



EDUCATION FACT SHEET

ESSEX COUNTY

Fiscal Year 2023, unless otherwise noted

VSAC Services

Services to individuals

	County	State
Vermont Grants		
Recipients (full-time, part-time, Advancement ⁱ)	144	10,415
Total amount awarded	\$314,829	\$24,382,868
Vermont Grant recipients who attended out-of-state schools (full-time, part-time, Advancement)		
Number of Grant recipients	50	2,969
Percent of Grant recipients	35%	29%
Grant dollars	\$100,172	\$5,507,933
Percent of Grant dollars	32%	23%
VSAC Advantage Loans ⁱⁱ		
Borrowers	10	1,741
Average loan amount per borrower	\$14,715	\$17,973
Total amount borrowed	\$147,148	\$31,291,640
Number of Scholarships disbursed to students ⁱⁱⁱ		
Scholarships disbursed	44	3,470
Average scholarship	\$1,460	\$2,657
Total amount disbursed	\$80,670	\$9,221,237
VSAC Outreach students	71	5,385
Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan Participants ^{iv}		
Number of beneficiaries	39	23,493
Average beneficiary account balance	\$10,506	\$22,458

Educational Attainment

High School Seniors (various cohorts)

	County	State
Planned to enroll immediately after high school graduation ^v		
Total Class of 2022	76.2%	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 2018	60.0%	61.7%
First-Generation		51.3%
Second-Generation		73.0%
Persistence rate: after having enrolled fall 2018, re-enrolled fall 2019 ^{viii}		
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 ^{ix}		
Total Class of 2018	60.0%	62.7%
First-Generation		57.2%
Second-Generation		66.1%

Persons 25 years or older

Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years ^x	20.2%	41.7%
Associate degree or higher, % of persons 25+ years ^{xi}	25.8%	41.9%

Population

	County	State
Population estimates ^{xii}	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 ^{xiii}	38%	35%

Access & Affordability

VT Incentive Grant recipients

Full-time dependent students at four-year schools

	County	State
Average family income	\$45,030	\$44,945
Average total college costs	\$46,208	\$47,525
Average college costs after grant aid and scholarships have been subtracted ^{xiv}	\$17,202	\$20,231
Percent of family income needed to cover these costs	38%	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		\$36,031,245
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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 2022 graduates who planned to continue their education or training in the fall of 2022, 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 2018 graduates who enrolled at a two- or four-year institution in the fall of 2018, also called continuation rate.

^{viii} 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.

^{ix} 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.

^x U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 Quick Facts

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

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

^{xiii} County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, 2023

^{xiv} 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.