

Massachusetts Profile

Why State Grants Matter

State grant programs have the potential to make college possible for many students who could not otherwise afford to enroll. Grant policies vary widely across states in terms of their funding levels, whether they are based on financial or academic criteria or a combination of the two, and which students and institutions are eligible.

Massachusetts Residents

38%

of Massachusetts residents have a B.A. degree

70%

of Massachusetts students attend an in-state college

\$61,333

Median household income in Massachusetts (2010)

Colleges in Massachusetts – Grants, Funding and Tuition

\$110,140,238

in student aid funds disbursed by

7

state grant programs.

% funding of publics from state/local gov, 2008-2009

29% 29%



MA U.S. AVG.

Tuition and fees, four-year public colleges, 2009-2010

\$9,239

\$7,050



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Avg. state grant aid per student, 2009-2010

\$273

\$627



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% grant aid based on need, 2009-2010

94%

73%



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Largest Two Grant Programs in Massachusetts

(See Appendix B of the full report for a complete listing of grant programs)

MASSGrant

<i>Funds disbursed:</i>	<i>Number of recipients:</i>	<i>% of dollars disbursed by sector:</i>	
\$33,848,047	43,988	PUBLIC	53%
<i>% of all state grants:</i>	<i>Avg. aid per recipient:</i>	PRIVATE	45%
31%	\$769	FOR-PROFIT	2%
<i>Eligibility criteria:</i>			
Financial			

Massachusetts Access Grant

<i>Funds disbursed:</i>	<i>Number of recipients:</i>	<i>% of dollars disbursed by sector:</i>	
\$26,391,254	28,198	PUBLIC	100%
<i>% of all state grants:</i>	<i>Avg. aid per recipient:</i>	PRIVATE	0%
24%	\$936	FOR-PROFIT	0%
<i>Eligibility criteria:</i>			
Financial			