



# Minnesota State Grant End-of-Year Statistics Fiscal Year 2020

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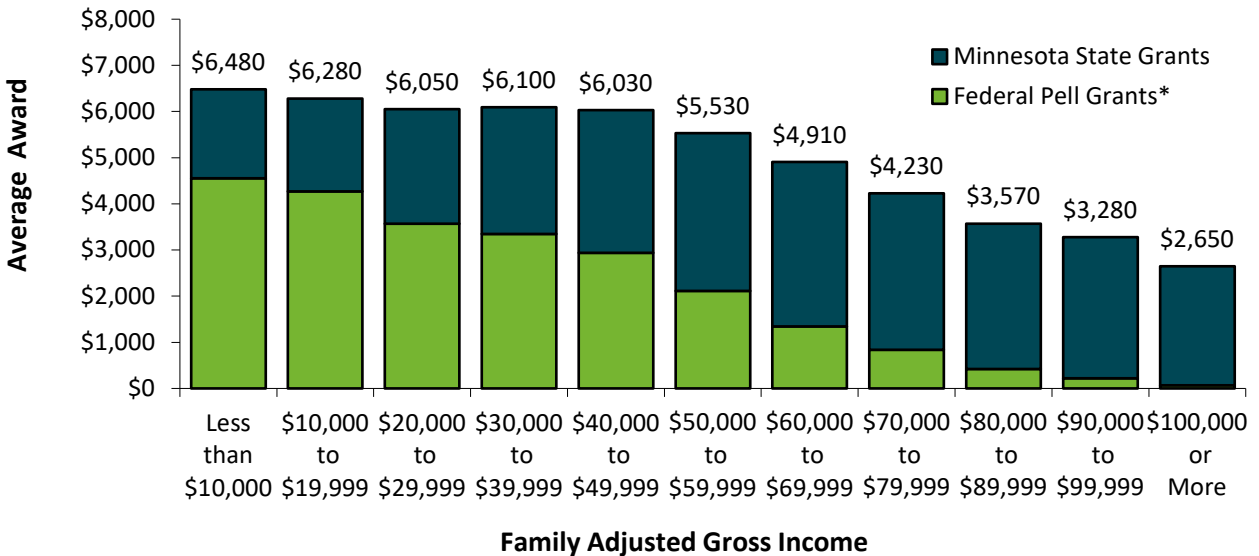
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# Executive Summary

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**Average Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grant Award Received by State Grant Recipients, Fiscal Year 2020**



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

## Report Highlights:

- In fiscal year 2020, 58% of State Grant recipients had a family adjusted gross income of less than \$40,000.
- Most State Grant recipients attended a public university. In fiscal year 2020, 61% of recipients attended a Minnesota State College or University, 15% attended the University of Minnesota, and 23% attended a private college.
- In academic year 2018-2019, Minnesota ranked 17th in financial aid spending per full-time equivalent undergraduate among all states and U.S. territories<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Full-time equivalent undergraduates are calculated by taking the sum of credits carried by all students at a particular level enrolled in classes, divided by the number of credits in a full-time load (15 credits). An FTE of 1.0 is equivalent to one full-time student.

# 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 established in 1969; and in fiscal year 2020, approximately 77,544 students were awarded grants, totaling nearly \$208 million. The State Grant program is designed to provide choice and access to undergraduate students to attend the postsecondary institutions that best meet their needs. State Grants provide financial aid to students in conjunction with the Federal Pell Grant.

Since 1983, Minnesota State Grant policy has used the Design for Shared Responsibility model, a framework that was influenced by 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 provides a framework for Minnesota policymakers when considering changes to the State Grant program. The Design for Shared Responsibility model distributes the price of postsecondary education among students, families, and taxpayers, taking into account the student's family income, choice of institution, and enrollment level.

This report contains data on the number and dollar amounts of Minnesota State Grants received by Minnesota undergraduate students for fiscal year 2020 (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020). Because Minnesota State Grants are coordinated with Federal Pell Grants, this report includes tables and graphs with combined Federal Pell and State Grant awards received by State Grant recipients, in addition to reporting on State Grant awards. The report also includes information on categories of student characteristics that affect State Grant awards: family adjusted gross income<sup>2</sup>, dependency status/family circumstances, institution choice, and registration credit load. State Grant award recipient demographics such as race/ethnicity and gender are also reported. All tables and charts in this report show the family adjusted gross income of Minnesota State Grant recipients as reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from the parents' federal income tax return. For dependent students, the parents' adjusted gross income is used; for independent students, the student's (and spouse's, if married) adjusted gross income is used.

Information reported here is based on State Grant data available as of October 15, 2020. The totals may differ slightly from other documents published by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education made before or after this date.

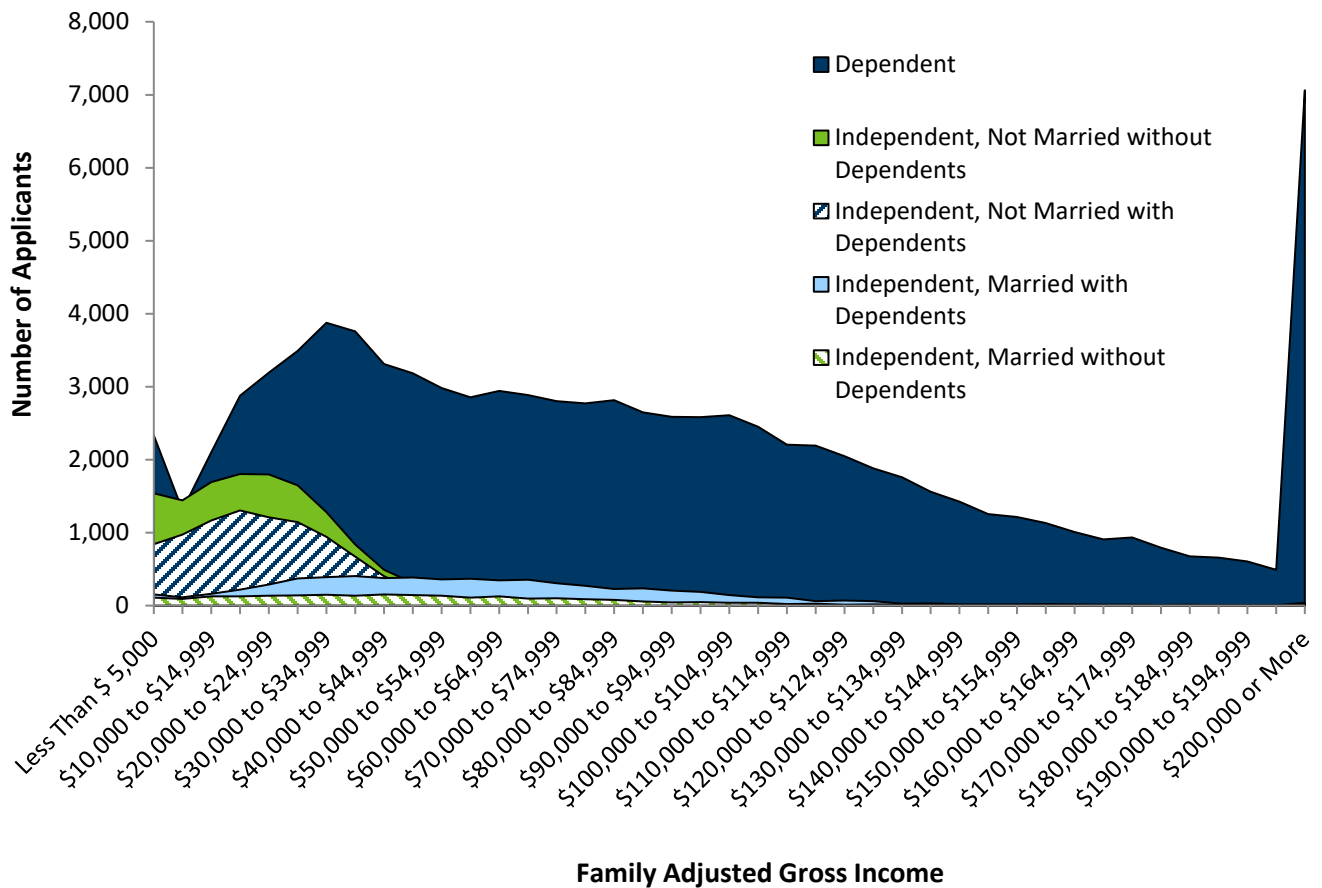
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<sup>2</sup> Adjusted gross income is gross income minus certain deductions, such as health savings account deductions or retirement account contributions. Adjusted gross income is used to calculate federal taxable income.

# 1. Fiscal Year 2020 Applicants

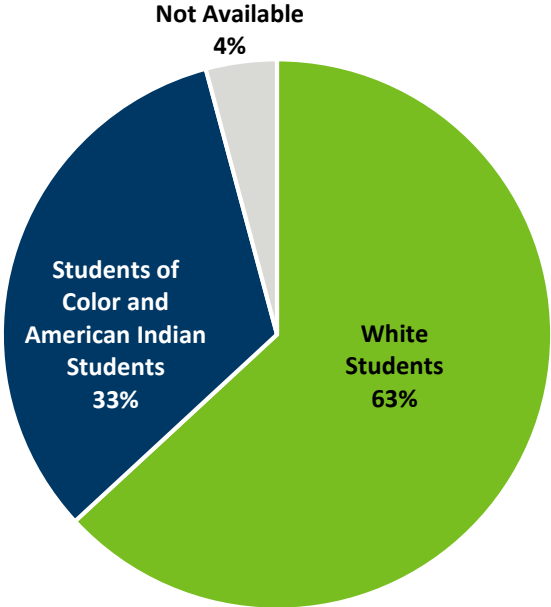
Students applying for financial aid complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a State Aid application. The form asks students and their parents to supply information regarding wages, income, assets, and household composition. This information is used in the federal need analysis formula called Federal Methodology, which determines the family’s expected contribution toward college costs using the student’s and parents’ financial resources. The formula calculates an expected Parent Contribution (PC), an expected Student Contribution (SC) and an Expected Family Contribution (EFC). These calculations 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 2020**



For fiscal year 2020 (academic year 2019-2020), 130,070 students completed the FAFSA or State Aid application and met eligibility requirements for a Minnesota State Grant. These totals include students meeting eligibility requirements under the Minnesota Dream Act. Nearly 75 percent of applicants were dependent students. The remaining 25 percent of applicants were independent students. As shown in Figure 1, dependent student applicants are distributed evenly across all family adjusted gross incomes. Independent students display a smaller range of family adjusted gross incomes. Most independent students have family incomes of less than \$35,000.

**Figure 2. Student Race and Ethnicity, Fiscal Year 2020, All State Grant Applicants**



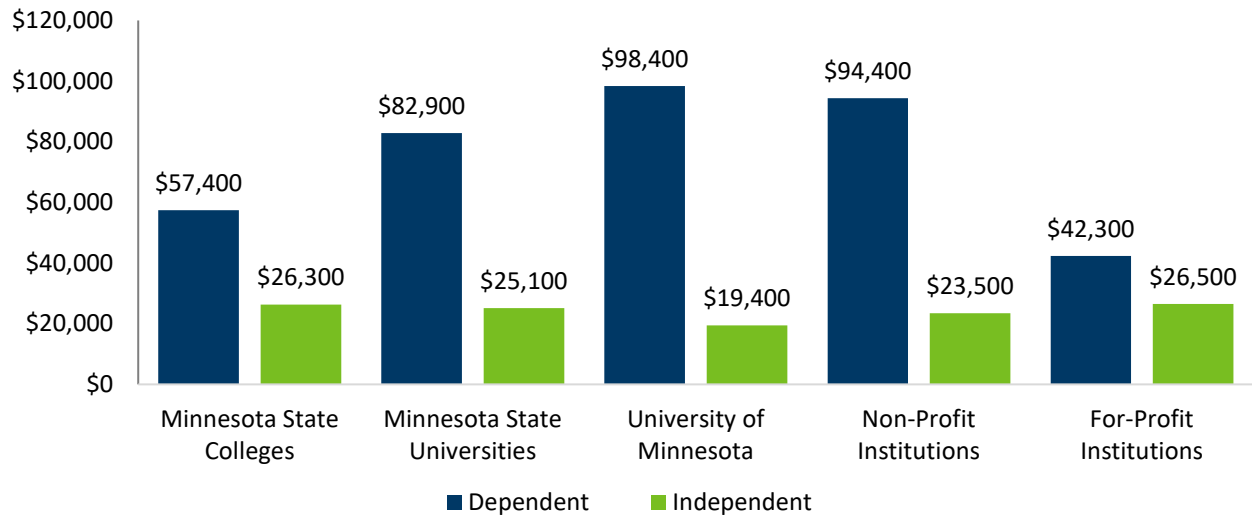
Just under one-third of State Grant applicants reported as students of color or American Indian students, while 63 percent of applicants reported as white. The remaining 4 percent of students did not report a race or ethnicity (Figure 2).

### 1.1 Income Profile of Applicants by Dependency Status

Across all types of institutions, independent students had lower median family incomes (\$25,700) than dependent students (\$79,000). Independent students enrolled at the University of Minnesota had the lowest median family income (\$19,400) (Figure 3, Table 1). Dependent students enrolled in private for-profit institutions had lower median family incomes (\$42,300) compared to those enrolled in other sectors (Figure 3, Table 1).



**Figure 3. Median Family Adjusted Gross Income, by Sector  
Fiscal Year 2019 State Grant Applicants**



**Table 1. Median and Mean Family Adjusted Gross Income of Students,  
by Institution Sector and Dependency Status, Fiscal Year 2020**

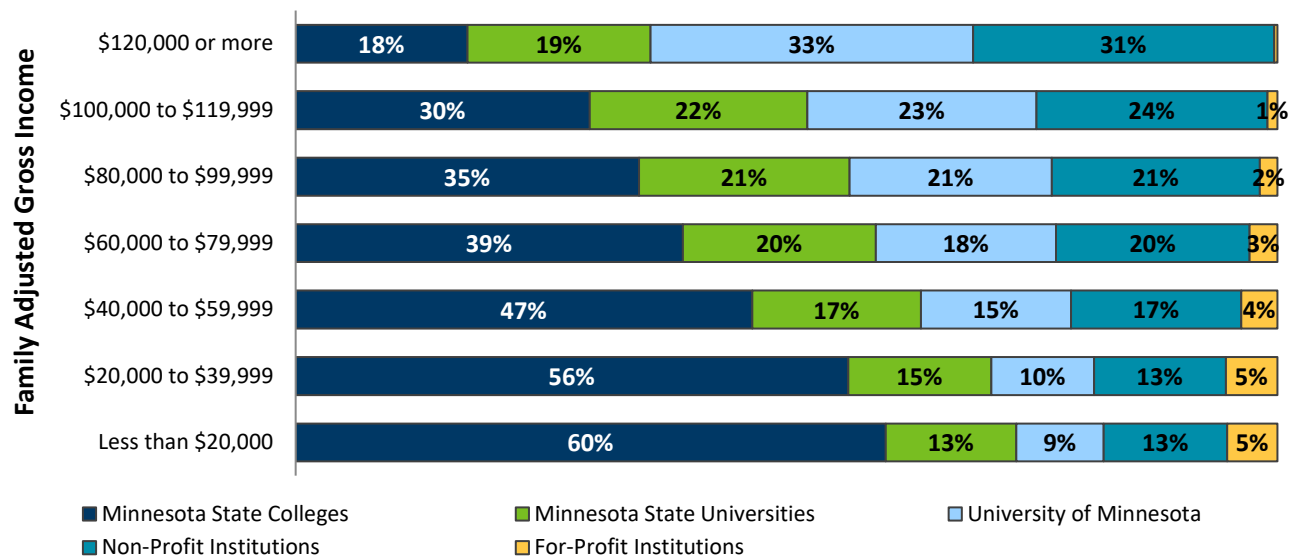
Sector	Student Type	Median Income	Mean Income	Count
State Colleges	Dependent	\$52,900	\$64,500	31,726
Minnesota State Colleges	Independent	\$23,300	\$28,800	23,472
Minnesota State Colleges	Total	\$34,900	\$49,300	55,198
State Universities	Dependent	\$80,800	\$90,400	18,433
Minnesota State Universities	Independent	\$23,000	\$30,200	3,910
Minnesota State Universities	Total	\$67,600	\$79,900	22,343
University of Minnesota	Dependent	\$98,400	\$116,200	21,955
University of Minnesota	Independent	\$19,400	\$28,000	1,361
University of Minnesota	Total	\$93,300	\$111,000	23,316
Non-Profit Institutions	Dependent	\$93,300	\$116,200	21,718
Non-Profit Institutions	Independent	\$22,500	\$31,600	3,386
Non-Profit Institutions	Total	\$81,900	\$104,800	25,104
For-Profit Institutions	Dependent	\$41,200	\$51,800	1,185
For-Profit Institutions	Independent	\$25,400	\$30,800	2,924
For-Profit Institutions	Total	\$28,700	\$36,800	4,109
Total	Dependent	\$76,400	\$93,100	95,017
Total	Independent	\$23,300	\$29,400	35,053
Total	Total	\$54,500	\$75,900	130,070

## 1.2 Enrollment Profile of Applicants by Income

As family income increases, the percentage of students enrolled in public two-year institutions or private for-profit institutions declined. In contrast, as income increases, more students enrolled in private non-profit institutions and the University of Minnesota (Figure 4). The University of Minnesota had the highest median family adjusted gross income (\$98,400 among all students) among Minnesota postsecondary sectors (Table 1). Among 2020 applicants from families with incomes below \$20,000, 60 percent enrolled in a Minnesota State College and 13 percent enrolled at a State University (Figure 4).

The State Grant program provides funds to lower- and middle-income students to attend the institution of their choosing. Nonetheless, this comparison highlights existing economic stratification in enrollment among Minnesota students.

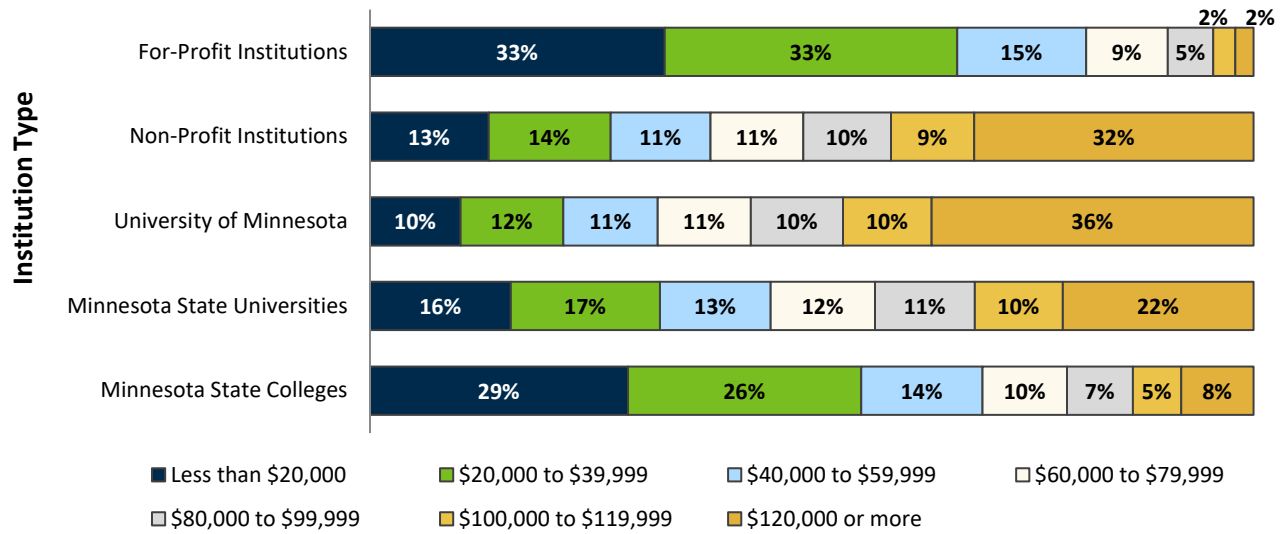
**Figure 4. Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Enrolled, by Income and Institution Type, Fiscal Year 2020**



## 1.3 Income Profile of Applicants by Sector

More State Grant applicants from families with incomes below \$20,000 enrolled in private for-profit institutions (33 percent) than any other institution type. Only Minnesota State Colleges had a comparable percentage of lower income students enrolled (29 percent) (Figure 5, Table 2).

**Figure 5. Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants Enrolled, by Institution Sector and Income, Fiscal Year 2020**

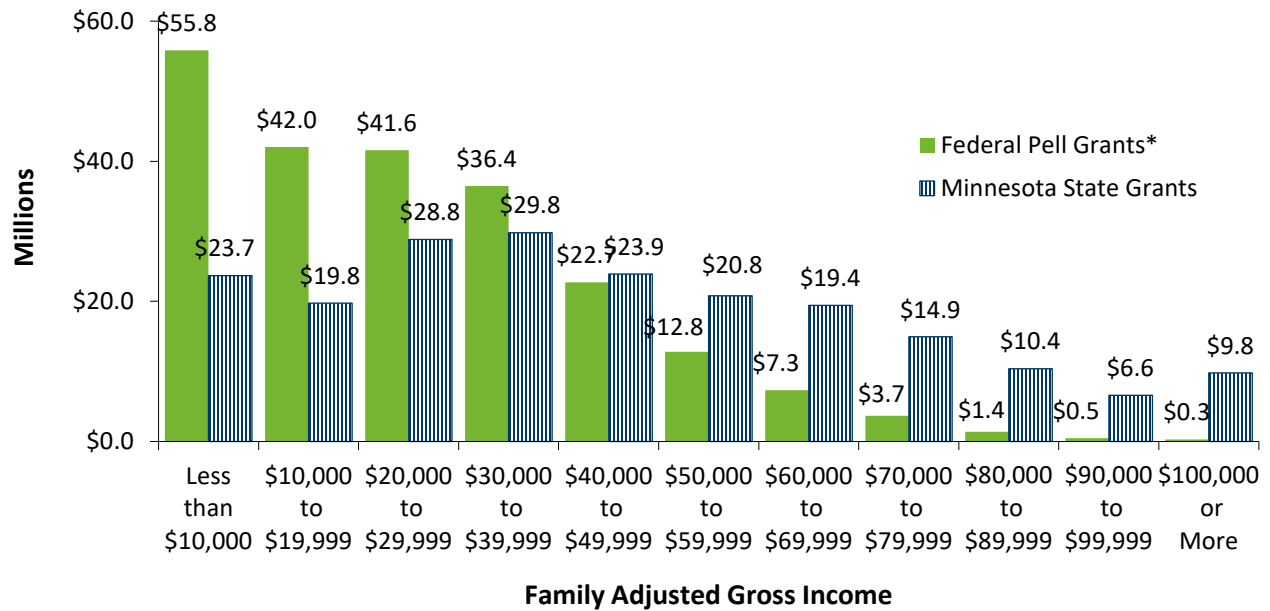


**Table 2. Percent of Minnesota State Grant Applicants, by Income and Institution Sector, All Applicants, Fiscal Year 2020**

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	29%	26%	14%	10%	7%	5%	8%	100%
Minnesota State Universities	16%	17%	13%	12%	11%	10%	22%	100%
University of Minnesota	10%	12%	11%	11%	10%	10%	36%	100%
Non-Profit Institutions	13%	14%	11%	11%	10%	9%	32%	100%
For-Profit Institutions	33%	33%	15%	9%	5%	2%	2%	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 2. Fiscal Year 2020 Recipients

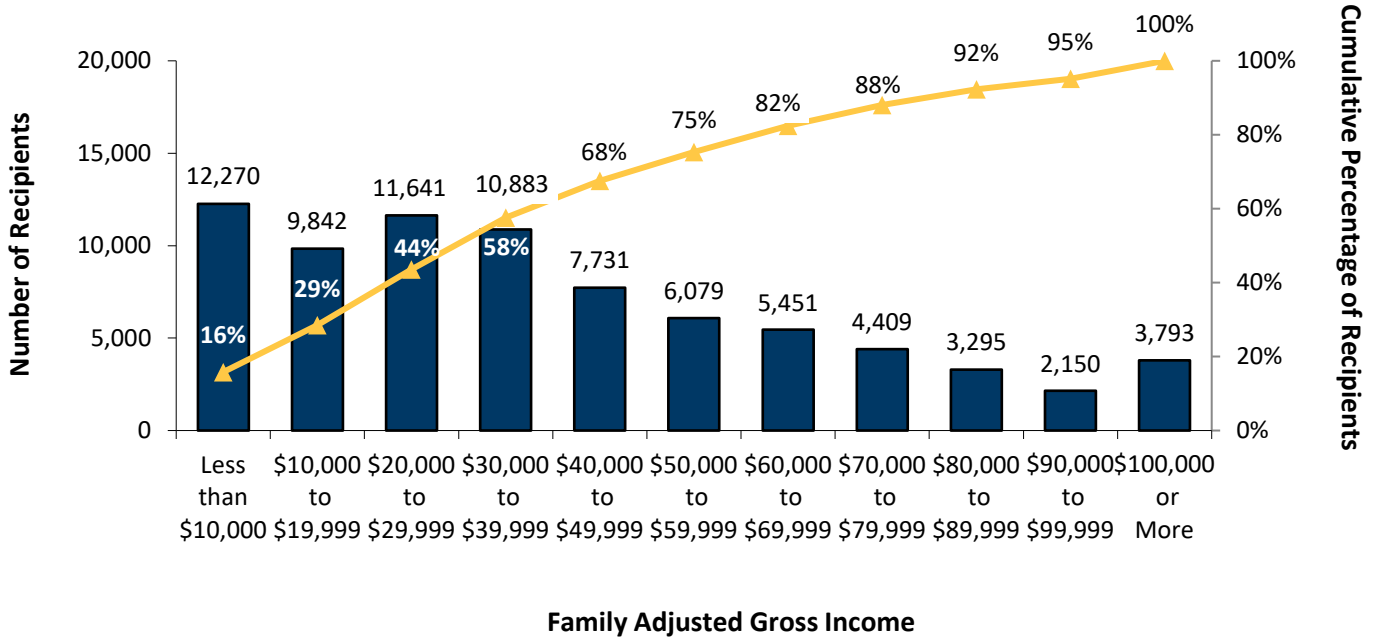
**Figure 6. Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grant Awards Received, by Family Adjusted Gross Income, Fiscal Year 2020**



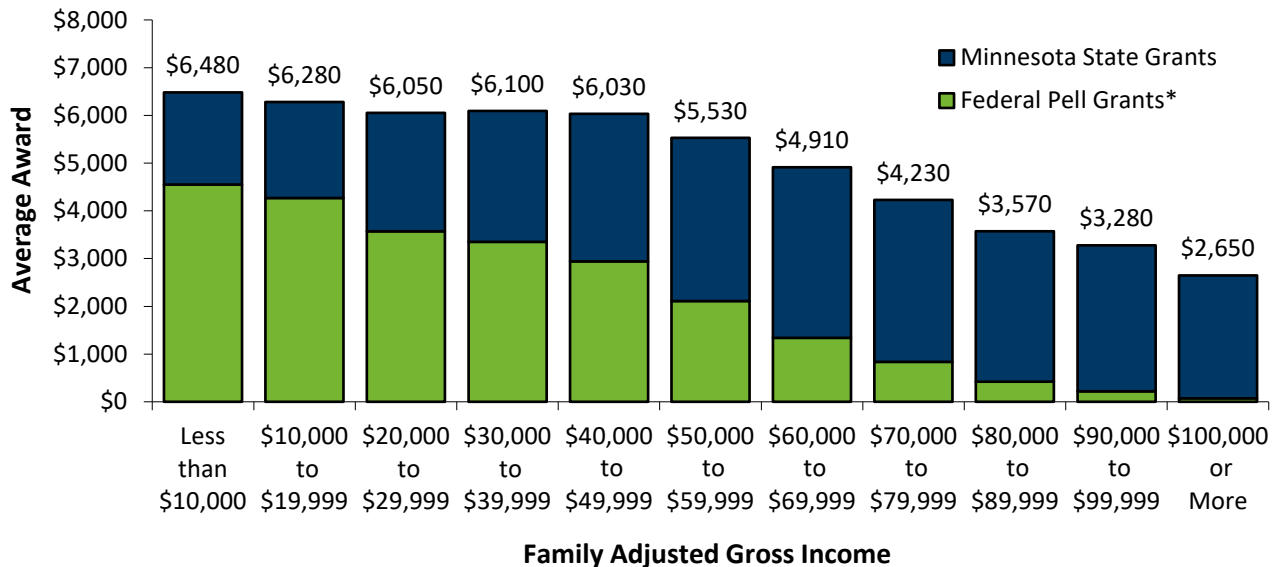
\*Includes only Federal Pell Grants received by Minnesota State Grant recipients

During fiscal year 2020, \$208 million in State Grants were awarded to 77,544 students. These totals include students eligible to receive the Minnesota State Grant by meeting eligibility requirements of the Minnesota Dream Act. Minnesota State Grant awards are determined solely by the student’s financial need, with the highest-need students and families receiving a greater share of State Grant funding. Of the \$208 million in Minnesota State Grants awarded in fiscal year 2020, roughly half of that total was awarded to students from families earning less than \$40,000 annually (Figure 6). These students represent nearly 60 percent of all State Grant recipients (Figure 7).

**Figure 7. Number and Cumulative Percentage of Minnesota State Grant Recipients, Fiscal Year 2020**



**Figure 8. Average Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grant Award Received, by Family Adjusted Gross Income, Fiscal Year 2020**



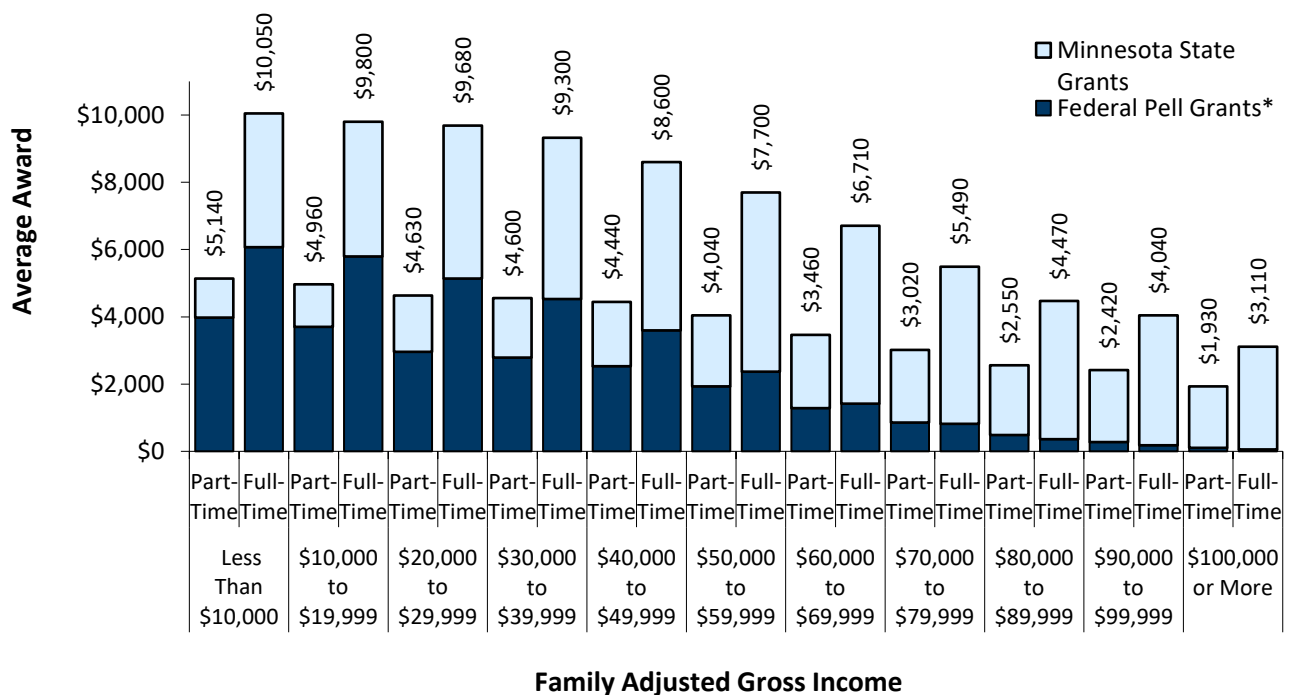
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Calculations for the Minnesota State Grant take into account the student's Federal Pell Grant award. Figure 8 shows the average combined award for the Federal Pell Grant and the Minnesota State Grant by income.

Students from families earning less than \$10,000 annually received the highest combined average award (\$6,480) (Figure 8).

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 being enrolled for 30 credits or more for the academic year. As shown in Figure 9, students that attend full time receive higher average State Grants and higher average Federal Pell Grants compared to students that attend part time. This is because full-time students are typically charged a higher tuition rate than students attending less than full time, and the State Grant takes this additional educational cost into account when determining the award. Full-time students from families earning less than \$10,000 received the highest average combined award in 2020 (\$10,050) (Figure 9).

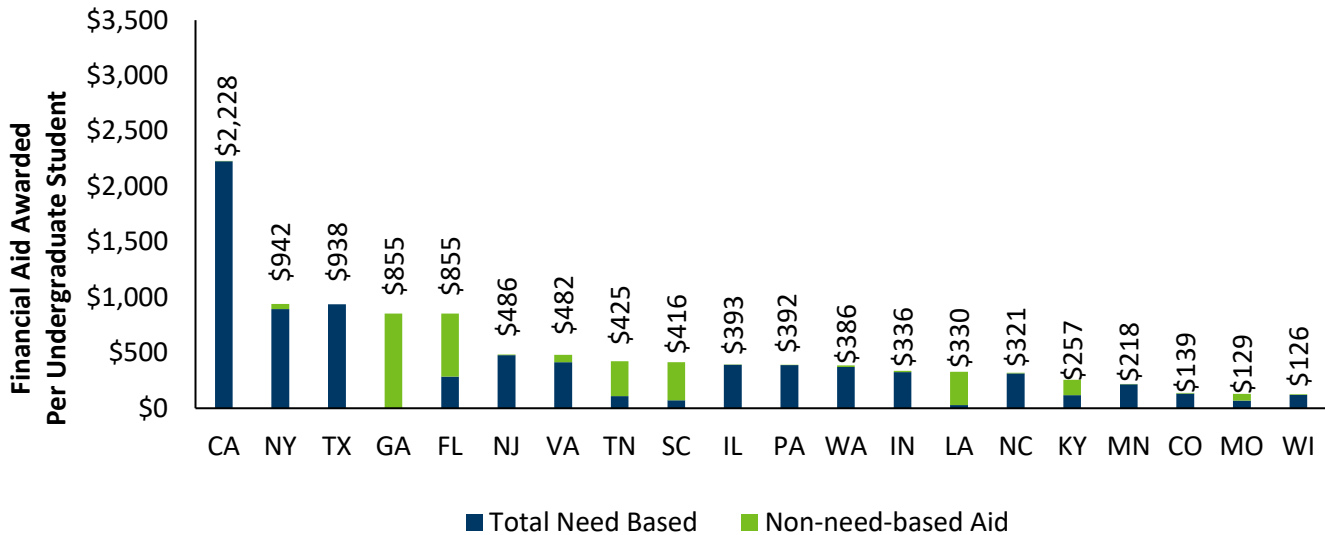
**Figure 9. Average Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grant Award Received by State Grant Recipients, by Full-Time/Part-Time Status, Fiscal Year 2019**



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

### 3. Comparisons with Other States

**Figure 10. Minnesota ranks in the top 20 states in total State Grant Funding to Undergraduates  
Includes Need-Based<sup>3</sup> and Non Need-Based<sup>4</sup> Grants, 2018-2019**



Source: National Association of State Student Grant & Aid Programs (NASSGAP) annual survey, 2018-2019

For the 2018-2019 academic year, Minnesota’s State Grant program was 17th in the nation for total grant aid awarded, according to the annual survey of National Association of State Student Grant & Aid Programs (Figure 10). The state ranks 12th when only need-based<sup>3</sup> grant aid is considered.

The state grant spending per full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate<sup>5</sup> places Minnesota 16th among all other states. Minnesota spends an average of \$1,003 per FTE undergraduate as compared to the top-spending state, Georgia (\$2,368), according to the 2018-2019 annual survey of the National Association of State Student Grant & Aid Programs (Figure 11). When considering need-based aid only, Minnesota spends \$997 per FTE undergraduate (7th in the nation).

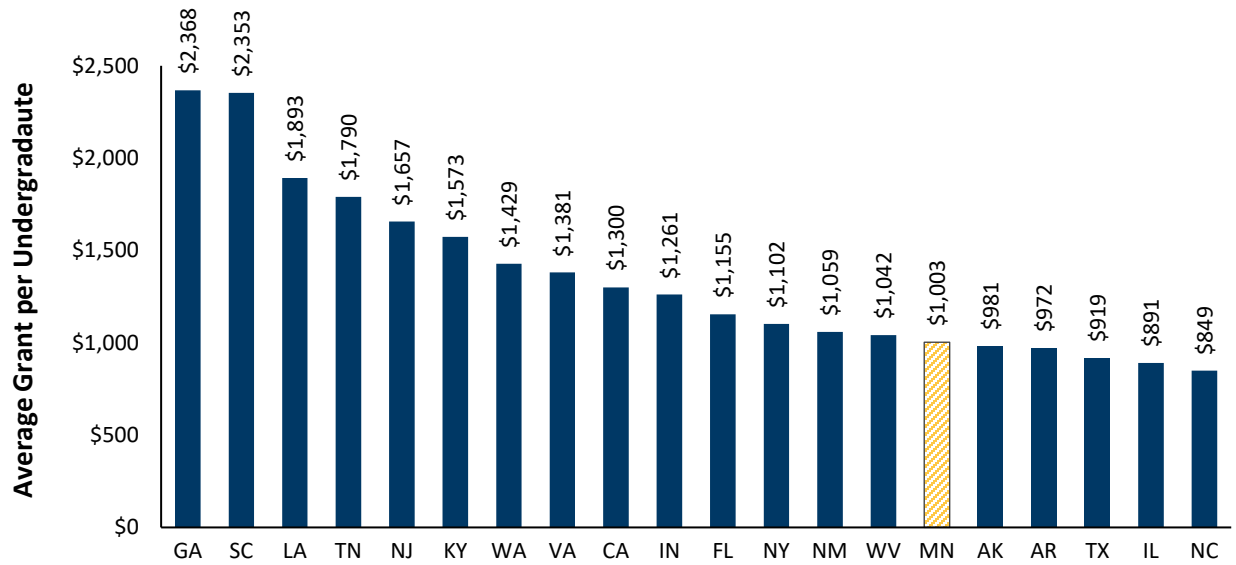
<sup>3</sup> Need-based grants are those awarded based solely on the student’s financial need.

<sup>4</sup> Non need-based grants are those awarded on measures other than the student’s financial need, such as academic merit.

<sup>5</sup> Full-time equivalent undergraduates are calculated by taking the sum of credits carried by all students at a particular level enrolled in classes, divided by the number of credits in a full-time load (15 credits). An FTE of 1.0 is equivalent to one full-time student.



**Figure 11. Minnesota spends \$1,003 per Full-time Equivalent Undergraduate  
Includes Need-Based and Non-Need-Based Grants, 2018-2019**

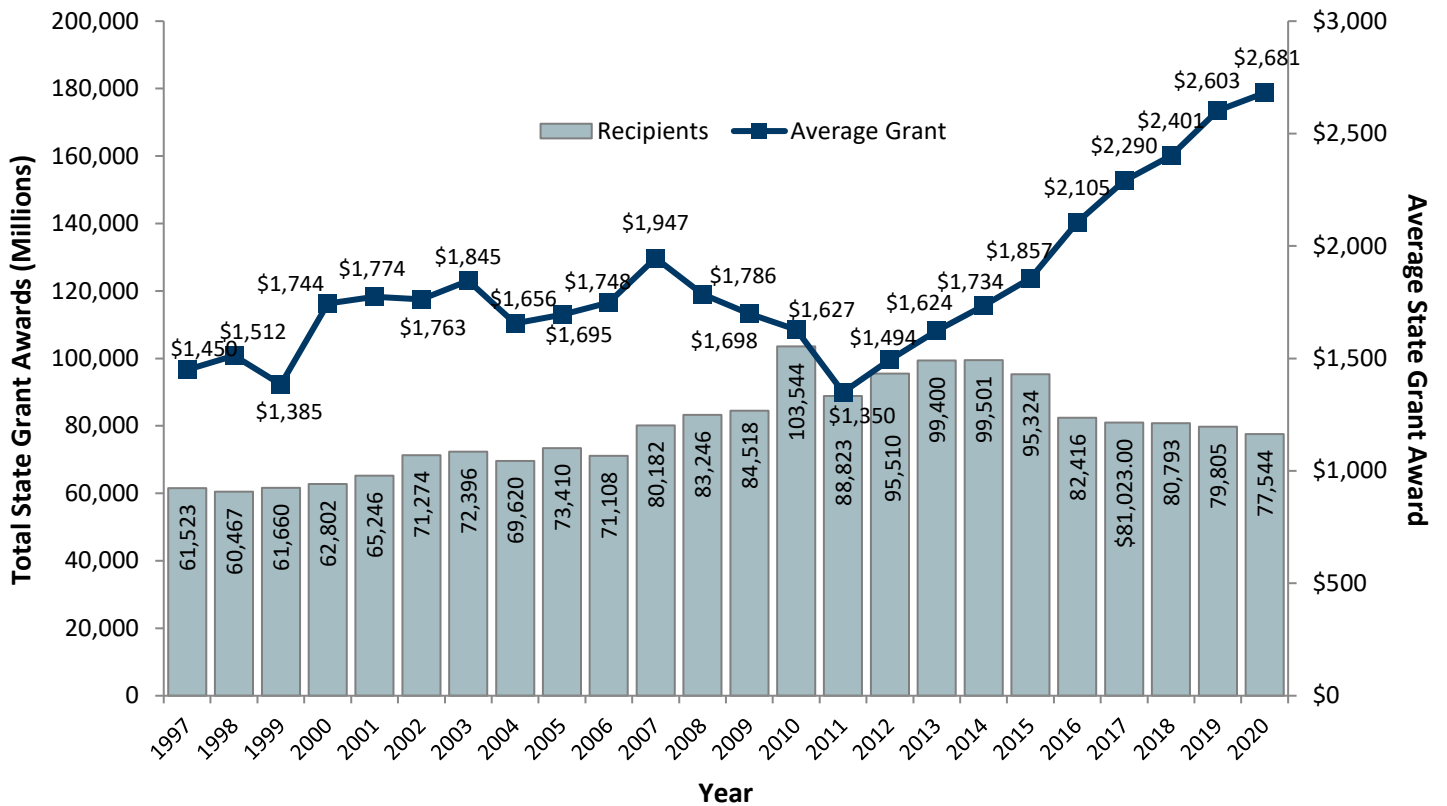


Source: National Association of State Student Grant & Aid Programs (NASSGAP) annual survey, 2018-2019

## 4. State Grants 1997-2020

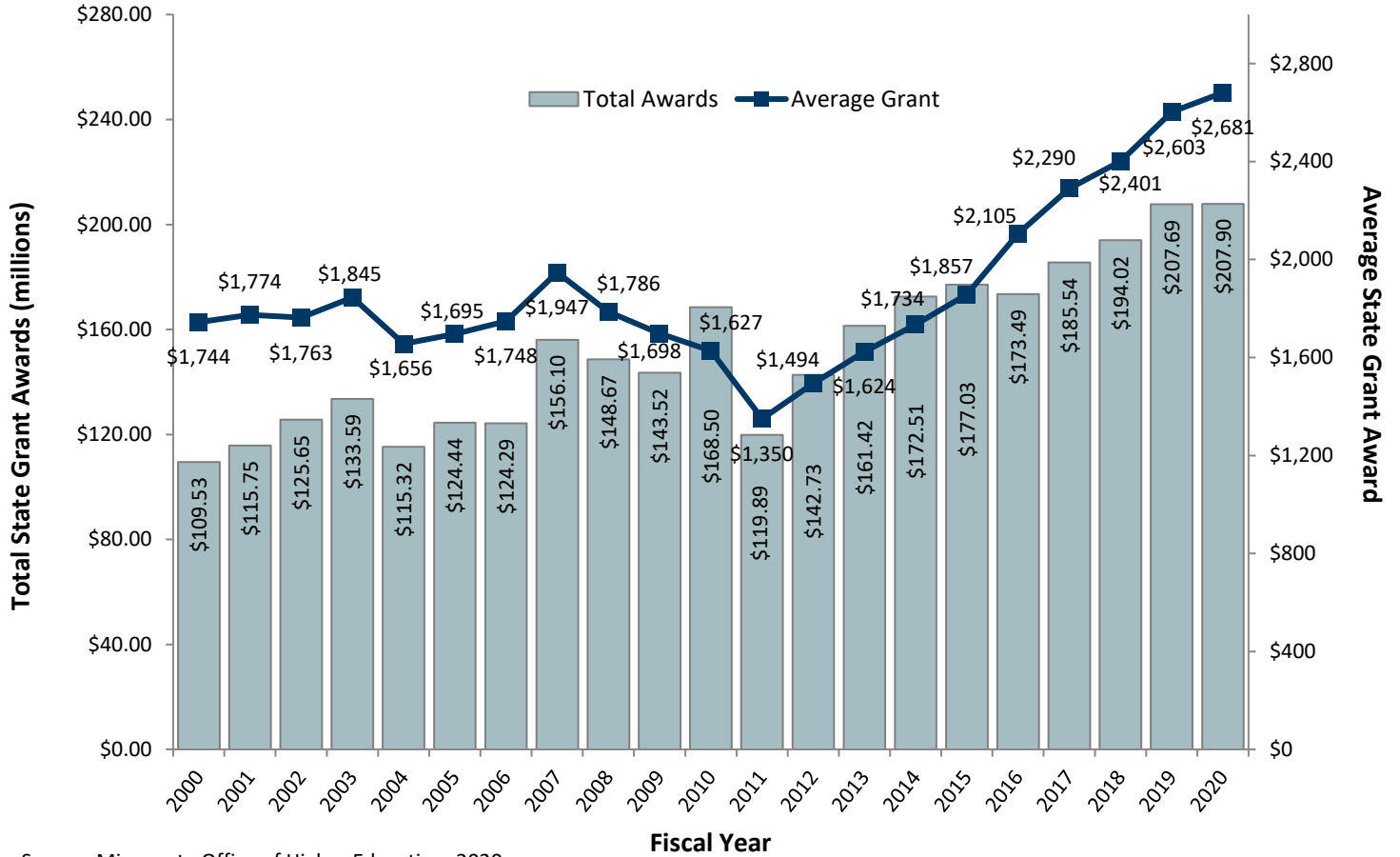
The average State Grant that a student receives continues to increase as the state’s investment in the program increases.

**Figure 12. Average Minnesota State Awards and Number of Recipients Over Time, Fiscal Years 1997-2020**



Source: Minnesota Office of Higher Education, 2020.

**Figure 13. Average Minnesota State Grant Awards and Total Awards Over Time, Fiscal Years 1997-2020**



Source: Minnesota Office of Higher Education, 2020.

## 5. Postsecondary Institution Choice

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A student’s State Grant award is determined by calculating the total cost of attendance at the institutions chosen by the student. Institutions are grouped into five categories for this report:

- Minnesota State Colleges — two-year colleges
- Minnesota State Universities — four-year universities
- University of Minnesota System
- 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 4. Minnesota State Grant Recipients, by Type of Institution, Fiscal Year 2020**  
**Programs of Two Years or Less**

Type of Institution Attended	Number of Recipients	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	Minnesota State Grants (millions)
Minnesota State Colleges	34,050 (89%)	\$139.08	\$37.30 (88%)
Minnesota State Universities	0 (0%)	\$0.00	\$0.00 (0%)
University of Minnesota	0 (0%)	\$0.00	\$0.00 (0%)
Minnesota Private Non-Profit Institutions	1,170 (3%)	\$5.95	\$1.89 (4%)
Minnesota Private For-Profit Institutions	2,974 (8%)	\$13.46	\$3.33 (8%)

### Programs of Four Years

Type of Institution Attended	Number of Recipients	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	Minnesota State Grants (millions)
Minnesota State Colleges	0 (0%)	\$0.00	\$0.00 (0%)
Minnesota State Universities	13,630 (35%)	\$74.75	\$34.80 (21%)
University of Minnesota	11,861 (30%)	\$91.15	\$60.38 (37%)
Minnesota Private Non-Profit Institutions	13,389 (34%)	\$105.97	\$69.42 (42%)
Minnesota Private For-Profit Institutions	470 (1%)	\$2.07	\$0.78 (0%)
<i>Subtotal – Programs of 2 Years or Less</i>	38,194 (49%)	\$158.49	\$42.52 (20%)
<i>Subtotal – Programs of 4 Years</i>	39,350 (51%)	\$273.94	\$165.38 (80%)
<b>Total (All Programs)</b>	77,544	\$432.43	\$207.90

The State Grant award calculation uses the average tuition and fees charged to undergraduate students at their institution or the tuition and fee maximums established in state law. Students with lower average tuition and fee charges receive smaller awards. As a result, lower-cost institutions receive a smaller percentage of total State Grant funds (e.g. Minnesota State Colleges). Students with higher-than-average tuition and fee charges receive larger State Grant awards, resulting in higher-cost institutions receiving 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 (\$5,963) than the maximum tuition and fees allowed for four-year programs (\$15,142). Because full-time students will also receive a higher State Grant award, institutions that enroll a higher percentage of full-time students tend to receive a higher percentage of total State Grant funds as compared to institutions that enroll a higher percentage of part-time students.

**Table 5. All Minnesota State Grant Recipients, Minnesota State Grant Statistics,  
Fiscal Year 2020**

**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	12,270	6,683	1,845	1,220	1,881	641
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$79.50	\$32.29	\$13.12	\$12.78	\$17.92	\$3.39
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$23.67	\$4.73	\$3.81	\$6.32	\$8.30	\$0.52

**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	9,842	5,392	1,593	999	1,273	585
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$61.77	\$25.18	\$10.97	\$10.33	\$12.17	\$3.13
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$19.76	\$4.50	\$3.43	\$5.31	\$5.93	\$0.59

**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	11,641	6,349	1,757	1,278	1,558	699
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$70.42	\$27.32	\$11.72	\$13.34	\$14.71	\$3.34
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$28.83	\$7.92	\$4.70	\$7.38	\$7.91	\$0.91

**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	10,883	5,458	1,870	1,272	1,747	536
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$66.24	\$22.44	\$11.99	\$12.92	\$16.48	\$2.41
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$29.80	\$7.01	\$5.17	\$7.54	\$9.29	\$0.79

**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	7,731	3,392	1,427	1,180	1,399	333
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$46.60	\$13.46	\$8.52	\$10.59	\$12.64	\$1.39
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$23.90	\$4.41	\$4.19	\$6.95	\$7.92	\$0.44

**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	6,079	2,371	1,175	1,081	1,258	194
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$33.61	\$8.12	\$5.96	\$8.67	\$10.17	\$0.69
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$20.79	\$3.14	\$3.59	\$6.51	\$7.29	\$0.26



**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	5,451	1,807	1,183	1,092	1,197	172
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$26.76	\$4.90	\$4.97	\$7.61	\$8.71	\$0.57
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$19.44	\$2.31	\$3.52	\$6.32	\$7.03	\$0.26

**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	4,409	1,243	963	988	1,092	123
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$18.64	\$3.02	\$3.25	\$5.37	\$6.65	\$0.34
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$14.95	\$1.66	\$2.54	\$4.79	\$5.79	\$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	3,295	678	710	851	977	79
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$11.77	\$1.39	\$1.97	\$3.53	\$4.73	\$0.15
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$10.39	\$0.89	\$1.70	\$3.35	\$4.36	\$0.09

**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	2,150	362	479	605	665	39
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$7.06	\$0.55	\$1.25	\$2.37	\$2.82	\$0.07
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$6.58	\$0.42	\$1.15	\$2.28	\$2.69	\$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	3,793	315	628	1,295	1,512	43
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$10.07	\$0.40	\$1.04	\$3.65	\$4.92	\$0.06
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$9.79	\$0.31	\$1.01	\$3.62	\$4.80	\$0.05

**Total**

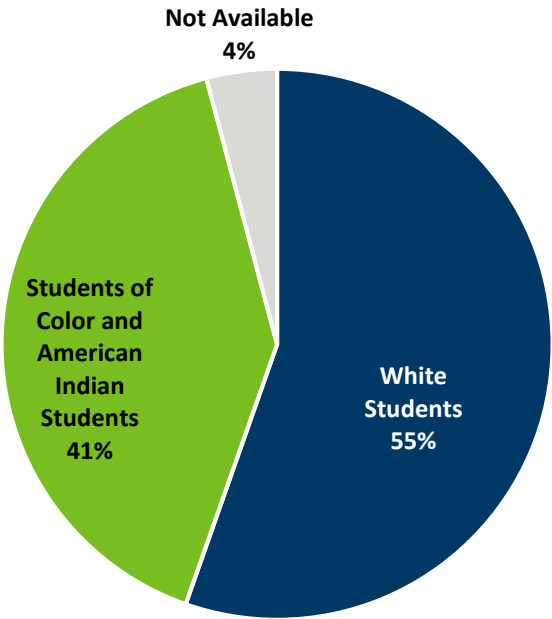
	<b>All Institutions</b>	<b>Minnesota State Two-Year Colleges</b>	<b>Minnesota State Four-Year Universities</b>	<b>University of Minnesota</b>	<b>Private Non-Profit Institutions</b>	<b>Private For-Profit Institutions</b>
Number of Recipients	77,544	34,050	13,630	11,861	14,559	3,444
Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$432.43	\$139.08	\$74.75	\$91.15	\$111.92	\$15.53
Minnesota State Grants (millions)	\$207.90	\$37.30	\$34.80	\$60.38	\$71.31	\$4.11

# 6. Student Demographics of Recipients

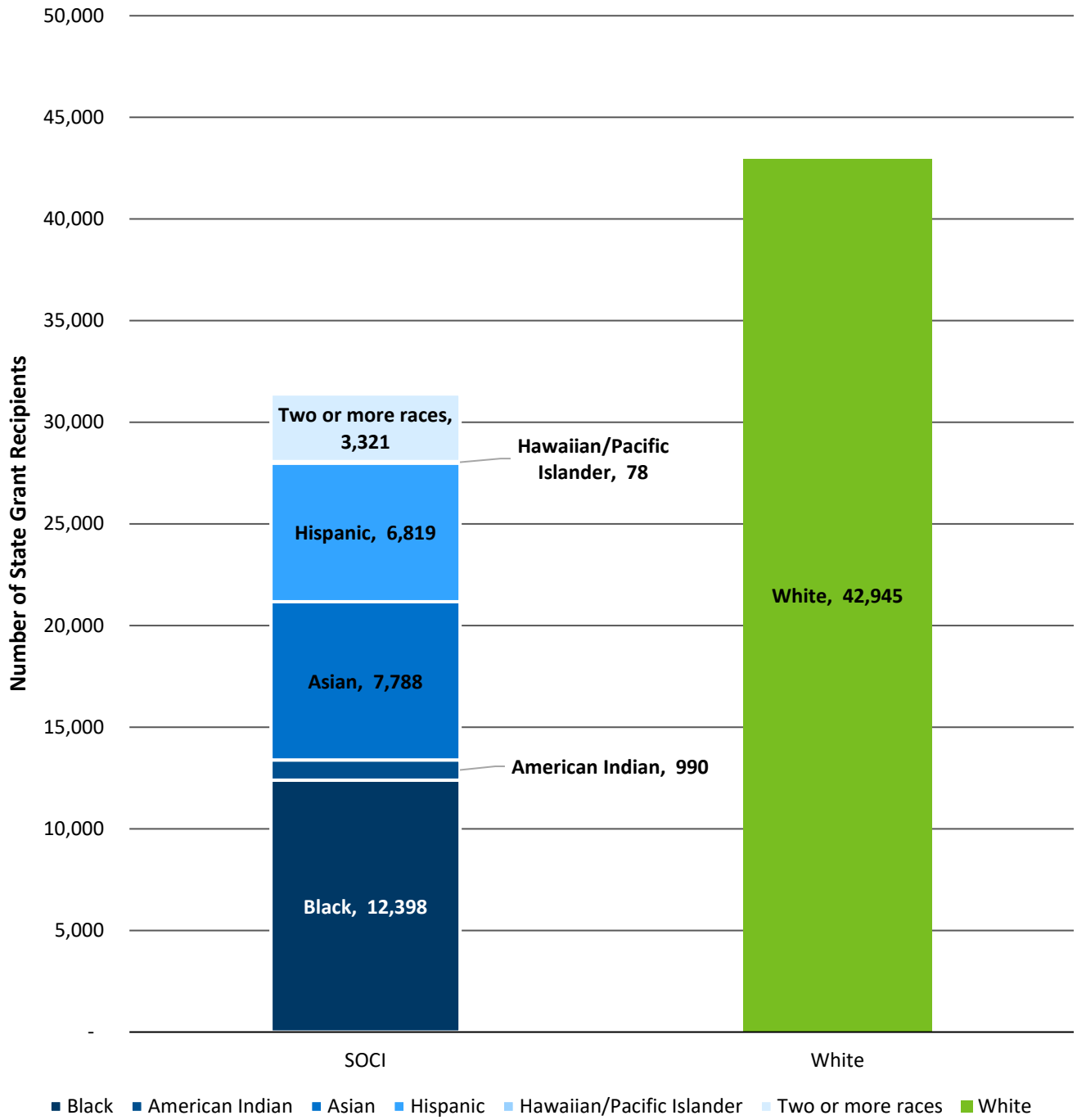
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In 2020, 40 percent of State Grant recipients were students of color or American Indian students (Figure 14). This is roughly 7 percentage points higher than the percent of State Grant applicants that identified as students of color or American Indian students (Figure 2). A full breakdown of recipients of color/indigenous recipients by race and ethnicity is shown in Figure 15.

**Figure 14. Minnesota State Grant Recipients by Student Race and Ethnicity, Fiscal Year 2020**

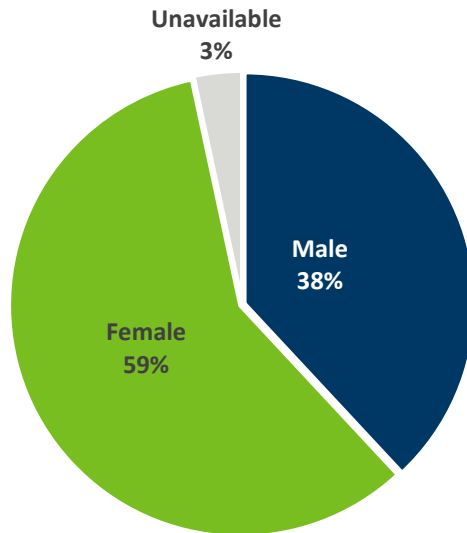


**Figure 15. Minnesota State Grant Recipients by Student Race and Ethnicity, All Recipients, Fiscal Year 2020**



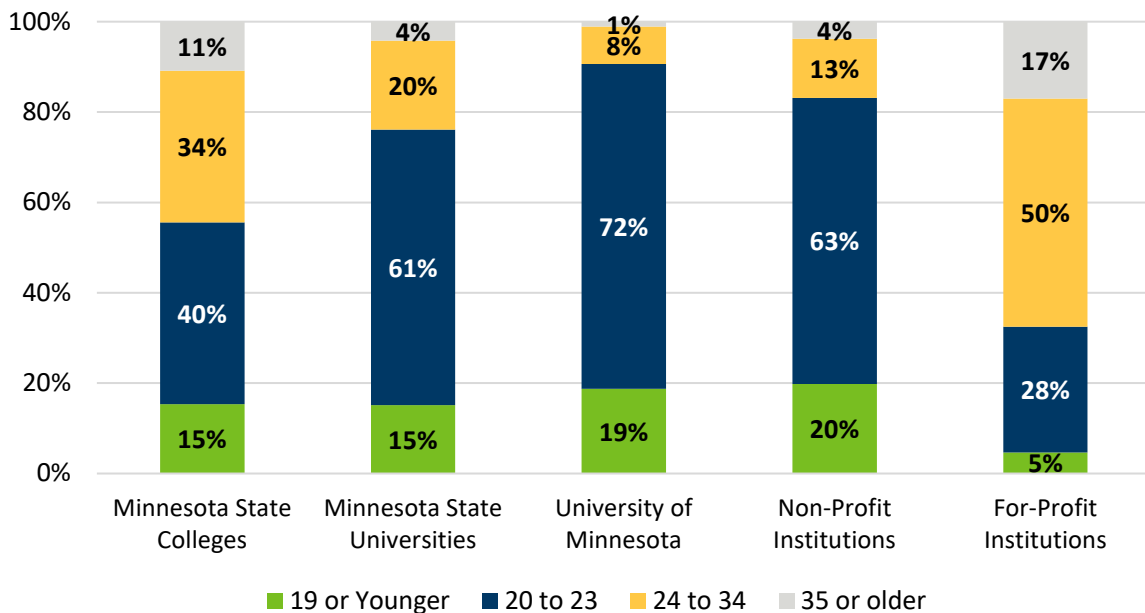
Nearly 60% of State Grant recipients self-reported as female in 2020, while roughly 40% of recipients reported as male (Figure 16).

**Figure 16. Minnesota State Grant Recipients by Student Gender, Fiscal Year 2020**



State Grant recipients were, on average, 24 years old in fiscal year 2020, but the average age of State Grant recipients varies by institution type (Table 6). At private for-profit institutions, students over the age of 24 make up two-thirds of all State Grant recipients. By comparison, at the University of Minnesota system, students in these same age brackets represent less than 10% of recipients at the system (Figure 17).

**Figure 17. Percent of Minnesota State Grant Recipients by Age Group and Institution Type, Fiscal Year 2020**



**Table 6. Average Age of State Grant Recipients by Institution Type, Fiscal Year 2020**

<b>Type of Institution Attended</b>	<b>Average Age of State Grant Recipients</b>
Minnesota State Colleges	25.2
Minnesota State Universities	22.9
University of Minnesota	21.4
Private Non-Profit Institutions	22.3
Private For-Profit Institutions	28.0
Total	23.8

## 7. Dependency Status & Family Circumstances

The student and family's ability to pay for the total cost of attendance (tuition and fees, plus a living and miscellaneous expense allowance) 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

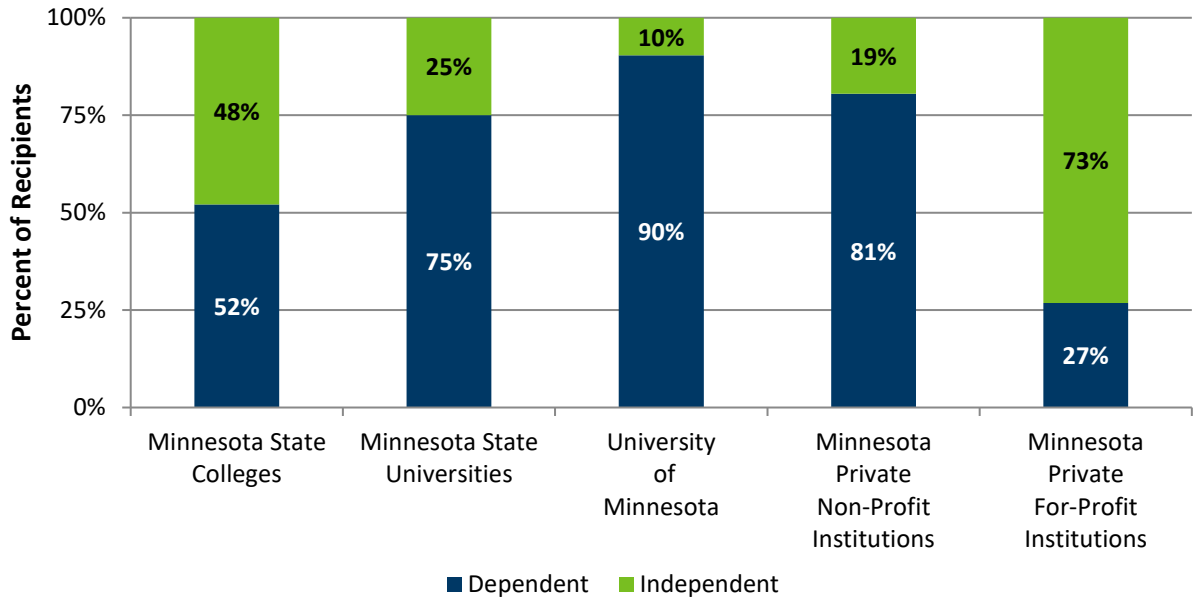
**Table 7. Minnesota State Grant Statistics, Fiscal Year 2020  
All State Grant Recipients**

Family Status	Number of Recipients	Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grants (millions)	Minnesota State Grants (millions)
Dependent Students	51,348 (66%)	\$313.06	\$166.21 (80%)
Married Independent Students with Dependents (Children)	4,284 (6%)	\$18.60	\$4.75 (2%)
Unmarried Independent Students with Dependents (Children)	7,865 (10%)	\$38.22	\$7.19 (3%)
Married Independent Students with No Dependents	1,532 (2%)	\$6.64	\$3.66 (2%)
Unmarried Independent Students with No Dependents	12,515 (16%)	\$55.91	\$26.09 (13%)
Total	77,544 (100%)	\$432.43	\$207.90 (100%)

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 18.



**Figure 18. Percent of State Grant Recipients  
by Dependency Status and Institution Type, Fiscal Year 2019**



## 8. Registration Load

The registration load or number of course credits the student enrolls in 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 (30 credits per academic year). Average registration load varies by income and family status for State Grant recipients. Dependent students register for more credits annually on average (25.87) than independent students (18.82-21.40), as shown in Table 8.

**Table 8. Minnesota State Grant Recipients and Average Annual Credit Load by Family Status, Fiscal Year 2020**

Family Status	Number of Recipients	Average Annual Credit Load
Dependent Students	51,348	25.87
Married Independent Students with Dependents (Children)	4,284	19.58
Unmarried Independent Students with Dependents (Children)	7,865	18.82
Married Independent Students with No Other Dependents	1,532	21.40
Unmarried Independent Students with No Dependents	12,515	20.20
Total	77,544	23.80

State Grant recipients from families with an adjusted gross income of \$100,000 or more register for more credits annually on average (28.29) than recipients with lower family incomes (Table 9). This highlights the economic stratification that exists in how many credits students choose to enroll in.

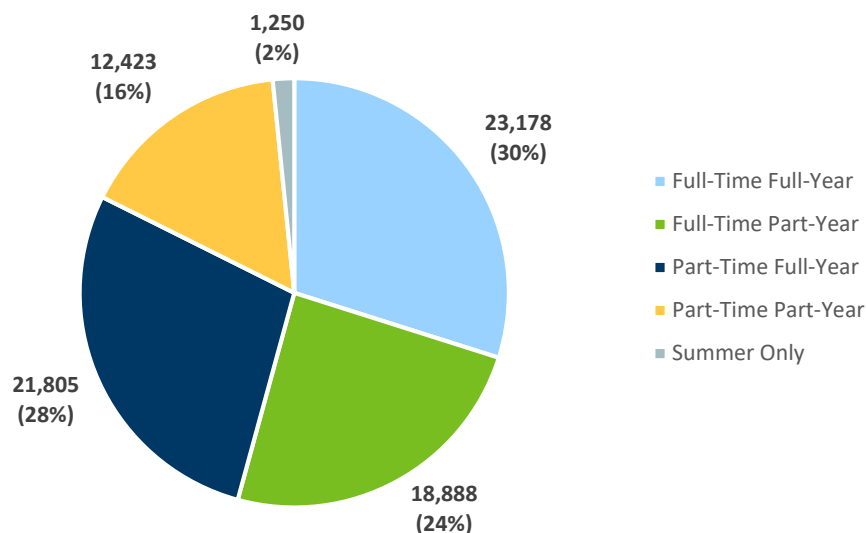
**Table 9. Minnesota State Grant Statistics, Fiscal Year 2020  
All State Grant Recipients**

<b>Adjusted Gross Income</b>	<b>Number of Recipients</b>	<b>Average Annual Credit Load</b>
Less Than \$10,000	12,270	21.83
\$10,000 to \$19,999	9,842	21.89
\$20,000 to \$29,999	11,641	22.12
\$30,000 to \$39,999	10,883	23.05
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7,731	24.36
\$50,000 to \$59,999	6,079	25.12
\$60,000 to \$69,999	5,451	25.79
\$70,000 to \$79,999	4,409	26.59
\$80,000 to \$89,999	3,295	27.08
\$90,000 to \$99,999	2,150	27.31
\$100,000 or More	3,793	28.29
Total	77,544	23.80

Figures 19 and 20 display the percent of recipients by the number of credits enrolled per term as follows:

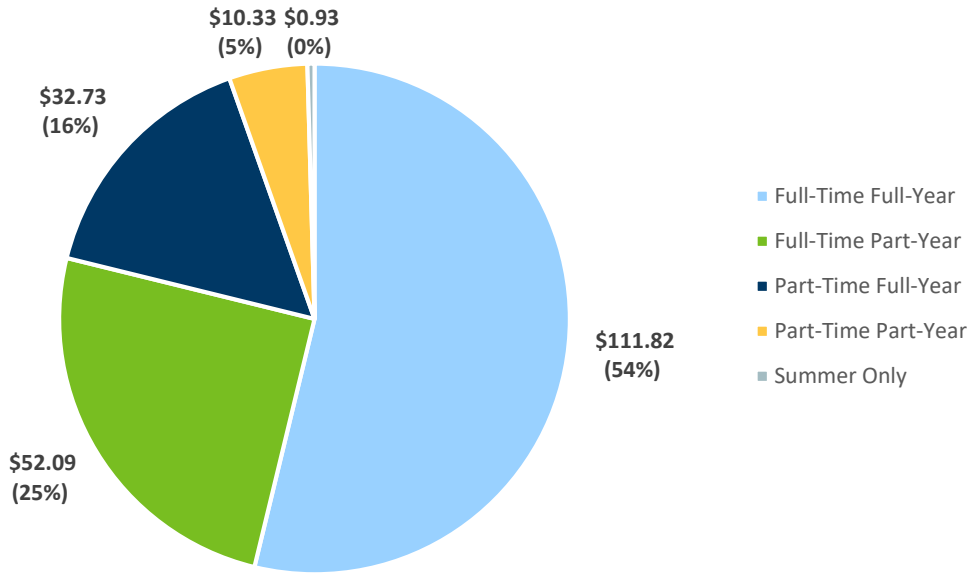
- Full-Time, Full-Year: Recipients who registered for 15 or more credits during both fall and spring terms if a semester-based calendar is used; OR registered for 15 or more credits during fall, winter, and spring terms if a quarter-based calendar is used.
- Full-Time, Part-Year: Recipients who registered for 15 or more credits during either fall or 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 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 or 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 19. Enrollment Patterns of State Grant Recipients, Fiscal Year 2020**



Approximately 30 percent of all State Grant recipients enrolled full-time for both fall and spring semesters (or the equivalent quarter terms, for institutions using a quarter-based academic calendar). An additional 24 percent of recipients registered for 15 or more credits in either fall or spring term. Forty-four percent of recipients enrolled for fewer than 15 credits. An additional 2 percent of recipients enrolled in summer term only (Figure 19).

**Figure 20. Percent of State Grant Dollars Received by Student Enrollment Level, Fiscal Year 2020, All State Grant Recipients**



State Grant awards calculated based on the enrollment level of the student. As a result, students that register for fewer than 15 credits per semester will receive lower State Grant awards than students who enroll full time. Students enrolled full time for both fall and spring semesters 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 20).

## 8. Minnesota Dream Act

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In May 2013, the State Legislature passed, and Governor Dayton signed into law, the Minnesota Dream Act (officially titled in Minnesota law as the Prosperity Act). Under this law, undocumented students meeting the criteria in the Minnesota Dream Act are eligible for in-state tuition rates, privately funded financial aid administered by Minnesota public colleges and universities, and can apply for state financial aid, including the Minnesota State Grant program. 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
- Provided 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; therefore, this documentation is not currently required.

During fiscal year 2020, 414 students received State Grants pursuant to the Minnesota Dream Act, as shown in Table 10. Students applying for a Minnesota State Grant by completing a state aid application under the Minnesota Dream Act are included in all reporting on State Grant recipients throughout this report.

**Table 10. Number of Minnesota State Grants Recipients and Amount by Institution Awarded Under the Prosperity Act, Fiscal Year 2020**

Participating Institutions	Number of Minnesota State Grant Recipients	Minnesota State Grants Received	Average Minnesota State Grant
Minnesota State Colleges	172	\$191,024	\$1,111
Minnesota State Universities	35	\$81,492	\$2,328
University of Minnesota	66	\$385,608	\$5,843
Minnesota Private Institutions	141	\$768,346	\$5,449
Total	414	\$1,426,470	\$3,446

## 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	587	59%	\$2,792,400	\$935,800	\$1,594
Anoka Technical College	659	62%	\$2,600,800	\$863,700	\$1,311
Anoka-Ramsey Community College	2,142	55%	\$8,042,500	\$1,962,600	\$916
Central Lakes College	957	65%	\$4,148,800	\$1,237,900	\$1,293
Century College	2,986	62%	\$11,785,300	\$2,976,500	\$997
Dakota County Technical College	856	58%	\$3,658,000	\$1,272,300	\$1,486
Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College	266	71%	\$1,212,900	\$265,400	\$998
Hennepin Technical College	1,400	58%	\$5,367,600	\$1,630,900	\$1,165
Hibbing Community College	373	62%	\$1,793,700	\$493,600	\$1,323
Inver Hills Community College	1,139	58%	\$4,127,700	\$1,122,700	\$986
Itasca Community College	299	57%	\$1,369,400	\$341,800	\$1,143

<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>
Lake Superior College	1,043	54%	\$3,957,600	\$1,145,300	\$1,098
Mesabi Range College	277	65%	\$1,403,400	\$352,800	\$1,274
Minneapolis Community & Technical College	2,793	65%	\$11,005,400	\$2,611,700	\$935
Minnesota State College-Southeast	399	62%	\$1,577,300	\$450,300	\$1,129
Minnesota State Community & Technical College	1,038	54%	\$4,331,600	\$1,264,200	\$1,218
Minnesota West Community & Technical College	674	71%	\$3,120,000	\$859,000	\$1,274
Normandale Community College	3,564	66%	\$14,583,700	\$3,732,800	\$1,047
North Hennepin Community College	1,897	59%	\$7,168,400	\$1,745,400	\$920
Northland Community & Technical College	447	55%	\$1,901,200	\$566,100	\$1,266
Northwest Technical College	300	59%	\$1,320,200	\$379,300	\$1,264
Pine Technical College	313	62%	\$1,359,600	\$316,000	\$1,010
Rainy River Community College	55	68%	\$258,700	\$56,300	\$1,024
Ridgewater College	1,249	62%	\$5,364,400	\$1,602,700	\$1,283
Riverland Community College	948	65%	\$4,186,000	\$1,171,500	\$1,236
Rochester Community and Technical College	1,662	62%	\$6,694,100	\$1,696,600	\$1,021



<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>
South Central Technical College	1,280	65%	\$5,332,200	\$1,416,700	\$1,107
St. Cloud Technical College	1,783	59%	\$7,419,800	\$2,118,800	\$1,188
St. Paul College	2,513	71%	\$10,445,100	\$2,476,200	\$985
Vermilion Community College	151	58%	\$747,700	\$236,700	\$1,568
Subtotal	34,050	62%	\$139,075,400	\$37,301,500	\$1,095

## 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	1,434	60%	\$7,514,700	\$3,552,600	\$2,477
Metropolitan State University	2,427	81%	\$12,324,700	\$4,625,200	\$1,906
Minnesota State University, Moorhead	1,226	58%	\$6,904,200	\$3,469,000	\$2,830
Minnesota State University, Mankato	3,330	54%	\$18,516,500	\$9,000,300	\$2,703
Southwest Minnesota State University	623	67%	\$3,609,700	\$1,631,600	\$2,619
St. Cloud State University	2,869	65%	\$16,117,200	\$7,219,500	\$2,516
Winona State University	1,721	52%	\$9,762,900	\$5,304,400	\$3,082
Subtotal	13,630	61%	\$74,749,900	\$34,802,700	\$2,553

### 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	528	64%	\$3,263,200	\$1,893,700	\$3,587
University of Minnesota Duluth	2,798	47%	\$19,546,900	\$13,085,200	\$4,677
University of Minnesota Morris	559	61%	\$4,104,600	\$2,634,500	\$4,713
University of Minnesota Twin Cities	7,976	51%	\$64,239,100	\$42,761,900	\$5,361
Subtotal	11,861	51%	\$91,153,700	\$60,375,300	\$5,090

## 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	1,350	77%	\$12,625,900	\$7,546,600	\$5,590
Bethany Lutheran College	213	66%	\$1,676,000	\$1,172,600	\$5,505
Bethel University	893	49%	\$6,527,900	\$4,556,600	\$5,103
Carleton College	102	46%	\$759,400	\$537,000	\$5,265
College of St. Benedict	559	46%	\$4,504,900	\$3,075,200	\$5,501
College of St. Scholastica	850	57%	\$6,738,800	\$4,646,400	\$5,466
Concordia College Moorhead	616	42%	\$4,592,900	\$3,282,200	\$5,328
Concordia University St. Paul	898	73%	\$6,916,400	\$4,309,700	\$4,799
Crown College	170	61%	\$1,361,700	\$861,700	\$5,069
Dunwoody College of Technology	562	61%	\$2,831,100	\$1,443,300	\$2,568
Gustavus Adolphus College	875	57%	\$7,400,400	\$5,009,100	\$5,725
Hamline University	1,002	67%	\$8,779,500	\$5,672,200	\$5,661
Herzing University	258	82%	\$1,666,400	\$858,200	\$3,327

<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	110	76%	\$526,200	\$73,500	\$668
Macalester College	144	50%	\$1,108,700	\$745,200	\$5,175
Martin Luther College	71	76%	\$498,600	\$407,500	\$5,740
Minneapolis College of Art and Design	215	70%	\$1,772,700	\$1,178,800	\$5,483
North Central University	307	68%	\$2,555,200	\$1,624,400	\$5,291
Northwestern Health Sciences University	87	70%	\$374,100	\$152,400	\$1,752
Northwestern University	660	56%	\$4,937,400	\$3,431,900	\$5,200
Oak Hills Christian College	47	94%	\$340,000	\$184,000	\$3,915
Presentation College	4	67%	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
Red Lake Tribal College	71	68%	\$318,000	\$46,300	\$652
St. Catherine University	1,106	69%	\$8,505,900	\$5,050,400	\$4,566
St. John's University	443	43%	\$3,346,400	\$2,333,100	\$5,267
St. Mary's University of Minnesota	367	65%	\$2,764,000	\$1,766,300	\$4,813
St. Olaf College	495	46%	\$4,058,200	\$2,813,300	\$5,683

<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	441	97%	\$1,674,600	\$569,700	\$1,292
Takoda Institute	13	93%	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
University of St. Thomas	1,630	46%	\$12,694,400	\$7,938,300	\$4,870
Subtotal	14,559	58%	\$111,918,200	\$71,308,100	\$4,898

\*For student counts less than 10, award information is suppressed

## 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	55	62%	\$307,200	\$204,700	\$3,721
Avalon School of Cosmetology	11	100%	\$63,000	\$17,500	\$1,587
Aveda Institute Minneapolis	286	70%	\$1,424,500	\$446,200	\$1,560
Center Point Massage and Shiatsu Therapy School & Clinic	35	85%	\$150,400	\$42,500	\$1,215
Empire Beauty School - Bloomington	127	93%	\$622,800	\$164,700	\$1,297
Empire Beauty School - St Paul	72	83%	\$339,600	\$73,100	\$1,016
Hastings Beauty School	7	78%	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
Institute of Production and Recording	78	96%	\$421,600	\$190,300	\$2,440
Minneapolis Business College	38	88%	\$113,400	\$29,200	\$769
Minnesota School of Barbering	9	90%	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
Minnesota School of Beauty	16	94%	\$97,200	\$33,900	\$2,117
Minnesota School of Cosmetology	145	92%	\$748,600	\$207,600	\$1,432
Model College of Hair Design	65	92%	\$344,600	\$105,800	\$1,628

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
Nova Academy of Cosmetology	83	89%	\$479,300	\$175,900	\$2,120
Professional Salon Academy	23	70%	\$112,000	\$37,700	\$1,640
Rasmussen College St. Cloud	2,394	85%	\$10,223,500	\$2,351,800	\$982
Subtotal	3,444	84%	\$15,534,100	\$4,115,000	\$1,195

\*For student counts less than 10, award information is suppressed

## 9.6 All Minnesota 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
Total	77,544	60%	\$432,431,300	\$207,902,600	\$2,681





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