

## HOPE Awards and HOPE Dollars

### Distribution of HOPE Benefits by Institution and Household Income

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Examining the distribution of HOPE awards and HOPE dollars across household incomes, by institution, and factoring in tuition costs provides a telling picture of the HOPE program.

#### Costs of Postsecondary Education

- Tuition within the Technical College System of Georgia is less costly than schools within the University System.
- Average annual tuition at public research institutions (e.g. UGA and Georgia Tech) is nearly three times the costs of tuition at a technical college.

Average Tuition by Institution Type, FY 2012

Institution Type	Average Tuition, Fall 2011
Research Universities	\$7,591
Regional Universities	\$4,852
State Universities	\$4,837
State Colleges	\$2,913
Two-year Institutions	\$2,532
<b>University System Average</b>	<b>\$4,186</b>
<b>Technical College System of Georgia</b>	<b>\$2,700</b>

Source: Board of Regents, University System of Georgia and Technical College System of Georgia

#### HOPE Awards, FY 2011

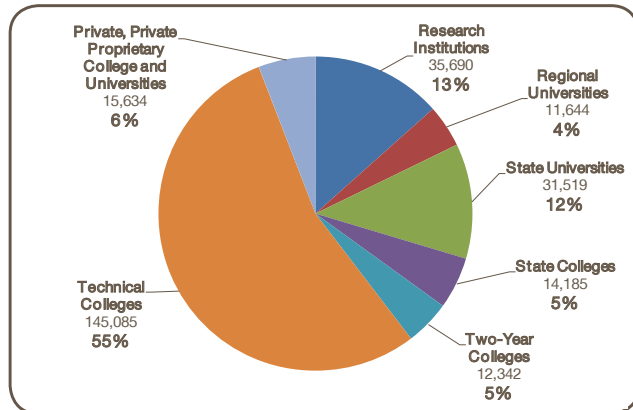
- HOPE benefits consist of scholarships and grants. Scholarships are awarded to eligible Georgia residents who enroll in the University System of Georgia or private colleges and universities in Georgia. HOPE grants are awarded to those who enroll in Georgia's technical college system.
- More than 50 percent of all HOPE awards were HOPE grants.
- More than 80 percent of all HOPE awards went to students from households with incomes of \$100,000 or less and 61 percent of these awards were HOPE grants.

#### HOPE Dollars, FY 2011

- Less than 30 percent of HOPE dollars funded grants for students attending technical colleges (55 percent of HOPE awards).
- More than 30 percent of HOPE dollars funded scholarships for students attending research institutions (13 percent of HOPE awards).

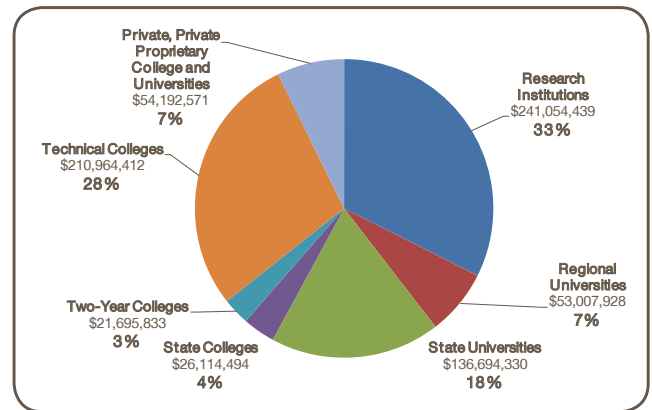
### HOPE Awards by Institution Type, FY 2011

Total Number of HOPE Awards = 266,099



### HOPE Grant and Scholarship Dollars by Institution Type, FY 2011

Total HOPE Dollars = \$ 743,724,007



Note: Charts created using data provided by the Georgia Student Finance Committee

### Attendance by Institution Type and Household Income

- Students from more affluent households are disproportionately represented at research institutions and regional and state universities.
- More than 50 percent of HOPE recipients attending UGA and Georgia Tech came from households earning \$100,000 or more.
- For FY 2010, more than 70 percent of HOPE grant recipients came from households earning \$40,000 or less.

### HOPE Awards by Institution Type, FY 2010

Institution Type	Households of \$40,000 or Less (%)	Households of \$100,000 or Greater (%)
Research Institutions	28.1%	44.4%
Regional Universities	29.7%	35.9%
State Universities	35.4%	29.6%
State Colleges	46.1%	18.1%
Two-year Institutions	58%	13.6%
Technical Colleges	72.5%	4.8%
<b>All Georgia Households</b>	<b>36.1%</b>	<b>18.8%</b>

Source: Georgia Department of Audit and Accounts and the U.S. Census Bureau (2010)

Note: The U.S. Census Bureau reports that 36.1 percent of Georgia households earn \$34,999 or less.

### Conclusion

The picture is clear. When looking at HOPE awards, the majority go to students from households with incomes of \$100,000 or less.

However, a disproportionate share of HOPE dollars fund scholarships for students from households with incomes of more than \$100,000 attending more costly public research institutions and state universities.