

Topic in Brief

Pell Grant Awards as a Peer Metric

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A higher percentage of UC Berkeley undergraduate students (37%) receive Pell Grants than the combined Ivy League (17%).

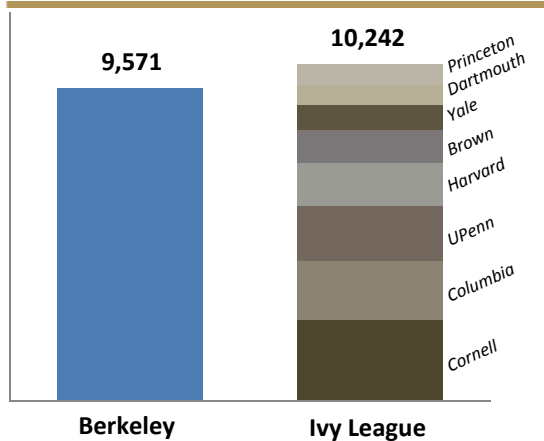
As an indicator of the University's ongoing commitment to provide *affordability and access*, our Pell Grant recipient counts are compared to peers using annual reporting from the U.S. Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE).

When comparing the number of Pell Grant awards as a percentage of the undergraduate population, Berkeley's 37% is far higher than any or all Ivy League institutions.

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

Pell Grant and Enrollment Trend

2011-12 Pell Grant Awards



	2010-11	2011-12	% Chg	Fall '11* Undergrads	% Pell of Undergrads
UCB	9,895	9,571	-3%	25,885	37%
Cornell	2,416	2,472	2%	14,108	18%
Columbia	1,732	1,800	4%	8,127	22%
Penn	1,562	1,670	7%	10,720	16%
Harvard	1,284	1,308	2%	7,245	18%
Brown	1,028	973	-5%	6,118	16%
Yale	772	749	-3%	5,333	14%
Princeton	617	638	3%	5,160	12%
Dartmouth	695	632	-9%	4,106	15%
Ivy League	10,106	10,242	1%	60,917	17%

*as used by U.S. News in *America's Best Colleges*

Source: Berkeley data from *Cal Answers*, is slightly higher than OPE (9,742 in 2010 and 9,487 in 2011). Peer data from 2011-12 *Distribution of Federal Pell Grant Program Funds by Institution*, U.S. Office of Postsecondary Education, and *IPEDS Fall Degree-Seeking Undergraduate Enrollment*.

<http://www2.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/pell-institution.html>
<http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter/Default.aspx>

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.

The OPE data shows that Berkeley had a 3% decline in Pell Grant awards over the prior year, while Ivy League schools ranged from a 9% decline (Dartmouth) to a 7% increase (Penn), a 1% increase overall.

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.

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