

Table 17: Summary Statistics by Application Source

Table 17 presents summary statistics by application source for all Title IV applicants. These statistics include information on official applicants, valid applicants (official applicants less applications returned for insufficient data and never re-submitted), and applicants selected for verification, as well as data on Federal Pell Grant recipients by application source.

In 1994-95, a student applied for Title IV student aid in one of several ways. Application forms were sent to one of the three Multiple Data Entry (MDE) processors: American College Testing (ACT) Program; College Scholarship Service (CSS); or the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA). An application could also be submitted to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) processor, or transmitted directly to the Central Processing System (CPS) via an electronic Application or electronic Renewal Application Process.

FAFSA and ACT Applicants Dominate. Looking at the percentage of official applicants using each form, as shown in Table 17, the FAFSA processor is the most used at 41.6 percent, followed by the ACT (24.4 percent), CSS (16.9 percent), Electronic Application (11.8 percent), PHEAA (4.4 percent), and Renewal Application (0.9 percent) forms.

Federal Applicants Least Likely to Become Recipients. As was the case in previous years, Table 17 shows that the proportion of official applicants and qualified applicants receiving grants varies considerably according to the application source. Qualified students using the FAFSA are least likely to become recipients (72.4 percent), probably because many of them choose not to enroll in school. Approximately three-quarters of qualified applicants using Electronic Application (74.6 percent), PHEAA (78.6 percent), ACT (75.8 percent), and CSS (79.6 percent) receive grants. Due to the nature of the screening process at the school, eligible Renewal Applications (93.0 percent) are most likely to receive grants.

The largest average grant went to students using Renewal Applications (\$1,749), probably because these applicants generally have lower incomes and many attend higher cost schools. The average grant of recipients using most other processors is similar, ranging from \$1,480 to \$1,571.

Because of institutional and regional preferences in the forms used, there tends to be differences in the percentage of students that are Federal Pell Grant eligible by application source. These differences, illustrated in Figure 19, are by no means casual. Instead, they reflect the demographic differences in the profile of applicants in various institutions and regions and the concomitant preferences of these institutions for forms.

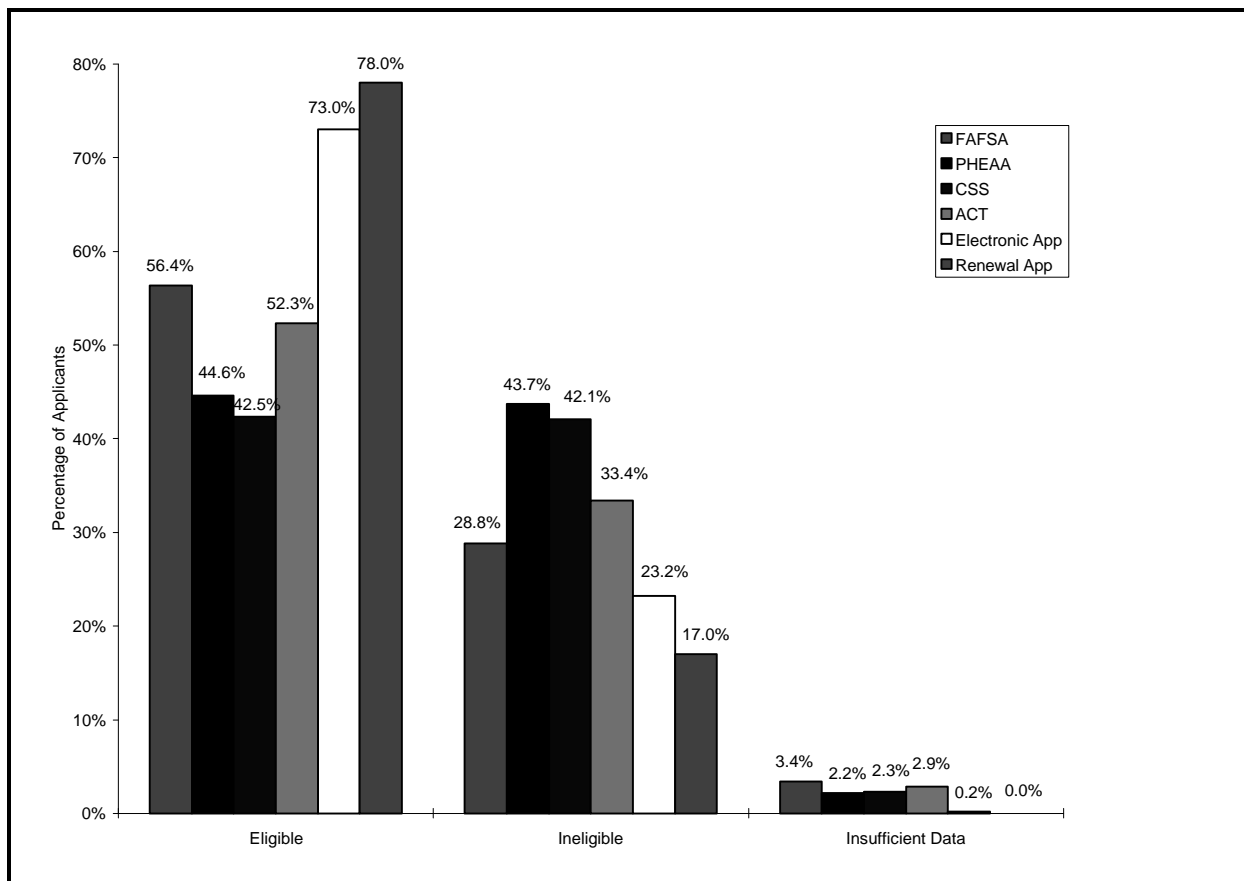


Figure 19: Applicant Eligibility Status by Application Source

TABLE 17
SUMMARY STATISTICS BY APPLICATION SOURCE
AWARD PERIOD 1994-95

ALL APPLICANTS		APPLICATION SOURCE					
	FAFSA	PHEAA	CSS	ACT	ELECTRONIC APP	RENEWAL APP	TOTAL
NUMBER OF TITLE IV FEDERAL PELL GRANT APPLICANTS SUBMITTING OFFICIAL APPLICATIONS.....	3,728,200	394,828	1,519,840	2,189,359	1,059,751	77,668	8,969,646
NUMBER OF TITLE IV FEDERAL PELL GRANT APPLICANTS SUBMITTING VALID APPLICATIONS.....	3,173,422	348,526	1,286,306	1,875,782	1,019,377	73,756	7,777,169
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF FEDERAL PELL GRANT ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.....	2,101,155	176,054	646,140	1,144,542	773,790	60,576	4,902,257
	56.4%	44.6%	42.5%	52.3%	73.0%	78.0%	54.7%
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF FEDERAL PELL GRANT INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.....	1,072,267	172,472	640,166	731,240	245,587	13,180	2,874,912
	28.8%	43.7%	42.1%	33.4%	23.2%	17.0%	32.1%
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF APPLICATIONS RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT DATA AND NEVER RE-SUBMITTED FOR PROCESSING.....	125,200	8,658	35,344	62,449	2,642	12	234,305
	3.4%	2.2%	2.3%	2.9%	0.2%	0.0%	2.6%
NUMBER OF TITLE IV APPLICANTS SUBMITTING UNOFFICIAL APPLICATIONS.....	72,963	8,065	20,261	29,600	67,186	2,945	201,020
NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS SELECTED FOR VERIFICATION.....	795,778	73,158	312,025	458,301	182,218	19,995	1,841,475
NUMBER OF FEDERAL PELL GRANT RECIPIENTS.....	1,521,105	138,344	514,277	867,760	577,562	55,919	3,674,967
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$2,251,992,631	\$207,599,891	\$808,011,784	\$1,306,867,417	\$847,174,114	\$97,828,655	\$5,519,474,492
AVERAGE GRANT.....	\$1,480	\$1,501	\$1,571	\$1,506	\$1,467	\$1,749	\$1,502