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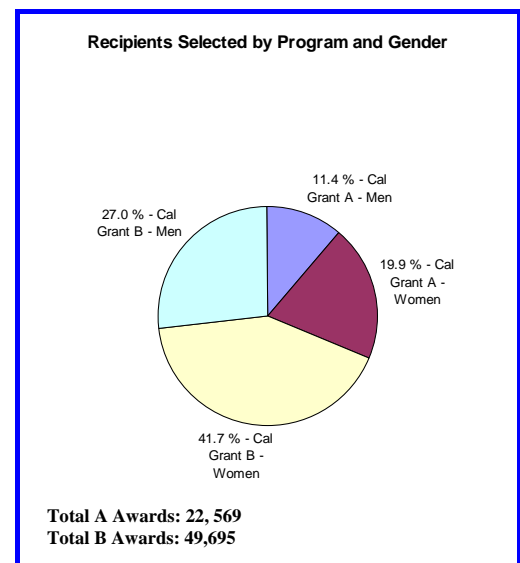
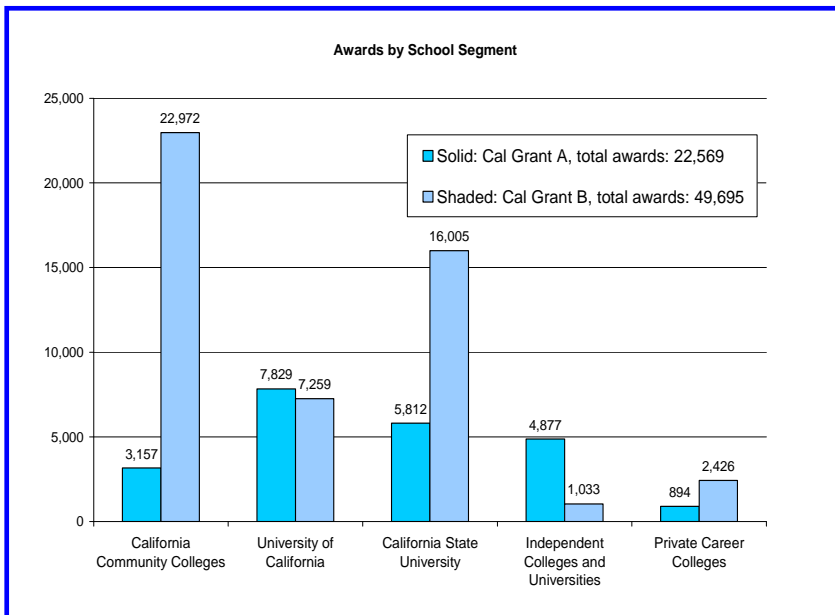
High School Entitlement Program

This document displays data about the 2008–09 High School Entitlement Cal Grants awarded to recipients. Total High School Entitlement recipients: 72,264

Senate Bill 1644 (Chapter 403, Statutes of 2000) guaranteed an Entitlement Cal Grant A or B award to every graduating high school senior who has financial need and who is academically eligible. This guarantee moved California closer to making college accessible and affordable for all those who wish to seek a postsecondary education.

Beginning in 2001–02, the Entitlement provisions were in effect for new Cal Grant applicants who graduated from high school starting July 1, 2000. For the 2008–09 March 2 Entitlement award application deadline, the applicant pool includes recent high school graduates, as well as those who graduated in 2006–07 and did not receive a Cal Grant award.

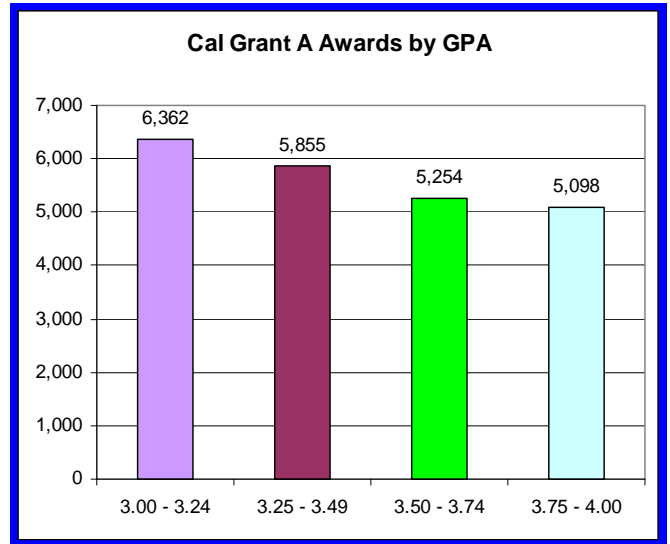
For the 2008–09 award cycle, the Commission continued to partner with education stakeholders, the California Legislature, the Governor’s Office and the Office of the Secretary for Education, as well as the private sector and community-based organizations, to provide an outreach and public awareness effort that included statewide student and parent workshops, school-based financial aid training, ethnic media coverage and outreach. As a result, Entitlement Cal Grant awards continue to pave the way for California’s diverse students to access a postsecondary education.



Entitlement Cal Grant

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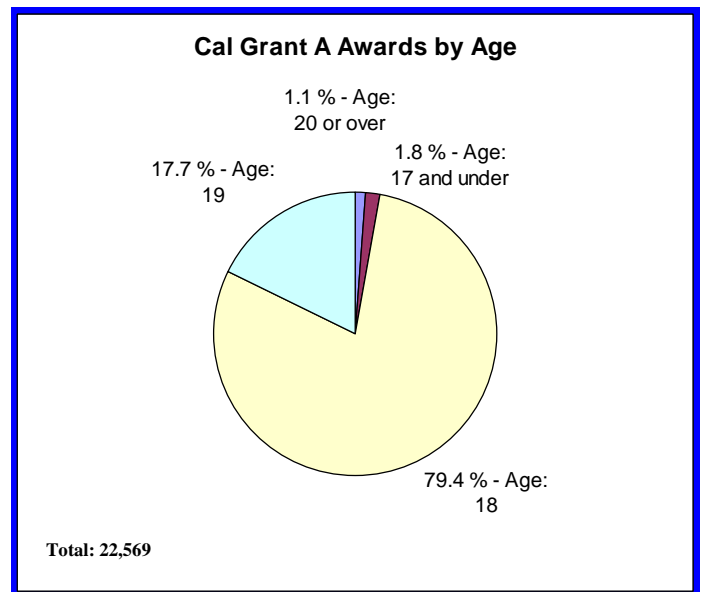
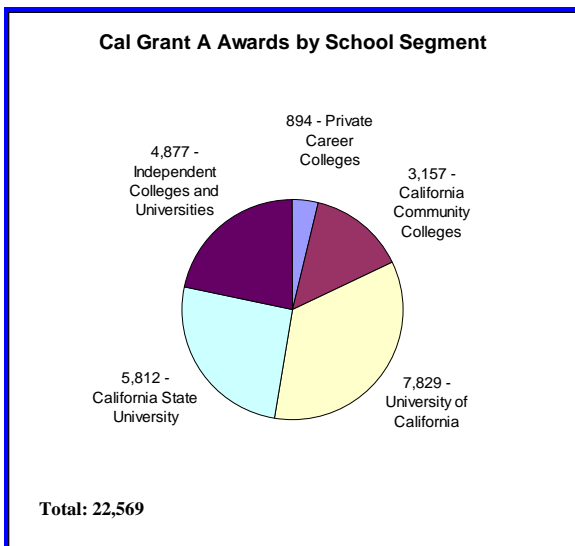
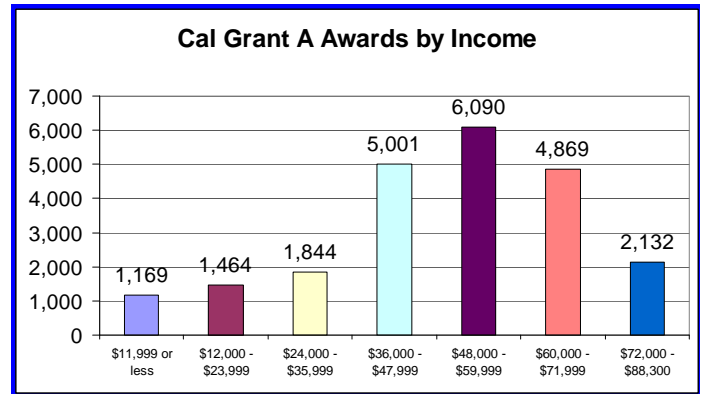
Award requirements include financial and basic eligibility, a minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA) and graduation from high school in 2006–07 or 2007–08. Cal Grant A awards provide for full systemwide fees at the California State University and the University of California, as well as tuition support at independent California colleges and universities and private career colleges. Of these Cal Grant A awards, 21,579 were awarded to 2007–08 high school graduates, while 4 percent, or 990, were awarded to those who graduated in 2006–07.



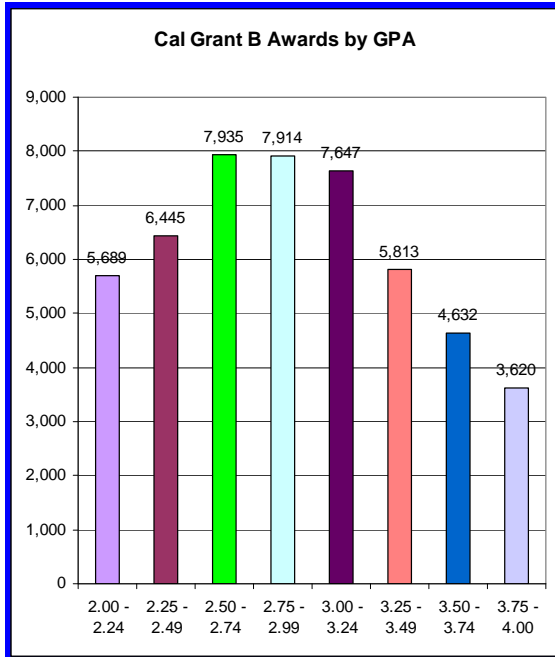
Average Parental Assets by Segment*

School Segment	Assets
California Community Colleges	\$4,024
University of California	\$5,885
California State University	\$5,463
Independent Colleges and Universities	\$5,266
Private Career Colleges	\$2,713

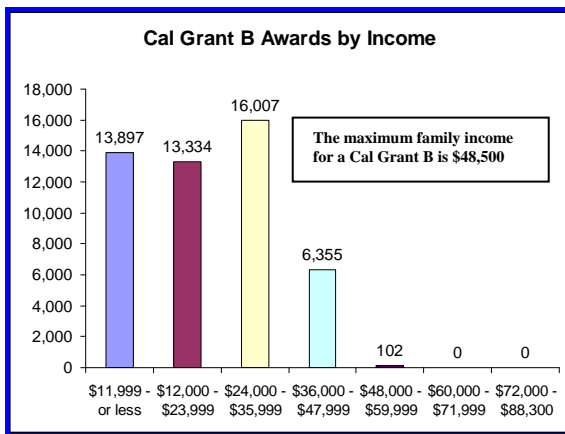
**99 percent of recipients are dependent.*



Entitlement B Cal Grant



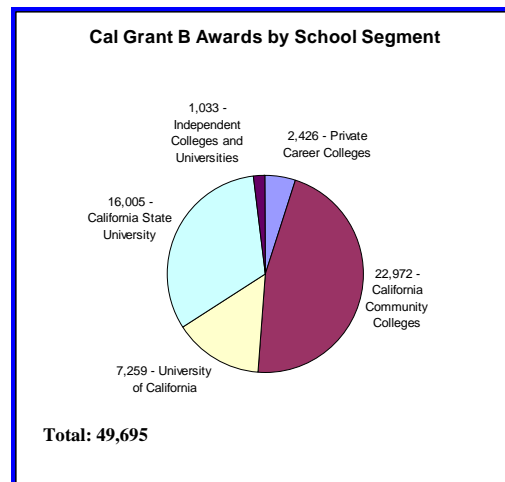
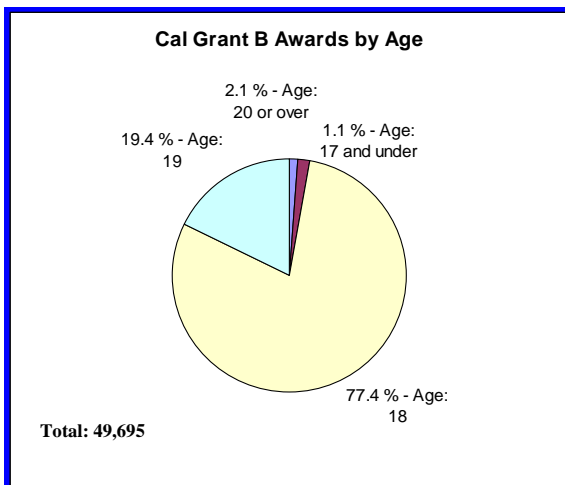
Award requirements include financial and basic eligibility, a minimum 2.0 GPA and graduation from high school in 2006–07 or 2007–08. Cal Grant B awards provide up to \$1,551 for books and living expenses for first-year students. Beginning with the recipient's second year of attendance, Cal Grant B awards also help pay for tuition and fees at public and independent four-year colleges or other qualifying institutions. Of these Cal Grant B awards, 47,344 were awarded to 2007–08 high school graduates, while 5 percent, or 2,351, were awarded to those who graduated in 2006–07.



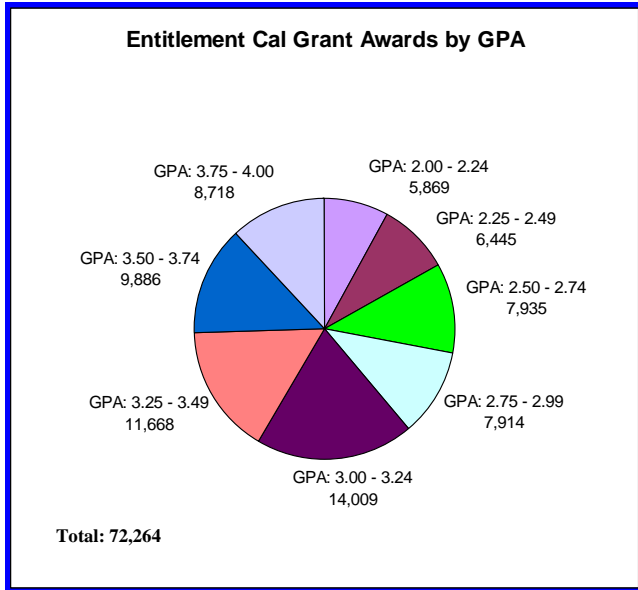
Average Parental Assets by Segment*

School Segment	Assets
California Community Colleges	\$648
University of California	\$2,291
California State University	\$1,026
Independent Colleges and Universities	\$2,136
Private Career Colleges	\$876

*93 percent of recipients are dependent.



About the Recipients



Typical Recipient

	Income	GPA	Family Size
Cal Grant A	\$49,319	3.47	4.1
Cal Grant B	\$20,888	2.91	3.9
All (Cal Grant A & B)	\$29,768	3.09	4.0

About the Applicants

Applicants must meet multiple criteria to qualify. Submitting both the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form is the first step for students to be considered for an Entitlement award. Of the 152,960 students who were successful in completing this first step, 39,370 did not qualify for various reasons. Examples of these reasons include: not listing a qualifying California school on the FAFSA, neglecting to indicate they were a California resident at the time of high school graduation, and mistakenly indicating they had already graduated with a bachelor's degree. These applicants were given the opportunity to correct their application and receive an Entitlement award. The remaining 113,590 applicants were matched against the program's financial criteria, with 72,264 meeting the ceilings.



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The California Student Aid Commission is the state's principal provider of intersegmental statewide grant aid to postsecondary students. Founded in 1955 as the California State Scholarship Commission, the Commission's primary programmatic responsibilities include administration of the Cal Grant program, the Chafee Grant Program and several targeted state scholarship and loan forgiveness programs. The 15-member Commission also oversees the activities of its nonprofit student loan services auxiliary, EdFund.