

The Oregon Promise: An Early Look at “Free” Community College in Oregon



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OREGON'S 40-40-20 GOAL

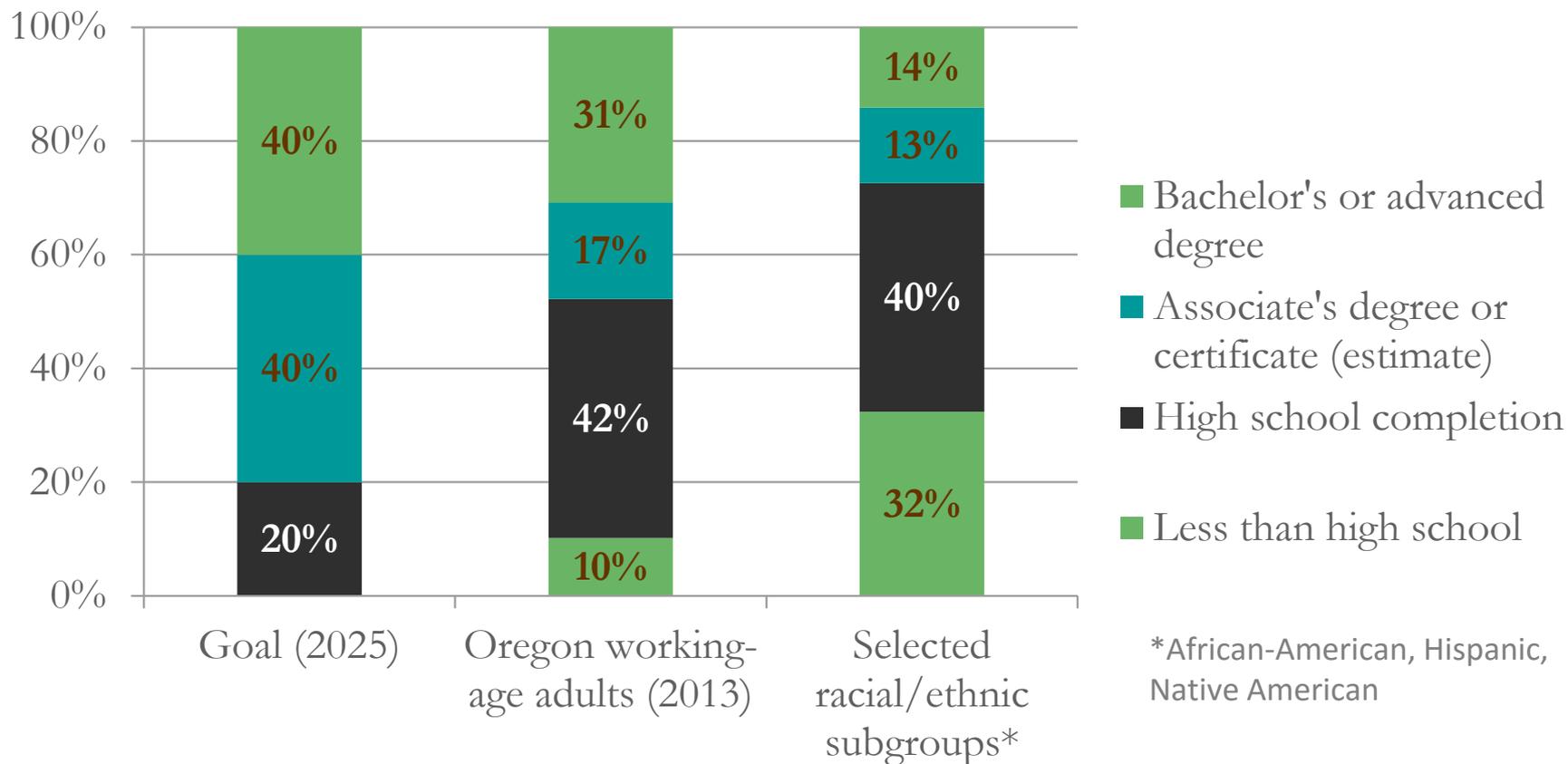
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By 2025, 40% of adult Oregonians will hold a bachelor's or advanced degree, 40% will have an associate's degree or a meaningful postsecondary certificate, and all adult Oregonians will hold a high school diploma.



MEASURING OREGON AGAINST 40-40-20

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Source: HECC analysis of the American Community Survey

THE OREGON PROMISE

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- Senate Bill 81 (2015) allocated \$10 million for the 2016-17 academic year to “provide a waiver of tuition for community college courses.”
 - Additional funds: \$1.5m allocated for advisors (SB 5507, 2015) and
 - \$1.7m (\$82,990/college) for First Year Experience (HB 4076, 2016)
- Provides tuition costs for up to 90 credits (equivalent of two years of full-time enrollment).
 - Minimum grant for a full-time student of \$1000 per academic year
 - Maximum of \$3,248
- Last dollar program designed to increase Pell grant use by Oregon students

OREGON PROMISE – QUALIFYING FOR AID

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- Available for high school graduates and GED recipients who:
 - Enroll in an Oregon community college within six months of completing high school or GED;
 - Have a minimum 2.5 cumulative high school GPA or passing GED score of 145 on all tests;
 - Complete a FAFSA
 - Accept any grant offered them by the federal or state government
- Maintaining the grant requires:
 - Completing at least six credits per term (quarter) and attending at least three terms per school year;
 - Making satisfactory progress (aligned with Pell requirements)
 - Completing a first year experience
 - Paying \$50 per term

OREGON PROMISE – AWARD DETERMINATION

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- Last dollar program that builds upon other federal and state aid. All awards can be used for tuition or other expenses.
 - Pell award is calculated - \$5,815 maximum for tuition or other cost of attendance.
 - Oregon Opportunity Grant (OOG) is awarded - \$2,250 for full-time, full-year attendance. Awarded based on EFC. 47% of Oregon Promise applicants receive OOG.
 - Oregon Promise is awarded - \$1,000 to \$3,248

Can you qualify for Oregon's new community college grant program?



Will you graduate from an Oregon high school or get your GED in the spring or summer of 2016?



Will your cumulative GPA be 2.5 or higher?



Oregon Promise

New Oregon program with tuition or cost covered
Nov. 1, 2015 and
www.OregonPromise.org

Students that don't qualify are encouraged to visit www.OregonStudentAid.gov to explore other financial aid options.

Administered by the HECC Office of Student Access and Completion.



- Grant amount: Up to one year in the term.
 - The HECC has yet to announce the application process.
- OTHER FACTORS**
- Approximately 4,000-6,000 students will be eligible.
 - Funding under the program is limited. Part of the cost of tuition and other fees are fully covered by state, and the rest by the program.
 - The program will be administered by the Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) in each community college.

NEED

MORE MONEY

FOR COLLEGE?

New Oregon Promise Helps Pay for Community College

The state is launching its Oregon Promise program—offering new high school graduates and GED recipients an opportunity to have some or all of their community college tuition covered. Grants are for students entering a community college in Oregon in Fall 2016.

You may qualify if you:

- Graduate from an Oregon high school or complete the GED in Spring/Summer 2016
- Have a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher
- Have been an Oregon resident for at least 12 months prior to enrolling in community college

Steps to take:

- Apply** for the Oregon Promise between November 1, 2015 and March 1, 2016, including:
 - Complete the Oregon Promise application (online or written)
 - Submit your high school transcript or GED scores
 - Complete the FAFSA or its approved alternative
- Once approved, **Enroll** in an Oregon community college within six months of graduating high school or completing the GED (Fall 2016)—and accept all state and federal grants

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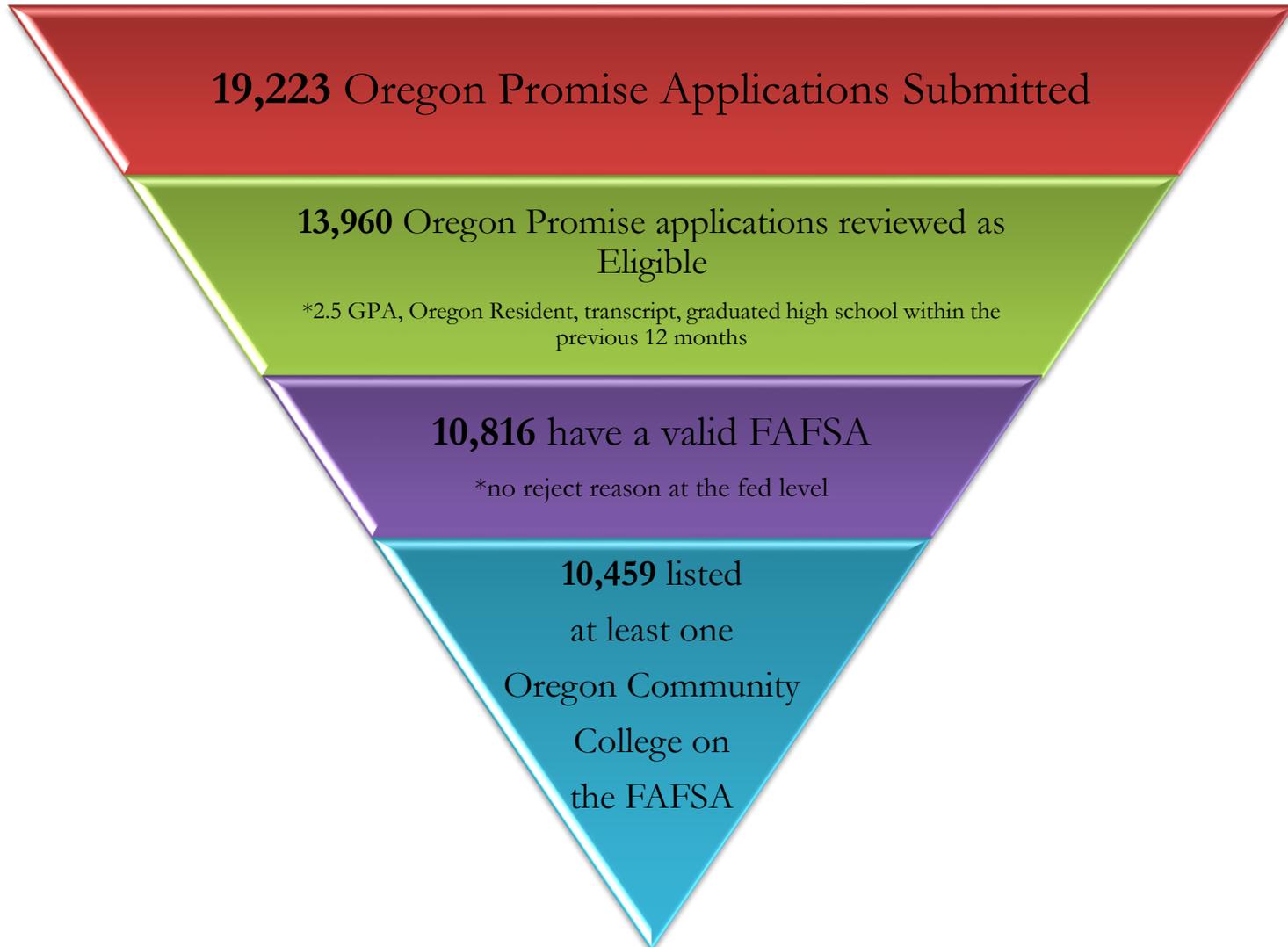
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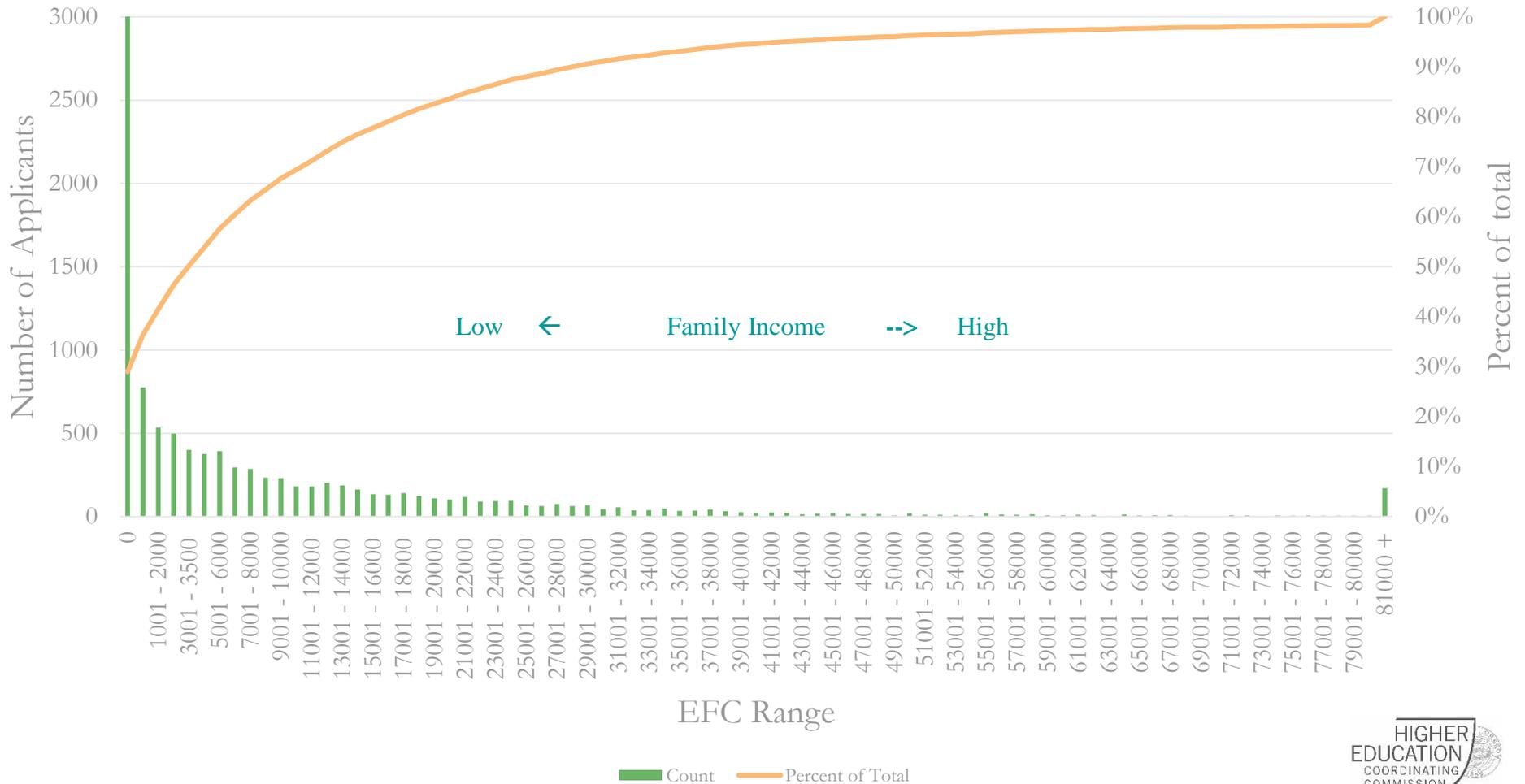
OREGON PROMISE APPLICATION FUNNEL

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WHO HAS APPLIED?

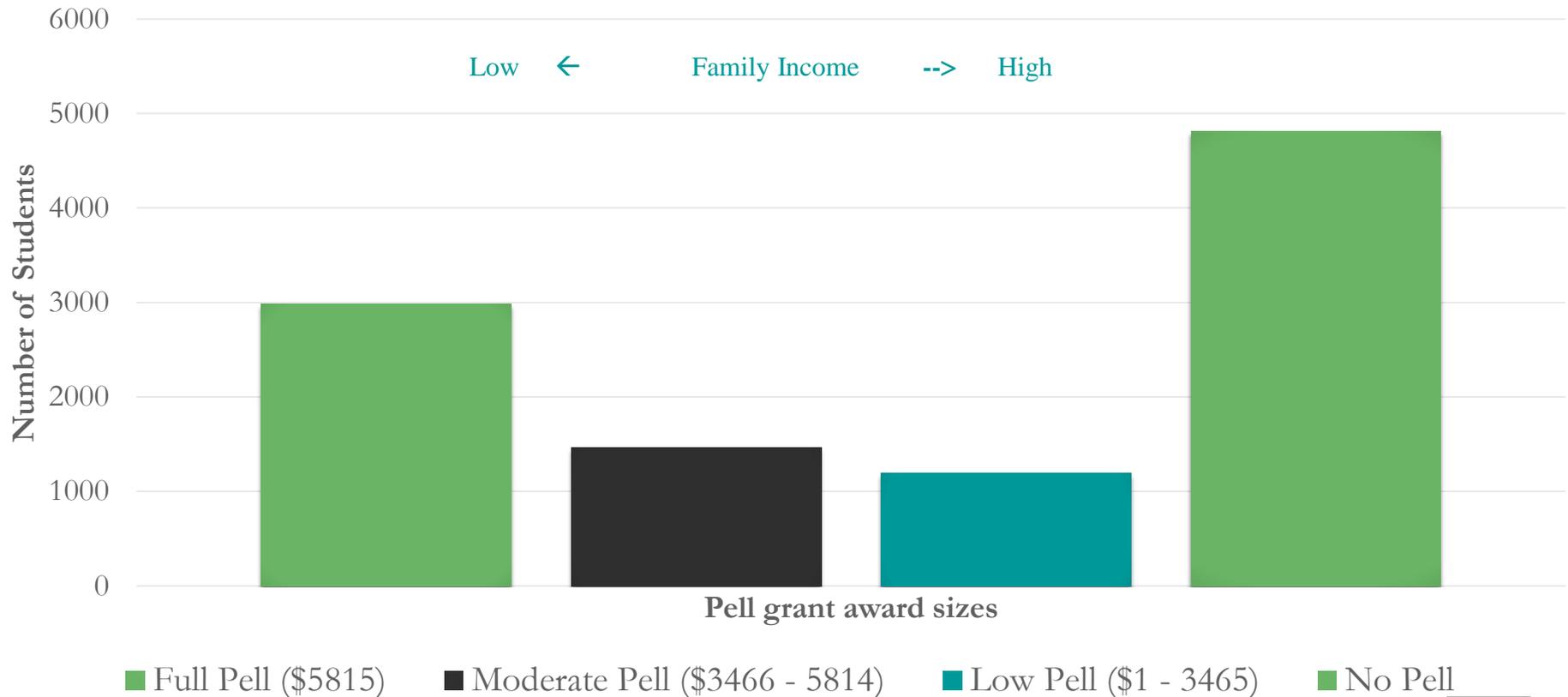
Distribution of Oregon Promise (N: 10,459) applicants, by EFC



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Distribution of Oregon Promise (N: 10,459) applicants by Pell award amount

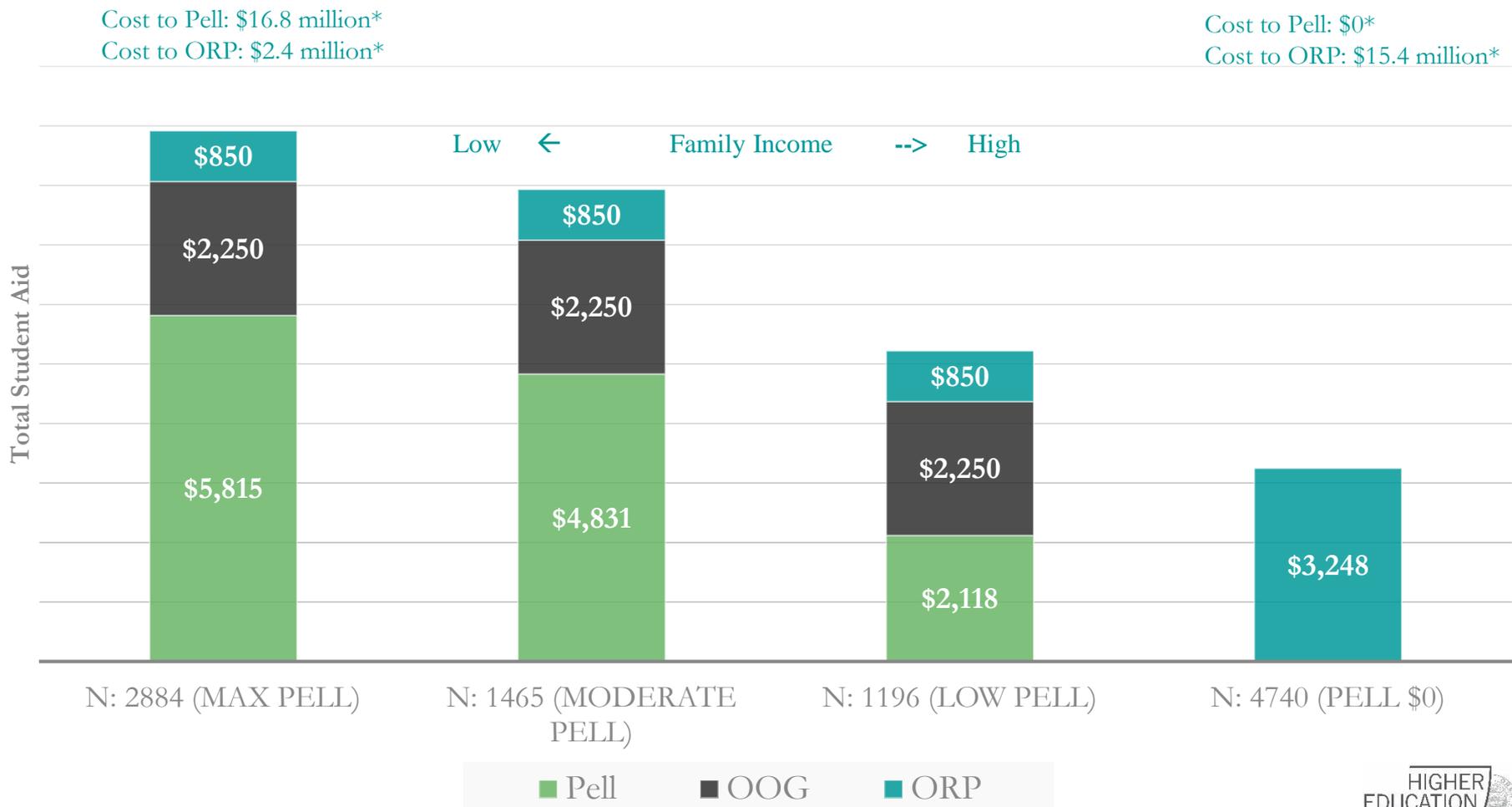


WHO HAS APPLIED?

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Race/Ethnicity	Percent of Oregon 12th Graders, 2015-16	Percent of 2016-17 ORP Applicants
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.6	1.0
Asian	4.1	4.2
Black	2.7	1.6
Hispanic	21.3	20.1
Pacific Islander	0.6	0.6
Two or More races	5.0	5.3
Unknown	N/A	3.2
White, Non-Hispanic	64.6	64.0

DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AND FEDERAL AID



*Assuming every applicant enrolled full time, 2016-17

DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AND FEDERAL AID

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Applicants, by EFC Quintile (Each quintile contains 2,076 ORP applicants)	EFC Range	Projected ORP State Funding*	Proportion of total ORP State Funding*
First	\$0	\$1.87 million	9.2 percent
Second	\$0 - \$1,769	\$1.78 million	8.7 percent
Third	\$1,770 - \$6,894	\$3.62 million	17.8 percent
Fourth	\$6,895 - \$17,692	\$6.53 million	32.1 percent
Fifth	\$17,710 and above	\$6.53 million	32.1 percent

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PRELIMINARY OREGON PROMISE ENROLLMENT

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Name	# Enrolled Fall 2016
Blue Mountain CC	96
Central Oregon CC	397
Chemeketa CC	987
Clackamas CC	382
Clatsop CC	45
Columbia Gorge CC	54
Klamath CC	151
Lane CC	434

Name	# Enrolled Fall 2016
Linn-Benton CC	506
Mt Hood CC	492
Portland CC	1351
Rogue CC	288
Southwestern Oregon CC	91
Tillamook Bay CC	22
Treasure Valley CC	50
Umpqua CC	178

Notes: Counts do not include students whose aid eligibility is pending completion of verification;
 Reasons not yet awarded: verification incomplete, less than half time, ineligible major, PubUniv home inst., other unresolved issues;
 Oregon Coast CC financial is administered through PCC, and we do not have their estimates at this time.

PRELIMINARY IMPACTS

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- Oregon high school students completing the FAFSA increased 11.4%, largest increase in the country.
- Oregon Promise applicants are similar to Oregon 12th graders by race (32.8% vs. 35.4% non-white)
- Pell eligibility of Promise applicants (54%) is similar to Pell recipients in community college (50.5%)
- Preliminary data - college enrollments are up at some colleges, but not others.
- Preliminary anecdotes –student mobility is up, enrollment in regional universities is down.

IMPLICATIONS FOR AFFORDABILITY AND ACCESS

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- How are benefits being distributed?
 - Is it increasing racial or economic equity?
 - Is it bringing additional federal resources into Oregon?
- Does “free” community college increase overall college going? For which populations?
- How will this impact community college, and university enrollments?
- What will the impact be on retention and completion?
- Does this impact student mobility?
- Future funding?