

Institutional Grants

In 2015-16, full-time dependent students from families with incomes below \$35,000 at private nonprofit doctoral universities received almost twice as much institutional aid as those from families with incomes of \$120,000 or more. At master's universities, the two groups received similar amounts of institutional aid.

FIGURE 25A Average Need-Based and Non-Need-Based Institutional Grant Aid at Private Nonprofit Four-Year Institutions by Dependency Status and Family Income, 2015-16

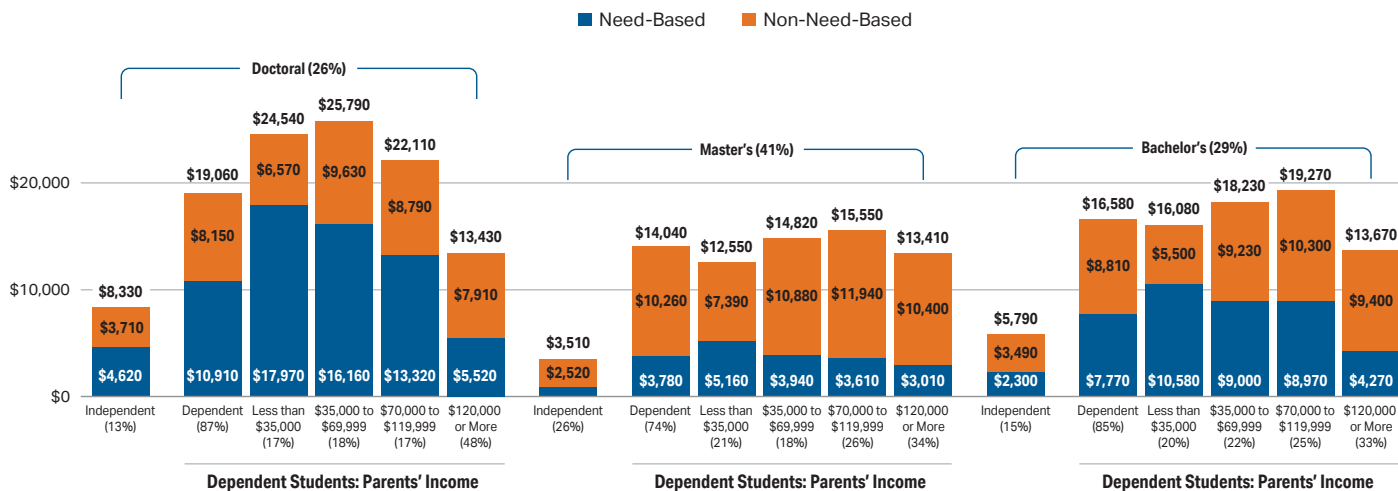
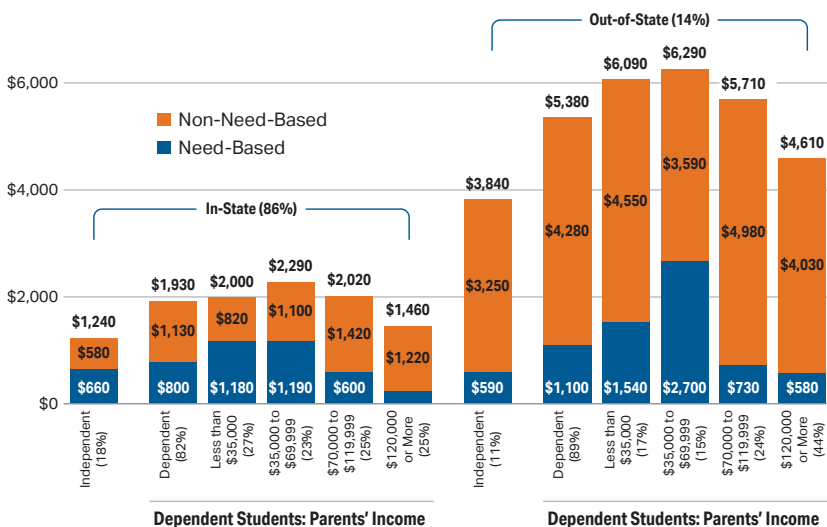


FIGURE 25B Average Need-Based and Non-Need-Based Institutional Grant Aid at Public Four-Year Institutions by State Residency, Dependency Status, and Family Income, 2015-16



- At private nonprofit institutions, the share of institutional grant aid that is need-based is highest at doctoral and lowest at master's universities.
- In 2015-16, the average published tuition and fee price was \$12,190 higher for out-of-state than for in-state dependent students (\$22,460 vs. \$10,270); the difference in institutional grant aid (\$5,380 vs. \$1,930) narrowed this gap by \$3,450.
- Full-time out-of-state students at public four-year institutions were less likely to be independent than in-state students (11% vs. 18%). Out-of-state dependent students were more likely to be from families with incomes of \$120,000 or higher than in-state students (44% vs. 25%).

ALSO IMPORTANT:

- About three-quarters of full-time undergraduates at private nonprofit doctoral, master's, and bachelor's institutions received institutional grant aid in 2015-16.
- In 2015-16, 39% of full-time in-state and 54% of out-of-state students at public four-year colleges and universities received institutional grant aid.

NOTES: Includes full-time students attending one institution in 2015-16. Percentages in parentheses are shares of undergraduate students in each group. Averages include students who did not receive institutional grants. Does not include federal, state or other grant aid.

SOURCES: NCES, NPSAS, 2016; calculations by the authors.

Share of Tuition and Fees Covered by Institutional Grant Aid, 2015-16

	Private Nonprofit Four-Year			Public Four-Year	
	Doctoral	Master's	Bachelor's	In-State	Out-of-State
Independent	21%	22%	26%	13%	21%
Dependent	44%	47%	47%	19%	24%
Less than \$35,000	62%	46%	55%	21%	32%
\$35,000 to \$69,999	61%	50%	56%	23%	30%
\$70,000 to \$119,999	51%	53%	52%	20%	26%
\$120,000 or More	30%	40%	35%	13%	19%