

MINORITY AND DISADVANTAGED  
STUDENT REPORT  
2022-23



## **OVERVIEW**

The Universities of Wisconsin's 2023-2028 Strategic Plan was approved by the Board of Regents in December 2022. Within the plan's objective to enhance the student experience and social mobility are strategies to increase access to higher education and improve rates of success for historically underserved students, including low-income, first generation, and underrepresented racial/ethnic minorities. The pursuit of student aid resources that remove financial barriers, the provision of robust academic and career advising services, and a data-driven analysis of measures that seek to address achievement gaps are among the actions aimed at fulfilling the Strategic Plan's goal of championing student success across the higher education life cycle.

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 36.25(14(m)(c)2, the following data provide information on financial aid distributed to students, categorized by ethnic group, class level and dependency status.

### **FINANCIAL NEED PROFILE BY RACE/ETHNICITY**

In 2022-23, an average of \$12,966 in aid was disbursed to 107,800 UW system student financial aid recipients. The total number of financial aid recipients decreased by 14,669 since 2021-22 due largely to the end of federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds. In the UW system, 19,649 underrepresented minority students received financial aid, representing a decrease of 848 recipients since 2021-22. During the most recent year, 79% of underrepresented minority student aid recipients had demonstrated financial need, based on the Federal Needs analysis methodology, while 55% of white recipients had demonstrated financial need.

Underrepresented minority students on average had greater financial need (\$21,640), than non-underrepresented minority students (\$17,985). Of the aid awarded to underrepresented racial/ethnic minority students, 35% was in the form of loans and 56% was in the form of grants, with the remaining consisting of work and remission aid. In contrast, 55% of aid was in the form of loans and 36% was in the form of grants for white students.

Table 2 shows UW system students of color and disadvantaged student financial aid programs for 2022-23. Appendix A shows financial aid given to undergraduate students in 2022-23 by ethnicity and race. Appendix B shows financial aid given to graduate and professional students in 2022-23 by ethnicity and race.

**Table 1: UW System Financial Aid Recipients' Need Profile by Race/Ethnicity (2022-23)**

	Number of Recipients	Recipients with Need	*Average Financial Aid Need	**Average Financial Aid Received	***Percent of Aid in Grants	***Percent of Aid in Loans
African American	4,449	3,760	\$22,681	\$18,199	54%	36%
Hispanic/Latino(a)	9,400	7,193	\$21,911	\$16,028	54%	34%
American Indian	521	404	\$18,591	\$15,085	69%	26%
Southeast Asian	2,467	2,165	\$20,524	\$15,721	63%	31%
Two or More Races	2,812	2,079	\$20,573	\$15,759	56%	37%
<b>Subtotal: URM</b>	<b>19,649</b>	<b>15,601</b>	<b>\$21,640</b>	<b>\$16,418</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>35%</b>
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	84	54	\$17,157	\$12,786	39%	49%
Other Asian	3,259	2,097	\$27,931	\$16,311	51%	36%
White	77,749	44,240	\$17,362	\$11,771	36%	55%
Unknown	5,672	1,019	\$20,858	\$15,179	32%	14%
Two or more races	1,387	792	\$22,812	\$14,142	40%	47%
<b>Subtotal: Non-URM</b>	<b>88,151</b>	<b>48,202</b>	<b>\$17,985</b>	<b>\$12,197</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>51%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>107,800</b>	<b>63,803</b>	<b>\$18,879</b>	<b>\$12,966</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>47%</b>

\*Average financial need is based on students with need (defined by federal methodology).

\*\*Average financial aid received is computed across all students, not across categories.

\*\*\*Work and remission aid comprised the remaining percentage of financial aid.

**Table 2: UW System Students of Color and Disadvantaged Student Financial Aid Programs (2022-23)**

	Lawton Retention Grant (LUMRG)		Advanced Opportunity Program (AOP)	
	Number of Recipients	Average Award	Number of Recipients	Average Award
African American	541	\$2,369	106	\$9,195
Hispanic/Latino(a)	1152	\$2,416	167	\$10,139
American Indian	37	\$2,538	8	\$7,089
Southeast Asian	472	\$2,383	53	\$8,118
Two or More Races	344	\$2,406	46	\$9,556
<b>Subtotal: URM</b>	<b>2,546</b>	<b>\$2,400</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>\$9,459</b>
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1	\$1,200	0	\$0
Other Asian	7	\$2,673	28	\$6,131
White	3	\$2,583	124	\$6,876
Unknown	11	\$2,068	4	\$2,125
Two or more races	6	\$2,814	10	\$7,833
<b>Subtotal: Non-URM</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>\$2,403</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>\$6,694</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,574</b>	<b>\$2,400</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>\$8,618</b>

**Appendix A: Financial Aid - Undergraduate Students (2022-23)**

		Financial Need		*Total Aid		Grants		Loans	
		#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$
African American	Dependent	2,208	\$47,984,746	2,435	\$45,185,528	2,204	\$29,527,075	1,546	\$12,163,140
	Independent	942	\$17,818,677	981	\$13,187,266	905	\$7,184,678	708	\$5,527,268
	Undetermined	0	\$0	222	\$3,138,076	184	\$2,290,241	15	\$225,648
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,150</b>	<b>\$65,803,423</b>	<b>3,638</b>	<b>\$61,510,870</b>	<b>3,293</b>	<b>\$39,001,994</b>	<b>2,269</b>	<b>\$17,916,056</b>
Hispanic/Latino(a)	Dependent	5,045	\$103,690,293	6,030	\$97,351,471	5,055	\$59,677,968	3,312	\$29,763,080
	Independent	1,318	\$24,310,570	1,375	\$17,794,892	1,234	\$10,755,453	834	\$6,350,371
	Undetermined	0	\$0	659	\$5,767,382	498	\$3,627,100	72	\$1,047,504
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,363</b>	<b>\$128,000,863</b>	<b>8,064</b>	<b>\$120,913,745</b>	<b>6,787</b>	<b>\$74,060,521</b>	<b>4,218</b>	<b>\$37,160,955</b>
American Indian	Dependent	167	\$2,687,352	218	\$3,307,856	196	\$2,525,988	94	\$696,098
	Independent	161	\$2,702,938	175	\$2,407,668	164	\$1,702,698	93	\$662,295
	Undetermined	0	\$0	31	\$198,514	22	\$107,378	6	\$60,080
	<b>Total</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>\$5,390,290</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>\$5,914,038</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>\$4,336,064</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>\$1,418,473</b>
Southeast Asian	Dependent	1,550	\$30,076,992	1,712	\$26,744,809	1,553	\$19,553,658	903	\$6,056,411
	Independent	394	\$6,789,859	411	\$4,953,012	378	\$2,790,425	274	\$2,006,720
	Undetermined	0	\$0	63	\$445,875	45	\$235,965	5	\$61,592
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,944</b>	<b>\$36,866,851</b>	<b>2,186</b>	<b>\$32,143,696</b>	<b>1,976</b>	<b>\$22,580,048</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>\$8,124,723</b>
Two or More Races URM	Dependent	1,391	\$24,831,528	1,812	\$26,649,387	1,474	\$16,208,182	1,133	\$9,081,671
	Independent	432	\$8,302,924	453	\$6,592,922	428	\$4,129,281	303	\$2,269,853
	Undetermined	0	\$0	185	\$1,863,351	150	\$1,287,398	14	\$262,956
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,823</b>	<b>\$33,134,452</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>\$35,105,660</b>	<b>2,052</b>	<b>\$21,624,861</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>\$11,614,480</b>
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Dependent	38	\$664,796	55	\$689,755	35	\$228,983	44	\$389,731
	Independent	13	\$184,082	13	\$141,002	10	\$65,434	8	\$70,977
	Undetermined	0	\$0	6	\$132,576	3	\$113,930	1	\$7,800
	<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>\$848,878</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>\$963,333</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>\$408,347</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>\$468,508</b>
Other Asian	Dependent	1,570	\$40,528,310	2,088	\$34,813,624	1,675	\$21,629,829	990	\$11,344,581
	Independent	220	\$4,867,645	234	\$3,181,530	212	\$1,937,519	115	\$961,901
	Undetermined	0	\$0	319	\$2,002,472	278	\$1,307,079	24	\$467,494
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>\$45,395,955</b>	<b>2,641</b>	<b>\$39,997,626</b>	<b>2,165</b>	<b>\$24,874,427</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>\$12,773,976</b>
White	Dependent	29,578	\$431,565,090	49,179	\$554,459,535	33,035	\$216,367,595	34,986	\$315,720,501
	Independent	7,984	\$134,339,282	8,510	\$102,003,682	7,205	\$50,671,377	5,837	\$47,922,405
	Undetermined	0	\$0	8,805	\$48,488,558	6,714	\$27,467,816	1,018	\$13,124,005
	<b>Total</b>	<b>37,562</b>	<b>\$565,904,372</b>	<b>66,494</b>	<b>\$704,951,775</b>	<b>46,954</b>	<b>\$294,506,788</b>	<b>41,841</b>	<b>\$376,766,911</b>
Unknown	Dependent	652	\$12,568,275	950	\$11,333,904	702	\$5,712,751	529	\$5,174,285
	Independent	248	\$4,523,891	272	\$2,364,279	210	\$1,242,883	143	\$1,012,946
	Undetermined	0	\$0	1,524	\$20,879,668	1,029	\$16,580,352	57	\$1,138,155
	<b>Total</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>\$17,092,166</b>	<b>2,746</b>	<b>\$34,577,851</b>	<b>1,941</b>	<b>\$23,535,986</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>\$7,325,386</b>
Two or More Races Non-URM	Dependent	555	\$10,230,212	866	\$11,473,648	630	\$5,450,172	526	\$5,470,517
	Independent	101	\$2,002,537	106	\$1,304,397	95	\$798,778	57	\$446,735
	Undetermined	0	\$0	158	\$983,232	125	\$652,279	12	\$195,020
	<b>Total</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>\$12,232,749</b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>\$13,761,277</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>\$6,901,229</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>\$6,112,272</b>

\* Total Aid comprises grants, loans, and work study and tuition remission.

**Appendix B: Financial Aid - Graduate and Professional Students (2022-23)**

		Financial Need		*Total Aid		Grants		Loans	
		#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$
African American	Dependent	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
	Independent	610	\$19,477,242	638	\$17,116,146	330	\$3,745,927	553	\$11,434,892
	Undetermined	0	\$0	173	\$2,340,422	106	\$709,396	8	\$112,009
	<b>Total</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>\$19,477,242</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>\$19,456,568</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>\$4,455,323</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>\$11,546,901</b>
Hispanic/Latino(a)	Dependent	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
	Independent	830	\$29,608,260	863	\$23,696,511	484	\$5,724,392	670	\$14,593,110
	Undetermined	0	\$0	473	\$6,056,988	264	\$1,731,506	6	\$67,630
	<b>Total</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>\$29,608,260</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>\$29,753,499</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>\$7,455,898</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>\$14,660,740</b>
American Indian	Dependent	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
	Independent	76	\$2,120,392	80	\$1,798,658	66	\$1,020,449	41	\$617,426
	Undetermined	0	\$0	17	\$146,609	9	\$58,623	0	\$0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>\$2,120,392</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>\$1,945,267</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>\$1,079,072</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>\$617,426</b>
Southeast Asian	Dependent	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
	Independent	221	\$7,567,510	226	\$5,996,795	132	\$1,779,083	174	\$3,752,660
	Undetermined	0	\$0	55	\$644,326	31	\$209,792	0	\$0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>\$7,567,510</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>\$6,641,121</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>\$1,988,875</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>\$3,752,660</b>
Two or More Races URM	Dependent	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
	Independent	256	\$9,637,422	261	\$7,778,185	173	\$2,456,072	203	\$4,585,121
	Undetermined	0	\$0	101	\$1,431,350	54	\$543,249	5	\$47,518
	<b>Total</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>\$9,637,422</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>\$9,209,535</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>\$2,999,321</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>\$4,632,639</b>
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Dependent	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
	Independent	3	\$77,594	3	\$74,939	2	\$10,050	2	\$59,846
	Undetermined	0	\$0	7	\$35,757	3	\$5,123	0	\$0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$77,594</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$110,696</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$15,173</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$59,846</b>
Other Asian	Dependent	1	\$6,382	1	\$3,000	1	\$3,000	0	\$0
	Independent	306	\$13,169,518	320	\$8,974,868	169	\$1,488,407	234	\$6,296,260
	Undetermined	0	\$0	297	\$4,180,725	135	\$768,739	3	\$35,469
	<b>Total</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>\$13,175,900</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>\$13,158,593</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>\$2,260,146</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>\$6,331,729</b>
White	Dependent	21	\$379,343	19	\$165,132	8	\$18,771	12	\$125,731
	Independent	6,657	\$201,816,785	7,191	\$161,959,312	2,668	\$20,175,071	6,087	\$126,214,102
	Undetermined	0	\$0	4,045	\$48,129,464	2,227	\$13,683,312	70	\$786,401
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,678</b>	<b>\$202,196,128</b>	<b>11,255</b>	<b>\$210,253,908</b>	<b>4,903</b>	<b>\$33,877,154</b>	<b>6,169</b>	<b>\$127,126,234</b>
Unknown	Dependent	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
	Independent	119	\$4,162,128	129	\$3,245,466	52	\$407,089	101	\$2,573,375
	Undetermined	0	\$0	2,797	\$48,272,195	562	\$3,522,185	125	\$2,390,589
	<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>\$4,162,128</b>	<b>2,926</b>	<b>\$51,517,661</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>\$3,929,274</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>\$4,963,964</b>
Two or More Races Non-URM	Dependent	1	\$4,819	1	\$10,500	1	\$10,500	0	\$0
	Independent	135	\$5,829,889	143	\$4,261,609	74	\$775,442	108	\$3,011,524
	Undetermined	0	\$0	113	\$1,581,632	62	\$255,851	1	\$15,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>\$5,834,708</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>\$5,853,741</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>\$1,041,793</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>\$3,026,524</b>

\* Total Aid comprises grants, loans, and work study and tuition remission.