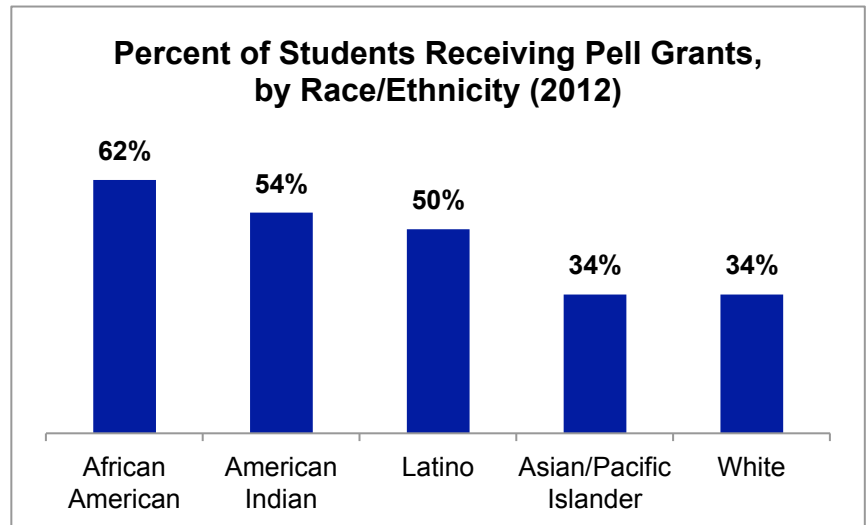


Latino Undergraduate Enrollment

- **Latinos were the second largest group enrolled in higher education.** In 2014-15, Latinos represented 17% of all undergraduate students, compared to Whites (53%), African Americans (12%), Asians (6%), and other racial/ethnic groups (12%).¹

Pell Grant Recipients²

- **Latinos were the third largest group among Pell Grant recipients.** In 2011-12, Latinos represented 19% of all Pell Grant recipients, compared to Whites (47%), African Americans (24%), Asian/Pacific Islanders (5%), American Indians (1%), and students of other racial/ethnic groups (3%).^{3,4}
- **Half of all Latino undergraduates received a Pell Grant.** In 2011-12, 50% of Latino undergraduates received a Pell Grant, compared to 62% of African American, 54% of American Indian, 34% of Asian/Pacific Islander, and 34% of White undergraduates.⁵



Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). (2015). *Trends in Pell Grant Recipient and the Characteristics of Pell Grant Recipients: Selected Years, 1999-2000 to 2011-12*. Table 1.1.

- **Latinos received a slightly larger average Pell Grant than most groups.** In 2011-12, the average Pell Grant awarded to Latinos was \$3,500, compared to \$3,300 for Whites, \$3,400 for African Americans, \$3,400 for American Indians, and \$3,800 for Asian/Pacific Islanders.⁶
- **Pell Grants covered a small portion of Latinos' total cost of attendance.** In 2011-12, the average Pell Grant for Latinos covered about 20% of total cost of attendance. The average Pell Grant award for Latinos was \$3,500 and the average total price of attendance among Latino Pell Grant recipients was \$17,200.⁷

Pell Grants & Other Aid

- **Fewer Latino Pell Grant recipients had student loans compared to others.** In 2011-12, 50% of all Latinos receiving Pell Grants had student loans, compared to 66% of African Americans, 65% of Whites, 60% of American Indians, and 52% of Asian/Pacific Islanders.⁸
- **Latino Pell Grant recipients were less likely than some groups to also receive a state grant.** In 2011-12, Latino Pell Grant recipients were less likely to also received a state grant (24%) than Asian/Pacific Islanders (37%) and Whites (26%), but more likely to receive a state grant than African Americans and American Indians (23% each).⁹
- **Latino Pell Grant recipients were the second largest group to also receive institutional grants.** In 2011-12, 31% of all Latinos receiving Pell Grants also received an institutional grant, compared to 37% of Asian/Pacific Islanders, 23% of Whites, 20% of American Indians, and 15% of African Americans.¹⁰

Latino Pell Grant Recipients by Sector

- **Latinos enrolled at community colleges were less likely to receive Pell Grants than Latinos enrolled in other institutions.** In 2011-12, 41% of Latinos enrolled at community colleges received a Pell Grant, compared to 72% enrolled at for-profit institutions, 53% enrolled at 4-year private nonprofit institutions, and 52% enrolled at 4-year public institutions.¹¹

¹ *Excelencia* in Education analysis using U.S. Department of Education, NCES, IPEDS, 2014-15 fall institutional characteristics and enrollment surveys.

² It is important to note that the 2011-12 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:12) does not include data from institutions located in Puerto Rico. Therefore, these data are not fully representative of the total Latino population eligible for and receiving Pell Grants.

³ U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). (2015). *Trends in Pell Grant Recipient and the Characteristics of Pell Grant Recipients: Selected Years, 1999-2000 to 2011-12*. Table 2.1.

⁴ Values may not add to 100% due to rounding.

⁵ U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). (2015). *Trends in Pell Grant Recipient and the Characteristics of Pell Grant Recipients: Selected Years, 1999-2000 to 2011-12*. Table 1.1.

⁶ U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). (2015). *Trends in Pell Grant Recipient and the Characteristics of Pell Grant Recipients: Selected Years, 1999-2000 to 2011-12*. Table 1.1.

⁷ U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). (2015). *Trends in Pell Grant Recipient and the Characteristics of Pell Grant Recipients: Selected Years, 1999-2000 to 2011-12*. Table 1.1.

⁸ U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). (2015). *Trends in Pell Grant Recipient and the Characteristics of Pell Grant Recipients: Selected Years, 1999-2000 to 2011-12*. Table 4.1.

⁹ U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). (2015). *Trends in Pell Grant Recipient and the Characteristics of Pell Grant Recipients: Selected Years, 1999-2000 to 2011-12*. Table 5.1.

¹⁰ U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). (2015). *Trends in Pell Grant Recipient and the Characteristics of Pell Grant Recipients: Selected Years, 1999-2000 to 2011-12*. Table 6.1.

¹¹ U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). (2015). *Trends in Pell Grant Recipient and the Characteristics of Pell Grant Recipients: Selected Years, 1999-2000 to 2011-12*. Tables 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5.