

## Topic in Brief

### Pell Grant Recipients as a Peer Metric

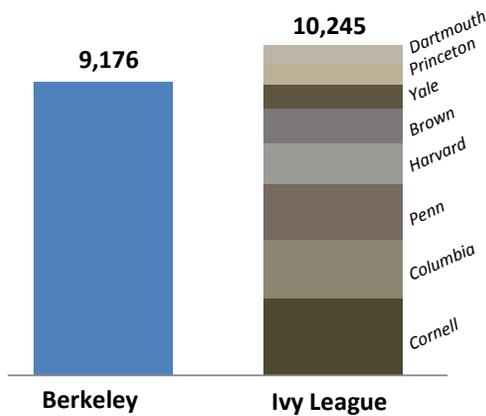
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A higher percentage of UC Berkeley undergraduate students (36%) receive Pell Grants than the combined Ivy League (17%).

As an indicator of the University's ongoing commitment to economic diversity in our student population, our Pell Grant recipient counts are compared to peers using annual reporting from the U.S. Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE).

**UC Berkeley has nearly the same number of Pell Grant recipients as the eight Ivy League schools combined.**

#### 2013-14 Pell Grant Awards



This represents the most recent data published by OPE, which is the best source for peer data due to the consistent, near-final reconciliation methodology that is employed.

**Pell Grant Description:** The Federal Pell Grant Program provides need-based financial aid for low-income undergraduates through some 5,400 participating colleges and universities. The amount of the award is determined by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) using a standard formula, and depends on student's financial need, the cost to attend, and full or part-time attendance status.

In comparing the number of Pell Grant awards as a percentage of the undergraduate population, Berkeley's 36% is higher than the Ivy League average of 17% and the highest of the 8 schools (Columbia's 22%).

#### Pell Grant and Enrollment Trend

	2012-13	2013-14	% Chg	Fall '13* Undergrads	% Pell of Undergrads
<b>UCB</b>	<b>9,263</b>	<b>9,176</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>25,774</b>	<b>36%</b>
Cornell	2,404	2,386	-1%	14,309	17%
Columbia	1,819	1,838	1%	8,410	22%
Penn	1,683	1,697	1%	9,712	17%
Harvard	1,274	1,288	1%	6,671	19%
Brown	982	1,088	11%	6,455	17%
Yale	710	673	-5%	5,422	12%
Princeton	649	684	5%	5,234	13%
Dartmouth	573	591	3%	4,154	14%
<b>Ivy League</b>	<b>10,094</b>	<b>10,245</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>60,367</b>	<b>17%</b>

\* degree-seeking population

Source: Berkeley data from Cal Answers is slightly higher than OPE (9,216 in 2012, 9,091 in 2013). Peer data from 2013-14 Distribution of Federal Pell Grant Program Funds by Institution, U.S. Office of Postsecondary Education, and enrollment from schools' Common Data Sets.

<http://www2.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/pell-institution.html>

The data shows 1% decline in Pell Grant awards over the prior year for Berkeley, while Ivy League schools ranged from a 5% decline (Yale) to an 11% increase (Brown). The change for all Ivies combined is a 1% increase.

Berkeley has the second lowest percentage among UC campuses which range from a high of 62% at Merced to a low of 32% at Santa Barbara. Only Berkeley and San Diego (-2%) had a decline in the number of Pell Grant recipients between 2012 and 2013.