT Incentive Grant recipients Full-time dependent students at four-year schools ^{xiv}	County	State
Average family income	\$50,263	\$48,966
Average total college costs	\$51,437	\$48,505
Average college costs after grant aid and scholarships have been subtracted ^{xv}	\$22,037	\$20,211
Percent of family income needed to cover these costs	44%	41%

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 Vermont resident accounts holders only

^v 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.

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

^{vii} 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.

^{viii} 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.

^{ix} 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.

^x U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 Quick Facts

^{xi} U.S. Census Bureau, 2023 American Community Survey 5-year estimates

^{xii} U.S. Census Bureau, 2023 Population estimates, March 30, 2025

^{xiii} County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, 2025

^{xiv} Reflects 2023-2024 academic year

^{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.