

Table 8: Distribution of Federal Pell Grant Recipients by Family Income and Educational Cost

Table 8A: *Total*

Table 8B: *Dependent*

Table 8C: *Independent*

Tables 8A, 8B, and 8C show the distribution of Federal Pell Grant recipients by family income and educational cost.

Low- and High-Cost Schools Attract Students from all Income Ranges at Similar Rate. Table 8A indicates no clear relationship between income and educational cost, which is consistent with the data in Table 7. Low-cost schools attract low income students at about the same rate as high income students. For example, 3.9 percent of all recipients with incomes of \$6,000 or less attended institutions where costs are \$3,000 or less. By comparison, 2.8 percent of recipients with incomes greater than \$20,000 have costs of \$3,000 or less.

More Dependents in High-Income and Educational Cost Ranges. Tables 8B and 8C show that dependents are more often in the high income and educational cost ranges than independents. For example, 30.8 percent of all dependents, compared to only 11.0 percent of all independents, have incomes of more than \$20,000 and educational costs in excess of \$6,000 (Figure 12). Family income ranges of \$9,001 to \$20,000 for the same educational cost range are 25.5 percent of dependents, compared to 18.6 percent of independents. Those with family incomes of up to \$9,000 and educational costs of greater than \$6,000 account for 48.4 percent of independents and 17.3 percent of dependents.

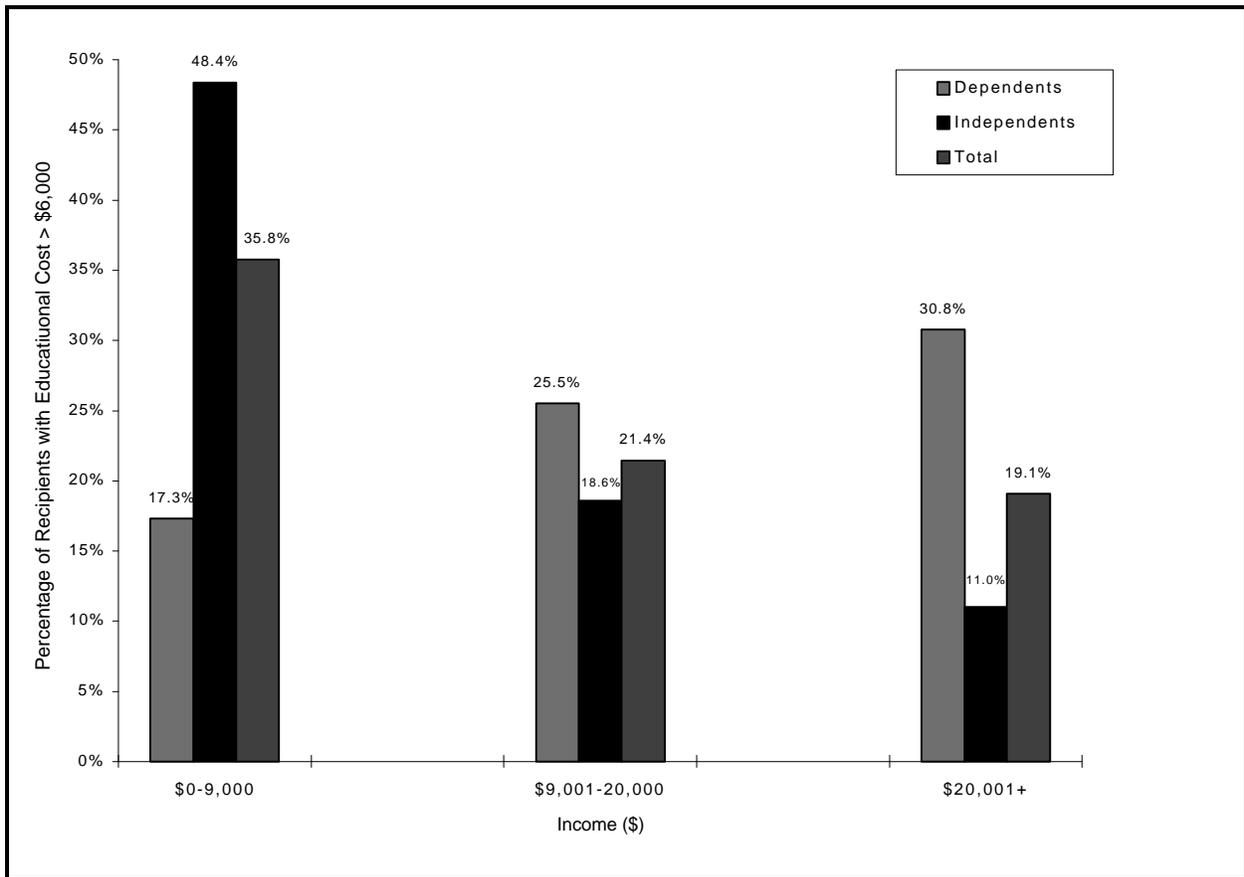


Figure 12: Cost of Education Greater Than \$6,000 by Family Income

