



Vermont State Colleges Update to House Education

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“For the benefit of Vermont”

The system embraces this idea in every action we take.

- VSC mission statement

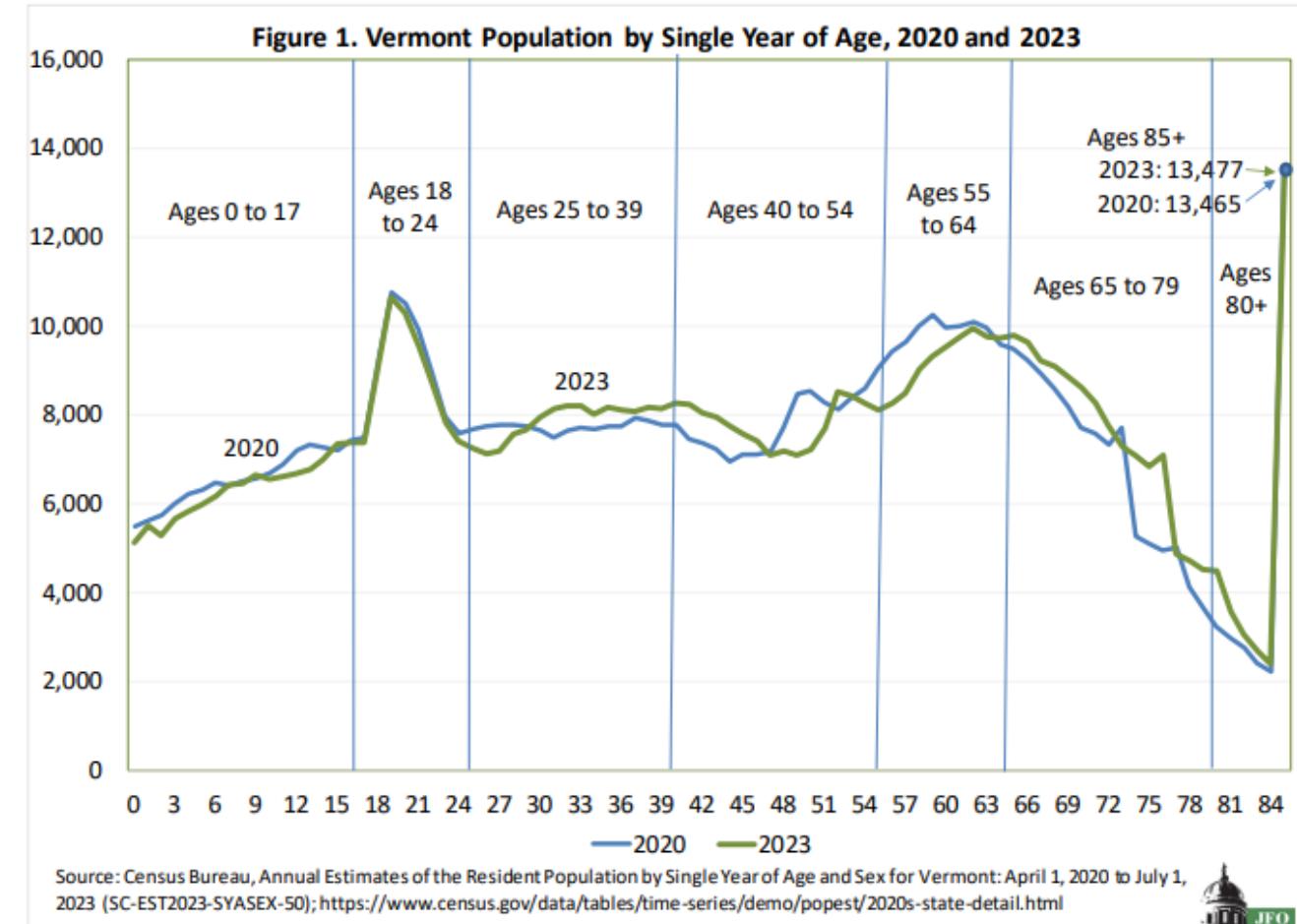


The Vermont State Colleges are Thriving

- More than 83% of all students are Vermonters
- Overall enrollment is up 1.4% since fall 2024
- Online enrollment continues to surge – up 10% year-over-year, highlighting demand for flexible, accessible learning
- Lyndon, Williston & satellite campuses all saw enrollment growth
- Notable growth in key programs including Elementary Education (+58%), Health Science (+26%), and Mechanical Engineering (+46%)

Commitment to our Students

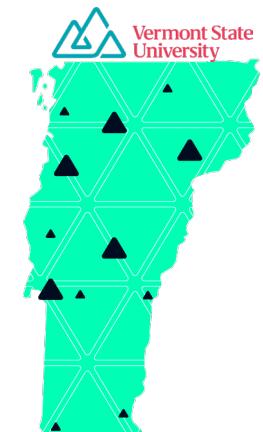
- Vermont is aging and our students' needs are changing too
- Students are older than they used to be with an average age of more than 27
- Concerned about paying for college experience
- Want flexibility and choice





Commitment to our Communities

- Agency of Commerce & Community Development awarded \$6.5 million to Downstreet to create senior housing and apartments in the **McClelland Building of Vermont State University** paving the way for much needed senior housing in Johnson
- Johnson Health Center is actively working with the Vermont State University to relocate operations from the village to the **Johnson campus** in spring 2026
- Actively engaging with regional education partner to potentially relocate operations to the Lyndon Campus of Vermont State University in summer 2026
- Where compatible with the University's academic mission, exploring short & long-term housing arrangements
- Developing an apartment concept, if implemented in Johnson could free up 49 apartments to the open market





Solutions for Business

- Created **Career Pathway Entry Program (CPEP)** employer-first model including job shadows, on-the-job training, classroom instruction with 21 employers statewide
- Enrollment in the university's **plumbing and electrical apprenticeship programs** continued their multi-year growth trend, jumping 3% in headcount
- Joined **Science & Technology Research Initiative** for the Vermont Economy (STRIVE) emphasizing career entry pathways and workforce initiatives in science and technology fields
- Developed **English for Healthcare** course supports students who may have healthcare experience from another country but need help navigating language and culture of the American system



FY2027 Budget Request

General Fund	VSC FY2026	VSC FY27 Request	Governor's Recommend	Difference
B.602: Vermont State Colleges	52,468,692	54,042,753	54,042,753	-
B.603: Allied Health - General Fund	297,087	306,000	306,000	-
Total Ongoing	52,765,779	54,348,753	54,348,753	-
One-Time Sources				
B.1100(k)(1): Bridge Funding	5,000,000	-	-	-
B.1110: Rural Micro Credential & Certificate Expansion	-	1,500,000	-	1,500,000
Total One-Time Sources	5,000,000	1,500,000	-	1,500,000
Total General Fund	57,765,779	55,848,753	54,348,753	1,500,000
Grants	VSC FY2026	VSC FY27 Request	Governor's Recommend	Difference
B.603: Allied Health - Global Commitment	1,500,000	3,894,000	1,500,000	2,394,000
Total All Sources	59,265,779	59,742,753	55,848,753	3,894,000
Capital Bill Act 33 / H9494 of 2025 as enacted	FY2026	FY2027	Governor's Recommend	Difference
Sec. 8 (a)(1), (a)(2): Major Maintenance	1,500,000	1,500,000	n/a	
Sec. 8 (b)(1), (b)(2): Johnson, Central Plant Replacement	1,500,000	3,500,000	n/a	
Capital Planning & Pre-Development Costs for Housing		1,000,000	-	1,000,000



Workforce Education: Rural Micro Credential & Certificate Expansion

- Fill critical **paraeducator** shortage
- Upskill workers in rural areas into in demand fields like **health professions** and **auto repair**
- Short-stackable **credentials** and **apprenticeships** with direct career pathways
- **Scalable** with right investment
- Retain & attract talented Vermonters

\$1.5 million one-time investment

Freedom & Unity



- Free last dollar standard tuition at Vermont State University
- Administered by VSAC
- Currently offered to families with an AGI of \$65,000 or less
- In fall 2025 supported nearly 200 students
- Program allows students to achieve their bachelors or technical associates degree

Vermont State Colleges is strongly supportive of VSAC's request for expansion to \$2.3 million in base appropriation for this important project

Equal Access, Flexible Paths, Real Opportunity

- Designed to level the playing field, Vermont's flexible pathways expand college readiness and meaningful choices for students
- Increases college and career readiness statewide
- Expands equitable access to opportunity across rural and urban communities
- Supports higher rates of high school completion and postsecondary continuation
- Gives students meaningful choice and ownership over their learning
- Strengthens Vermont's workforce pipeline
- Encourages innovation and local flexibility in schools
- Reduces time and cost to a postsecondary credential

Dual Enrollment	22-23	23-24	24-25
Course Placements	6,780	7,203	7,515
Number of Students Enrolled	2,713	3,139	3,129

Early College	22-23	23-24	24-25*
Students Enrolled	334	355	358

*24-25 data is estimated as of 1/14/2026

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Thank you!

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