2.4. UC Merced has a relatively high percentage of low-income undergraduates, as measured by the percentage receiving federal Pell Grants (40% in Fall 2007). The average for public universities nationwide (2004) was 34%. For California public universities (CSU and UCs), the average was 37%. (Postsecondary Education OPPORTUNITY, Jan. 2007)

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Table 2.4 - Students Receiving Financial Aid

	Fall 2004		Fall 2005		Fall 2006		Fall 2007		Fall 2008[1]	
	N	%	**N**	%	**N**	%	**N**	%	**N**	%
Undergraduates										
Total Headcount	N/A	N/A	838	100%	1,210	100%	1,750	100%	2,534	100%
Total Receiving Some Form of Financial Aid or Assistance	N/A	N/A	625	75%	858	71%	1300	74%	N/A	N/A
Total Receiving Federal Pell Grant Support	N/A	N/A	318	38%	461	38%	695	40%	N/A	N/A
Graduate Students										
Total Headcount	9	100%	37	100%	76	100%	121	100%	N/A	N/A
Total Receiving Some Form of Financial Aid or Assistance	9	100%	37	100%	74	97%	116	96%	N/A	N/A

Source: October UCOP Year End Financial Aid Files (CSSFAI)

[1] Financial aid for Fall 2008 will not be available until October 2009

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