

# Table 18: Distribution of Federal Pell Grant Recipients by Family Income and Application Source

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Table 18A: *Total*

Table 18B: *Dependents*

Table 18C: *Independents*

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Tables 18A, 18B, and 18C display the distribution of Federal Pell Grant recipients by family income for each application source. These tables present this information for total recipients, dependents, and independents, respectively.

**Most Recipients Use Federal Form -- Paper or Electronic -- to Apply.** When the combined total of recipients using a Federal form, either paper (FAFSA with 41.4 percent) or Electronic (Initial application with 15.7 percent and Renewal Application with 1.5 percent) is considered, the majority of recipients (58.6 percent) use a direct Department of Education source. More than one-quarter use ACT (23.6 percent), followed by CSS (14 percent), and PHEAA (3.8 percent).

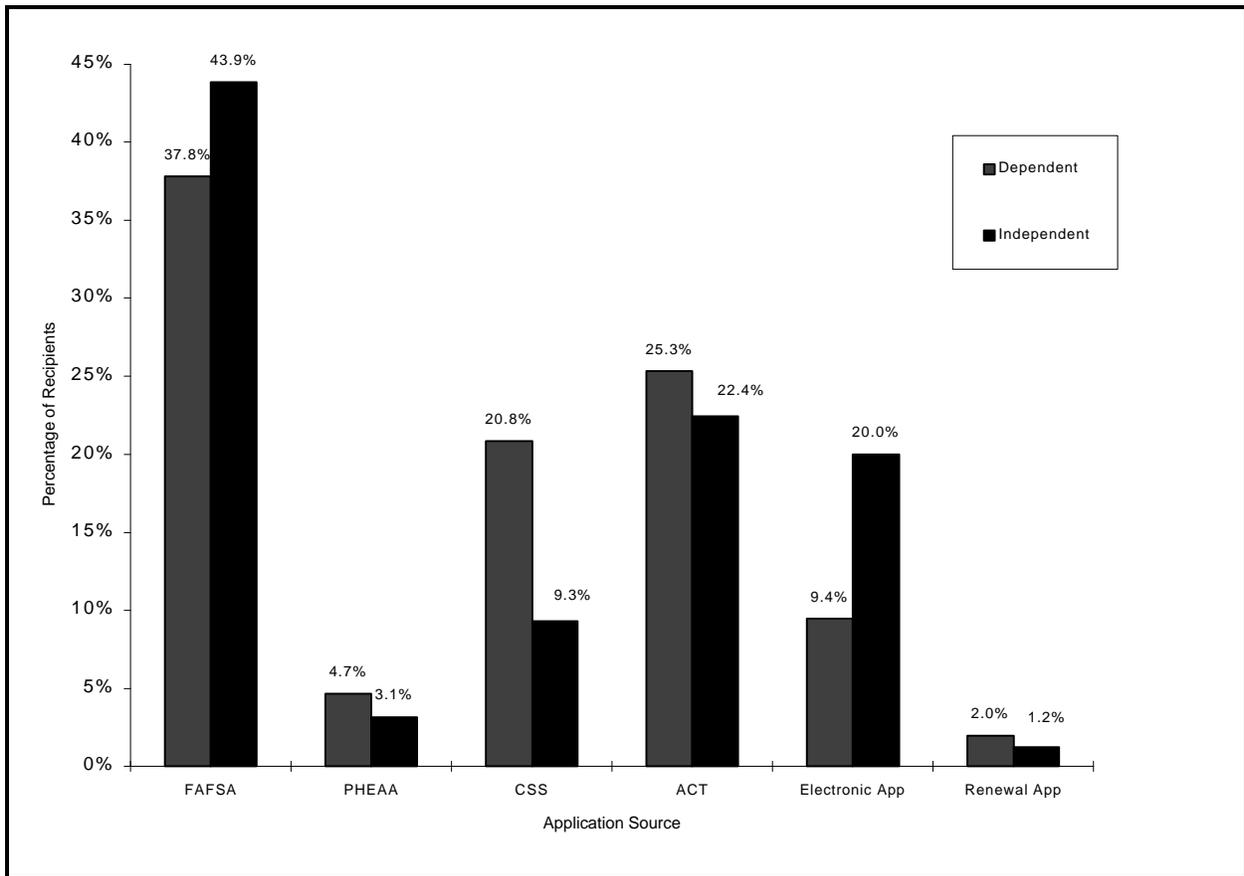
**Both Independent and Dependent Recipients are More Likely to Use the FAFSA.** As illustrated in Figure 20, about 37.8 percent of dependent recipients, and 43.9 percent of independent recipients use the FAFSA when applying for Federal Pell Grants. In contrast, only 1.2 percent of independent recipients, and 2.0 percent of dependent recipients use the Renewal Application. Figure 20 also demonstrates that recipients use CSS and Electronic Application at different rates. For example, 20.8 percent of dependent recipients and 9.3 percent of independent recipients use CSS, whereas 20.0 percent of independent recipients and 9.4 percent of dependent recipients use Electronic Application. Both independent and dependent recipients use the PHEAA and ACT at about the same rate. About 4.7 percent of dependents, and 3.1 percent of independents use PHEAA. More

than 25.3 percent of dependents, and 22.4 percent of independents use ACT.

**More Federal Form Recipients Have Lower Incomes.** Differences in income by application source are consistent with differences in institution attended by those at various income levels (see Table 6) and the population served by each source.

**P**The majority of Electronic Application (56.4 percent), Renewal Application (50.1 percent) recipients have family incomes of \$9,000 or less. 48.0 percent of FAFSA filers are in this income range. Only 16.0 percent of Electronic Application, 18.6 percent of Renewal Application, and 28.0 percent of FAFSA recipients report family incomes of \$20,000 or more.

**P**Fewer recipients among the other application sources are in the lowest income groups; 45.3 percent of ACT recipients, 39.4 percent of CSS recipients, and 42.9 percent of PHEAA recipients are from families with incomes of \$9,000 or less. More recipients using these MDEs are in the highest income groups; 25.9 percent of ACT recipients, 32.1 percent of CSS recipients, and 31.4 percent of PHEAA recipients are from families with incomes of \$20,000 or more.



**Figure 20:** Distribution of Recipients' Application Source by Dependency Status





