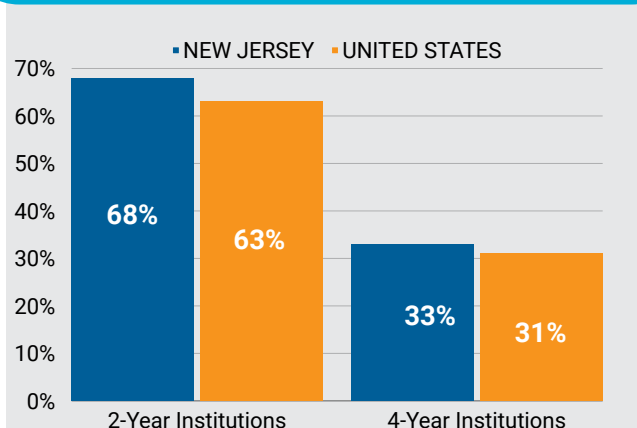


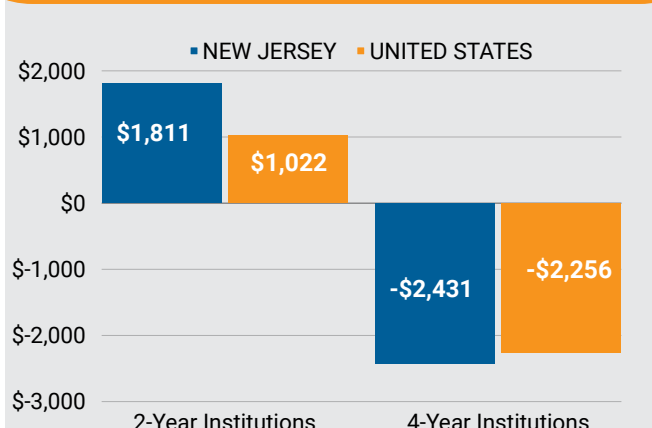
College Affordability in New Jersey

NCAN's research documents the prevalence of "unaffordability" at public two-year and four-year institutions for students from low- and moderate-income families. The following charts demonstrate the affordability landscape of postsecondary education. When net price and emergency expenses are not covered by subsidized loans and student earnings from part-time employment, NCAN defines the remaining deficit as an "affordability gap." In instances where the sum of loans and wages equals or surpasses the sum of net price and emergency costs, we refer to the surplus as "an affordability margin."

Percent of Affordable Institutions (2021-2022)



Average Affordability Gaps & Margins (2021-2022)



Source: National College Attainment Network, 2023. "The Growing Gap: Public Higher Education's Lack of Affordability for Pell Grant Recipients."

The **Pell Grant** is a federal need-based aid award that helps millions of students annually.

There are

136,127

Pell Grant recipients in New Jersey.

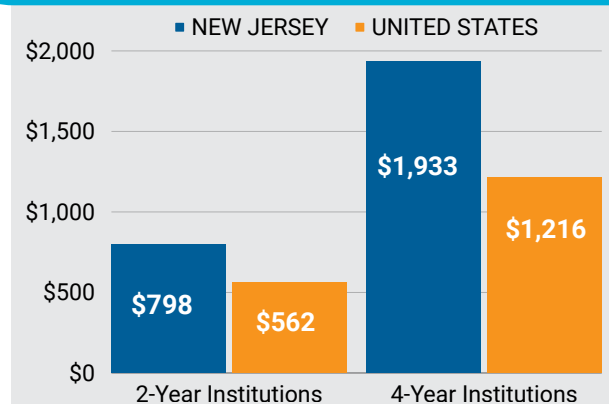
New Jersey receives

\$604,905,014

in Pell Grant funding each year.

State grant programs are crucial for college access and success, and can be based on financial need, merit, or a variety of factors.

Average Undergraduate Grant Aid (per FTE)



Source: SHEEO, 2022. "State Higher Education Finance (SHEF) Report."

Source: Federal Student Aid Pell Grant 2021-2022 End of Year Report.

College Access & Completion in New Jersey

The **Financial Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** determines eligibility for many types of financial aid. FAFSA completion is strongly associated with college enrollment. Nationally, 59% of high school seniors completed the FAFSA for the 2023-2024 cycle.



58%

of high school seniors in New Jersey **completed a FAFSA** for the 2023-2024 cycle (as of 7/1/2023).

In the 2023-2024 FAFSA cycle,

New Jersey ranks

12th

in FAFSA
Completion

Source: NCAN, Form Your Future FAFSA Tracker. www.formyourfuture.org.

The **NEW JERSEY Class of 2023** left

\$92 million

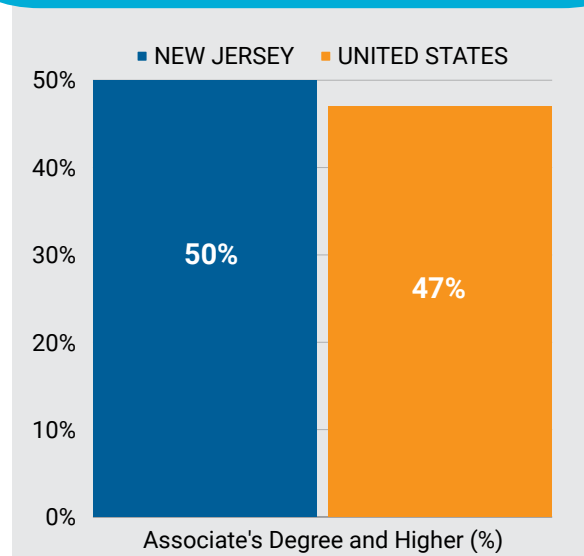
in Pell Grants unclaimed, by not completing a FAFSA.

Source: NCAN, Pell Dollars Left on the Table Report.



The chart to the right reflects **degree attainment** (including an associate's degree or higher,) for adults ages 25 and older.

Degree Attainment for Adults (Ages 25+)



Source: United States Census Bureau, 2022. American Community Survey.