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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 11, 2026  
TO: Elena Quiroz-Livanis, Interim Secretary  
CC: Emily Dow, Assistant Secretary for Academic Affairs  
FROM: Barbara Schmertz, Director of Research and Policy Analysis  
SUBJECT: FY 2025 Pell Grant Recipients in Maryland Colleges and Universities

The U.S. Department of Education offers federal grants to students attending four-year colleges and universities and community colleges. The largest among them, the Federal Pell Grant program, issues grants to undergraduate students who display exceptional financial need and have not earned an undergraduate degree. In addition, incarcerated individuals enrolled in approved prison education programs can be eligible for Federal Pell Grants.

In Maryland, several statutory requirements<sup>1</sup> rely on calculated rates of those who are awarded Pell grants at Maryland colleges and universities. The Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC), which receives statewide postsecondary data, has calculated these rates for the 2024-2025 fiscal year<sup>2</sup>.

This memo contains data tables for Maryland's public and state-aided independent colleges and universities. The tables show the institution, the calculated rates, the counts of students identified as having been awarded a Pell Grant in the given year and the counts of students identified as undergraduate students (enrolled in credit-bearing courses by the census date of a given academic term).

This memo, along with the Excel data tables accompanying this memo, will be published on the MHEC website.

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<sup>1</sup> This includes Education Articles §18–2701, §18–307, and §18–3602, as well as Tax Article §10–740 and Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article §36–101

<sup>2</sup> Due to a time lag between the data collection and reporting periods, the most recent year of data MHEC can report on is fiscal year 2024-2025.

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### Community Colleges FY2025

Institution	Calculated Pell rate	Total Pell Recipients	Total undergraduate students
Allegany College of Maryland	50.2%	1,134	2,258
Anne Arundel Community College	26.9%	3,330	12,398
Carroll Community College	24.3%	590	2,423
Cecil College	37.4%	618	1,653
College of Southern Maryland	30.4%	1,664	5,480
Chesapeake College	38.5%	644	1,673
Community College of Baltimore County	35.8%	6,828	19,080
Baltimore City Community College	46.1%	2,505	5,437
Frederick Community College	25.6%	1,413	5,521
Garrett College	51.5%	243	472
Hagerstown Community College	43.6%	1,582	3,625
Harford Community College	29.8%	1,428	4,785
Howard Community College	32.2%	2,850	8,838
Montgomery College	30.1%	6,223	20,671
Prince George's Community College	40.8%	4,917	12,042
Wor-Wic Community College	55.3%	1,612	2,916

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### Four-Year Public Institutions FY2025

Institution	Calculated Pell rate	Total Pell Recipients	Total undergraduate students
Bowie State University	49.6%	2,727	5,502
Coppin State University	53.5%	1,126	2,103
Frostburg State University	32.5%	1,186	3,645
Salisbury University	29.4%	1,914	6,515
Towson University	39.2%	6,788	17,333
University of Baltimore	49.1%	702	1,430
University of Maryland, Baltimore	33.2%	397	1,197
University of Maryland, Baltimore County	33.3%	3,798	11,400
University of Maryland, College Park	22.0%	7,259	32,978
University of Maryland Eastern Shore	58.6%	1,525	2,602
University of Maryland Global Campus	35.2%	25,475	72,467
Morgan State University	58.6%	5,658	9,659
St. Mary's College of Maryland	22.3%	380	1,704

### State-Aided Independent Institutions FY 2025

Institution	Calculated Pell rate	Total Pell Recipients	Total undergraduate students
Capitol Technology University	43.3%	155	358
Washington Adventist University	43.2%	216	500
Goucher College	37.4%	429	1,146
Hood College	37.6%	470	1,249
Johns Hopkins University	25.1%	1,459	5,824
Loyola University Maryland	23.8%	941	3,952
Maryland Institute College of Art	27.7%	352	1,272
Mount St. Mary's University	36.3%	669	1,842
Notre Dame of Maryland University	39.0%	305	783
St. John's College	23.8%	118	495
Stevenson University	35.8%	1,195	3,335
Washington College	23.0%	216	940
McDaniel College	36.7%	645	1,758

Data sources: Maryland Higher Education Commission, Enrollment Information System  
Maryland Higher Education Commission, Financial Aid Information System

The data used are de-identified unit record data (name, address, and other Personally Identifiable Information are stripped), which are merged using a scrambled unique identifier based on institutional submissions. These data may undercount outcomes due to inaccurate unique identifier data provided by the institution.

All figures are correct as of time of memo.

Students may be enrolled at more than one institution. They are included in enrollment figures for each institution at which they are enrolled.

Enrollment data for this analysis represents student enrollments as of the institution's official term freeze/census date, which typically represents the final date of which students may register for classes.

Undergraduate students include first-time enrollments, as well as those who re-enroll and transfer students.

Pell enrollment figures include undergraduate students receiving Pell awards during FY 2025 who were enrolled during the fall, winter and/or spring terms of FY2025 (those solely enrolled in summer were not included). Students may have received a Pell grant at more than one institution; they are included in figures at each institution at which they received the award.