

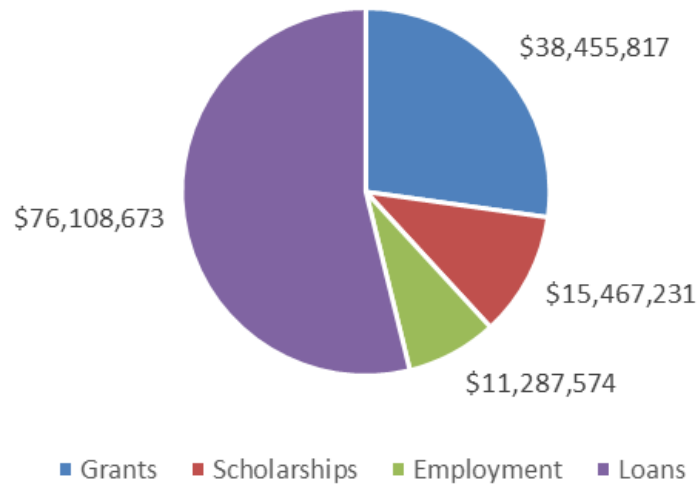


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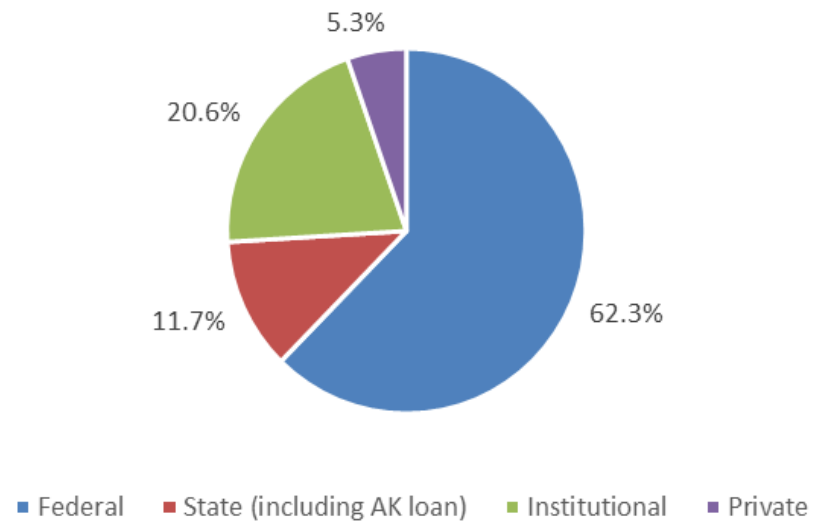
The Financial Aid team of 26 permanent staff and 25 student staff is committed to our mission of striving to reduce financial barriers to learning by providing students with financial assistance to help pay for their educational expenses.

During 2014-2015 Western's Financial Aid team administered \$141M in aid to 10,000 students through multiple financial aid and employment programs.

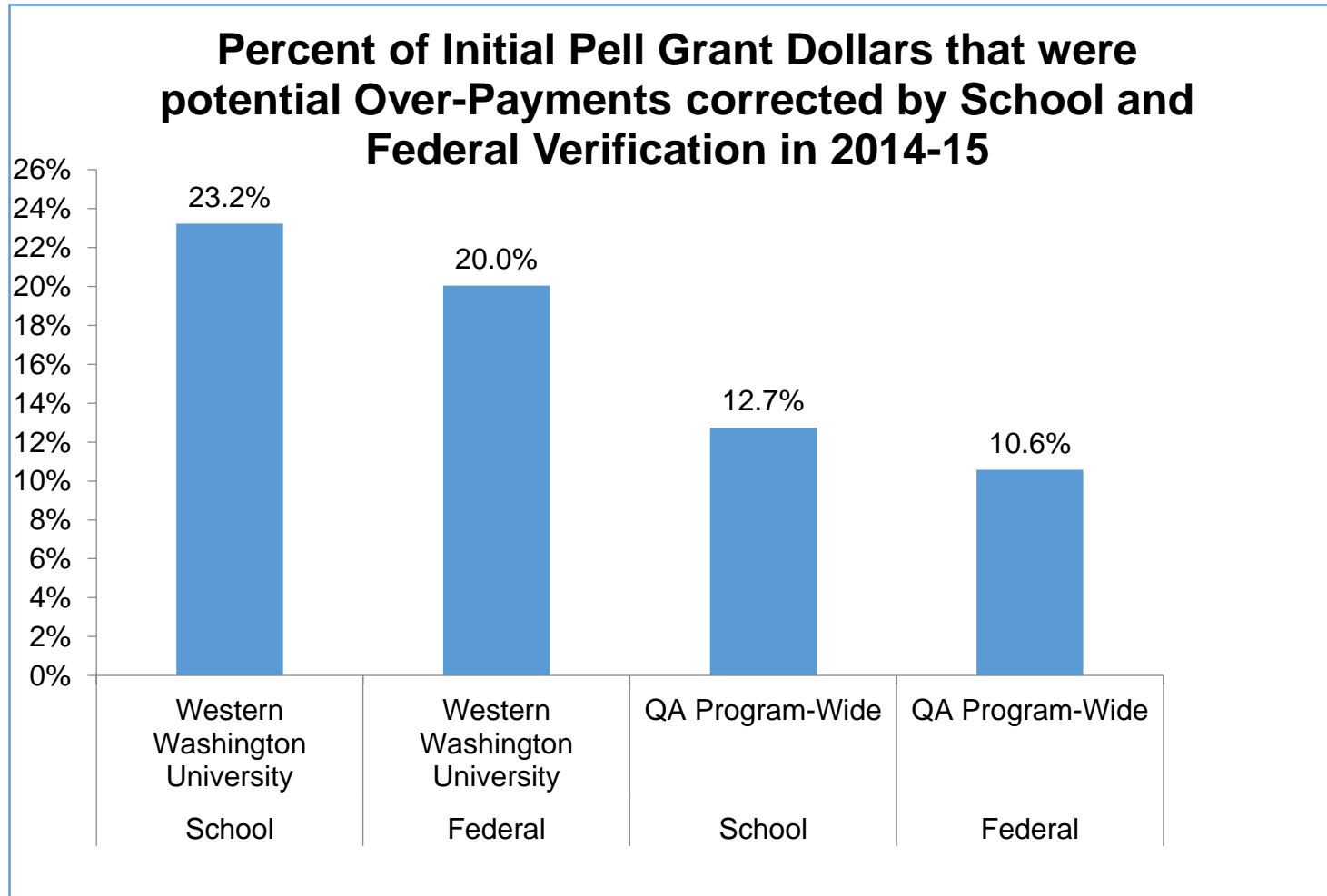
2014-2015 Disbursements by Type of Aid



2014-2015 Disbursements by Source of Aid



WWU FAFSA Verification Selection Criteria is Highly Effective



WWU participated in the Federal Quality Assurance (QA) Program which authorized us to use WWU school-determined FAFSA verification selection criteria rather than Federal criteria.

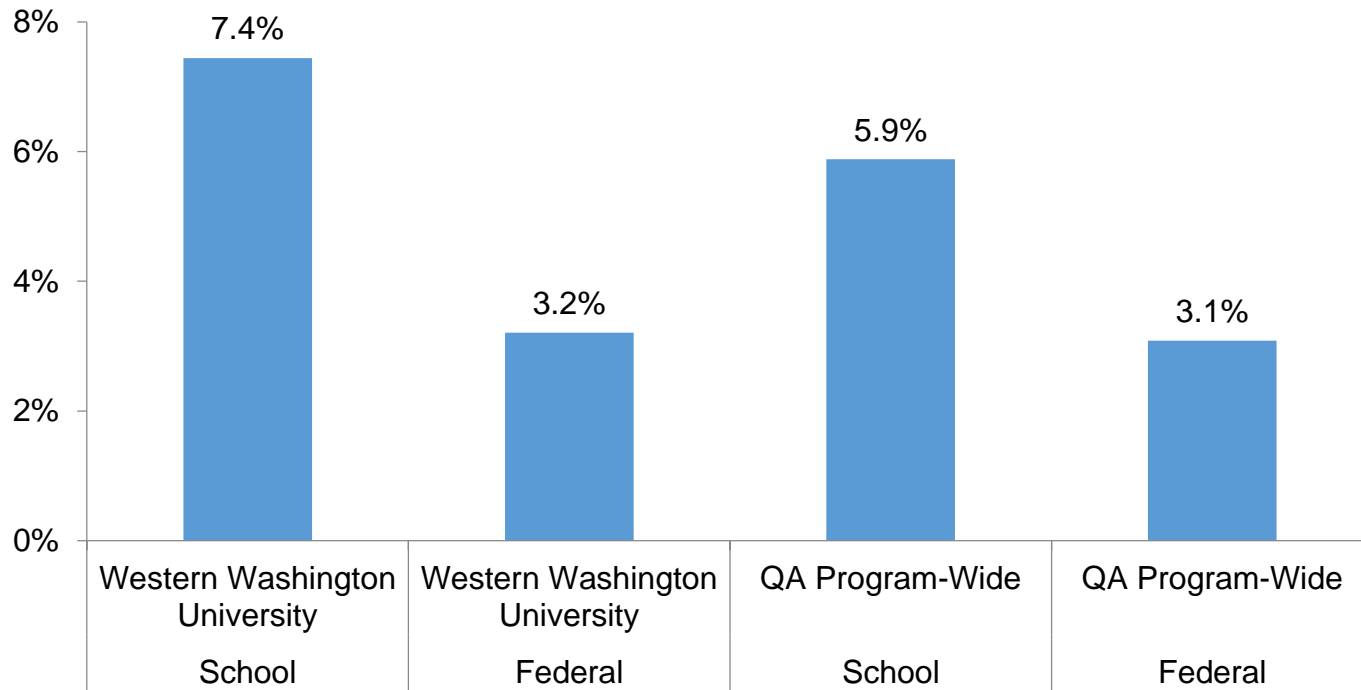
In a Federal Student Aid analysis of FAFSA verification selection effectiveness, WWU's school-determined criteria was more effective than federal selection criteria at preventing Pell Grant over-awards (23.2% vs 20.0%).

The WWU school-determined criteria was significantly more effective than the QA school average (23.2% vs 12.7%) in preventing Pell Grant over-awards.

Federal verification criteria effectiveness at WWU was determined by verifying randomly selected FAFSA records that met Federal verification selection criteria.

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Percent of Initial Pell Grant Dollars that were potential Under-Payments corrected by School and also Federal Verification in 2014-15



WWU's school-determined criteria was more effective than federal selection criteria at preventing Pell Grant under-awards (7.4% vs 3.2%).

The WWU school-determined criteria was more effective than the QA school average (7.4% vs 5.9%) in preventing Pell Grant under-awards.

The effectiveness WWU verification selection criteria means that more students receive more Pell Grant funding than they would have received if we used Federal verification selection criteria, or criteria other schools, on average, used.

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