ESSEX 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])	150	9,920
Total amount awarded	$421,380	$25,393,226
Vermont Grant recipients who attended out-of-state schools (full-time, part-time, Advancement)		
Number of Grant recipients	50	2,862
Percent of Grant recipients	33%	29%
Grant dollars	$107,276	$6,444,567
Percent of Grant dollars	25%	25%
VSAC Advantage Loans[ii]		
Borrowers	8	1,853
Average loan amount per borrower	$8,847	$18,853
Total amount borrowed	$70,773	$34,935,135
Number of Scholarships disbursed to students[iii]		
Scholarships disbursed	37	3,439
Average scholarship	$5,155	$5,891
Total amount disbursed	$190,751	$20,259,044
VSAC Outreach students	74	4,850
VT529 Plan Participants[iv]		
Number of beneficiaries	42	27,881
Average beneficiary account balance	$11,615	$24,389

Educational Attainment

High School Seniors (various cohorts)	County	State
Planned to enroll immediately after high school graduation[v]		
Total Class of 2024	64.2%	72.2%
First-Generation[vi]		58.0%
Second-Generation		82.3%
Enrolled at a two- or four- year school immediately after graduation[vii]		
Total Class of 2022	39.1%	53.5%
First-Generation		39.5%
Second-Generation		66.5%
Persistence rate: after having enrolled fall 2022, re-enrolled fall 2023[viii]		
Total Class of 2022	88.9%	87.1%
First-Generation		76.9%
Second-Generation		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	60.0%	62.7%
First-Generation		57.2%
Second-Generation		66.1%

Persons 25 years or older	County	State
Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years[x]	21.2%	42.6%
Associate degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years[xi]	29.9%	51.1%

Population

	County	State
Population estimates[xii]	6,037	648,493
Percent of overall population	1%	
First-generation students, Class of 2024	40.9%	39.7%
Students enrolled in the Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Program[xiii]	48%	31%

Access & Affordability

VT Incentive Grant recipients
Full-time dependent students at four-year schools[xiv]

	County	State
Average family income	$45,778	$48,966
Average total college costs	$43,825	$48,505
Average college costs after grant aid and scholarships have been subtracted[xv]	$15,776	$20,211
Percent of family income needed to cover these costs	34%	41%

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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 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.