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# Minnesota State Grant End-of-Year Statistics Fiscal Year 2015



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# Introduction

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The Minnesota State Grant program is a need-based financial aid program created to assist Minnesota resident undergraduates attending public and private postsecondary institutions in Minnesota. The program was first established in 1969 and in Fiscal Year 2015 awarded approximately \$177 million in grants to approximately 95,324 students. The program is designed to complement the Federal Pell Grant program and provide choice and access to undergraduate students to attend the postsecondary institutions that best meet their needs.

Since 1983, Minnesota State Grant policy has been based on the Design for Shared Responsibility model. This model was initially built on the work of the Carnegie Commission on Policy Studies in Higher Education. The goal of the program is established in Minnesota Statute 136A.095:

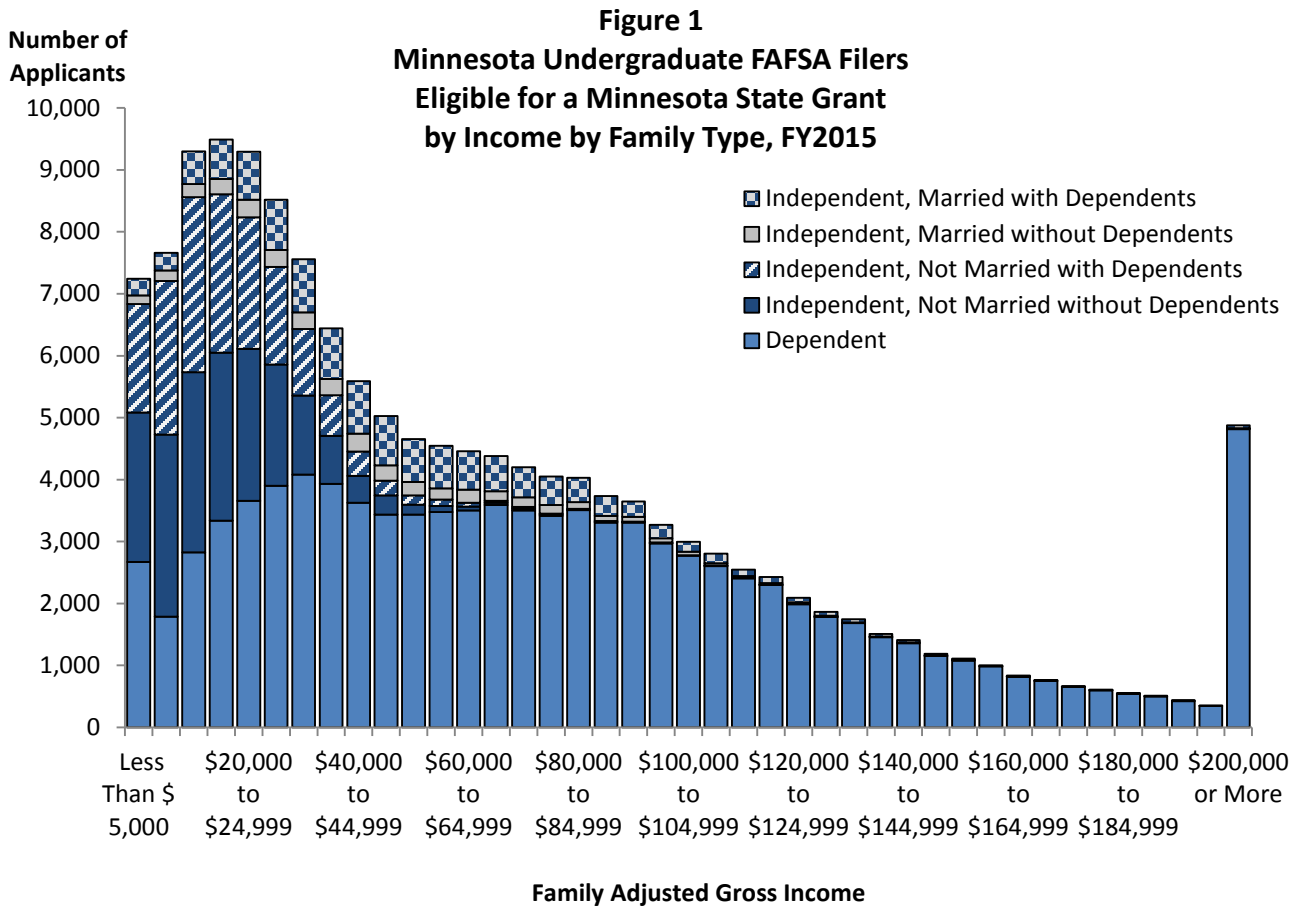
*The legislature finds and declares that the identification of men and women of the state who are economically disadvantaged and the encouragement of their educational development in eligible institutions of their choosing are in the best interests of the state and of the students.*

This policy statement guides Minnesota policymakers in responding to changes in tuition and fees and living expenses faced by students. State Grant policy distributes the price of postsecondary education based on family income and attendance choices among students, families and taxpayers.

This report contains data on the number and dollar amounts of Minnesota State Grants received by Minnesota undergraduate students for Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015). Minnesota State Grants are coordinated with federal Pell Grants, therefore the tables and graphs include combined federal Pell and State Grant awards received by State Grant recipients. Data are reported by the adjusted gross income of the student's family. The report also includes information on three categories of student characteristics that affect State Grant awards: dependency status/family circumstances, institution choice and registration load. All tables and charts in this report show family adjusted gross income of Minnesota State Grant recipients as reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from the federal income tax return. For dependent students, the parents' adjusted gross income was used; for independent students, the student's (and spouse's if married) adjusted gross incomes were used.

The data in this report are based on State Grant research data as of January 4, 2016. The totals may differ slightly from other documents published by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education as a result of adjustments made before or after this date.

# Fiscal Year 2015 Applicants

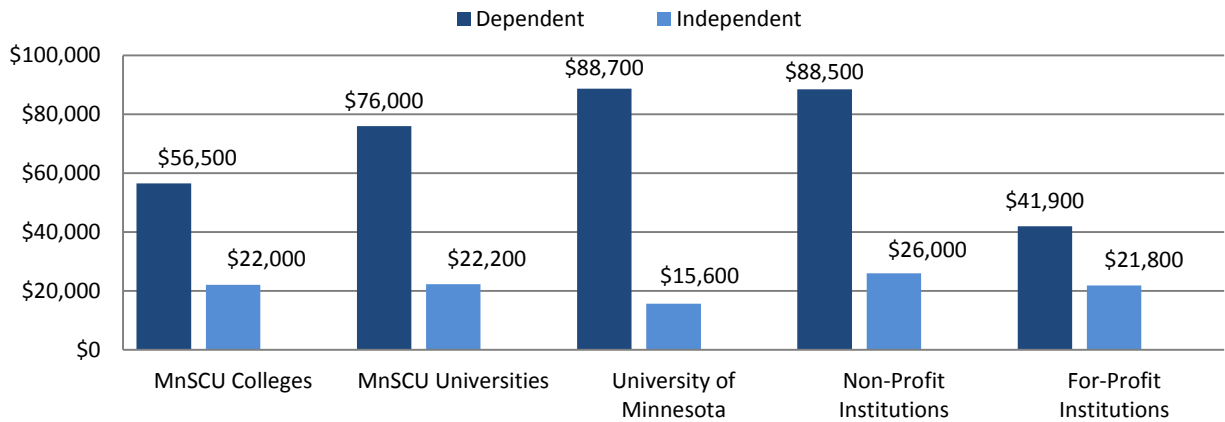


Students applying for financial aid complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA asks students and their parents to supply information regarding wages, income, assets and household composition. This information is used as part of a federal need analysis formula called Federal Methodology that determines the student’s and parents’ financial resources expected to be contributed toward college costs. The formula calculates an expected Parent Contribution (PC), an expected Student Contribution (SC) and an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) which are used to determine the student’s eligibility for federal student aid and, in Minnesota, the student’s eligibility for the Minnesota State Grant program.

For Fiscal Year 2015 (academic year 2014-2015), 160,257 students completed the FAFSA and met eligibility requirements for a Minnesota State Grant. As compared to the prior year, total applications declined by 8.6 percent. Sixty-four percent of applicants were dependent students with family adjusted gross incomes ranging from \$0 to \$200,000 or more as shown in Figure 1. The remaining 36 percent of applicants were independent students. Independent students display a smaller range of family adjusted gross incomes with 75 percent of independent students reporting incomes less than \$35,000.

## Income Profile of Applicants by Dependency Status

**Figure 2**  
**Median Family Adjusted Gross Income by Sector**  
**FY2015 State Grant Applicants**



Independent students had lower median family incomes (\$22,000) across all types of institutions as compared to dependent students. Independent students enrolled at the University of Minnesota had the lowest median family income of \$15,600 (Table 1, Figure 2). Dependent students enrolled in private for-profit institutions had lower median family incomes (\$41,900) than of those enrolled in private non-profit institutions (\$88,500) or the University of Minnesota (\$88,700) (Figure 2, Table 1).

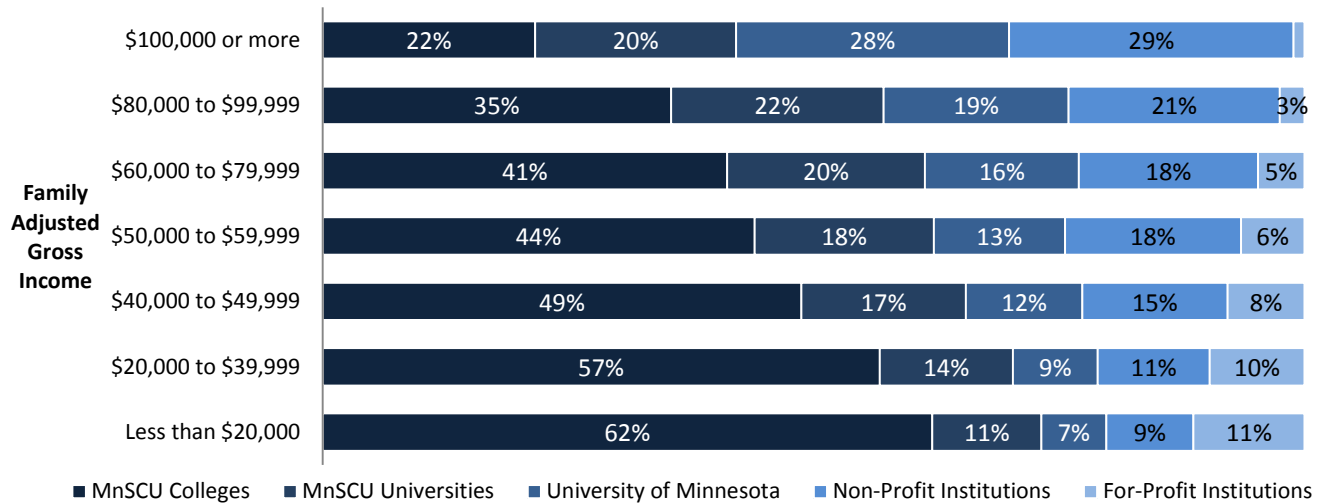
**Table 1**

**Median and Mean Family Adjusted Gross Income of Students by Institution Type and Dependency Status, Fiscal Year 2015**

System Attended		Median Income	Mean Income	Number of Students
MnSCU State Colleges	Dependent	\$56,500	\$65,400	33,130
	Independent	\$22,000	\$28,900	33,285
	Total	\$33,200	\$47,100	66,415
MnSCU State Universities	Dependent	\$76,000	\$84,500	20,096
	Independent	\$22,200	\$31,500	4,873
	Total	\$64,500	\$74,200	24,969
University of Minnesota	Dependent	\$88,700	\$101,600	20,842
	Independent	\$15,600	\$24,700	1,767
	Total	\$83,000	\$95,600	22,609
Non-Profit Institutions	Dependent	\$88,500	\$105,500	21,522
	Independent	\$26,000	\$37,100	4,131
	Total	\$78,000	\$94,500	25,653
For-Profit Institutions	Dependent	\$41,900	\$54,800	2,708
	Independent	\$21,800	\$27,800	7,033
	Total	\$26,100	\$35,300	9,741
Total	Dependent	\$72,800	\$85,500	98,298
	Independent	\$22,000	\$29,500	51,089
	Total	\$48,600	\$66,300	149,387

## Enrollment Profile of Applicants by Income

**Figure 3**  
**Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants**  
**Enrolled by Income and Institution Type**  
**Fiscal Year 2015**



As family income increases, the percent of students enrolled in public or private two-year institutions declines. In contrast, as income increases more students enrolled in private four-year institutions and the University of Minnesota. The University of Minnesota had the highest median family adjusted gross income (\$83,000) among Minnesota postsecondary sectors (Table 2).

Among 2015 applicants from families with incomes below \$20,000, 62 percent enrolled in a MnSCU state college and 11 percent enrolled at a private for-profit institution (Figure 3). Among students from families with incomes above \$100,000, 28 percent enrolled in the University of Minnesota and 29 percent enrolled at a private non-profit institution.

This comparison highlights the potential economic stratification in enrollment among Minnesota students if state policy is intentionally or unintentionally directing lower income students to primarily low-cost public community and technical colleges regardless of the student's academic aspirations or abilities. Given that the State Grant program provides funds to lower- and middle-income students to attend the institution of their choosing, one could conclude that economic stratification in enrollment would have been worse had the program not existed.

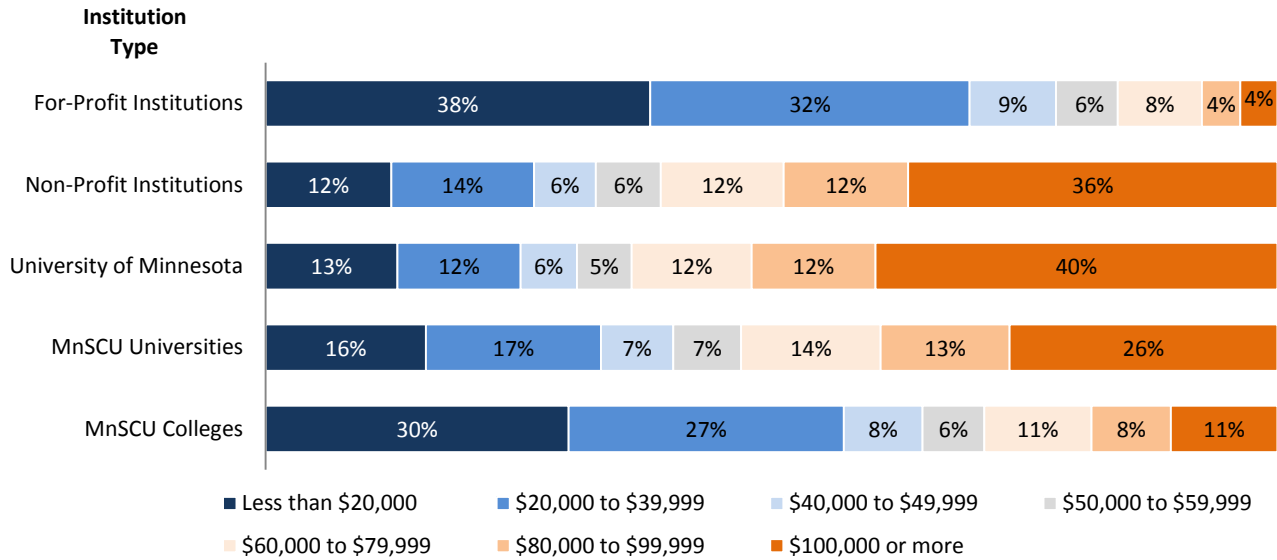


**Table 2****Distribution of Minnesota State Grant Applicants by Income and Institution Type, Fiscal Year 2015**

		Less than \$20,000	\$20,000 to \$39,999	\$40,000 to \$49,999	\$50,000 to \$59,999	\$60,000 to \$79,999	\$80,000 to \$99,999	\$100,000 or more	Total Applicants	Mean Income	Median Income
MnSCU State Colleges	Count	19,899	18,047	5,177	4,047	7,042	5,210	6,993	66,415	\$33,200	\$47,100
	Percent	30%	27%	8%	6%	11%	8%	11%			
MnSCU State Universities	Count	3,958	4,320	1,780	1,680	3,442	3,180	6,609	24,969	\$64,500	\$74,200
	Percent	16%	17%	7%	7%	14%	13%	26%			
University of Minnesota	Count	2,945	2,751	1,258	1,228	2,678	2,768	8,981	22,609	\$83,000	\$95,600
	Percent	13%	12%	6%	5%	12%	12%	40%			
Non-Profit Institutions	Count	3,185	3,619	1,570	1,649	3,115	3,155	9,360	25,653	\$78,000	\$94,500
	Percent	12%	14%	6%	6%	12%	12%	36%			
For-Profit Institutions	Count	3,704	3,074	832	595	810	370	356	9,741	\$26,100	\$35,300
	Percent	38%	32%	9%	6%	8%	4%	4%			
Total	Count	33,691	31,811	10,617	9,199	17,087	14,683	32,299	149,387	\$48,600	\$66,300
	Percent	23%	21%	7%	6%	11%	10%	22%			

## Income Profile of Applicants by Sector

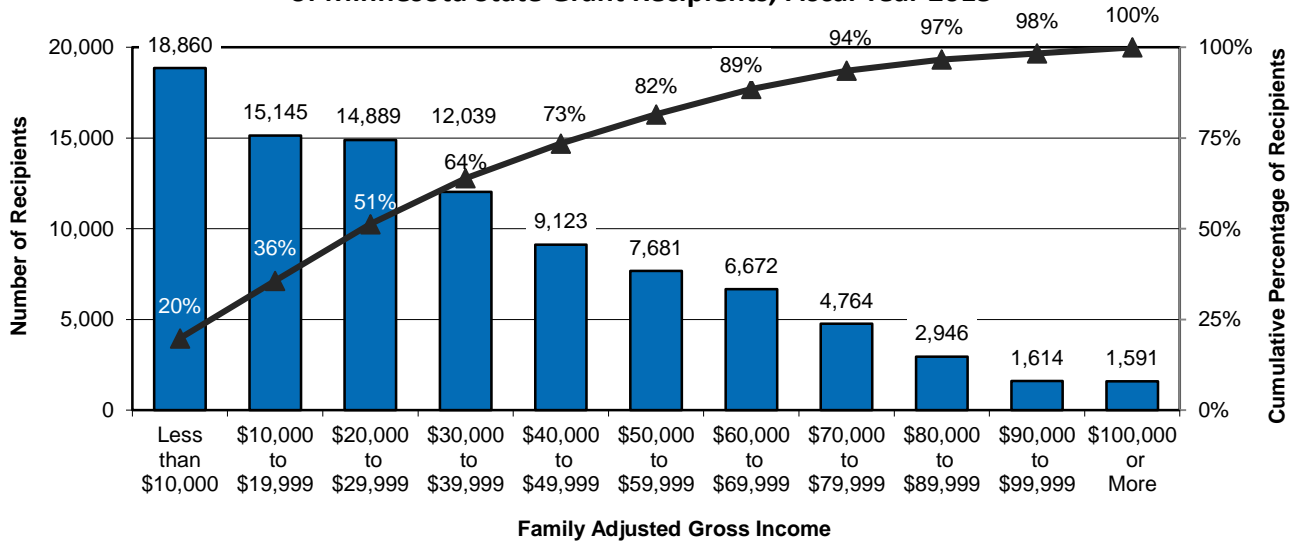
**Figure 4**  
**Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants**  
**Enrolled by Institution Type and Income**  
**Fiscal Year 2015**



Among all state grant applicants, students from families with incomes below \$20,000 comprised 30 percent of applicants enrolled in MnSCU state colleges, a higher percentage than MnSCU four-year universities (16 percent), the University of Minnesota (13 percent) and private non-profit institutions (12 percent). Only private for-profit institutions had a comparable percentage of lower income students enrolled (38 percent) (Figure 4).

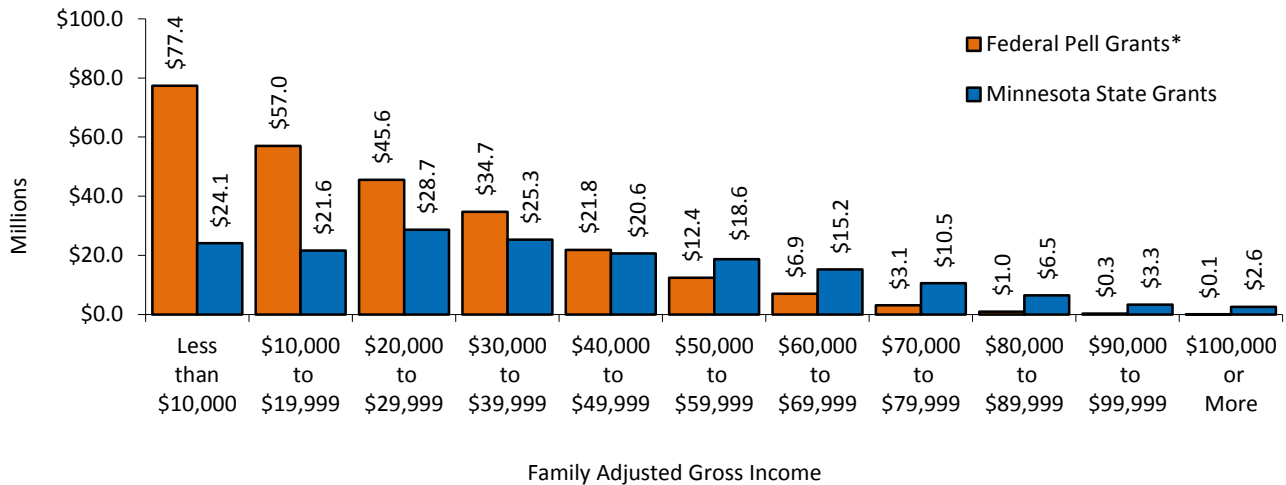
# Fiscal Year 2015 Recipients

**Figure 5**  
**Number and Cumulative Percentage**  
**of Minnesota State Grant Recipients, Fiscal Year 2015**



The Minnesota State Grant is based solely on financial need. However, students must continue to make satisfactory academic progress in their degree or certificate programs in order to continue to receive the award. During Fiscal Year 2015, \$177 million in State Grants were awarded to 95,324 students.

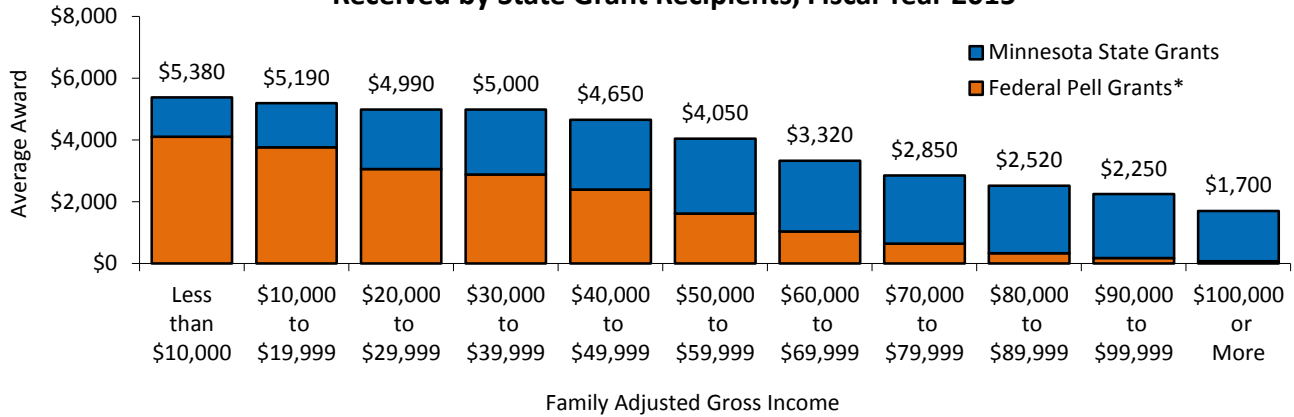
**Figure 6**  
**Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grant Awards**  
**Received by State Grant Recipients, Fiscal Year 2015**



\*Includes only Federal Pell Grants received by Minnesota State Grant recipients

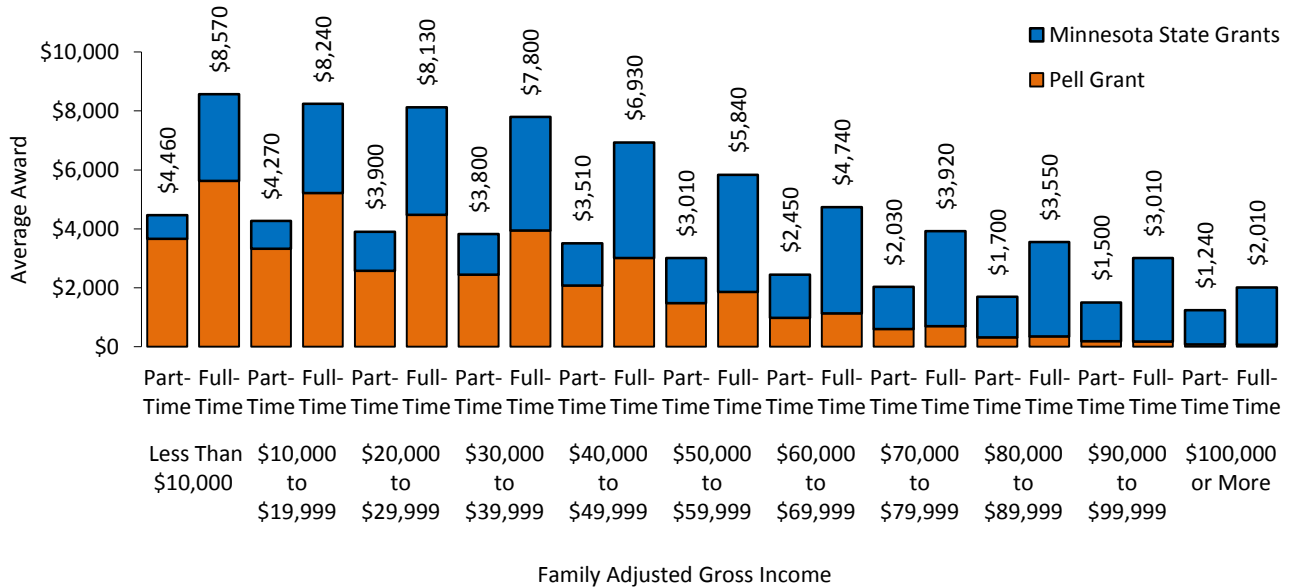
Minnesota State Grant awards are targeted to students and families with lower incomes. Figure 5 illustrates the income distribution of the Fiscal Year 2015 grant recipients. Fifty-one percent of students reported annual family adjusted gross incomes of less than \$30,000. Of the \$177 million in Minnesota State Grants awarded in Fiscal Year 2015, \$24 million was awarded to students from families earning less than \$10,000, as shown in Figure 6.

**Figure 7**  
**Average Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grant Award**  
**Received by State Grant Recipients, Fiscal Year 2015**



\*Includes only Federal Pell Grants received by Minnesota State Grant recipients

**Figure 8**  
**Average Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grant Award**  
**by Full-Time/Part-Time Status**  
**Received by State Grant Recipients, Fiscal Year 2015**

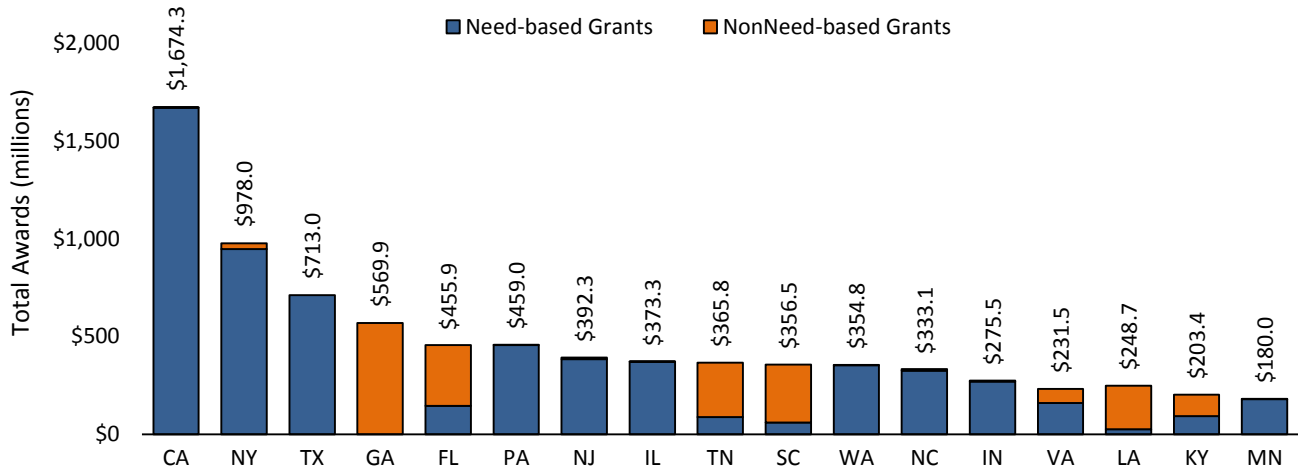


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Calculations for the Minnesota State Grant take into account the student's Federal Pell Grant award. Figure 7 shows the average combined award for the Federal Pell Grant and the Minnesota State Grant by income. Students from families earning less than \$10,000 annually received the highest combined average award (\$5,380). Figure 8 displays the average combined award for the Federal Pell Grant and the Minnesota State Grant by income and full-time/part-time enrollment status. Full-time enrollment is defined as enrolled for 30 credits or more for the academic year.

# Comparisons with Other States

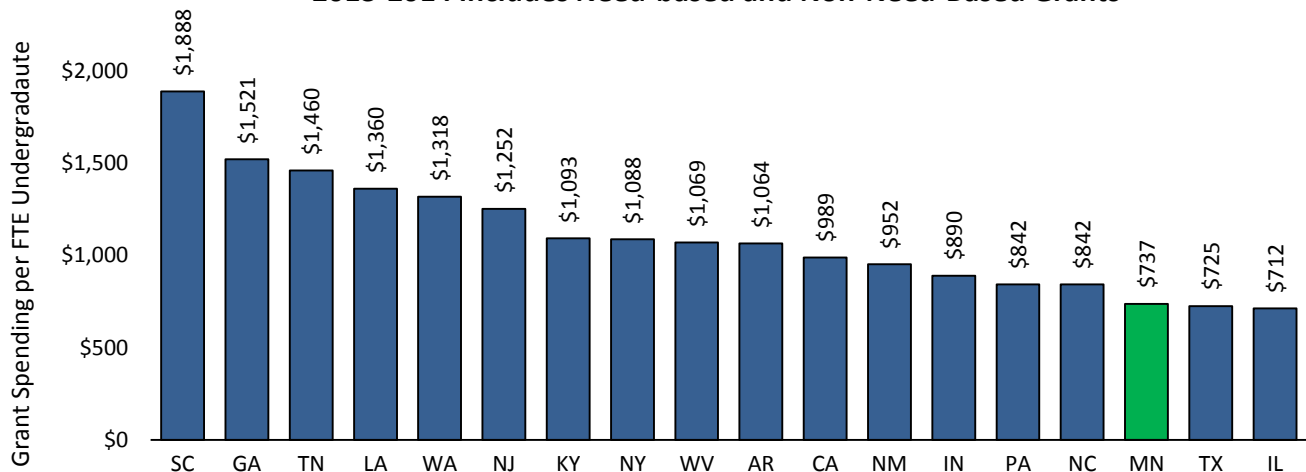
**Figure 9**  
**Minnesota ranks 17th in State Grant Funding to Undergraduates**  
**2013-2014 Includes Need-based and Non-Need-Based Grants**



For the 2013-2014 academic year, Minnesota’s State Grant program was the 17th largest in the nation for total grant aid awarded according to the annual survey of National Association of State Student Grant & Aid Programs (2015); 9<sup>th</sup> when only need-based grant aid is considered.

The state grant spending per full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate also places Minnesota 16<sup>th</sup> among states. Minnesota spends an average of \$712 per FTE undergraduate as compared to South Carolina (\$1,888) according to the annual survey of National Association of State Student Grant & Aid Programs (2015) as shown in Figure 10.

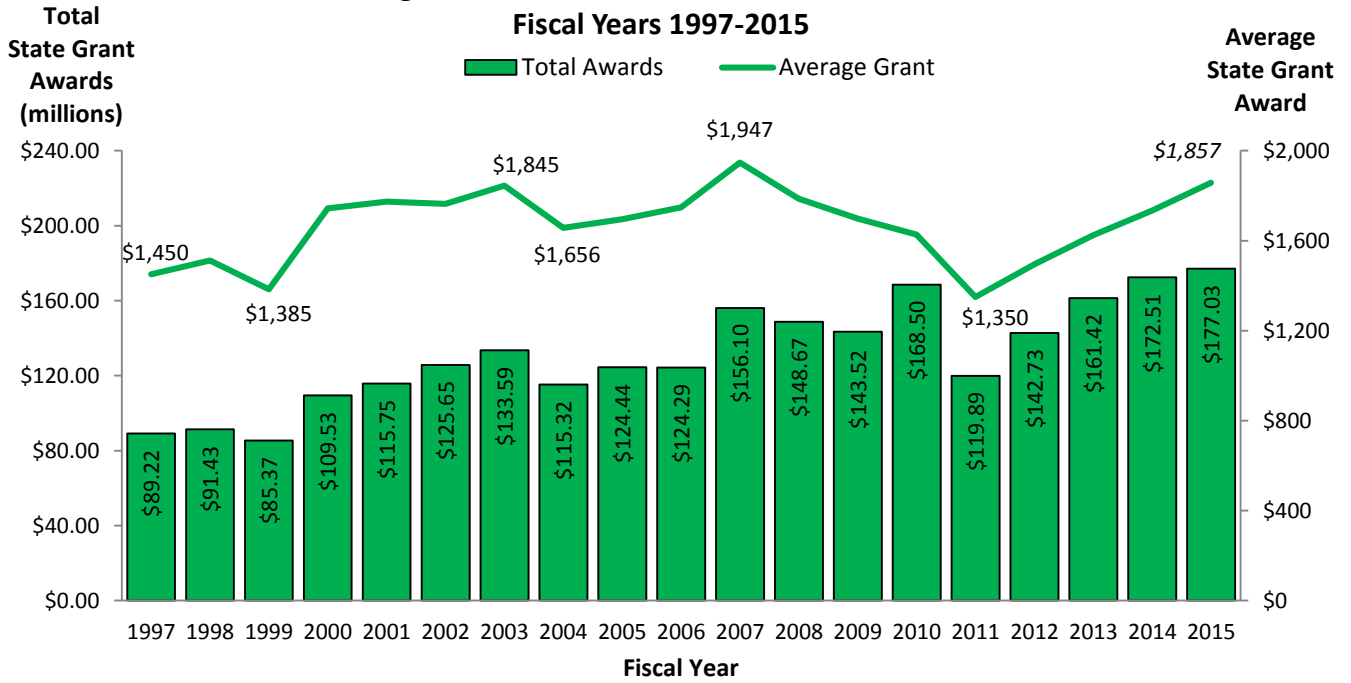
**Figure 10**  
**Minnesota spends \$737 per Full-time Equivalent Undergraduate**  
**2013-2014 Includes Need-based and Non-Need-Based Grants**



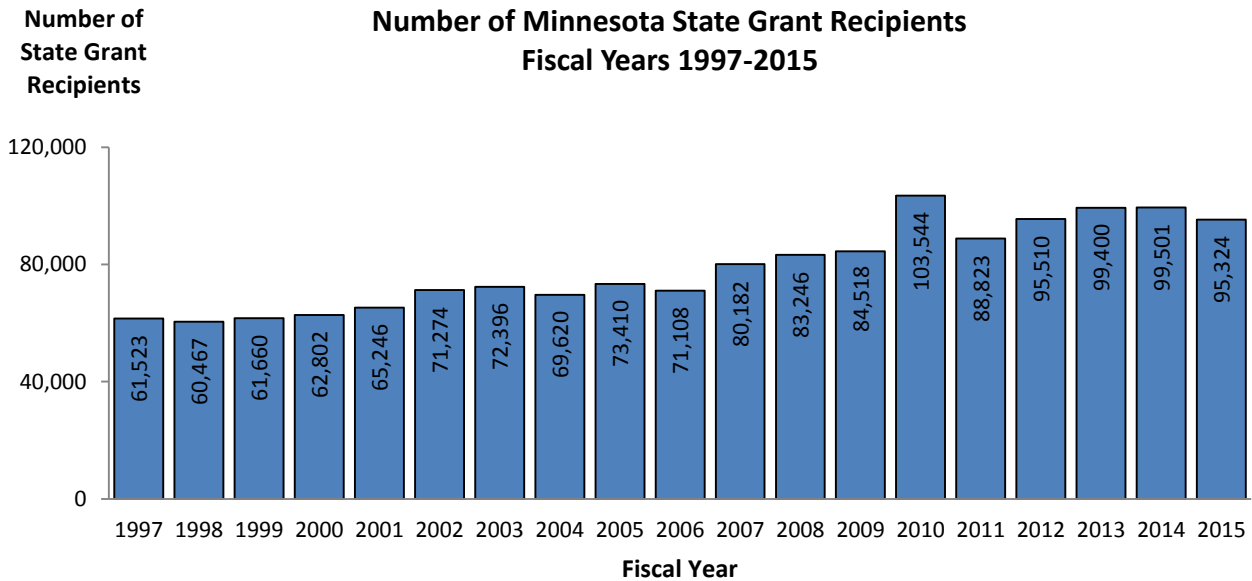
# State Grants 1997-2015

The average State Grant continues to increase as the state's investment in the program increases.

**Figure 11**  
**Average Minnesota State Awards and Total Awards**  
**Fiscal Years 1997-2015**



**Figure 12**  
**Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients**  
**Fiscal Years 1997-2015**



## Postsecondary Institution Choice

The institutions students choose to attend determine the price of attendance used in calculating each student’s Minnesota State Grant award. Institutions are grouped into five categories for this report:

- Minnesota State Colleges - two-year colleges
- Minnesota State Universities - four-year universities
- University of Minnesota
- Minnesota private non-profit institutions
- Minnesota private for-profit institutions

Tribal colleges operated by entities other than Minnesota State Colleges and Universities are included in the “private non-profit” category for reporting purposes.

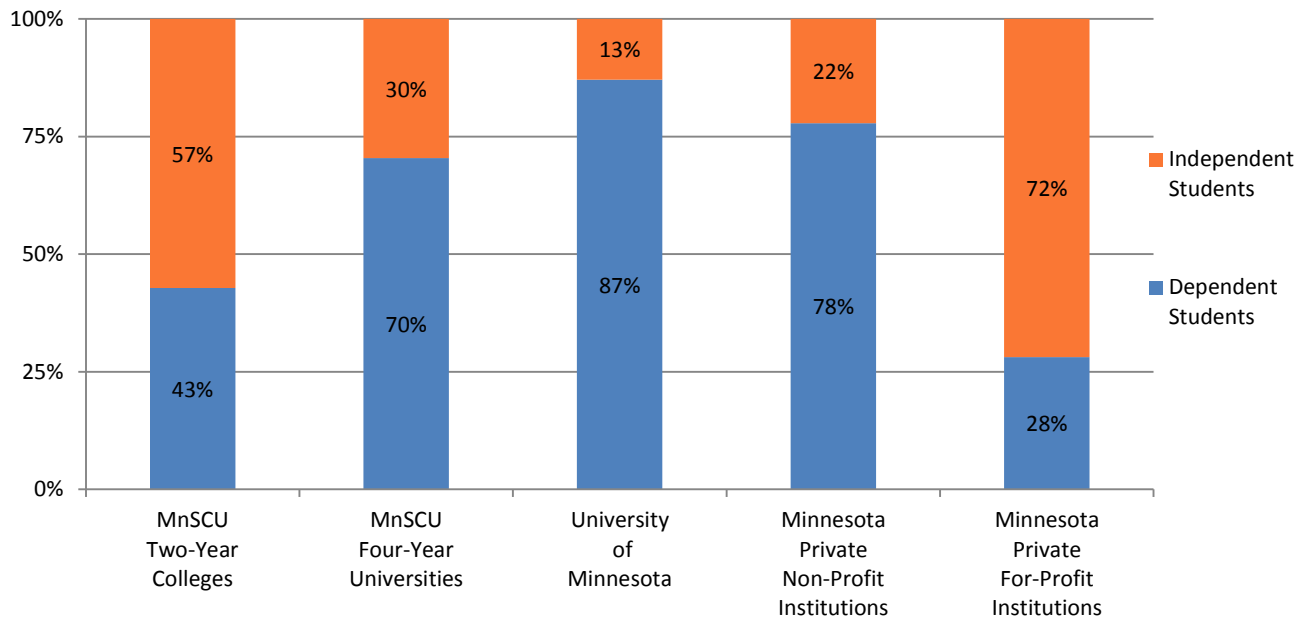
**Table 3**  
**Minnesota State Grant Statistics, Fiscal Year 2015**  
**All State Grant Recipients**

Type of Institution Attended	Number of Recipients	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	Minnesota State Grants (millions)
MnSCU State Colleges	47,414 (50%)	\$166.70	\$40.92 (23%)
MnSCU State Universities	15,819 (17%)	\$74.24	\$29.76 (17%)
University of Minnesota	11,012 (12%)	\$73.24	\$44.42 (25%)
Minnesota Private Non-Profit Institutions	13,270 (14%)	\$86.21	\$50.43 (28%)
Minnesota Private For-Profit Institutions	7,809 (8%)	\$36.89	\$11.51 (6%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,324 (100%)</b>	<b>\$437.28</b>	<b>\$177.03 (100%)</b>

Under the current model, the percent of recipients receiving a Minnesota State Grant will rarely equal the percent of State Grant dollars by type of institution attended. State Grant awards are based on the average tuition and fees charged to a student or the tuition and fee maximums established in law. Students receive a State Grant in proportion to the tuition and fees charged. Students with lower average tuition and fee charges will receive a smaller percentage of total State Grant funds (e.g. MnSCU two-year colleges). Students with higher average tuition and fee charges will receive a greater percentage of total State Grant funds (e.g. University of Minnesota). The maximum tuition and fees allowed for two-year programs is significantly lower (\$5,808) than the maximum tuition and fees allowed for four-year programs (\$13,000). Students enrolled at institutions with a higher percentage of full-time students tend to receive a higher percentage of total State Grant funds as compared to other institutions.

The profile of students enrolling by institution type varies. The majority of grant recipients enrolling at MnSCU four-year institutions, the University of Minnesota and private not-for-profit institutions are dependent students as shown in figure 13.

**Figure 13**  
**Percent of State Grant Recipients**  
**by Dependency Status and Institution Type, Fiscal Year 2015**





**Table 4**

**All Minnesota State Grant Recipients**

**Fiscal Year 2015**

**Minnesota State Grant Statistics**

Adjusted Gross Income		All Institutions	MnSCU State Colleges	MnSCU State Universities	University of Minnesota	Private Non-Profit Institutions	Private For-Profit Institutions
Less than \$10,000	Number of Recipients	18,860	10,831	2,538	1,565	1,917	2,009
	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants	\$101.43	\$45.89	\$15.58	\$13.97	\$15.34	\$10.65
	Minnesota State Grants	\$24.05	\$5.45	\$3.54	\$6.43	\$6.44	\$2.19
\$10,000 to \$19,999	Number of Recipients	15,145	8,818	2,241	1,148	1,366	1,572
	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants	\$78.66	\$36.04	\$13.03	\$10.22	\$11.07	\$8.32
	Minnesota State Grants	\$21.65	\$6.03	\$3.58	\$5.02	\$4.98	\$2.04
\$20,000 to \$29,999	Number of Recipients	14,889	8,486	2,130	1,262	1,607	1,404
	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants	\$74.26	\$31.75	\$11.85	\$11.22	\$12.87	\$6.57
	Minnesota State Grants	\$28.70	\$9.51	\$4.30	\$5.84	\$6.53	\$2.51
\$30,000 to \$39,999	Number of Recipients	12,039	6,121	2,069	1,290	1,541	1,018
	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants	\$59.96	\$21.18	\$11.03	\$10.85	\$12.08	\$4.82
	Minnesota State Grants	\$25.28	\$6.50	\$4.33	\$6.07	\$6.55	\$1.82
\$40,000 to \$49,999	Number of Recipients	9,123	4,300	1,694	1,111	1,369	649
	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants	\$42.41	\$13.67	\$7.85	\$7.99	\$10.02	\$2.89
	Minnesota State Grants	\$20.60	\$4.57	\$3.69	\$5.14	\$6.07	\$1.13
\$50,000 to \$59,999	Number of Recipients	7,681	3,295	1,514	1,048	1,378	446
	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants	\$31.07	\$8.51	\$5.94	\$6.25	\$8.72	\$1.66
	Minnesota State Grants	\$18.64	\$3.59	\$3.47	\$4.72	\$6.19	\$0.68
\$60,000 to \$69,999	Number of Recipients	6,672	2,656	1,386	1,033	1,246	351
	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants	\$22.16	\$5.44	\$4.22	\$4.99	\$6.40	\$1.11
	Minnesota State Grants	\$15.22	\$2.62	\$2.94	\$4.14	\$5.00	\$0.53
\$70,000 to \$79,999	Number of Recipients	4,764	1,557	1,008	942	1,062	195
	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants	\$13.57	\$2.72	\$2.57	\$3.52	\$4.22	\$0.54
	Minnesota State Grants	\$10.52	\$1.55	\$1.97	\$3.08	\$3.58	\$0.34
\$80,000 to \$89,999	Number of Recipients	2,946	857	664	587	743	95
	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants	\$7.42	\$1.02	\$1.40	\$2.08	\$2.71	\$0.21
	Minnesota State Grants	\$6.45	\$0.73	\$1.21	\$1.89	\$2.47	\$0.15
\$90,000 to \$99,999	Number of Recipients	1,614	314	354	428	473	45
	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants	\$3.63	\$0.34	\$0.49	\$1.14	\$1.58	\$0.08
	Minnesota State Grants	\$3.34	\$0.26	\$0.45	\$1.10	\$1.47	\$0.05
\$100,000 or more	Number of Recipients	1,591	179	221	598	568	25
	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants	\$2.70	\$0.14	\$0.29	\$1.02	\$1.20	\$0.05
	Minnesota State Grants	\$2.59	\$0.12	\$0.28	\$0.99	\$1.14	\$0.05
Total	Number of Recipients	95,324	47,414	15,819	11,012	13,270	7,809
	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants	\$437.28	\$166.70	\$74.24	\$73.24	\$86.21	\$36.89
	Minnesota State Grants	\$177.03	\$40.92	\$29.76	\$44.42	\$50.43	\$11.51

Note: Dollars are in millions. Award amounts for categories with fewer than 10 recipients are reported as zero. Totals include amounts for all categories. Adjusted gross income of Minnesota State Grant recipients is as reported on federal individual income tax forms. For dependent students, the parents' income was used; for others, the student's and their spouse's income, if married, were used.

## Dependency Status/Family Circumstances

Recipients are classified by family circumstances. The ability to pay is assessed differently for each family category in the State Grant award formula. Family categories are:

- Dependent students (usually students less than 24 years old who were not married and not supporting their own children; not veterans/military service members)
- Married independent students with dependents (usually children)
- Unmarried independent students with dependents
- Married independent students with no dependents other than a spouse
- Unmarried independent students with no dependents

**Table 5**  
**Minnesota State Grant Statistics, Fiscal Year 2015**  
**All State Grant Recipients**

Family Status	Number of Recipients	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (million)	Minnesota State Grants (million)
Dependent Students	53,547	\$271.41	\$129.56
Married Independent Students with Dependents (Children)	8,607	\$32.70	\$7.41
Unmarried Independent Students with Dependents (Children)	13, 181	\$57.21	\$9.39
Married Independent Students with No Other Dependents	2,478	\$8.49	\$4.33
Unmarried Independent Students with No Dependents	17,511	\$67.47	\$26.34
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,324</b>	<b>\$437.28</b>	<b>\$177.03</b>

# Registration Load

The registration load or number of course credits chosen by the student affects the price of attendance used in calculating Minnesota State Grant awards. The Minnesota State Grant program defines full-time attendance as a registration load of 15 credits per term or the equivalent. Average registration load varies by income and family status for State Grant recipients. Dependent students register for more credits annually on average (24.90) than independent students (18.57-20.04). Recipients from families with an adjusted gross income of \$100,000 or more register for more credits annually on average (27.16) than lower income recipients as shown in Table 6. When family circumstances are analyzed, dependent students register for more credits annually on average (24.90) than independent students as shown in Table 7.

**Table 6**  
**Minnesota State Grant Statistics, Fiscal Year 2015**  
**Average Registration Load for All State Grant Recipients by Income**

Family Adjusted Gross Income	Number of Recipients	Average Annual Credit Load
Less Than \$10,000	18,860	20.97
\$10,000 to \$19,999	15,145	21.12
\$20,000 to \$29,999	14,889	21.46
\$30,000 to \$39,999	12,039	22.25
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9,123	23.01
\$50,000 to \$59,999	7,681	23.68
\$60,000 to \$69,999	6,672	24.07
\$70,000 to \$79,999	4,764	24.78
\$80,000 to \$89,999	2,946	24.86
\$90,000 to \$99,999	1,614	25.92
\$100,000 or More	1,591	27.16
Total	95,324	22.36

**Table 7**  
**Minnesota State Grant Statistics, Fiscal Year 2015**  
**Average Registration Load for All State Grant Recipients by Family Type**

Family Circumstances	Number of Recipients	Average Annual Credit Load
Dependent Students	53,547	24.90
Married Independent Students with Dependents	8,607	18.91
Unmarried Independent Students with Dependents	13,181	18.57
Married Independent Students with No Other Dependents	2,478	20.04
Unmarried Independent Students with No Dependents	17,511	19.47
Total	95,324	22.36

**Table 8**  
**Minnesota State Grant Statistics, Fiscal Year 2015**  
**All State Grant Recipients by Term by Registration Load**

Registration Load (number of credits)	Number of Recipients	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	Minnesota State Grants (millions)
<b>Summer I Term (2014)</b>			
3	2	\$0.00	\$0.00
4	75	\$0.07	\$0.03
5	26	\$0.04	\$0.02
6	35	\$0.04	\$0.01
7	271	\$0.31	\$0.07
8	655	\$0.84	\$0.32
9	125	\$0.20	\$0.08
10	234	\$0.36	\$0.07
11	130	\$0.23	\$0.07
12	752	\$1.47	\$0.65
13	275	\$0.55	\$0.14
14	266	\$0.59	\$0.20
15 or more	1,223	\$3.37	\$1.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,069</b>	<b>\$8.07</b>	<b>\$2.86</b>
<b>Fall Term (2014)</b>			
3	396	\$0.18	\$0.11
4	1,061	\$0.84	\$0.30
5	643	\$0.66	\$0.30
6	1,973	\$1.87	\$0.85
7	4,657	\$6.37	\$1.53
8	4,525	\$7.03	\$2.55
9	1,948	\$2.82	\$1.22
10	3,796	\$7.54	\$1.60
11	3,196	\$6.86	\$1.97
12	6,666	\$14.90	\$5.80
13	7,664	\$20.09	\$5.54
14	6,901	\$19.47	\$7.23
15 or more	34,059	\$113.07	\$57.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>77,485</b>	<b>\$201.70</b>	<b>\$86.86</b>
<b>Winter Term (2014)</b>			
3	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
4	51	\$0.03	\$0.01
5	4	\$0.00	\$0.00
6	28	\$0.02	\$0.01
7	182	\$0.19	\$0.04
8	472	\$0.59	\$0.22
9	164	\$0.22	\$0.09
10	209	\$0.30	\$0.06
11	142	\$0.22	\$0.08
12	700	\$1.36	\$0.60
13	331	\$0.61	\$0.19
14	249	\$0.51	\$0.18
15 or more	687	\$1.64	\$0.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,219</b>	<b>\$5.71</b>	<b>\$2.26</b>

Registration Load (number of credits)	Number of Recipients	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	Minnesota State Grants (millions)
<b>Spring Term (2015)</b>			
3	449	\$0.21	\$0.12
4	1,159	\$0.91	\$0.33
5	733	\$0.75	\$0.34
6	2,106	\$1.95	\$0.89
7	4,470	\$6.13	\$1.48
8	4,112	\$6.44	\$2.31
9	1,910	\$2.84	\$1.19
10	3,539	\$6.78	\$1.49
11	2,847	\$6.11	\$1.77
12	6,141	\$13.56	\$5.46
13	6,678	\$17.33	\$4.92
14	5,842	\$16.53	\$6.25
15 or more	30,397	\$100.23	\$51.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,383</b>	<b>\$179.77</b>	<b>\$78.50</b>
<b>Summer II Term (2015)</b>			
3	1,653	\$0.57	\$0.43
4	2,134	\$1.39	\$0.74
5	749	\$0.63	\$0.38
6	1,702	\$1.23	\$0.75
7	1,800	\$1.97	\$0.76
8	1,438	\$1.87	\$1.05
9	557	\$0.55	\$0.37
10	522	\$0.79	\$0.35
11	277	\$0.44	\$0.22
12	396	\$0.65	\$0.40
13	248	\$0.39	\$0.19
14	162	\$0.32	\$0.18
15 or more	614	\$1.40	\$0.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,252</b>	<b>\$12.20</b>	<b>\$6.55</b>

For the Minnesota State Grant program, the state Fiscal Year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. Summer I terms are the first term of the Fiscal Year. Summer II terms are the last term of the Fiscal Year.

Table 9 displays the number of recipients by the number of credits enrolled per term as follows:

- Full-Time, Full-Year: Recipients who registered for 15 or more credits during both fall and spring terms if semester-based calendar is used; 15 or more credits during fall, winter and spring terms if quarter-based calendar is used.
- Full-Time, Part-Year: Recipients who registered for 15 or more credits during either fall and spring terms if semester-based calendar is used; 15 or more credits during either fall, winter or spring terms if quarter-based calendar is used AND the student did not register or registered for fewer than 15 credits for the other terms.
- Part-Time, Full-Year: Recipients who registered for fewer than 15 credits during both fall and spring terms if semester-based calendar is used; fewer than 15 credits during fall, winter and spring terms if quarter-based calendar is used.
- Part-Time, Part-Year: Recipients who registered for fewer than 15 credits during either fall and spring terms if semester-based calendar is used; fewer than 15 credits during either fall, winter or spring terms if quarter-based calendar is used AND the student did not register for at least one of the other terms.
- Summer only: Recipients who registered at any level for either summer term and did not register in fall, winter or spring terms.

Approximately 24 percent of all State Grant recipients are enrolled full-time for fall and spring semesters (or the equivalent quarter terms). An additional twenty-three percent of recipients registered for 15 or more credits in either fall or spring term. Fifty-one percent of recipients were enrolled for less than 15 credits. An additional two percent of recipients enrolled in summer term only.

**Table 9**  
**Minnesota State Grant Statistics, Fiscal Year 2015**  
**All State Grant Recipients**

Registration Pattern	Number of Recipients	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	Minnesota State Grants (millions)
Full-Time, Full-Year	22,528 (24%)	\$154.06	\$83.73 (47%)
Full-Time, Part-Year	21,383 (22%)	\$110.25	\$44.40 (25%)
Part-Time, Full-Year	29,527 (31%)	\$120.01	\$32.91 (19%)
Part-Time, Part-Year	19,984 (21%)	\$49.69	\$14.99 (8%)
Summer only	1,902 (2%)	\$3.27	\$1.00 (1%)
Total	95,324 (100%)	\$437.28	\$177.03 (100%)

In tables 10, 11 and 12, recipients are grouped by the cumulative number of credits registered per Fiscal Year as follows:

- Recipients who registered for fewer than 30 credits during the Fiscal Year
- Recipients who registered for at least 30 credits during the Fiscal Year

Thirty or more credits can be earned in any combination across all the terms during the Fiscal Year.

**Table 10**  
**Minnesota State Grant Statistics, Fiscal Year 2015**  
**State Grant Recipients Registered for Fewer than 30 Credits**

Family Adjusted Gross Income	Number of Recipients	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	Minnesota State Grants (millions)
Less Than \$10,000	14,651	\$65.38	\$11.69
\$10,000 to \$19,999	11,611	\$49.54	\$10.93
\$20,000 to \$29,999	11,069	\$43.21	\$14.75
\$30,000 to \$39,999	8,531	\$32.62	\$11.77
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6,088	\$21.38	\$8.72
\$50,000 to \$59,999	4,869	\$14.65	\$7.46
\$60,000 to \$69,999	4,130	\$10.11	\$6.05
\$70,000 to \$79,999	2,710	\$5.51	\$3.88
\$80,000 to \$89,999	1,641	\$2.78	\$2.27
\$90,000 to \$99,999	815	\$1.22	\$1.07
\$100,000 or More	649	\$0.81	\$0.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,764</b>	<b>\$247.22</b>	<b>\$77.52</b>

**Table 11**  
**Minnesota State Grant Statistics, Fiscal Year 2015**  
**State Grant Recipients Registered for 30 Credits or More**

Family Adjusted Gross Income	Number of Recipients	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	Minnesota State Grants (millions)
Less Than \$10,000	4,209	\$36.05	\$12.36
\$10,000 to \$19,999	3,534	\$29.13	\$10.72
\$20,000 to \$29,999	3,820	\$31.05	\$13.95
\$30,000 to \$39,999	3,508	\$27.34	\$13.51
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3,035	\$21.03	\$11.88
\$50,000 to \$59,999	2,812	\$16.42	\$11.18
\$60,000 to \$69,999	2,542	\$12.05	\$9.17
\$70,000 to \$79,999	2,054	\$8.06	\$6.63
\$80,000 to \$89,999	1,305	\$4.63	\$4.18
\$90,000 to \$99,999	799	\$2.40	\$2.26
\$100,000 or More	942	\$1.90	\$1.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,560</b>	<b>\$190.06</b>	<b>\$97.68</b>

**Table 12**

**Fiscal Year 2015**

**All Minnesota State Grant Recipients**

Family Type	Credit Level		All Institutions
Dependent Students	Fewer than 30 credits	Number of Recipients Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Minnesota State Grants	31,345 \$123.82 \$47.33
	30 or more credits	Number of Recipients Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Minnesota State Grants	22,202 \$147.59 \$82.23
Married Independent Students with Dependents (Children)	Fewer than 30 credits	Number of Recipients Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Minnesota State Grants	7,409 \$25.17 \$5.26
	30 or more credits	Number of Recipients Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Minnesota State Grants	1,198 \$7.53 \$2.15
Unmarried Independent Students with Dependents (Children)	Fewer than 30 credits	Number of Recipients Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Minnesota State Grants	11,475 \$44.90 \$6.67
	30 or more credits	Number of Recipients Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Minnesota State Grants	1,706 \$12.31 \$2.71
Married Independent Students with No Other Dependents (Children)	Fewer than 30 credits	Number of Recipients Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Minnesota State Grants	2,022 \$5.80 \$2.77
	30 or more credits	Number of Recipients Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Minnesota State Grants	456 \$2.69 \$1.57
Unmarried Independent Students with No Dependents (Children)	Fewer than 30 credits	Number of Recipients Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Minnesota State Grants	14,513 \$47.53 \$17.32
	30 or more credits	Number of Recipients Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Minnesota State Grants	2,998 \$19.95 \$9.02
Total	Fewer than 30 credits	Number of Recipients Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Minnesota State Grants	66,764 \$247.22 \$79.35
	30 or more credits	Number of Recipients Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Minnesota State Grants	28,560 \$190.06 \$97.68

Note: Dollars are in millions. Award amounts for categories with fewer than ten recipients are reported as zero. Totals include amounts for all categories.

Adjusted gross income of Minnesota State Grant recipients is as reported on federal individual income tax forms. For dependent students, the parents' income was used; for others, the student's and their spouse's, if married, were used.

# Minnesota Dream Act

In May 2013, the Minnesota Dream Act (officially titled in Minnesota law as the Prosperity Act) was passed by the state legislature and signed into law by Governor Dayton. Undocumented students meeting the criteria in the Minnesota Dream Act are now eligible for in-state tuition rates, privately funded financial aid administered by Minnesota public colleges and universities and can apply for state financial aid. Minnesota students granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) may also be eligible for these benefits.

The Minnesota Dream Act provides certain benefits to undocumented students who meet the following criteria:

- Attended a Minnesota high school for at least 3 years; and
- Graduated from a Minnesota high school or earned a GED in Minnesota; and
- Registered with the U.S. Selective Service (applies only to males 18 to 25 years old); and
- Provide documentation to show they have applied for lawful immigration status but only if a federal process exists for a student to do so (does not include applying for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). Currently, no federal process exists, so this documentation is not currently required.

Students who meet this criteria in the Minnesota Dream Act are eligible for the following postsecondary education benefits:

- In-state resident tuition rates at public colleges and universities.
- State financial aid available to students who meet state residency requirements.
- Privately funded financial aid through public colleges and universities.

During the Fiscal Year 2015, a total of 370 students received State Grants pursuant to the Minnesota Dream Act, as shown in Table 13.

**Table 13**  
**Number of Recipients and Amount by Sector Awarded pursuant to the Minnesota Dream Act**  
**Fiscal Year 2015**

Participating Institutions	Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients under the Minnesota Dream Act	Minnesota State Grants Received under the Minnesota Dream Act	Average Minnesota State Grant under the Minnesota Dream Act
MnSCU State Colleges	221	\$193,000	\$870
MnSCU State Universities	45	\$82,000	\$1,816
University of Minnesota	39	\$178,000	\$4,558
Minnesota Private Non-Profit Institutions	56	\$251,000	\$4,478
Minnesota Private For-Profit Institutions	9	\$25,000	\$2,772
<b>Total</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>\$728,000</b>	<b>\$1,966</b>



## **Institution Level Data**

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**Minnesota State Grant Statistics**  
**Number of Recipients and Amount Awarded by Institution**  
**Fiscal Year 2015**

**MnSCU State Colleges**

Participating Institutions	Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients	Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Receiving a Grant	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Received	Minnesota State Grants Received	Average Annual Grant
Alexandria Technical & Community College	858	61%	\$3,572,000	\$1,045,000	\$1,218
Anoka Technical College	996	70%	\$3,449,000	\$963,000	\$967
Anoka-Ramsey Community College	3,025	59%	\$9,020,000	\$2,138,000	\$707
Central Lakes College	1,364	69%	\$5,316,000	\$1,320,000	\$968
Century College	3,860	64%	\$12,933,000	\$3,062,000	\$793
Dakota County Technical College	1,091	62%	\$4,032,000	\$1,324,000	\$1,214
Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College	449	71%	\$1,827,000	\$343,000	\$763
Hennepin Technical College	2,489	61%	\$8,107,000	\$2,041,000	\$820
Hibbing Community College	639	67%	\$2,762,000	\$599,000	\$938
Inver Hills Community College	2,000	59%	\$6,286,000	\$1,588,000	\$794
Itasca Community College	516	64%	\$2,324,000	\$505,000	\$980
Lake Superior College	1,472	58%	\$4,960,000	\$1,237,000	\$840
Mesabi Range College	466	71%	\$2,147,000	\$441,000	\$947
Minneapolis Community & Technical College	4,318	66%	\$14,974,000	\$3,181,000	\$737
Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical	595	66%	\$2,163,000	\$612,000	\$1,028
Minnesota State Community & Technical College	1,517	56%	\$5,682,000	\$1,411,000	\$930
Minnesota West Community & Technical College	897	69%	\$3,481,000	\$857,000	\$956

## MnSCU State Colleges

Participating Institutions	Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients	Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Receiving a Grant	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Received	Minnesota State Grants Received	Average Annual Grant
Normandale Community College	3,716	64%	\$12,932,000	\$3,461,000	\$931
North Hennepin Community College	3,174	64%	\$9,945,000	\$2,435,000	\$767
Northland Community & Technical College	681	59%	\$2,460,000	\$702,000	\$1,031
Northwest Technical College	407	62%	\$1,569,000	\$367,000	\$902
Pine Technical & Community College	390	66%	\$1,319,000	\$271,000	\$694
Rainy River Community College	97	75%	\$387,000	\$79,000	\$818
Ridgewater College	1,611	67%	\$6,212,000	\$1,657,000	\$1,029
Riverland Community College	1,061	69%	\$3,924,000	\$952,000	\$897
Rochester Community & Technical College	2,449	65%	\$8,424,000	\$2,271,000	\$927
South Central College	1,643	67%	\$5,939,000	\$1,455,000	\$886
St. Cloud Technical & Community College	2,270	60%	\$8,032,000	\$2,071,000	\$912
Saint Paul College	3,166	73%	\$11,661,000	\$2,320,000	\$733
Vermilion Community College	197	60%	\$861,000	\$207,000	\$1,053
Sub-Total	47,414	64%	\$166,700,000	\$40,915,000	\$863

\*Award amounts for institutions with fewer than ten recipients are reported as zero.

## MnSCU State Universities

Participating Institutions	Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients	Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Receiving a Grant	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Received	Minnesota State Grants Received	Average Annual Grant
Bemidji State University	1,653	63%	\$7,880,000	\$3,331,000	\$2,015
Metropolitan State University	2,465	81%	\$9,345,000	\$2,992,000	\$1,214
Minnesota State University Moorhead	1,290	57%	\$6,300,000	\$2,742,000	\$2,125
Minnesota State University, Mankato	3,685	54%	\$18,206,000	\$7,459,000	\$2,024
Southwest Minnesota State University	796	62%	\$3,965,000	\$1,709,000	\$2,147
St. Cloud State University	4,102	64%	\$19,434,000	\$7,131,000	\$1,738
Winona State University	1,828	50%	\$9,110,000	\$4,393,000	\$2,403
Sub-Total	15,819	61%	\$74,240,000	\$29,756,000	\$1,881

## University of Minnesota

Participating Institutions	Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients	Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Receiving a Grant	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Received	Minnesota State Grants Received	Average Annual Grant
University of Minnesota Crookston	509	57%	\$2,671,000	\$1,491,000	\$2,929
University of Minnesota Duluth	2,817	46%	\$17,814,000	\$11,041,000	\$3,919
University of Minnesota Morris	620	51%	\$4,010,000	\$2,401,000	\$3,873
University of Minnesota Twin Cities	7,066	49%	\$48,741,000	\$29,492,000	\$4,174
Sub-Total	11,012	49%	\$73,237,000	\$44,424,000	\$4,034

\*Award amounts for institutions with fewer than ten recipients are reported as zero.

**Minnesota Private Non-Profit Institutions**

Participating Institutions	Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients	Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Receiving a Grant	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Received	Minnesota State Grants Received	Average Annual Grant
American Indian Opportunities Industrialization Center	77	86%	\$309,000	\$53,000	\$683
Augsburg College	972	44%	\$7,296,000	\$4,057,000	\$4,173
Bethany Lutheran College	199	63%	\$1,353,000	\$840,000	\$4,220
Bethel University	903	47%	\$5,864,000	\$3,607,000	\$3,995
Carleton College	103	44%	\$699,000	\$445,000	\$4,320
College of Saint Benedict	572	43%	\$4,199,000	\$2,522,000	\$4,408
College of St. Scholastica	854	46%	\$5,604,000	\$3,480,000	\$4,075
Concordia College, Moorhead	670	45%	\$4,316,000	\$2,843,000	\$4,244
Concordia University, St. Paul	682	69%	\$4,504,000	\$2,638,000	\$3,868
Crossroads College	37	82%	\$254,000	\$147,000	\$3,973
Crown College	292	70%	\$1,904,000	\$1,085,000	\$3,717
Dunwoody College of Technology	517	63%	\$2,127,000	\$787,000	\$1,523
Gustavus Adolphus College	757	49%	\$5,269,000	\$3,325,000	\$4,392
Hamline University	851	57%	\$6,223,000	\$3,782,000	\$4,444
Herzing University	173	85%	\$845,000	\$325,000	\$1,876
Leech Lake Tribal College	158	57%	\$721,000	\$75,000	\$476
Macalester College	133	50%	\$962,000	\$583,000	\$4,384
Martin Luther College	74	71%	\$476,000	\$328,000	\$4,428
Minneapolis College of Art and Design	171	53%	\$1,227,000	\$748,000	\$4,375
North Central University	293	63%	\$2,093,000	\$1,193,000	\$4,072

**Minnesota Private Non-Profit Institutions**

Participating Institutions	Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients	Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Receiving a Grant	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Received	Minnesota State Grants Received	Average Annual Grant
Northwestern College	739	51%	\$4,835,000	\$2,979,000	\$4,032
Northwestern Health Sciences University	17	59%	\$85,000	\$32,000	\$1,899
Oak Hills Christian College	56	72%	\$414,000	\$213,000	\$3,807
Presentation College	30	81%	\$183,000	\$88,000	\$2,939
St. Catherine University	1,215	62%	\$7,235,000	\$3,742,000	\$3,080
Saint John's University	426	39%	\$2,740,000	\$1,804,000	\$4,236
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	371	59%	\$2,307,000	\$1,361,000	\$3,669
St. Olaf College	368	36%	\$2,542,000	\$1,623,000	\$4,411
Summit Academy Opportunities Industrialization Center	199	90%	\$633,000	\$139,000	\$699
University of St. Thomas	1,351	39%	\$8,967,000	\$5,581,000	\$4,131
White Earth Tribal & Community College	10	21%	\$30,000	\$4,000	\$430
Sub-Total	13,270	50%	\$86,216,000	\$50,429,000	\$3,800

\*Award amounts for institutions with fewer than ten recipients are reported as zero.

## Minnesota Private For-Profit Institutions

Participating Institutions	Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients	Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Receiving a Grant	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Received	Minnesota State Grants Received	Average Annual Award
Academy College	47	40%	\$174,000	\$51,000	\$1,093
Argosy University/Twin Cities	150	97%	\$565,000	\$202,000	\$1,350
Art Institutes International Minnesota	464	93%	\$2,643,000	\$1,316,000	\$2,836
Avalon School of Cosmetology	24	86%	\$122,000	\$33,000	\$1,365
Aveda Institute Minneapolis	270	89%	\$1,361,000	\$390,000	\$1,444
CenterPoint Massage and Shiatsu Therapy School & Clinic	40	48%	\$138,000	\$20,000	\$494
Cosmetology Training Center (Mankato)	17	94%	\$85,000	\$26,000	\$1,534
DeVry University-Minnesota	30	83%	\$153,000	\$84,000	\$2,791
Duluth Business University	90	74%	\$330,000	\$58,000	\$642
Empire Beauty School (Bloomington)	142	95%	\$667,000	\$149,000	\$1,047
Empire Beauty School (St. Paul)	133	80%	\$652,000	\$120,000	\$901
Globe University	209	90%	\$1,035,000	\$425,000	\$2,035
Hastings Beauty School	31	84%	\$134,000	\$31,000	\$1,016
Institute of Production and Recording	67	77%	\$242,000	\$73,000	\$1,082
ITT Technical Institute (Eden Prairie)	169	86%	\$575,000	\$176,000	\$1,040
LA Beauty School	4	80%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts-Minneapolis/St. Paul	202	96%	\$928,000	\$235,000	\$1,165

## Minnesota Private For-Profit Institutions

Participating Institutions	Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients	Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Receiving a Grant	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Received	Minnesota State Grants Received	Average Annual Award
McNally Smith College of Music	127	63%	\$785,000	\$391,000	\$3,078
Minneapolis Business College	192	77%	\$944,000	\$291,000	\$1,515
Minneapolis Media Institute	39	70%	\$233,000	\$92,000	\$2,364
Minnesota School of Barbering	8	73%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Minnesota School of Beauty	13	62%	\$52,000	\$15,000	\$1,151
Minnesota School of Business	1,187	84%	\$6,128,000	\$2,232,000	\$1,880
Minnesota School of Cosmetology	118	71%	\$574,000	\$145,000	\$1,227
Model College of Hair Design	58	65%	\$316,000	\$95,000	\$1,635
Moler Barber School of Hairstyling	39	87%	\$207,000	\$65,000	\$1,670
National American University	653	43%	\$2,572,000	\$679,000	\$1,040
Nova Academy of Cosmetology	64	97%	\$344,000	\$88,000	\$1,380
Park Avenue School of Cosmetology	73	50%	\$406,000	\$101,000	\$1,381
Professional Salon Academy	23	79%	\$120,000	\$33,000	\$1,451
Rasmussen College (Blaine)	351	73%	\$1,477,000	\$391,000	\$1,115
Rasmussen College (Brooklyn Park)	379	85%	\$1,662,000	\$473,000	\$1,249
Rasmussen College (Eagan)	330	74%	\$1,464,000	\$438,000	\$1,328
Rasmussen College (Lake Elmo)	195	62%	\$862,000	\$196,000	\$1,005
Rasmussen College (Mankato)	384	74%	\$1,821,000	\$451,000	\$1,174
Rasmussen College (Minnetonka)	286	79%	\$1,252,000	\$334,000	\$1,168



**Minnesota Private For-Profit Institutions**

Participating Institutions	Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients	Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Receiving a Grant	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Received	Minnesota State Grants Received	Average Annual Award
Rasmussen College (Moorhead)	120	75%	\$450,000	\$115,000	\$958
Rasmussen College (St. Cloud)	516	47%	\$2,404,000	\$690,000	\$1,337
Regency Beauty Institute (Blaine)	401	73%	\$2,215,000	\$556,000	\$1,386
Rochester School of Hair Design	24	65%	\$119,000	\$27,000	\$1,143
Sanford Brown College	109	82%	\$480,000	\$150,000	\$1,376.15
Transportation Center for Excellence	13	93%	\$28,000	\$9,000	\$657
University of Phoenix-Minnesota	18	64%	\$101,000	\$47,000	\$2,617
Sub-Total	7,809	71%	\$36,887,000	\$11,505,000	\$1,473

**All Institutions**

	Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients	Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Receiving a Grant	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Received	Minnesota State Grants Received	Average Annual Award
Total	95,324	59%	\$437,277,000	\$177,033,000	\$1,857

\*Award amounts for institutions with fewer than 10 recipients are reported as zero.  
Totals include amounts for all institutions.