

**Connecticut Community Colleges
Financial Aid Trend Analysis (2008-2009 & 2009-2010 Aid Years)**

2008-2009 Aid Year

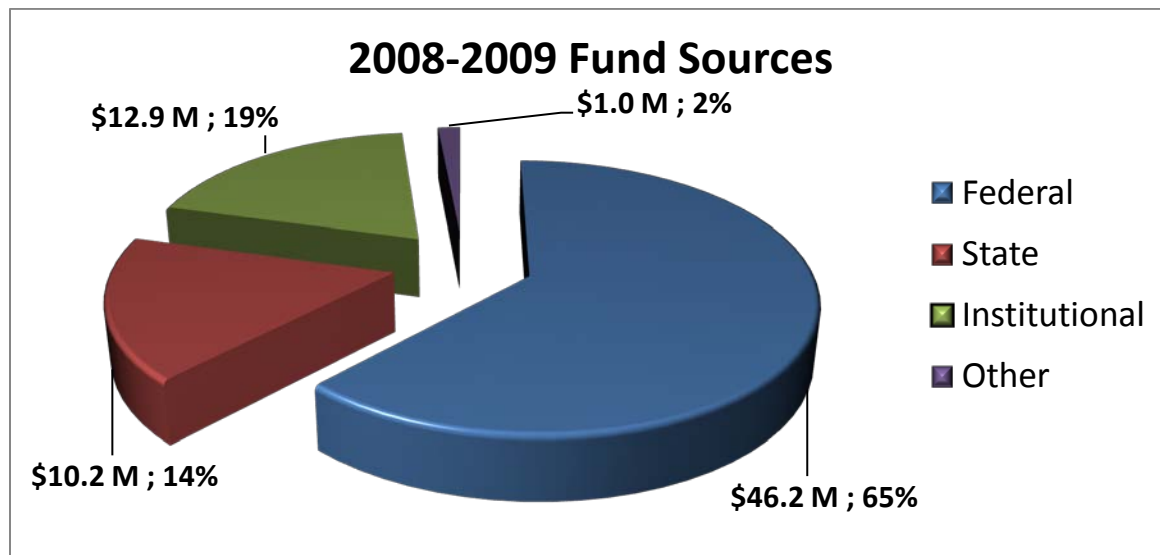
The Connecticut Community Colleges (CCC) Office of Financial Aid Services continued to experience marked success during this past aid year. This is evidenced in part by the following figures, and their noted statistical increases since the preceding aid year (2007-2008), as well as since 2000-2001, the year the SunGard Higher Education Banner Financial Aid System was implemented within the CCC's.

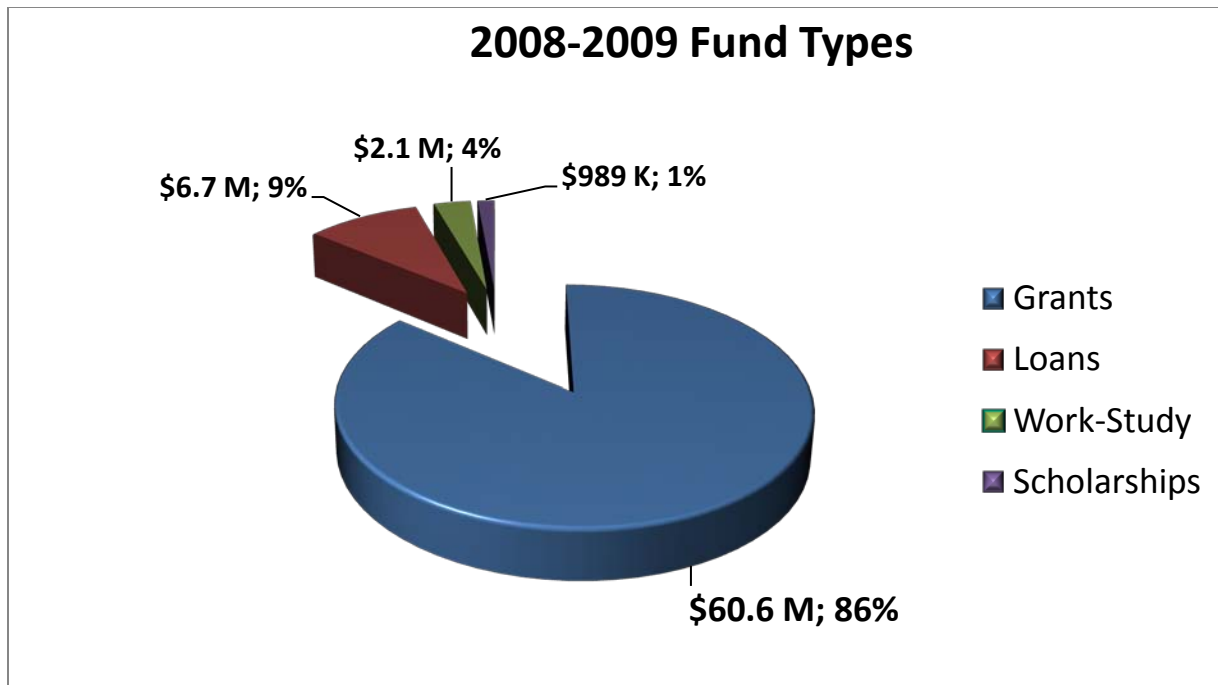
Category	2008-2009	Increase since 2007-2008	Increase since 2000-2001
Financial Aid Applicants	44,825	19%	117%
Financial Aid Recipients	24,624	15%	106%
Total Funds Disbursed	\$70,447,728.00	20%	154%

The same trends are examined below, specifically for the Pell Grant Program:

Category	2008-2009	Increase since 2007-2008	Increase since 2000-2001
Pell Grant Recipients	15,930	13%	103%
Pell Grant Disbursements	\$37,145,220.58	28%	212%

As illustrated in the following charts, funds disbursed to CCC students continue to be primarily derived from federal sources, in addition to being overwhelmingly need-based grants:





2009-2010 Aid Year

It should be noted that as both financial aid application processing and course registrations are ongoing and in their respective peak seasons, the following data is subject to nearly constant change.

As of September 10, 2009, the CCC's have received 42,757 Financial Aid applications for the 2009-2010 aid year. This volume is representative of 95% of applications received during the entire 2008-2009 aid year. This is notable due to the fact that the 2009-2010 application cycle has yet to reach its halfway point, yet has nearly equaled its yield of one year prior.

When compared to this point in time last year, Financial Aid applications are up approximately 17%, with initial analysis indicating increases in Pell Grant eligibility. For example, nearly one-third of all 2009-2010 applications denote students with maximum Pell Grant eligibility, as calculated via federal needs analysis. In 2008-2009, less than one-quarter of applications were received with this designation.

The relationship between financial aid and enrollment remains significant. Our colleges, in the interest of remaining in compliance with BOT policy, continue to award need-based financial aid to students with the primary goal of meeting the direct costs of attendance for those students. As of September 10, 2009, 90% of those students awarded financial aid have enrolled for the upcoming fall semester.