



# Minnesota State Grant End-of-Year Statistics Fiscal Year 2018

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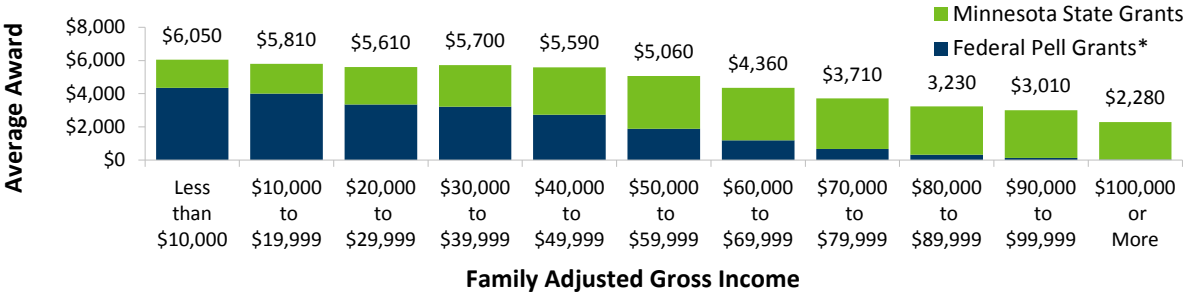
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# Executive Summary

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**Average Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grant Award Received, by Family Adjusted Gross Income, Fiscal Year 2018**

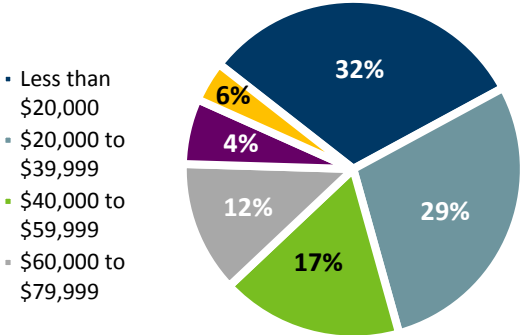


\*Includes only Federal Pell Grants received by Minnesota State Grant recipients

## Report Highlights:

- The Minnesota State Grant primarily assists low-income students. In Fiscal Year 2018, 61% of State Grant recipients had a family adjusted gross income of less than \$40,000.

**FY2018 State Grant Recipients by Family Adjusted Gross Income**



- Most State Grant recipients attended a public university. In Fiscal Year 2018, 63% of recipients attended a Minnesota State College or University, 15% attended the University of Minnesota, and 22% attended a private college.
- In academic year 2016-2017, Minnesota ranked 17th in financial aid spending per full-time equivalent undergraduate.

# Introduction

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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.

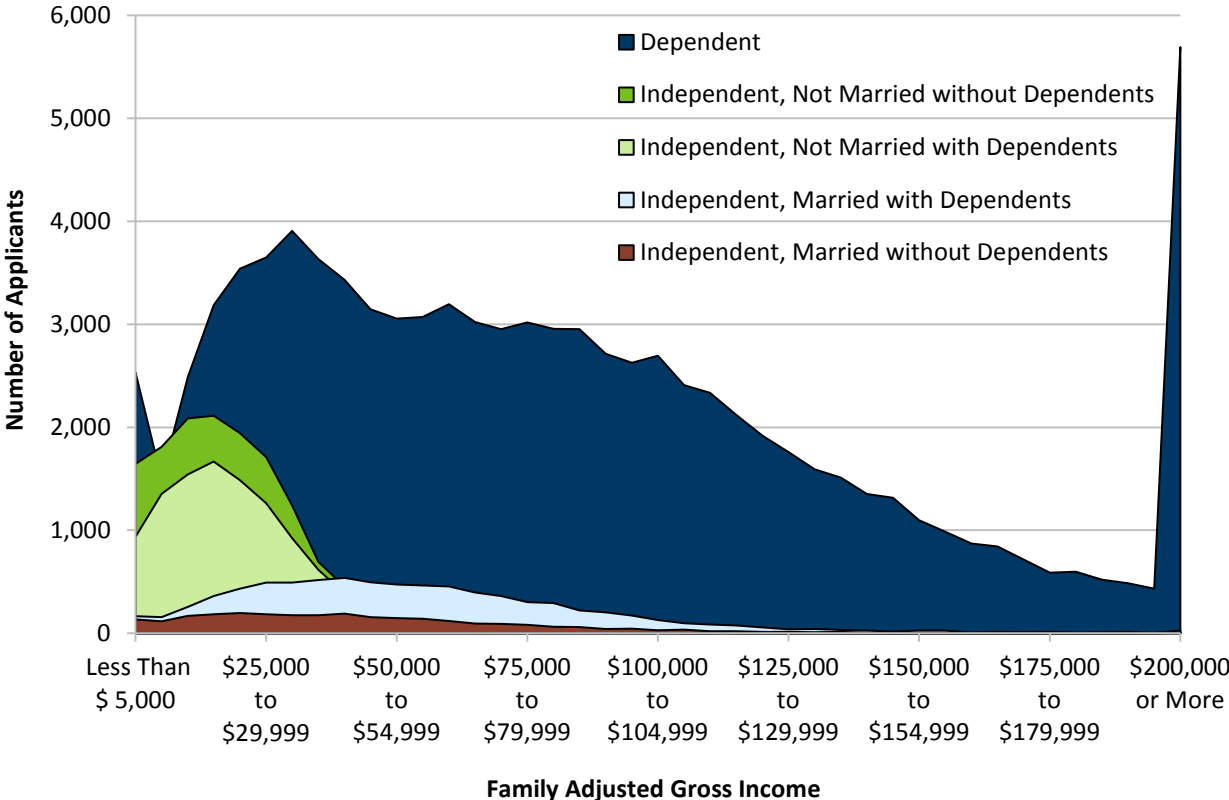
This report contains data on the number and dollar amounts of Minnesota State Grants received by Minnesota undergraduate students for Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018). Minnesota State Grants are coordinated with federal Pell Grants, therefore, in addition to reporting on State Grant awards, this report includes tables and graphs with 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 October 1, 2018. The totals may differ slightly from other documents published by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education made before or after this date.

# 1. Fiscal Year 2018 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, which utilizes the student’s and parents’ financial resources to determine their 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.

**Figure 1. Minnesota Undergraduate Applicants Eligible for a Minnesota State Grant, by Income and Family Type, Fiscal Year 2018**



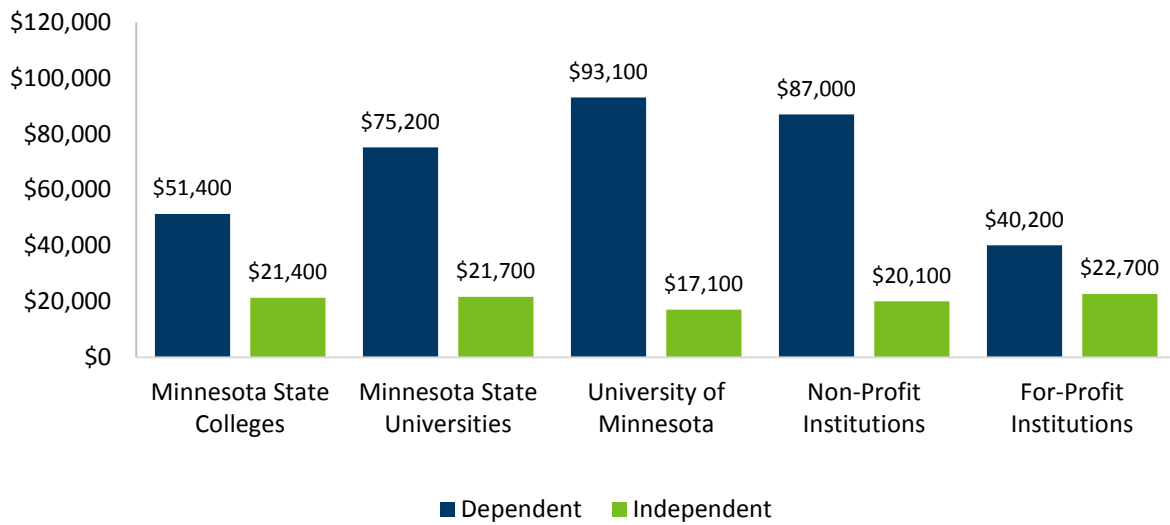
For Fiscal Year 2018 (academic year 2017-2018), 135,969 students completed the FAFSA and met eligibility requirements for a Minnesota State Grant. As compared to the prior year, total applications declined by seven percent. Seventy percent of applicants were dependent students. The remaining 30% of applicants were independent students. As shown in Figure 1, applicants who were dependent students are represented fairly evenly across all family adjusted gross incomes. Independent students

display a smaller range of family adjusted gross incomes, with 74% of independent students reporting incomes less than \$35,000.

## 1.1 Income Profile of Applicants by Dependency Status

Across all types of institutions, independent students had lower median family incomes (\$21,300) than dependent students (\$72,000). Independent students enrolled at the University of Minnesota had the lowest median family income (\$17,100) (Table 1, Figure 2). Dependent students enrolled in private for-profit institutions had lower median family incomes (\$40,200) compared to those enrolled in private non-profit institutions (\$87,000) or the University of Minnesota (\$93,100) (Figure 2, Table 1).

**Figure 2. Median Family Adjusted Gross Income, by Sector  
Fiscal Year 2018 State Grant Applicants**



**Table 1. Median and Mean Family Adjusted Gross Income of Students,  
by Institution Sector and Dependency Status, Fiscal Year 2018**

Sector	Student Type	Median Income	Mean Income	Count
Minnesota State Colleges	Dependent	\$51,400	\$62,400	32,405
Minnesota State Colleges	Independent	\$21,400	\$26,800	27,134
Minnesota State Colleges	Total	\$31,900	\$46,100	59,539
Minnesota State Universities	Dependent	\$75,200	\$85,100	19,800
Minnesota State Universities	Independent	\$21,700	\$32,000	4,478
Minnesota State Universities	Total	\$62,800	\$75,300	24,278
University of Minnesota	Dependent	\$93,100	\$109,700	21,591
University of Minnesota	Independent	\$17,100	\$25,400	1,575
University of Minnesota	Total	\$87,300	\$104,000	23,166
Non-Profit Colleges	Dependent	\$87,000	\$108,200	20,472
Non-Profit Colleges	Independent	\$20,100	\$31,100	3,457
Non-Profit Colleges	Total	\$75,900	\$97,100	23,929
For-Profit Colleges	Dependent	\$40,200	\$48,700	1,442
For-Profit Colleges	Independent	\$22,700	\$27,000	3,615
For-Profit Colleges	Total	\$25,900	\$33,200	5,057
Total	Dependent Students	\$72,000	\$87,300	95,710
Total	Independent Students	\$21,300	\$27,700	40,259
Total	All Students	\$49,300	\$69,700	135,969

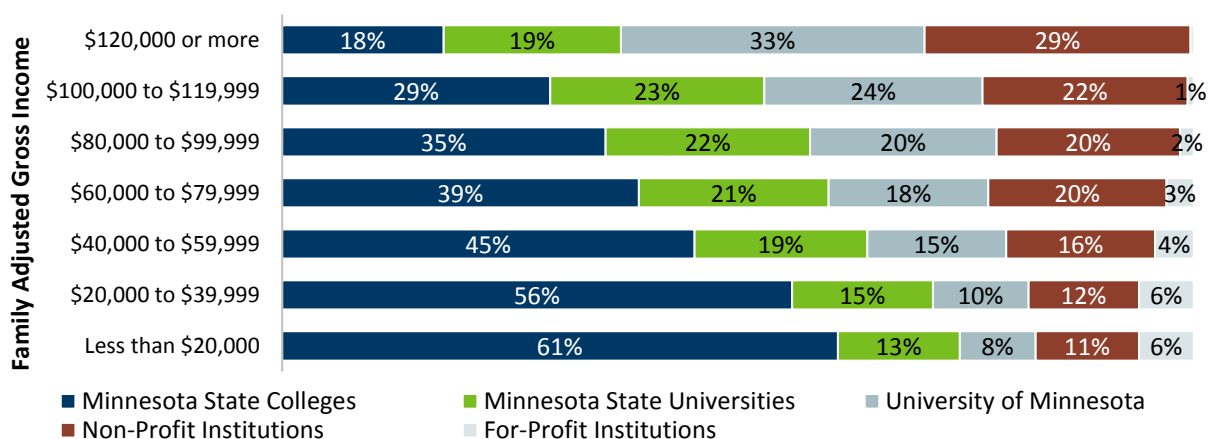


## 1.2 Enrollment Profile of Applicants by Income

As family income increases, the percent of students enrolled in public two-year institutions or private for profit institutions declined. 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 (\$87,000 among all students) among Minnesota postsecondary sectors (Table 1). Among 2018 applicants from families with incomes below \$20,000, 61% enrolled in a Minnesota State College and 13% enrolled at a State University (Figure 3).

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 two-year colleges, regardless of the student’s academic aspirations or abilities. The State Grant program provides funds to lower- and middle-income students to attend the institution of their choosing.

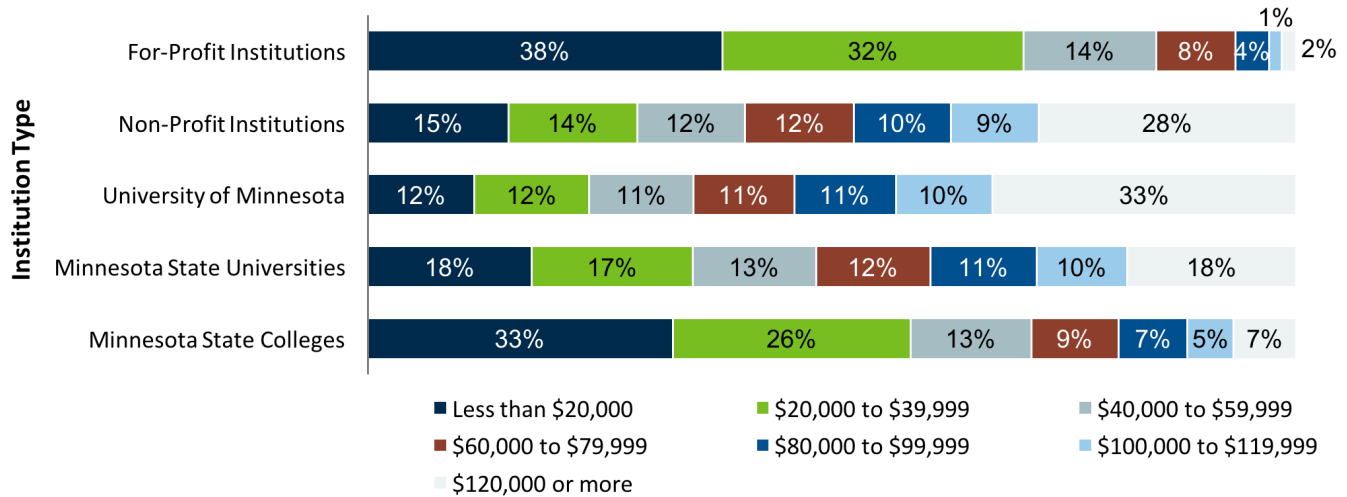
**Figure 3. Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Enrolled, by Income and Institution Type, Fiscal Year 2018**



## 1.3 Income Profile of Applicants by Sector

Among all state grant applicants, students from families with incomes below \$20,000 comprised 33% of applicants enrolled in Minnesota State Colleges, a higher percentage than Minnesota State Universities (18%), the University of Minnesota (12%), and private non-profit institutions (15%). Only private for-profit institutions had a comparable percentage of lower income students enrolled (38%) (Figure 4, Table 2).

**Figure 4. Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Enrolled, by Institution Sector and Income, Fiscal Year 2018**



**Table 2. Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants, by Income and Institution Sector, All Applicants, Fiscal Year 2018**

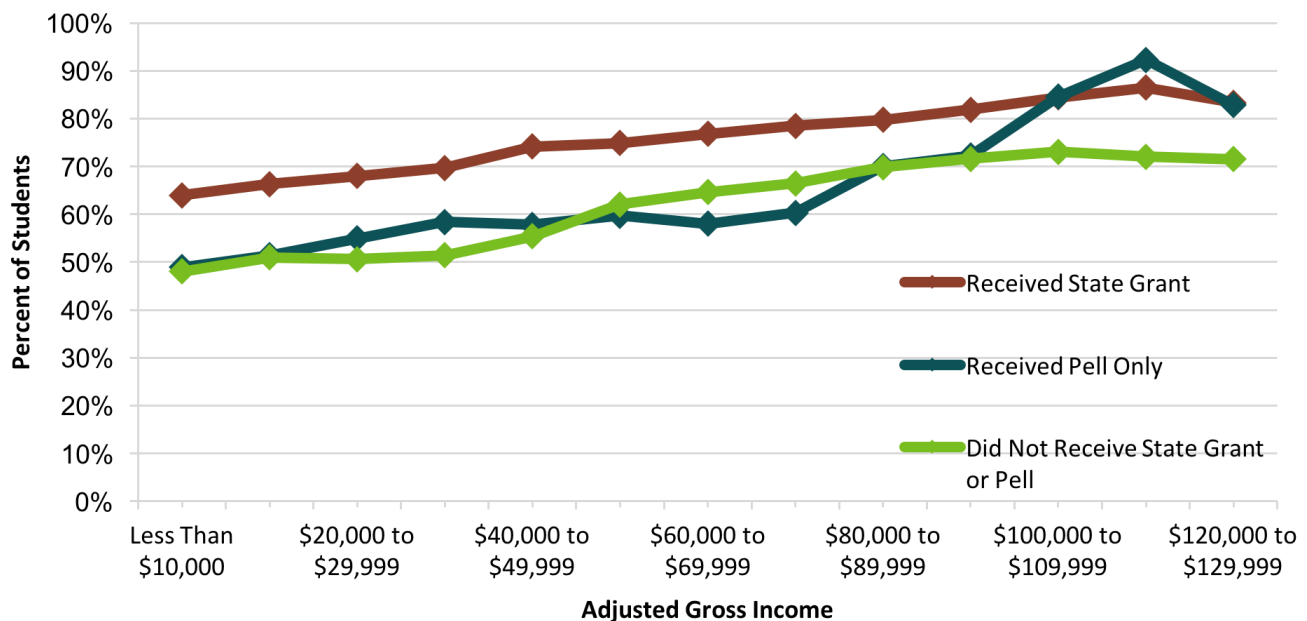
Sector	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000 to \$39,999	\$40,000 to \$59,999	\$60,000 to \$79,999	\$80,000 to \$99,999	\$100,000 to \$119,999	\$120,000 or more	Total Applicants
Minnesota State Colleges	33%	26%	13%	9%	7%	5%	7%	100%
Minnesota State Universities	18%	17%	13%	12%	11%	10%	18%	100%
University of Minnesota	12%	12%	11%	11%	11%	10%	33%	100%
Non-Profit Institutions	15%	14%	12%	12%	10%	9%	28%	100%
For-Profit Institutions	38%	32%	14%	8%	4%	1%	2%	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 1.4 Following Up on Outcomes for State Grant Applicants

Persistence is defined as continued enrollment from one semester or year to the next at any institution. Maximizing persistence among Minnesota undergraduates is a key strategy to achieving the state’s goal of 70% of Minnesotans aged 25 to 44 attaining a postsecondary degree or certificate by 2025. Also, higher education is never affordable unless you complete, which requires students to persist in coursework. The Office of Higher Education examined fiscal year 2017 State Grant Applicants and analyzed enrollment and degrees conferred in 2018 to determine whether students had re-enrolled in 2018 or graduated in 2017.

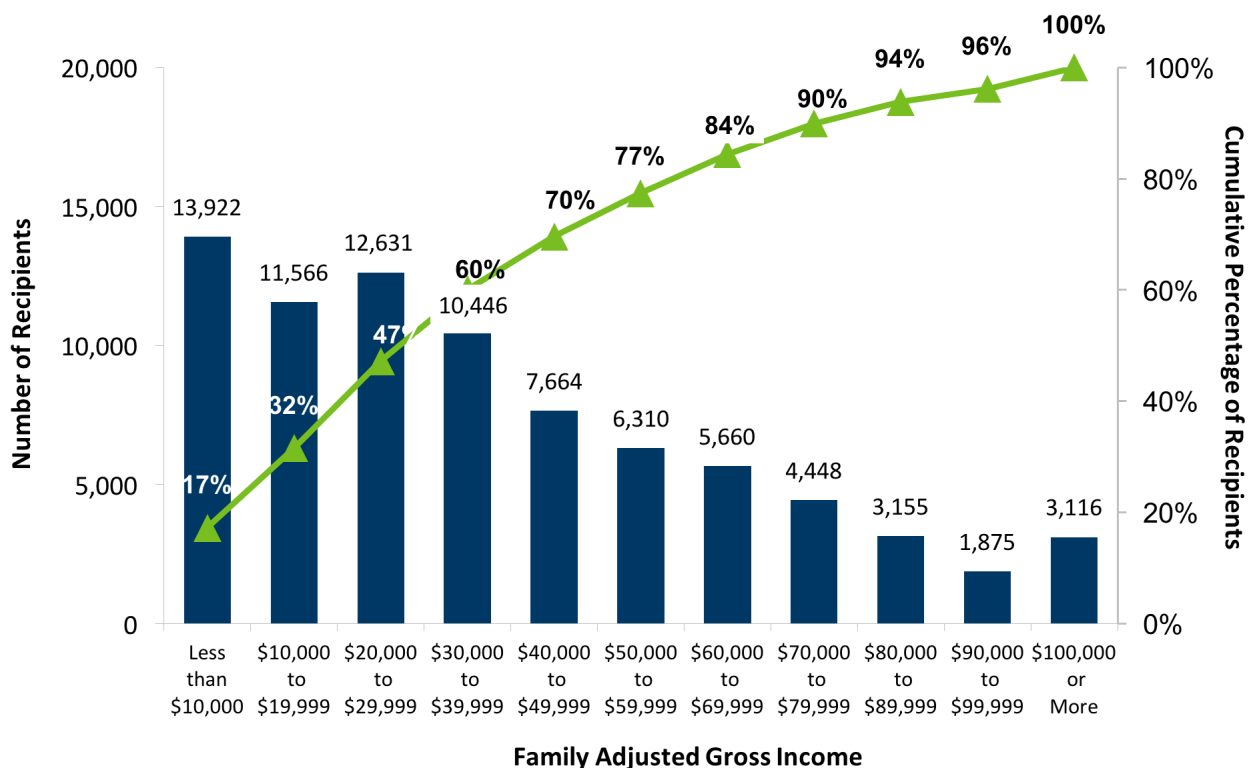
Among all 2016-2017 State Grant applicants in fall term (125,287 students), 69% either enrolled again in academic year 2017-2018 or had graduated by June 30, 2017. As shown in Figure 5, persistence varied by family adjusted gross income and whether the applicant received a State Grant, a Pell Grant only, or neither. Overall, among students who did receive a State Grant, the percentage of students who did not re-enroll at a Minnesota institution or graduate was lower (29% across all incomes) than those who received Pell only (44% across all incomes) and those who received neither grant (30% across all incomes).

**Figure 5. Percent of Students Re-Enrolling or Graduating from 2017 to 2018, by Receipt of State Grant and Family Adjusted Gross Income**



## 2. Fiscal Year 2018 Recipients

Figure 6. Number and Cumulative Percentage of Minnesota State Grant Recipients, Fiscal Year 2018

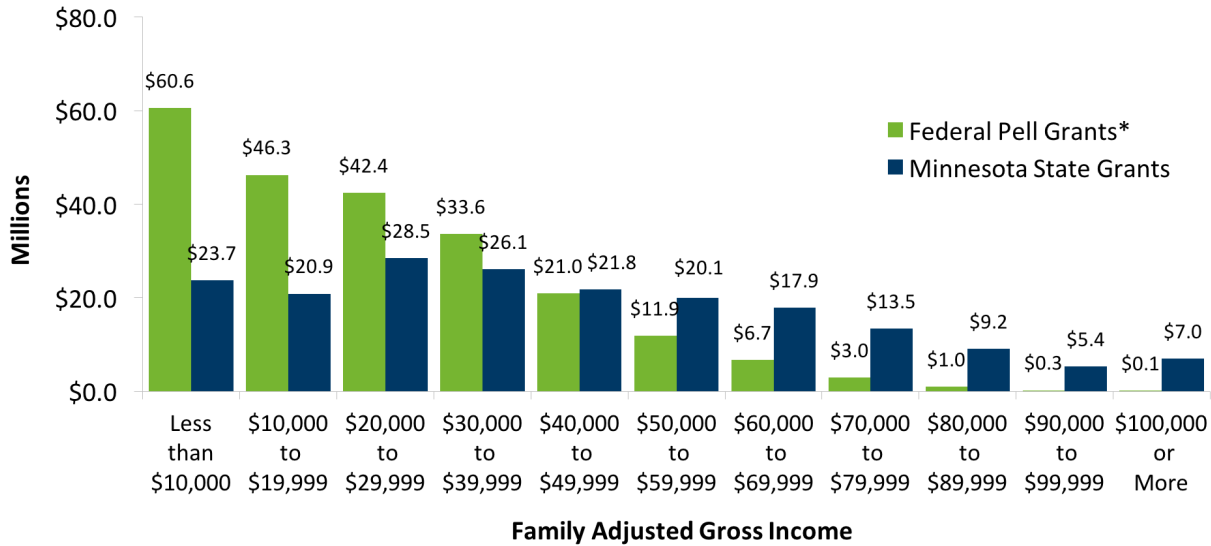


The Minnesota State Grant is based solely on financial need. However, students must continue to make satisfactory academic progress in their degree or certificate programs in order to continue to receive the award. During Fiscal Year 2018, \$194 million in State Grants were awarded to 80,793 students. Minnesota targets State Grant awards to students and families with lower incomes. Figure 6 illustrates the income distribution of the Fiscal Year 2018 grant recipients. Forty-seven percent of students reported annual family adjusted gross incomes of less than \$30,000. Of the \$194 million in Minnesota State Grants awarded in Fiscal Year 2018, \$23.7 million was awarded to students from families earning less than \$10,000, adjusted gross income (Figure 7).

**Student Profile:** Christina M. - Senior, Winona State University

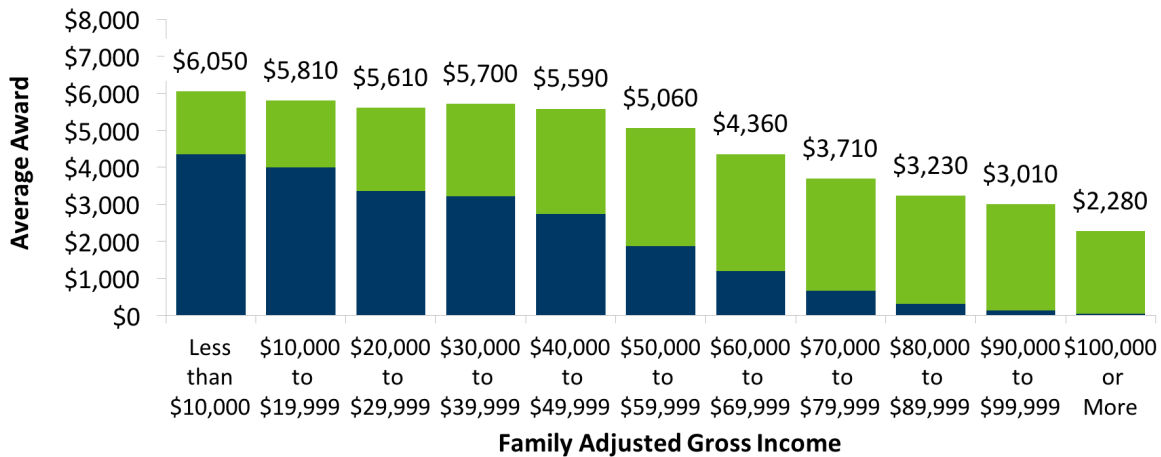
Christina is graduating this May with a Political Science, Spanish and Public Administration Major. She serves in a student leadership role, making it difficult to work during the school year, but she does work in the summer to help cover college costs. Because Christina pays the cost of college herself, she said that receiving the State Grant takes a tremendous burden off her shoulders, allowing her to focus on her studies and graduate in four years.

**Figure 7. Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grant Awards Received, by Family Adjusted Gross Income, Fiscal Year 2018**



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

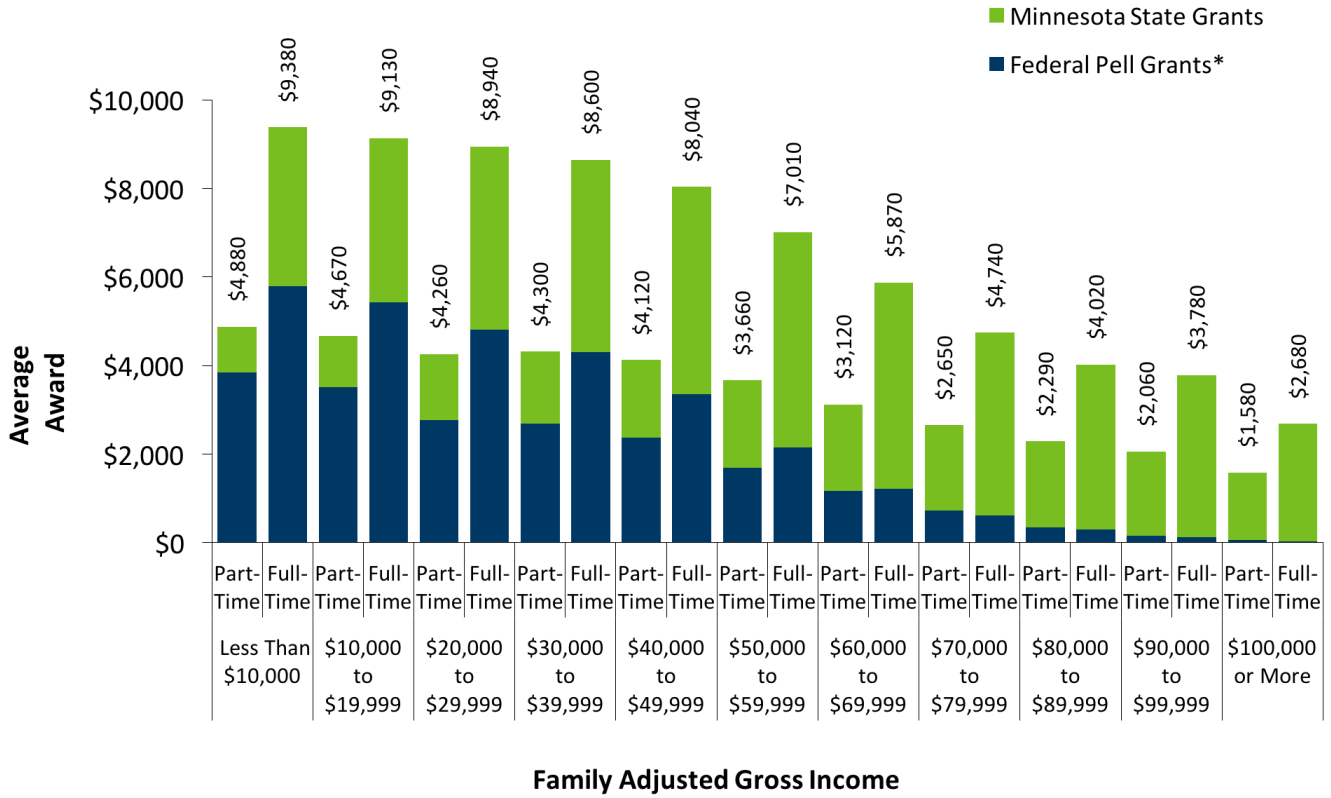
**Figure 8. Average Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grant Award Received, by Family Adjusted Gross Income, Fiscal Year 2018**



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Calculations for the Minnesota State Grant take into account the student’s Federal Pell Grant award. Figure 8 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 (\$6,050). Figure 9 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.

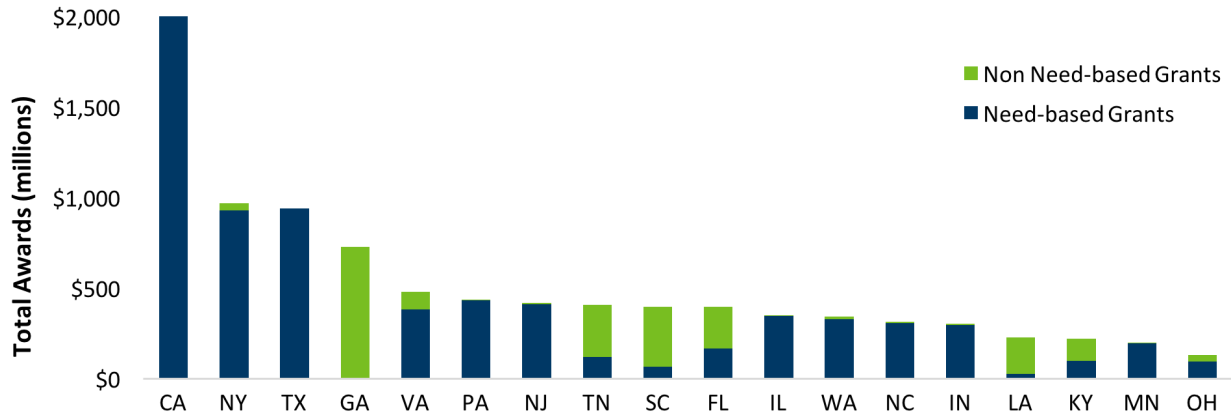
**Figure 9. Average Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grant Award Received by State Grant Recipients, by Full-Time/Part-Time Status, Fiscal Year 2018**



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### 3. Comparisons with Other States

**Figure 10. Minnesota ranks 17th in State Grant Funding to Undergraduates  
Includes Need-Based and Non Need-Based Grants, 2016-2017**

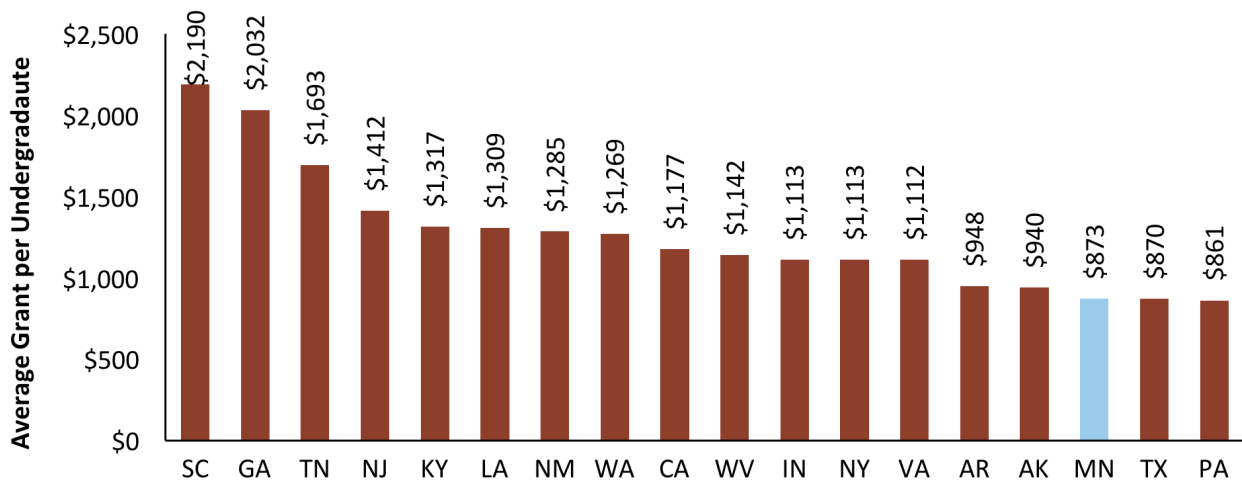


Source: National Association for State Student Grant & Aid Programs annual survey (2016-2017)

For the 2016-2017 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 (2018). The state ranks 11th when only need-based grant aid is considered.

The state grant spending per full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate places Minnesota 16th among all other states. Minnesota spends an average of \$873 per FTE undergraduate as compared to the top-spending state, South Carolina (\$2,190), according to the 2016-2017 annual survey of the National Association of State Student Grant & Aid Programs (Figure 11).

**Figure 11. Minnesota spends \$873 per Full-time Equivalent Undergraduate -  
Includes Need-based and Non-Need-Based Grants, 2016-2017**

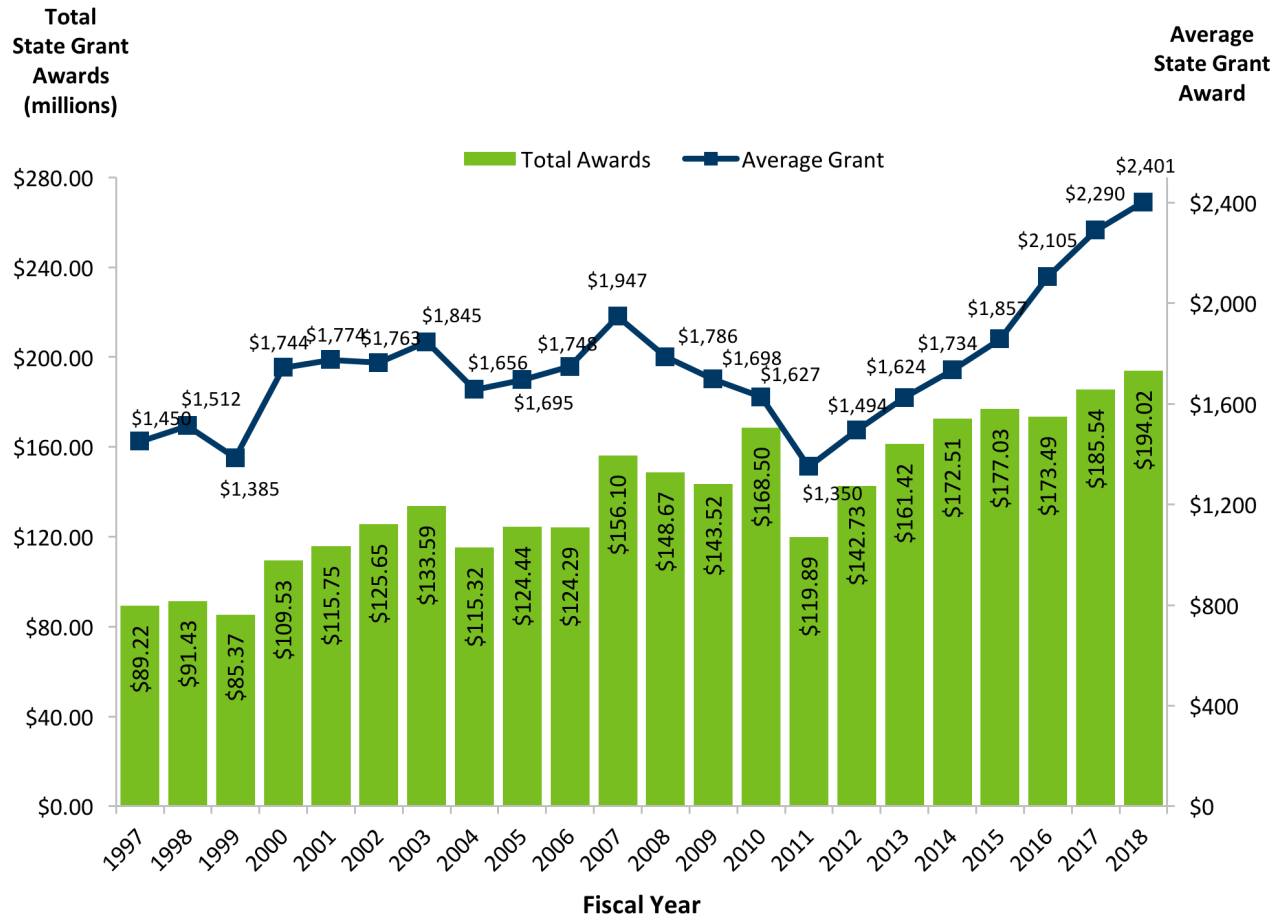


Source: National Association for State Student Grant & Aid Programs annual survey (2016-2017)

# 4. State Grants 1997-2018

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

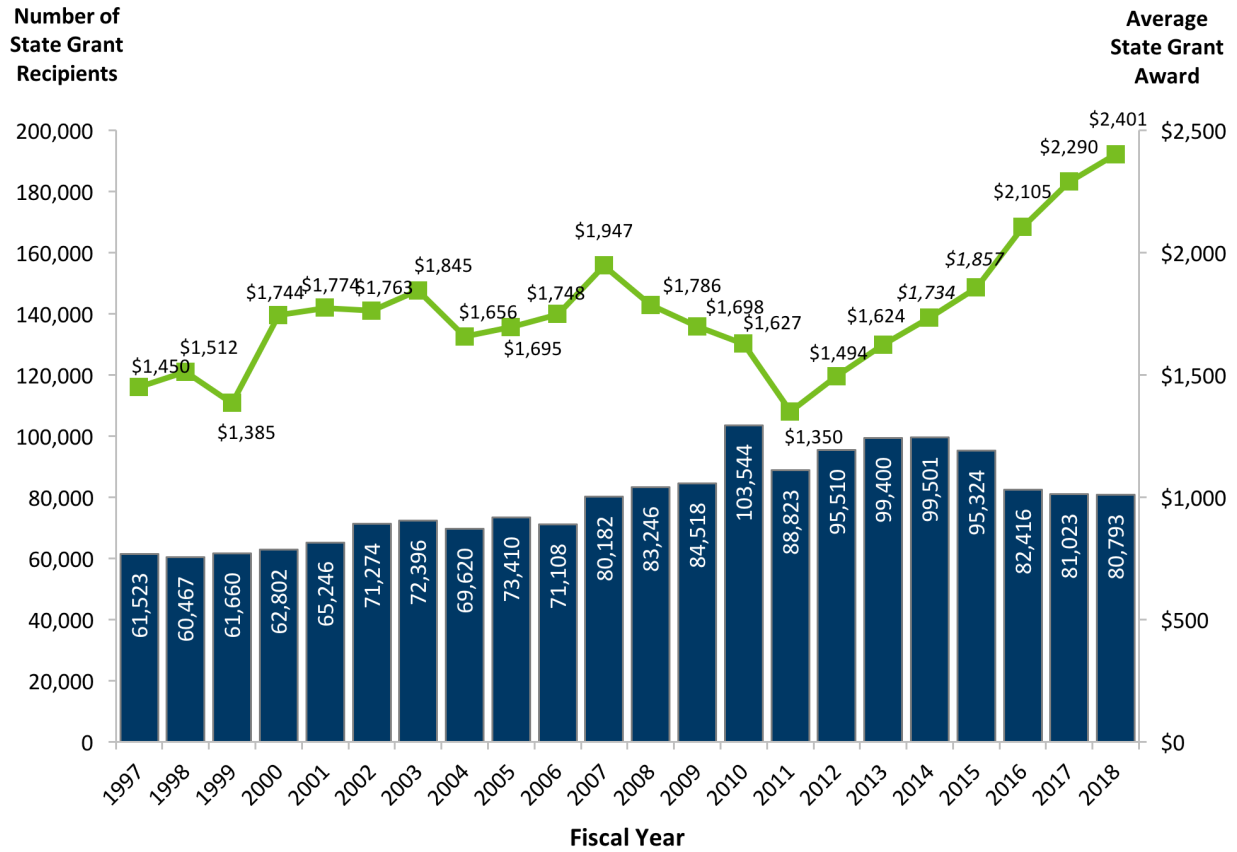
**Figure 12. Average Minnesota State Awards and Total Awards Over Time  
Fiscal Years 1997-2018**



Source: Minnesota Office of Higher Education, 2018.



**Figure 13. Average Minnesota State Awards and Number of Recipients Over Time - Fiscal Years 1997-2018**



Source: Minnesota Office of Higher Education, 2018.

## 5. 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 Recipients, by Type of Institution, Fiscal Year 2018**

Type of Institution Attended	Number of Recipients	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	Minnesota State Grants (millions)
Minnesota State Colleges	35,421 (44%)	\$136.59	\$33.87 (17%)
Minnesota State Universities	15,099 (19%)	\$77.69	\$34.01 (18%)
University of Minnesota	12,139 (15%)	\$87.42	\$57.16 (29%)
Minnesota Private Non-Profit Institutions	14,097 (17%)	\$101.47	\$63.91 (33%)
Minnesota Private For-Profit Institutions	4,037 (5%)	\$17.75	\$5.07 (3%)
Total	80,793 (100%)	\$420.93	\$194.02 (100%)

**Student Profile: Griffen H. - Freshman, Bemidji State University**

*Griffen is in his first year at Bemidji State University, pursuing a major in Business Management. He attends full time and works several hours a week to help pay the cost of college. Both Griffen and his parents say he would not be able to go to school without the State Grant.*

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. Minnesota State Colleges). Students with higher-than-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 (\$5,790) than the maximum tuition and fees allowed for four-year programs (\$14,488). 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 students enrolled at other institutions.

**Table 4. All Minnesota State Grant Recipients, Minnesota State Grant Statistics, Fiscal Year 2018**

**Adjusted Gross Income of Less than \$10,000**

	<b>All Institutions</b>	<b>Minnesota State Two-Year Colleges</b>	<b>Minnesota State Four-Year Universities</b>	<b>University of Minnesota</b>	<b>Private Non-Profit Institutions</b>	<b>Private For-Profit Institutions</b>
Number of Recipients	13,922	7,616	2,223	1,413	1,882	788
Combined Minnesota State and Federal Pell Grants (millions)	\$84.29	\$34.80	\$14.72	\$13.70	\$16.85	\$4.22
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$23.70	\$4.59	\$3.99	\$6.70	\$7.66	\$0.75

**Adjusted Gross Income of \$10,000 to \$19,999**

	<b>All Institutions</b>	<b>Minnesota State Two-Year Colleges</b>	<b>Minnesota State Four-Year Universities</b>	<b>University of Minnesota</b>	<b>Private Non-Profit Institutions</b>	<b>Private For-Profit Institutions</b>
Number of Recipients	11,566	6,416	1,915	1,073	1,410	752
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$67.17	\$28.15	\$12.24	\$10.40	\$12.67	\$3.70
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$17.14	\$4.86	\$3.76	\$5.33	\$6.16	\$0.78

**Adjusted Gross Income of \$20,000 to \$29,999**

	<b>All Institutions</b>	<b>Minnesota State Two-Year Colleges</b>	<b>Minnesota State Four-Year Universities</b>	<b>University of Minnesota</b>	<b>Private Non-Profit Institutions</b>	<b>Private For-Profit Institutions</b>
Number of Recipients	12,631	6,834	2,073	1,318	1,562	844
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$70.86	\$27.24	\$12.67	\$13.03	\$14.14	\$3.78
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$28.46	\$7.95	\$4.71	\$7.07	\$7.51	\$1.23

**Adjusted Gross Income of \$30,000 to \$39,999**

	<b>All Institutions</b>	<b>Minnesota State Two-Year Colleges</b>	<b>Minnesota State Four-Year Universities</b>	<b>University of Minnesota</b>	<b>Private Non-Profit Institutions</b>	<b>Private For-Profit Institutions</b>
Number of Recipients	10,446	5,036	1,982	1,349	1,508	571
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$59.74	\$19.54	\$11.86	\$12.58	\$13.26	\$2.51
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$26.14	\$5.67	\$4.80	\$7.32	\$7.49	\$0.86

**Adjusted Gross Income of \$40,000 to \$49,999**

	<b>All Institutions</b>	<b>Minnesota State Two-Year Colleges</b>	<b>Minnesota State Four-Year Universities</b>	<b>University of Minnesota</b>	<b>Private Non-Profit Institutions</b>	<b>Private For-Profit Institutions</b>
Number of Recipients	7,664	3,161	1,624	1,233	1,285	361
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$42.81	\$11.42	\$8.76	\$10.32	\$10.89	\$1.43
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$21.80	\$3.49	\$4.22	\$6.77	\$6.83	\$0.50

**Adjusted Gross Income of \$50,000 to \$59,999**

	<b>All Institutions</b>	<b>Minnesota State Two-Year Colleges</b>	<b>Minnesota State Four-Year Universities</b>	<b>University of Minnesota</b>	<b>Private Non-Profit Institutions</b>	<b>Private For-Profit Institutions</b>
Number of Recipients	6,310	2,303	1,351	1,130	1,268	258
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$31.94	\$6.97	\$6.19	\$8.17	\$9.65	\$0.95
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$20.05	\$2.68	\$3.74	\$6.31	\$6.95	\$0.37

**Adjusted Gross Income of \$60,000 to \$69,999**

	<b>All Institutions</b>	<b>Minnesota State Two-Year Colleges</b>	<b>Minnesota State Four-Year Universities</b>	<b>University of Minnesota</b>	<b>Private Non-Profit Institutions</b>	<b>Private For-Profit Institutions</b>
Number of Recipients	5,660	1,865	1,249	1,082	1,264	200
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$24.68	\$4.59	\$4.72	\$6.52	\$8.23	\$0.62
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$17.94	\$2.19	\$3.23	\$5.60	\$6.64	\$0.27

**Adjusted Gross Income of \$70,000 to \$79,999**

	<b>All Institutions</b>	<b>Minnesota State Two-Year Colleges</b>	<b>Minnesota State Four-Year Universities</b>	<b>University of Minnesota</b>	<b>Private Non-Profit Institutions</b>	<b>Private For-Profit Institutions</b>
Number of Recipients	4,448	1,114	1,067	991	1,144	132
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$16.49	\$2.30	\$3.18	\$4.73	\$5.97	\$0.31
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$13.50	\$1.30	\$2.49	\$4.29	\$5.25	\$0.17

**Adjusted Gross Income of \$80,000 to \$89,999**

	<b>All Institutions</b>	<b>Minnesota State Two-Year Colleges</b>	<b>Minnesota State Four-Year Universities</b>	<b>University of Minnesota</b>	<b>Private Non-Profit Institutions</b>	<b>Private For-Profit Institutions</b>
Number of Recipients	3,155	601	694	857	936	67
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$10.18	\$1.00	\$1.86	\$3.22	\$3.97	\$0.14
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$9.17	\$0.69	\$1.61	\$3.10	\$3.69	\$0.08

**Adjusted Gross Income of \$90,000 to \$99,999**

	<b>All Institutions</b>	<b>Minnesota State Two-Year Colleges</b>	<b>Minnesota State Four-Year Universities</b>	<b>University of Minnesota</b>	<b>Private Non-Profit Institutions</b>	<b>Private For-Profit Institutions</b>
Number of Recipients	1,875	287	421	523	600	44
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$5.64	\$0.38	\$0.84	\$1.94	\$2.42	\$0.06
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$5.38	\$0.29	\$0.81	\$1.89	\$2.35	\$0.05

**Adjusted Gross Income of \$100,000 or more**

	<b>All Institutions</b>	<b>Minnesota State Two-Year Colleges</b>	<b>Minnesota State Four-Year Universities</b>	<b>University of Minnesota</b>	<b>Private Non-Profit Institutions</b>	<b>Private For-Profit Institutions</b>
Number of Recipients	3,116	188	500	1,170	1,238	20
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$7.12	\$0.20	\$0.67	\$2.80	\$3.42	\$0.03
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$6.99	\$0.15	\$0.65	\$2.79	\$3.37	\$0.03



**Total**

	<b>All Institutions</b>	<b>Minnesota State Two-Year Colleges</b>	<b>Minnesota State Four-Year Universities</b>	<b>University of Minnesota</b>	<b>Private Non-Profit Institutions</b>	<b>Private For-Profit Institutions</b>
Number of Recipients	80,793	35,421	15,099	12,139	14,097	4,037
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$420.93	\$136.59	\$77.69	\$87.42	\$101.47	\$17.75
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$194.02	\$33.87	\$34.01	\$57.16	\$63.91	\$5.07

## 6. 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 and were 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 2018  
All State Grant Recipients**

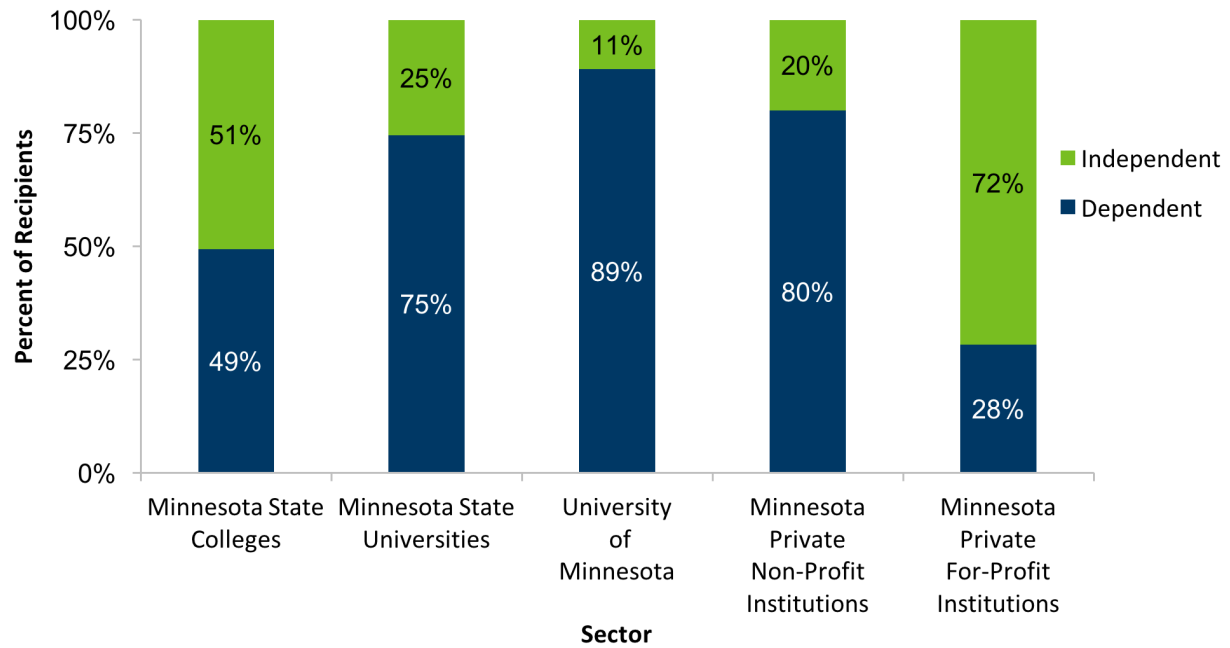
Family Status	Number of Recipients	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	Minnesota State Grants (millions)
Dependent Students	51,975	\$296.44	\$153.47
Married Independent Students with Dependents (Children)	5,082	\$21.14	\$5.00
Unmarried Independent Students with Dependents (Children)	8,733	\$40.37	\$7.42
Married Independent Students with No Dependents	1,700	\$6.94	\$3.51
Unmarried Independent Students with No Dependents	13,303	\$56.05	\$24.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,793</b>	<b>\$420.93</b>	<b>\$194.02</b>

**Student Profile:** *Monique R., Senior, St. Olaf College & Sophia R., Freshman, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities*

*Monique, a double major in economics and psychology, made a deal with her parents that they would each contribute equally to the cost of her education. For the first three years of college, Monique did not qualify for the State Grant, requiring her to rely heavily on student loans. When her sister, Sophia, started at the University of Minnesota’s Carlson School of Management this year, both sisters began receiving the State Grant. This is possible because families with multiple children enrolled in college at the same time have a lower Expected Family Contribution than families with just one student in college. They say that without the State Grant, they would leave college with significantly more debt.*

The profile of students enrolling by institution type varies. The majority of grant recipients enrolling at Minnesota State Universities, the University of Minnesota and private non-profit institutions are dependent students, as shown in Figure 14.

**Figure 14. Percent of State Grant Recipients by Dependency Status and Institution Type, Fiscal Year 2018**



## 7. 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 at least 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 (25.86) than independent students (18.87-21.13), as shown in Table 6. Recipients from families with an adjusted gross income of \$100,000 or more register for more credits annually on average (28.51) than lower income recipients (Table 7).

**Table 6. Minnesota State Grant Statistics, Fiscal Year 2018**  
**All State Grant Recipients**

Family Status	Number of Recipients	Average Annual Credit Load
Dependent Students	51,975	25.86
Married Independent Students with Dependents (Children)	5,082	19.78
Unmarried Independent Students with Dependents (Children)	8,733	18.87
Married Independent Students with No Other Dependents	1,700	21.13
Unmarried Independent Students with No Dependents	13,303	20.21
Total	80,793	23.69

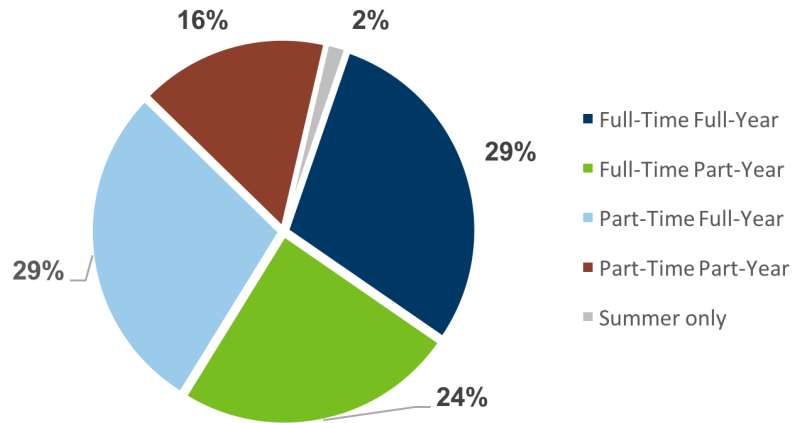
**Table 7. Minnesota State Grant Statistics, Fiscal Year 2018  
All State Grant Recipients**

<b>Adjusted Gross Income</b>	<b>Number of Recipients</b>	<b>Average Annual Credit Load</b>
Less Than \$10,000	13,922	21.80
\$10,000 to \$19,999	11,566	21.69
\$20,000 to \$29,999	12,631	22.13
\$30,000 to \$39,999	10,446	23.21
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7,664	24.24
\$50,000 to \$59,999	6,310	25.18
\$60,000 to \$69,999	5,660	26.08
\$70,000 to \$79,999	4,448	26.82
\$80,000 to \$89,999	3,155	27.28
\$90,000 to \$99,999	1,875	27.52
\$100,000 or More	3,116	28.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,793</b>	<b>23.69</b>

Figures 15 and 16 display the percent of recipients by the number of credits enrolled per term as follows:

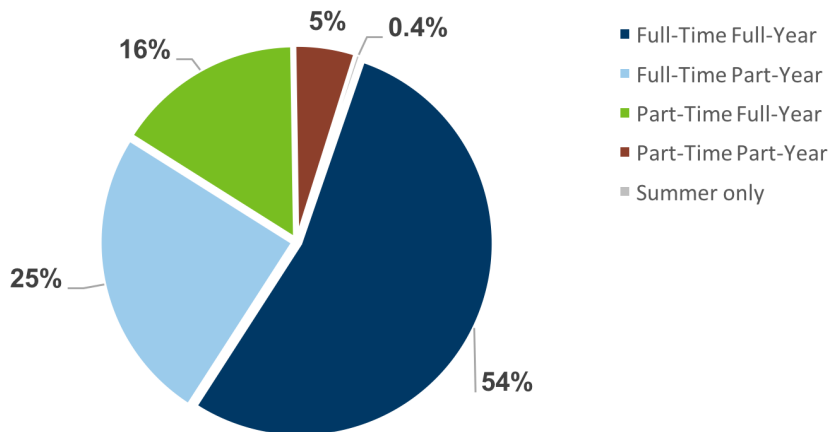
- Full-Time, Full-Year: Recipients who registered for 15 or more credits during both fall and spring terms if a semester-based calendar is used; OR registered for 15 or more credits during fall, winter and spring terms if a quarter-based calendar is used.
- Full-Time, Part-Year: Recipients who registered for 15 or more credits during either fall and spring terms if a semester-based calendar is used; OR registered for 15 or more credits during either fall, winter or spring terms if a 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 a semester-based calendar is used; OR registered for fewer than 15 credits during fall, winter and spring terms if a quarter-based calendar is used.
- Part-Time, Part-Year: Recipients who registered for fewer than 15 credits during either fall and spring terms if a semester-based calendar is used; OR registered for fewer than 15 credits during either fall, winter or spring terms if a 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.

**Figure 15. Enrollment Patterns of State Grant Recipients, Fiscal Year 2018**



Approximately 29% of all State Grant recipients were enrolled full-time for both fall and spring semesters (or the equivalent quarter terms). An additional 24% of recipients registered for 15 or more credits in either fall or spring term. Forty-five percent of recipients were enrolled for fewer than 15 credits. An additional two percent of recipients enrolled in summer term only (Figure 15).

**Figure 16. Percent of State Grant Dollars Received by Student Enrollment Level, Fiscal Year 2018, All State Grant Recipients**



State Grant awards calculated based on the enrollment level of the student. Students registered for fewer than 15 credits per semester will receive lower awards than students enrolled full time. Students enrolled full-time for both fall and spring semesters will receive a greater percentage of total State Grant funds compared to students enrolled for fewer credits annually. The majority of State Grant aid is received by students taking 15 or more credits in both fall and spring semesters (Full-Time Full-Year) (Figure 16).

## 8. 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.

The Minnesota Dream Act provides certain benefits to undocumented students with 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, this documentation is not currently required.

Students who meet this criterion 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 2018, a total of 485 students received State Grants pursuant to the Minnesota Dream Act, as shown in Table 13.

**Table 8. Number of Minnesota State Grants Recipients and Amount by Institution Awarded Under the Prosperity Act, Fiscal Year 2018**

Participating Institutions	Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients	Minnesota State Grants Received	Average Minnesota State Grant
Minnesota State Colleges	238	\$242,410	\$1,019
Minnesota State Universities	41	\$112,258	\$2,738
University of Minnesota	78	\$400,403	\$5,133
Minnesota Private Institutions	128	\$676,081	\$5,282
Total	485	\$1,431,152	\$2,951

## 9. Institution Level Data

### 9.1 Minnesota State Colleges

Participating Institutions	Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients	Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Receiving a State Grant	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Received	Minnesota State Grants Received	Average Minnesota State Grant
Alexandria Technical College	710	61%	\$2,949,000	\$961,600	\$1,354
Anoka Technical College	711	63%	\$2,638,700	\$808,700	\$1,137
Anoka-Ramsey Community College	2,128	52%	\$7,441,200	\$1,703,300	\$800
Central Lakes College	997	64%	\$4,086,500	\$1,066,800	\$1,070
Century College	2,947	58%	\$11,211,000	\$2,535,600	\$860
Dakota County Technical College	781	56%	\$3,226,900	\$1,118,700	\$1,432
Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College	355	66%	\$1,513,600	\$322,600	\$909
Hennepin Technical College	1,660	58%	\$6,062,600	\$1,619,200	\$975
Hibbing Community College	449	64%	\$1,985,100	\$508,000	\$1,131
Inver Hills Community College	1,174	53%	\$4,196,100	\$996,900	\$849



<b>Participating Institutions</b>	<b>Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients</b>	<b>Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Receiving a State Grant</b>	<b>Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Received</b>	<b>Minnesota State Grants Received</b>	<b>Average Minnesota State Grant</b>
Itasca Community College	378	57%	\$1,706,800	\$399,400	\$1,057
Lake Superior College	1,039	54%	\$3,797,400	\$964,300	\$928
Mesabi Range College	317	67%	\$1,519,600	\$368,400	\$1,162
Minneapolis Community & Technical College	2,986	62%	\$11,107,000	\$2,335,000	\$782
Minnesota State College-Southeast	463	58%	\$1,811,600	\$532,900	\$1,151
Minnesota State Community & Technical College	1,185	53%	\$4,662,600	\$1,224,900	\$1,034
Minnesota West Community & Technical College	701	70%	\$2,989,200	\$843,900	\$1,204
Normandale Community College	3,197	59%	\$12,124,800	\$3,007,100	\$941
North Hennepin Community College	2,117	58%	\$7,483,500	\$1,651,900	\$780
Northland Community & Technical College	486	53%	\$2,050,300	\$558,800	\$1,150
Northwest Technical College	297	57%	\$1,203,500	\$306,100	\$1,031
Pine Technical College	319	60%	\$1,246,600	\$267,600	\$839
Rainy River Community College	68	68%	\$310,700	\$86,200	\$1,267
Ridgewater College	1,313	63%	\$5,287,400	\$1,505,400	\$1,147

<b>Participating Institutions</b>	<b>Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients</b>	<b>Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Receiving a State Grant</b>	<b>Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Received</b>	<b>Minnesota State Grants Received</b>	<b>Average Minnesota State Grant</b>
Riverland Community College	816	65%	\$3,253,300	\$858,600	\$1,052
Rochester Community and Technical College	1,772	60%	\$6,571,700	\$1,699,600	\$959
South Central Technical College	1,335	66%	\$5,147,400	\$1,238,600	\$928
St. Cloud Technical College	1,788	55%	\$7,014,900	\$1,868,300	\$1,045
St. Paul College	2,756	72%	\$11,200,200	\$2,265,200	\$822
Vermilion Community College	176	64%	\$793,600	\$242,700	\$1,379
Sub-Total	35,421	59%	\$136,592,900	\$33,866,200	\$956

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

## 9.2 Minnesota State Universities

Participating Institutions	Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients	Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Receiving a State Grant	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Received	Minnesota State Grants Received	Average Minnesota State Grant
Bemidji State University	1,539	61%	\$7,731,300	\$3,483,900	\$2,264
Metropolitan State University	2,411	80%	\$10,861,000	\$3,897,400	\$1,617
Minnesota State University, Mankato	3,582	57%	\$18,967,900	\$8,539,700	\$2,384
Minnesota State University Moorhead	1,273	59%	\$6,562,900	\$3,098,300	\$2,434
Southwest Minnesota State University	746	65%	\$4,068,900	\$1,848,200	\$2,478
St. Cloud State University	3,660	65%	\$19,327,800	\$7,896,200	\$2,157
Winona State University	1,888	54%	\$10,167,400	\$5,245,100	\$2,778
Sub-Total	15,099	62%	\$77,687,300	\$34,008,900	\$2,252

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

## 9.3 University of Minnesota

Participating Institutions	Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients	Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Receiving a State Grant	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Received	Minnesota State Grants Received	Average Minnesota State Grant
University of Minnesota Crookston	524	63%	\$2,878,000	\$1,679,600	\$3,205
University of Minnesota Duluth	3,060	49%	\$20,241,000	\$13,346,000	\$4,361
University of Minnesota Morris	619	62%	\$4,424,700	\$2,755,600	\$4,452
University of Minnesota Twin Cities	7,936	53%	\$59,880,900	\$39,380,600	\$4,962
Sub-Total	12,139	52%	\$87,424,600	\$57,161,900	\$4,709

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

## 9.4 Minnesota Private Non-Profit Institutions

Participating Institutions	Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients	Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Receiving a State Grant	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Received	Minnesota State Grants Received	Average Minnesota State Grant
Augsburg College	1,135	72%	\$9,973,400	\$5,832,700	\$5,139
Bethany Lutheran College	232	75%	\$1,687,800	\$1,162,600	\$5,011
Bethel University	975	54%	\$6,942,300	\$4,696,600	\$4,817
Carleton College	80	36%	\$666,500	\$433,500	\$5,419
College of St. Benedict	647	49%	\$4,913,100	\$3,291,800	\$5,088
College of St. Scholastica	900	53%	\$6,469,700	\$4,374,000	\$4,860
Concordia College Moorhead	604	62%	\$4,160,700	\$2,976,500	\$4,928
Concordia University St. Paul	856	74%	\$5,700,400	\$3,599,700	\$4,205
Crown College	214	68%	\$1,672,200	\$1,040,800	\$4,863
Dunwoody College of Technology	607	89%	\$2,848,800	\$1,298,100	\$2,139
Gustavus Adolphus College	787	55%	\$5,981,700	\$4,045,300	\$5,140
Hamline University	962	59%	\$7,711,900	\$4,957,200	\$5,153
Herzing University	205	89%	\$1,164,000	\$552,900	\$2,697

<b>Participating Institutions</b>	<b>Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients</b>	<b>Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Receiving a State Grant</b>	<b>Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Received</b>	<b>Minnesota State Grants Received</b>	<b>Average Minnesota State Grant</b>
Leech Lake Tribal College	88	77%	\$412,000	\$51,400	\$584
Macalester College	124	49%	\$1,031,200	\$671,300	\$5,414
Martin Luther College	66	69%	\$500,300	\$354,900	\$5,378
Minneapolis College of Art and Design	198	74%	\$1,674,200	\$1,069,800	\$5,403
North Central University	300	65%	\$2,370,700	\$1,534,700	\$5,116
Northwestern Health Sciences University	34	61%	\$137,900	\$61,900	\$1,820
Northwestern University	676	55%	\$4,818,800	\$3,223,500	\$4,768
Oak Hills Christian College	44	83%	\$347,500	\$184,800	\$4,199
Presentation College	27	96%	\$203,500	\$117,000	\$4,333
St. Catherine University	1,192	69%	\$8,496,800	\$4,809,200	\$4,035
St. John's University	479	44%	\$3,366,400	\$2,302,300	\$4,806
St. Mary's University of Minnesota	310	59%	\$2,250,200	\$1,435,600	\$4,631
St. Olaf College	438	45%	\$3,396,000	\$2,366,200	\$5,402

<b>Participating Institutions</b>	<b>Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients</b>	<b>Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Receiving a State Grant</b>	<b>Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Received</b>	<b>Minnesota State Grants Received</b>	<b>Average Minnesota State Grant</b>
Summit Academy Opportunity Industrialization Center	395	89%	\$1,501,800	\$381,300	\$965
Takoda Institute	27	77%	\$101,400	\$21,700	\$803
University of St. Thomas	1,495	46%	\$10,968,600	\$7,060,800	\$4,723
Sub-Total	14,097	59%	\$101,469,600	\$63,907,900	\$4,533

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

## 9.5 Minnesota Private For-Profit Institutions

Participating Institutions	Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients	Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Receiving a State Grant	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Received	Minnesota State Grants Received	Average Minnesota State Grant
Academy College	32	56%	\$169,700	\$99,500	\$3,111
Argosy University, Twin Cities Campus	305	83%	\$1,293,500	\$569,600	\$1,868
Avalon School of Cosmetology	18	95%	\$106,100	\$33,200	\$1,842
Aveda Institute Minneapolis	202	80%	\$1,048,100	\$345,500	\$1,711
Center Point Massage and Shiatsu Therapy School & Clinic	47	84%	\$212,700	\$62,300	\$1,325
Duluth Business University	12	80%	\$42,000	\$12,100	\$1,012
Empire Beauty School - Bloomington	126	91%	\$591,400	\$146,900	\$1,166
Empire Beauty School - St Paul	94	86%	\$430,100	\$105,700	\$1,125
Hastings Beauty School	14	70%	\$92,500	\$28,000	\$1,999
Institute of Production and Recording	62	90%	\$311,500	\$125,600	\$2,026
McNally Smith College of Music	76	63%	\$412,100	\$161,200	\$2,121
Minneapolis Business College	173	85%	\$1,008,600	\$319,700	\$1,848



<b>Participating Institutions</b>	<b>Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients</b>	<b>Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Receiving a State Grant</b>	<b>Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Received</b>	<b>Minnesota State Grants Received</b>	<b>Average Minnesota State Grant</b>
Minnesota School of Barbering	8	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Minnesota School of Beauty	25	93%	\$123,300	\$56,700	\$2,266
Minnesota School of Cosmetology	115	77%	\$609,800	\$171,800	\$1,494
Model College of Hair Design	51	68%	\$276,100	\$82,200	\$1,612
Moler Barber School of Hairstyling	32	89%	\$196,200	\$94,800	\$2,961
Moler Barber School-St.Cloud	10	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
National American University	192	53%	\$837,300	\$270,300	\$1,408
Nova Academy of Cosmetology	83	92%	\$441,400	\$135,100	\$1,628
Professional Salon Academy	11	79%	\$54,700	\$14,200	\$1,287
Rasmussen College - Minnesota	2,328	82%	\$9,296,800	\$2,172,800	\$933
Rochester School of Hair Design	21	91%	\$102,700	\$35,000	\$1,667
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>4,037</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>\$17,751,100</b>	<b>\$5,074,400</b>	<b>\$1,257</b>

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

## 9.6 All Minnesota Institutions

	<b>Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients</b>	<b>Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Receiving a State Grant</b>	<b>Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants Received</b>	<b>Minnesota State Grants Received</b>	<b>Average Minnesota State Grant</b>
Total	80,793	59%	\$420,925,500	\$194,019,300	\$2,401

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





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