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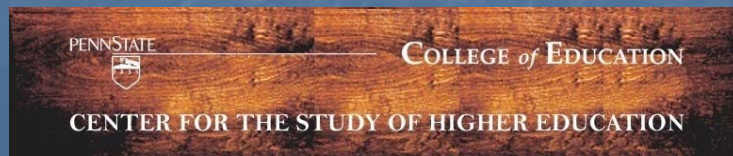
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## **Institutional Bursaries in England and the United States: A Comparative Analysis**

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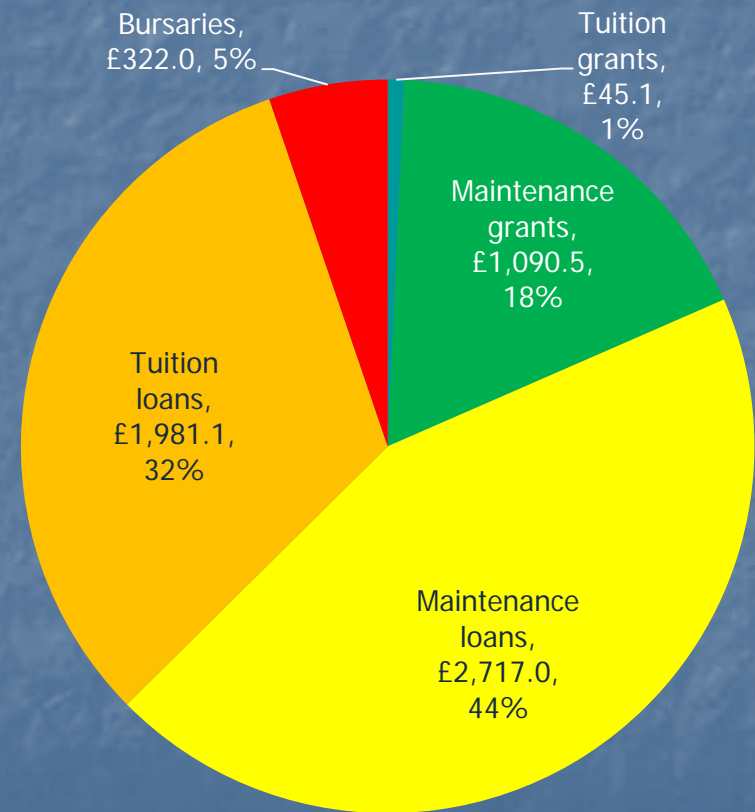
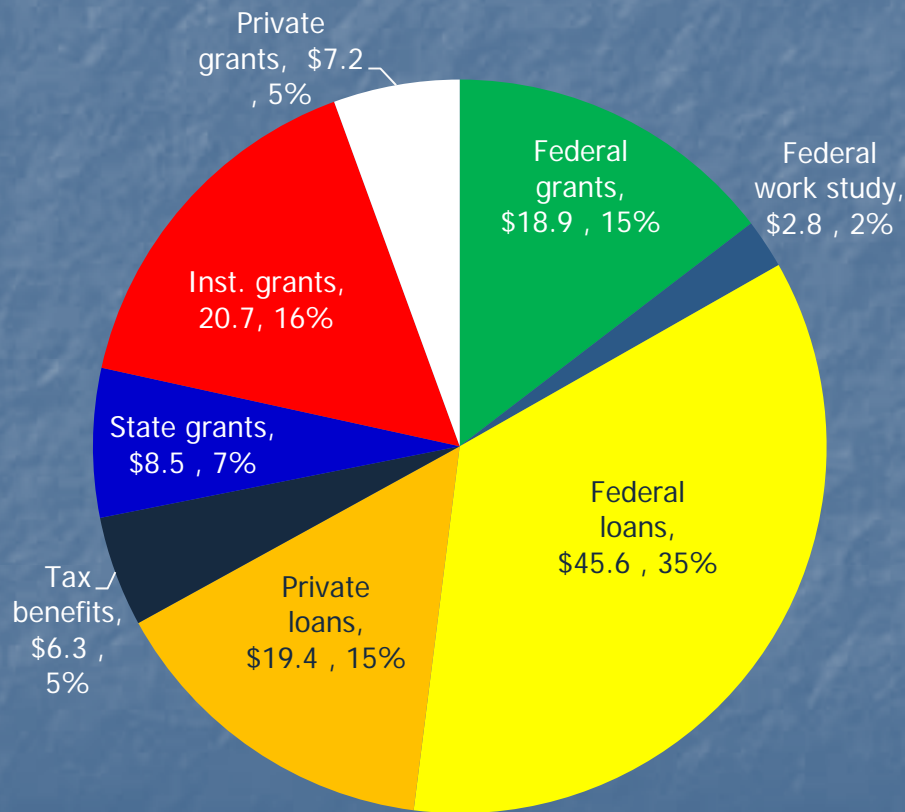
## Overview

- A brief history of financial aid in the two countries
- Current status of institutional grant/bursary assistance
- Comparison between the two countries

# Financial aid in the two countries

U.S., 2007-2008 (\$129 billion)

England, 2008-2009 (£6,156 million)



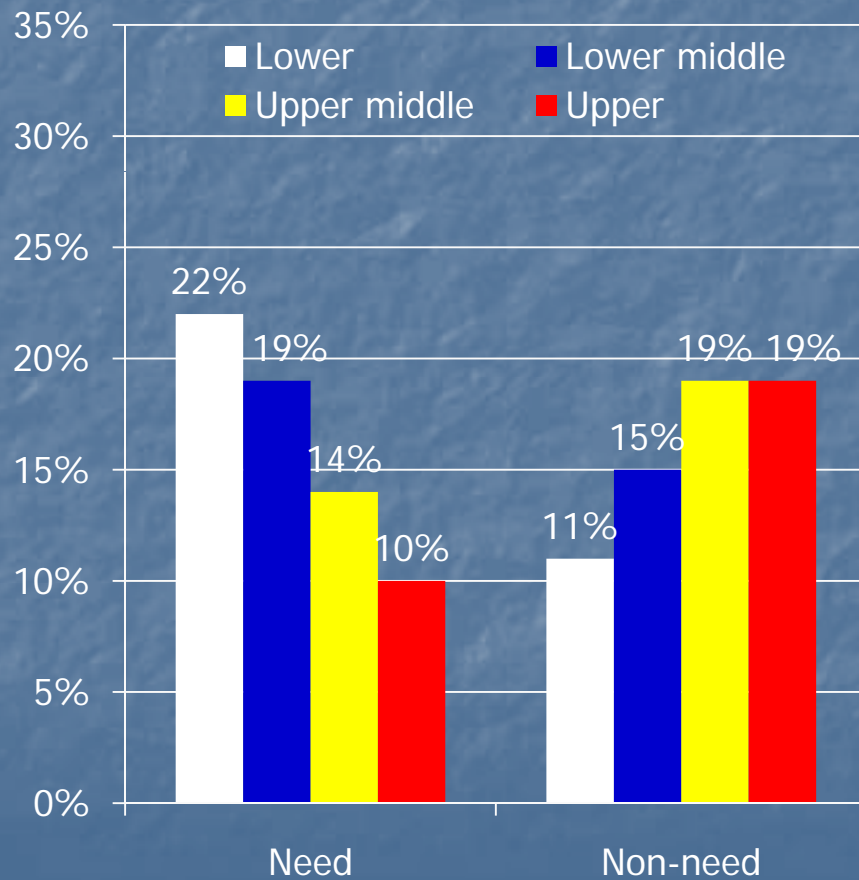
Source: NPSAS:08

Undergraduate students

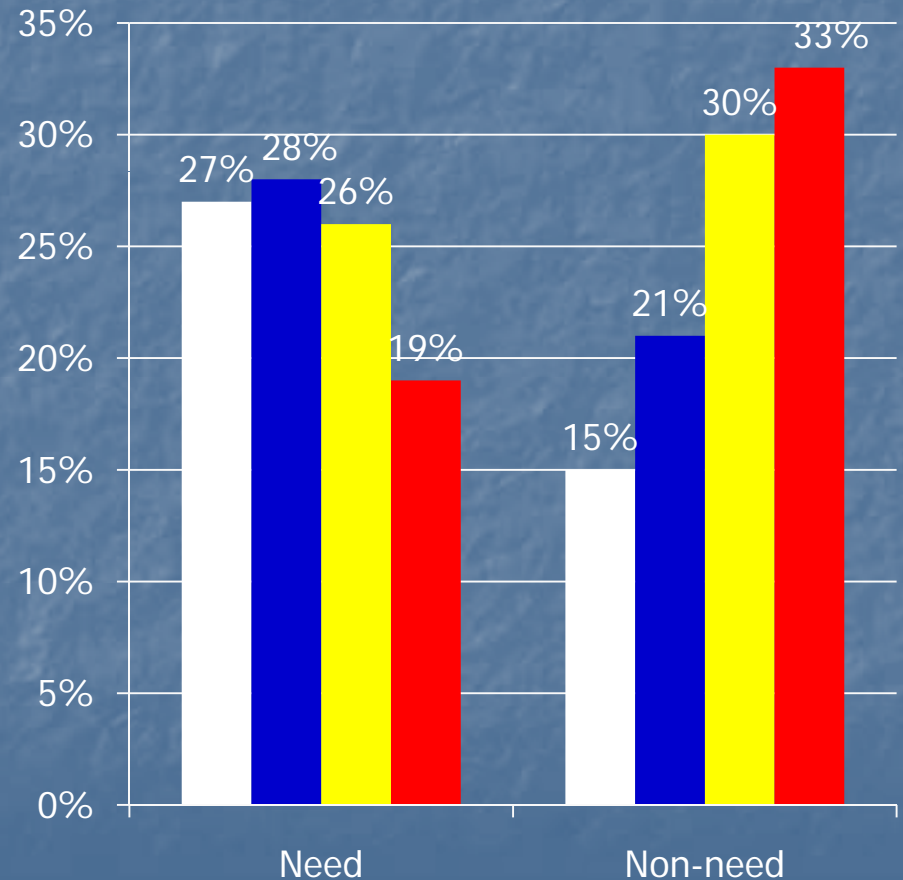
Source: SLC/DIS, OFFA

# Institutional grant awards in the U.S. by income quartile, 2007-2008

Proportion of students receiving grants



Share of total grant dollars received



Source: NPSAS:08

## Proportion of new entrant students receiving a bursary and value of bursary, England, 2008-09

	% of students receiving bursaries	Mean value of bursary	Median value of bursary	N
<b><u>Household Income</u></b>				
<=£5,000	86%	£882	£1,000	1,157
>£5,000 - <=£25,000	84	953	1,000	1,397
>£25,000 - £60,005	47	612	500	1,232
<b><u>Type of University</u></b>				
Russell group	59	1,283	1,050	595
1994 universities	63	964	1,005	335
Pre-1992 universities	82	792	800	417
Post-1992 universities	76	773	750	2,439
<b>All</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>3,786</b>

Source: Callender, et al. 2009

Population included those students receiving a government-funded maintenance grant

## Proportion of first-year students receiving institutional grants and value of grants, U.S. 2007-08

	% of students receiving grants	Mean value of grant	Mean value of tuition fees	Grant as % of tuition fees
<b><u>Household Income</u></b>				
<=\$10,000	44%	\$6,389	\$9,737	66%
>\$10,000 - <=\$50,000	44	6,912	10,384	67
>\$50,000 - \$120,010	46	7,683	12,018	64
<b><u>Type of University</u></b>				
Public non-doctorate	25	3,046	5,173	59
Public doctorate	34	4,031	7,152	56
Private non-doctorate	78	9,617	20,840	46
Private doctorate	67	11,461	25,361	45
<b>All</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>7,384</b>	<b>12,105</b>	<b>61</b>

Source: NPSAS:08

Population included full-time, dependent students