Pell Grants

The share of dependent Pell Grant recipients from families with incomes below $30,000 (in 2014 dollars) rose from 50% in 2007-08 to 58% in 2015-16. The share of Pell dollars going to this group rose from 60% to 66%.

In 2007-08, the 15% of dependent Pell Grant recipients from families with incomes above $50,000 received 8% of Pell funds; in 2015-16, the 14% of recipients with incomes this high received 8% of Pell funds.

The share of Pell Grant recipients who were independent students fell from 58% in 2007-08 and 59% in 2011-12 to 53% in 2015-16. The share of Pell funds going to independent students was 55% in 2007-08, 56% in 2011-12, and 49% in 2015-16.

Between 1987-88 and 2017-18, the share of Pell Grant recipients who were age 19 or younger fluctuated between 19% and 24%. The share over the age of 30 rose from 19% to 24% between 1987-88 and 2012-13, but fell to 19% in 2017-18.

 ALSO IMPORTANT:

In 2015-16, the share of dependent students receiving Pell Grants ranged from 79% of those from families with incomes below $30,000 to 63% of those from families with incomes between $40,000 and $50,000 and 5% of those from families with incomes of $60,000 or higher. (NPSAS, 2016).

In 2007-08, 68% of dependent students from families with incomes below $30,000 (in 2014 dollars), 48% of those from families with incomes between $40,000 and $50,000 and 2% of those from families with incomes of $60,000 or higher received Pell Grants. (NPSAS, 2008).