



Vermont State Colleges Update to Senate Education

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“For the benefit of Vermont”

The system embraces this idea in every action we take.

-VSC mission statement

**Imagine a future where every Vermonter
can access relevant, affordable, flexible
education that empowers new career
paths, economic growth, and statewide
social well-being.**

-Vision 2030

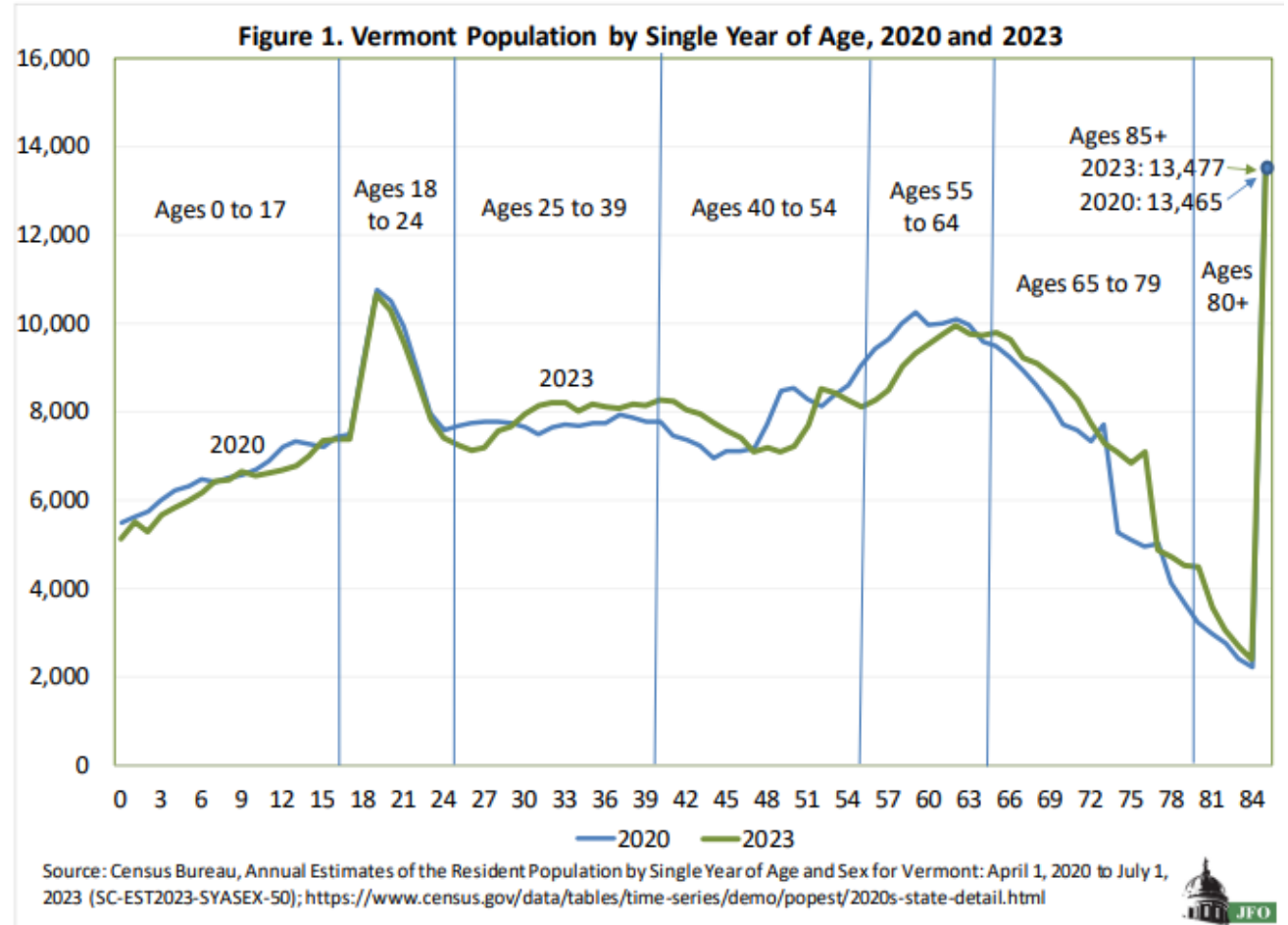


The Vermont State Colleges are Thriving

- 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%)

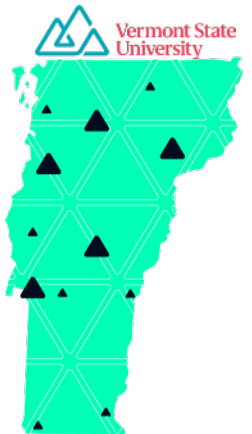
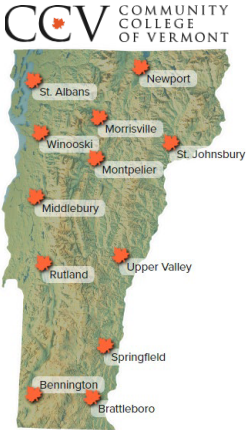
Commitment to our Students

- 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



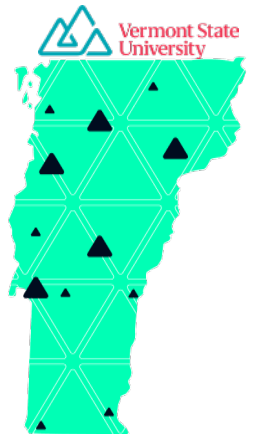
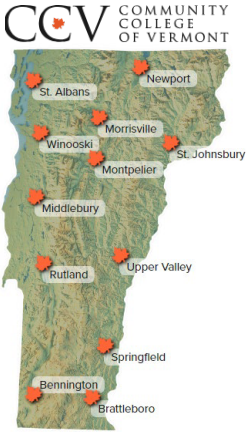
Commitment to our Communities

- 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 Kingdom East Supervisory Union 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	Increase \$	Increase %
B.602: Vermont State Colleges	52,468,692	54,042,753	1,574,061	3%
B.603: Allied Health - General Fund	297,087	306,000	8,913	3%
Total Ongoing	52,765,779	54,348,752	1,582,973	3%
One-Time Sources				
B.1100(k)(1): Bridge Funding	5,000,000	-	(5,000,000)	-100%
B.1110: Rural Micro Credential & Certificate Expansion	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	0%
Total One-Time Sources	5,000,000	1,500,000	(3,500,000)	-70%
Total General Fund	57,765,779	55,848,752	(1,917,027)	-3%

Grants	VSC FY2026	VSC FY27 Request	Increase \$	Increase %
B.603: Allied Health - Global Commitment	1,500,000	3,894,000	2,394,000	160%
Total All Sources	59,265,779	59,742,752	476,973	1%

Capital Bill Act 33 / H9494 of 2025 as enacted	FY2026	FY2027	Increase \$	Increase %
Sec. 8 (a)(1), (a)(2): Major Maintenance	1,500,000	1,500,000	-	0%
Sec. 8 (b)(1), (b)(2): Johnson, Central Plant Replacement	1,500,000	3,500,000	-	0%
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 9



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

Flexible Pathways

- **Dual Enrollment:** eligible Vermont high school students to take up to two college courses tuition-free. Courses may be offered on a college campus, online, and on-site at a participating high school
- **Early College Program:** allows eligible 12th grade students to enroll full-time for one academic year at one of the participating and approved higher education institutions tuition-free. Students who successfully complete an ECP earn college credits while simultaneously meeting secondary school proficiencies
- **Vermont Academy of Science and Technology (VAST):** an independent, accredited high school exclusively for high school seniors located at VTSU Randolph and Williston. Students receive a high school diploma and complete a year of college simultaneously.
- **Fast Forward:** students in career technical education programs earn college credit for concurrent enrollment classes offered at their regional CTE center

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