

The Monetary Award Program (MAP) provides grants to students to help pay for tuition and mandatory fees at Illinois colleges and universities and certain degree-granting institutions. Illinois is one of the largest providers of state need-based aid in the nation. To receive a MAP grant, a student must demonstrate financial need, be enrolled as an undergraduate for at least three credit hours per term at an ISAC-approved Illinois institution, be a resident of Illinois, and meet several other requirements. The maximum award level is dependent on legislative action and available funding in any given year. The award amount could increase or decrease throughout the academic year. Students apply using the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) and must release their financial data to ISAC. In FY2008, 239,455 students were eligible to receive MAP grants. Of those eligible, 145,543 students actually enrolled and claimed their awards.

The tables in this section provide a variety of data including historical volume and payout summaries (Table 2.0a), the Monetary Award Program formula Table (2.0b), and table (2.0c) which provides a history of the maximum award. Statistical information by sector can be found in Tables 2.1-2.3A, statistical information by institution in Tables 2.3b-2.3e, by student income and dependency status in Tables 2.4a-2.4e, by applicant and announced eligible characteristics in Table 2.5a-2.6c, and by paid applicant characteristics in Tables 2.6d-2.6f.

PART TWO -- MONETARY AWARD PROGRAM