

# DATA DICTIONARY



This guide serves as a reference for the information contained in the **Financial Aid Trends of New Jersey Undergraduates dashboard**. This dashboard was created using data from state reporting sent by New Jersey colleges and universities to the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE). Specifically, NJ IPEDS Form 41, designed to compile financial aid over a year, was the source of the data presented here. Further information about this form can be found [here](#).

NOTE: Empty or null sections represent financial aid programs that did not apply to the year(s) or institutional sector(s) in question.

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## Financial Aid Highlights

This tab reviews several trends in the survey data, along with notes about the information presented in the following tabs.

## Percent of Aid Recipients

This tab contains a line chart showing the number of undergraduate students who received aid from different financial aid programs, along with the percentage of these students out of all enrolled undergraduates during the reporting year. Each column represents the reporting years, and the rows show different financial aid programs. These aid programs are organized by source: the federal government, the New Jersey state government, or the higher education institutions. The results can also be filtered by institutional sector.

## Institutional Sector Description

Institutional sectors include multiple higher education institutions that share governance and the type of degrees offered. Here are the definitions of the sector categories:

- **County Colleges:** Community colleges, that are operated publicly and primarily offer academic programs at the associate's degree level.
- **Independent-Public Mission:** Non-profit colleges and universities operated privately.
- **Proprietary:** For-profit colleges and universities operated privately.
- **Religious:** Largely non-profit colleges and universities that are operated privately and provide academic programs associated with a religious faith.
- **Senior Publics:** Colleges and universities that are operated publicly and offer academic programs at the bachelor's and graduate degree level.

## Aid Amount Percentage

This tab shows a line chart with the amount of awarded financial aid to undergraduate students from different programs, along with the percentage of that aid amount out of the total aid amount distributed to undergraduates. The columns show different institutional sectors, and the data can be filtered by report year and aid program type. The lines representing aid amounts are color coded by source. **The aid amounts displayed in this chart are reported in the thousands, so they should be multiplied by 1,000 for the actual values.**

## Federal Loan Aid

This tab shows the number of recipients and amount of aid awarded through federal loan programs only. Specifically, Parent PLUS loans and federal direct loans to undergraduate students are reported. The data can be filtered by institutional sector and individual higher education institutions.

## Aid Ranking for New Jersey Students

This tab shows the number of undergraduate recipients and amount of aid awarded through three programs: federal Pell grants, NJ state Educational Opportunity Fund grants, and state Tuition Assistance Grants. The data can be filtered by institutional sector and individual higher education institutions.

## Pell EOF Tag Ranks

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## Total Aid by Student Population

This tab contains the number of unique financial aid recipients. It can be filtered to show this total by different residency and student categories:

- **NJ Full-Time Students Receiving Aid:** Full-time students who have permanent addresses in New Jersey.
- **NJ Part-Time Students Receiving Aid:** Part-time students who have permanent addresses in New Jersey.
- **Out of State Students Receiving Aid:** All other students who have permanent addresses outside of New Jersey.
- **Total Undergraduate Aid Recipients:** The combined total of the previous three groups.

## Replication of Prior Dashboards

This tab has information organized similarly to the prior static reports posted to the OSHE website. Filters can be used to select the reporting year, institutional sector, and aid source. The resulting tables show the number of aid recipients and amounts awarded by each aid program within each individual higher education institution.

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