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**2005-2006 ANNUAL MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION
GRANT REPORT AND SURVEY RESULTS**



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Executive Secretary Stephen Bablitch
Department of Administration
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Dear Secretary Bablitch:

Enclosed is the Annual Status Report for the Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant. Submission of the report is in compliance with Section 39.44(5) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which requires an annual report on the effectiveness of this program.

If you have any questions about the report or about the Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant, please contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Connie Hutchison
Executive Secretary

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MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT

2005– 2006

Annual Report

The Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant (MRG) Program was established by the State of Wisconsin Legislature in the 1985-87 biennial budget. The first award was made in 1986-87.

Minority Retention Grants are awarded to Wisconsin resident minority undergraduates, excluding first year students, enrolled at least half-time in Wisconsin Technical College System schools, non-profit independent colleges and universities, and tribal colleges. All sixteen technical colleges, twenty-two non-profit colleges and universities, and both tribal colleges participate in the program. (The University of Wisconsin System Administration has a similar program, the Lawton Grant, for students attending those institutions.) According to statutes, a minority student is defined as a student who is either a Black American, American Indian, Hispanic, or Southeast Asian from Laos, Cambodia, or Vietnam admitted to the United States after December 1, 1975.

Awards are based on financial need, with a minimum grant of \$250 and a maximum grant of \$2,500 per year. If eligible, a student may receive the grant for up to eight semesters or 12 quarters. Assignment of funds to sectors (WTCS, Tribal, and Private/Independent) is based on the minority student population reported annually by each participating school.

There were 748 Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant recipients in the 2005-2006 academic year. 292 recipients attended a non-profit, independent college or university, or tribal college, and 456 recipients attended a Wisconsin technical college. To help gauge the effectiveness of this program an annual survey is sent to grant recipients and participating schools. The survey and results are found on page 5. Tables and graphs on pages 2-9 illustrate where and how the grant money is spent, and shows the progress of the recipients.

- Table I illustrates the educational progress of grant recipients who responded to the survey.
- Table II identifies the five schools with the highest grant distribution.
- Tables III and IV break out spending by schools and student demographics.
- Graphs I and II illustrate distribution of funds by dependency status.
- Page 6 provides the student survey and the results of the survey.
- Graphs III through XI illustrate the survey results.

The data that was collected and the results of the grant recipient survey show that the Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant is very successful. Individuals who were surveyed included students who received MRG dollars during the 2005-2006 academic year. Participating schools report that 81.15% of student recipients either completed their degree/certificate programs or continued to work towards obtaining their degree/certificate in 2005-2006.

Of recipients who responded to the survey, 88.54% indicated that the grant positively affected their decision to return to or stay in school, and all respondents indicated they either have earned or are continuing to work toward a degree or certificate. Finally, over 84.71% of the respondents plan on living in Wisconsin for their working career.

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TABLE I

Educational Progress of Grant Recipients		
Independent Colleges and Universities/ Technical Colleges/Tribal Colleges Combined Data		
	Number	Percentage
Students who completed a degree/certificate	240	32.09%
Students continuing toward degree/certificate	367	49.06%
Students not returning to school attended in 2005-06	141	18.85%
TOTALS	748	100.00%
Independent Colleges and Universities/Tribal Colleges		
	Number	Percentage
Students who completed a degree/certificate	70	23.97%
Students continuing toward degree/certificate	173	59.25%
Students not returning to school attended in 04-05	49	16.78%
TOTALS	292	100.00%
Technical College System Schools		
	Number	Percentage
Students continuing toward degree/certificate	170	37.28%
Students not returning to school attended in 05-06	194	42.54%
TOTALS	456	100.00%
<p>Note: The students reported as "not returning to school" did not return to the school they attended in 2005-06. They could be attending a different school or working on an advanced degree.</p>		

TABLE II

TOP FIVE COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES BASED ON FUNDING PROVIDED TO STUDENTS			
College or University	\$ Spent	# of Awards	Average Award
Milwaukee Area Technical College	\$225,000	246	\$915
Alverno College	\$98,568	82	\$1,202
Cardinal Stritch University	\$65,520	50	\$1,310
Marquette University	\$48,150	22	\$2,189
Madison Area Technical College	\$37,670	45	\$837
TOTALS	\$474,908	445	\$1,067

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**TABLE III
SPENDING BY SCHOOL AND STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS
INDEPENDENT COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES AND TRIBAL COLLEGES**

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD	PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS SPENT
ALVERNO COLLEGE	\$98,568	82	\$1,202	26.83%
CARDINAL STRITCH UNIVERSITY	\$65,520	50	\$1,310	17.83%
CARROLL COLLEGE	\$10,650	10	\$1,065	2.90%
CARTHAGE COLLEGE	\$8,700	4	\$2,175	2.37%
COLLEGE OF THE MENOMINEE NATION	\$23,280	19	\$1,225	6.34%
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY	\$8,500	4	\$2,125	2.31%
EDGEWOOD COLLEGE	\$5,510	3	\$1,837	1.50%
LAC COURTE OREILLES	\$9,585	9	\$1,065	2.61%
LAKELAND COLLEGE	\$13,110	6	\$2,185	3.57%
LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY	\$1,840	1	\$1,840	0.50%
MARANATHA COLLEGE	\$1,230	3	\$410	0.33%
MARIAN COLLEGE	\$8,450	18	\$469	2.30%
MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY	\$48,150	22	\$2,189	13.11%
MILWAUKEE INSTITUTE OF ART AND DESIGN	\$8,020	8	\$1,003	2.18%
MILWAUKEE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING	\$15,717	13	\$1,209	4.28%
MOUNT MARY COLLEGE	\$23,590	24	\$983	6.42%
NORTHLAND COLLEGE	\$2,400	1	\$2,400	0.65%
RIPON COLLEGE	\$1,960	2	\$980	0.53%
ST NORBERT COLLEGE	\$3,680	5	\$736	1.00%
SILVER LAKE COLLEGE	\$1,840	1	\$1,840	0.50%
VITERBO COLLEGE	\$5,390	3	\$1,797	1.47%
WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE	\$1,720	4	\$430	0.47%
TOTAL	\$367,410	292	\$1,258	100.00%

YEAR IN SCHOOL	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD	PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS SPENT
SOPHOMORES	\$117,988	98	\$1,204	32.11%
JUNIORS	\$127,335	94	\$1,355	34.66%
SENIORS	\$92,582	76	\$1,218	25.20%
5TH YEAR STUDENTS	\$29,505	24	\$1,229	8.03%
TOTAL	\$367,410	292	\$1,258	100.00%

STATUS OF RECIPIENTS	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD	PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS SPENT
DEPENDENT	\$141,050	114	\$1,237	38.39%
INDEPENDENT, FAMILY	\$172,658	137	\$1,260	46.99%
SINGLE, INDEPENDENT	\$53,702	41	\$1,310	14.62%
TOTAL	\$367,410	292	\$1,258	100.00%

MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT BY GROUP	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD	PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS SPENT
AFRICAN-AMERICAN	\$207,429	168	\$1,235	56.46%
AMERICAN INDIAN	\$46,985	37	\$1,270	12.79%
ASIAN-AMERICAN	\$28,291	25	\$1,132	7.70%
HISPANIC	\$84,705	62	\$1,366	23.05%
TOTAL	\$367,410	292	\$1,258	100.00%

MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT INDEPENDENT BY SECTOR	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD	PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS SPENT
INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES	\$334,545	264	\$1,267	91.05%
TRIBAL COLLEGES	\$32,865	28	\$1,174	8.95%
TOTAL	\$367,410	292	\$1,258	100.00%

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**TABLE IV
SPENDING BY SCHOOL AND STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS
WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM**

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY	DOLLARS	NUMBER	AVERAGE	PERCENTAGE
	SPENT	OF AWARDS	AWARD	OF DOLLARS SPENT
BLACKHAWK TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$37,310	20	\$1,866	9.69%
CHIPPEWA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$6,080	8	\$760	1.58%
FOX VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$11,254	24	\$469	2.92%
GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$18,580	44	\$422	4.83%
INDIANHEAD TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$6,080	4	\$1,520	1.58%
LAKESHORE TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$300	2	\$150	0.08%
MADISON AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$37,670	45	\$837	9.79%
MIDSTATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$5,450	4	\$1,363	1.42%
MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$225,000	246	\$915	58.46%
MORAINES PARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$3,460	3	\$1,153	0.90%
NICOLET AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$3,350	2	\$1,675	0.87%
NORTHEAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$9,010	11	\$819	2.34%
NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$4,930	11	\$448	1.28%
SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$1,150	1	\$0	0.00%
WAUKESHA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$7,750	16	\$484	2.01%
WESTERN WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$7,500	15	\$500	1.95%
TOTALS	\$384,874	456	\$844	99.70%

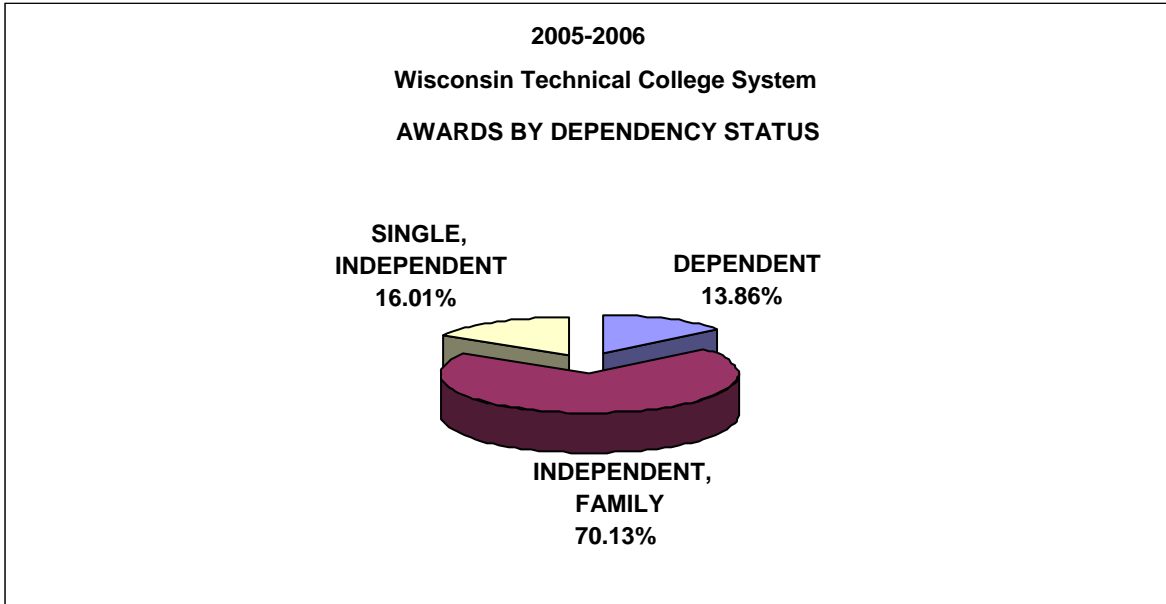
YEAR IN SCHOOL	DOLLARS	NUMBER	AVERAGE	PERCENTAGE
	SPENT	OF AWARDS	AWARD	OF DOLLARS SPENT
2ND YEAR	\$342,769	391	\$877	89.06%
3RD YEAR	\$33,877	49	\$691	8.80%
4TH YEAR	\$8,228	16	\$514	2.14%
5TH YEAR STUDENTS	\$0	0	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL	\$384,874	456	\$844	100.00%

STATUS OF RECIPIENTS	DOLLARS	NUMBER	AVERAGE	PERCENTAGE
	SPENT	OF AWARDS	AWARD	OF DOLLARS SPENT
DEPENDENT	\$53,357	63	\$847	13.86%
INDEPENDENT, FAMILY	\$269,900	324	\$833	70.13%
SINGLE, INDEPENDENT	\$61,617	69	\$893	16.01%
TOTAL	\$384,874	456	\$844	100.00%

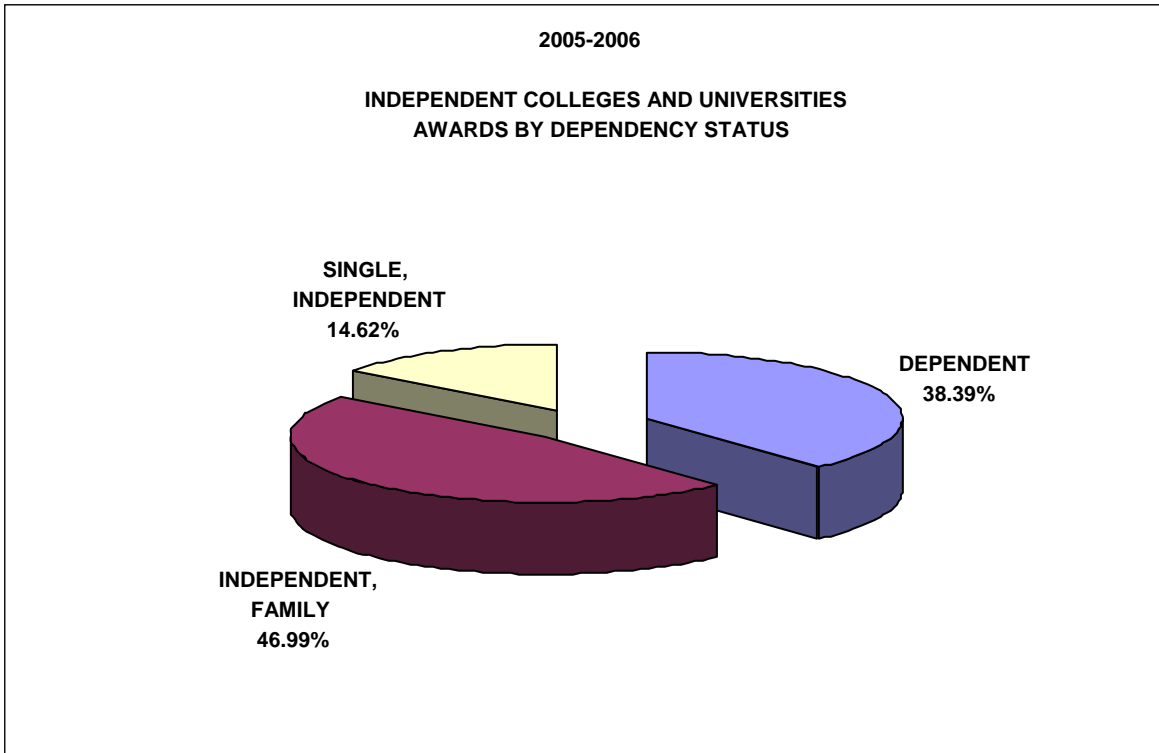
MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT BY GROUP	DOLLARS	NUMBER	AVERAGE	PERCENTAGE
	SPENT	OF AWARDS	AWARD	OF DOLLARS SPENT
AFRICAN- AMERICAN	\$209,549	234	\$896	54.45%
AMERICAN INDIAN	\$21,130	25	\$845	5.49%
ASIAN-AMERICAN	\$80,495	103	\$782	20.91%
HISPANIC	\$73,700	94	\$784	16.92%
TOTAL	\$384,874	456	\$844	100.00%

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GRAPH I
AWARDS BY DEPENDENCY STATUS



GRAPH II
AWARDS BY DEPENDENCY STATUS



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**GRANT RECIPIENT SURVEY
AND RESPONSES**

Responses by Student Recipients

1. Did receiving the Minority Retention Grant positively influence your decision to return to school?

YES	139	89%
NO	18	11%

2. Have you earned a bachelor or an associate degree/certificate?

YES	50	32%
NO	107	68%

3. If you have not earned a degree or certificate, do you anticipate doing so?

YES	123	78%
NO	34	22%

4. Are you or will you be enrolled at a college or university during the 2005-06 academic year?

YES	132	84%
NO	25	16%

5. If yes, are you or will you be enrolled:

Full-time	95	72%
Part-time	37	28%

6. Are you employed?

YES	107	68%
NO	50	32%

7. If yes, are you employed:

Full-time	58	54%
Part-time	49	46%

8. Do you plan to be a Wisconsin resident for most of your working career?

YES	133	85%
NO	24	15%

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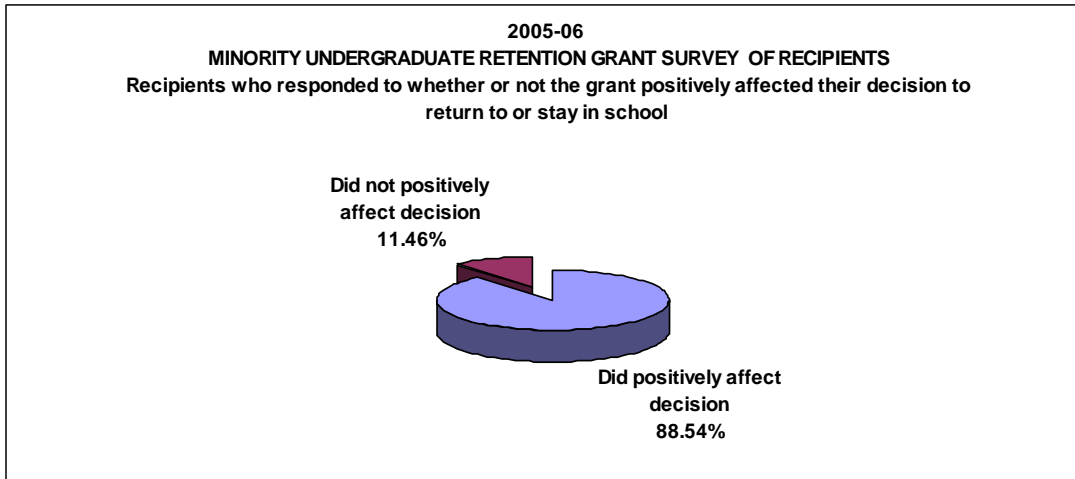
Many recipients of the MRG are continuing to pursue degrees. The continuing recipients are:

- Transferring from a technical college to a 4-year college
- Transferring from one technical college program to a different technical college program
- Moving from a 4-year college program to a Masters Degree program.
- Moving from one 4-year college program to a second 4-year college program.

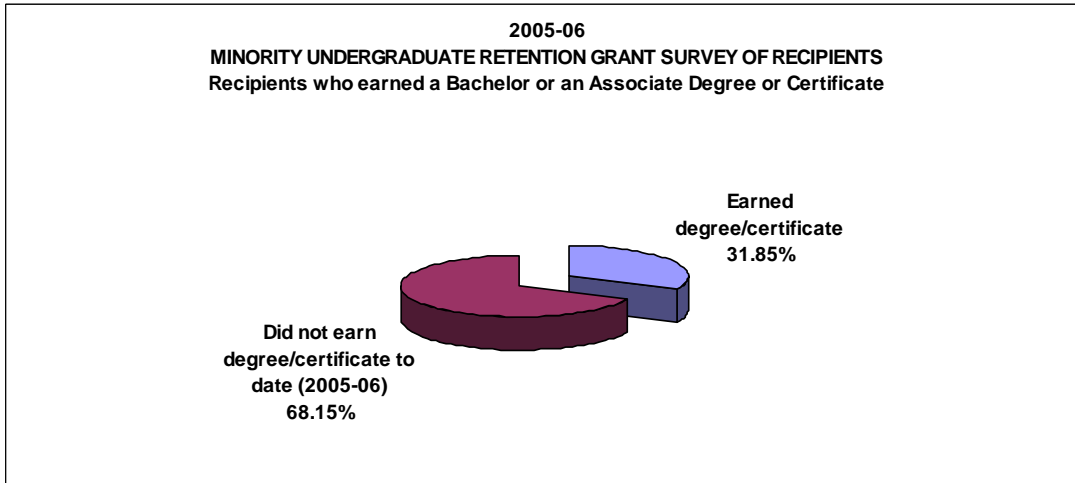
Most students must work while attending school.

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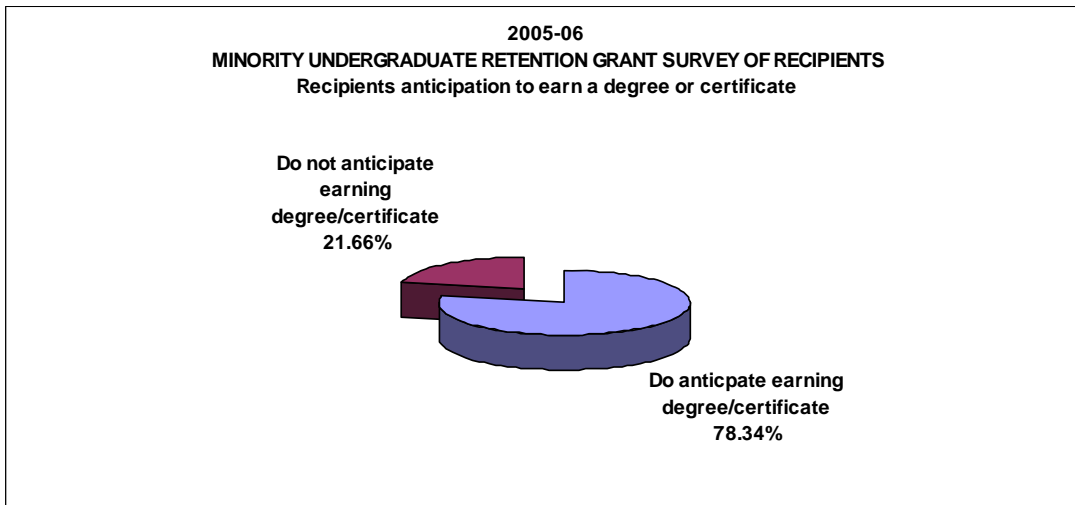
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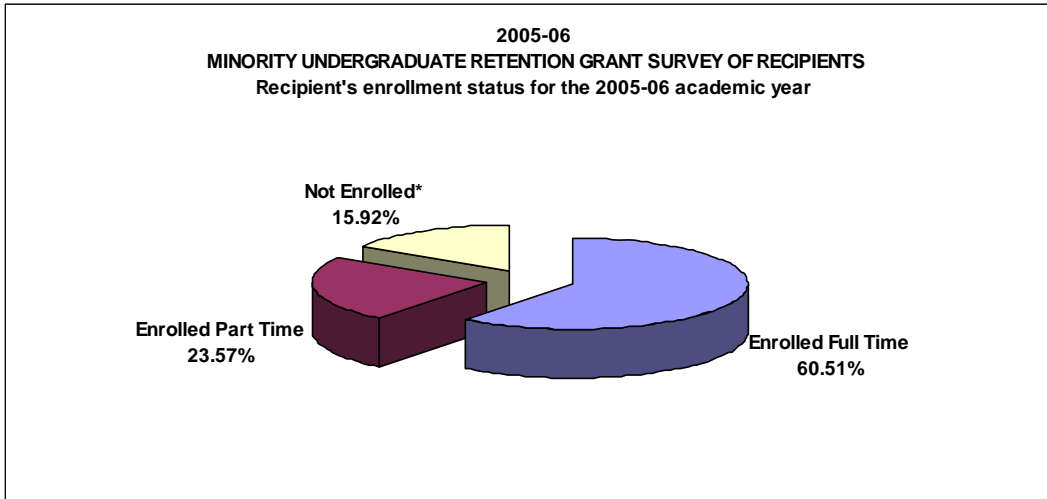


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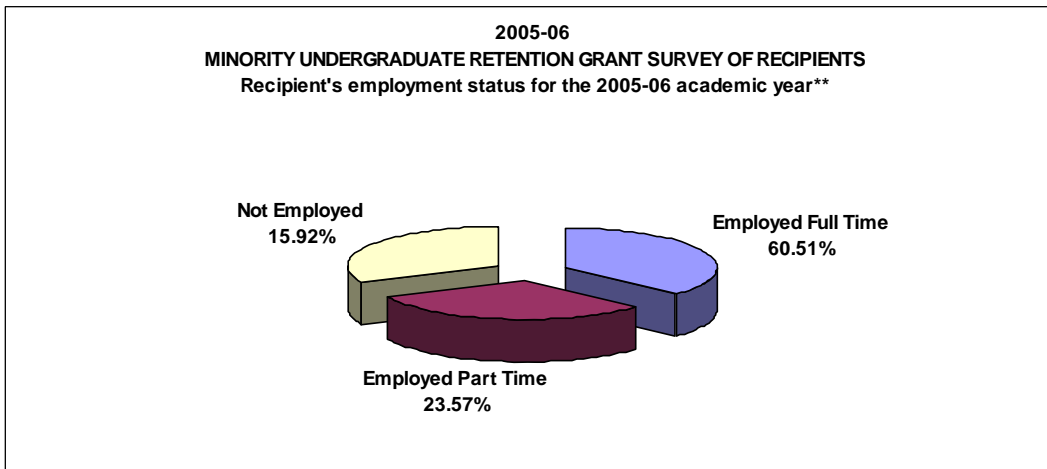


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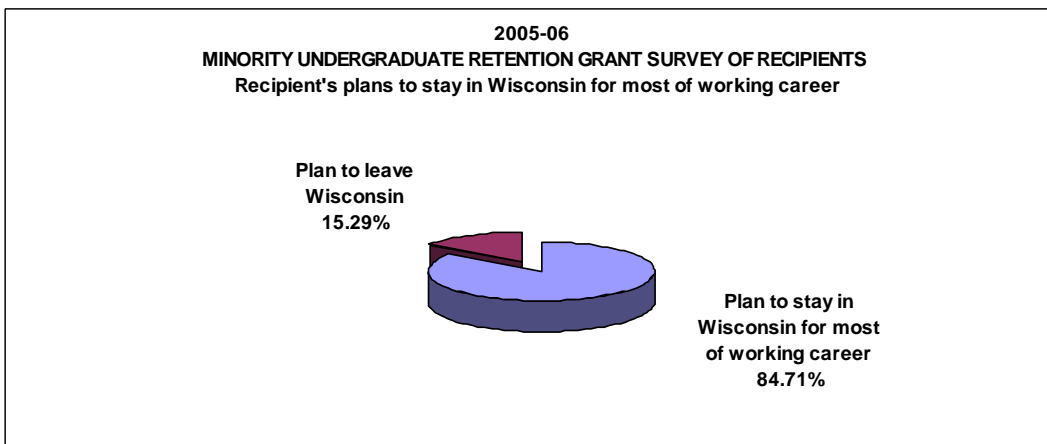


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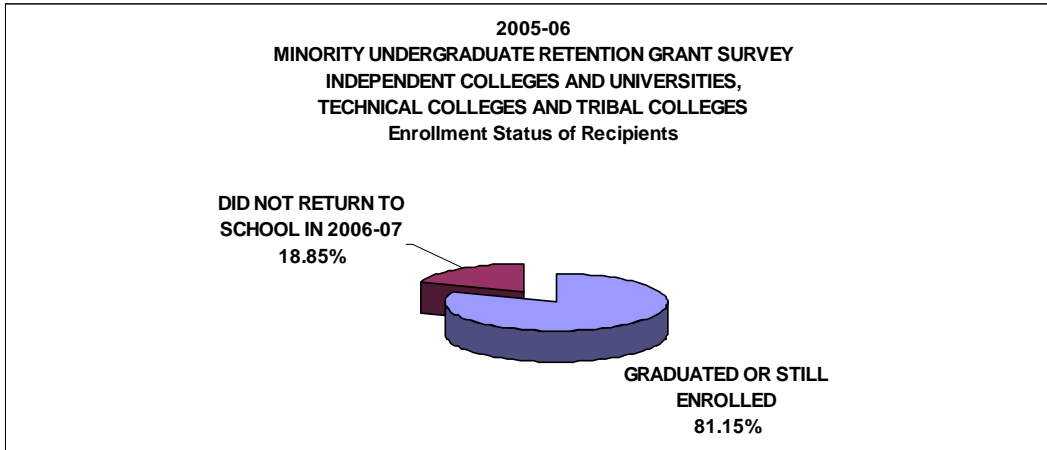
** Includes recipients who are enrolled in 2006-07 as well as recipients who are no longer enrolled in 2006-07 due to graduation, etc.

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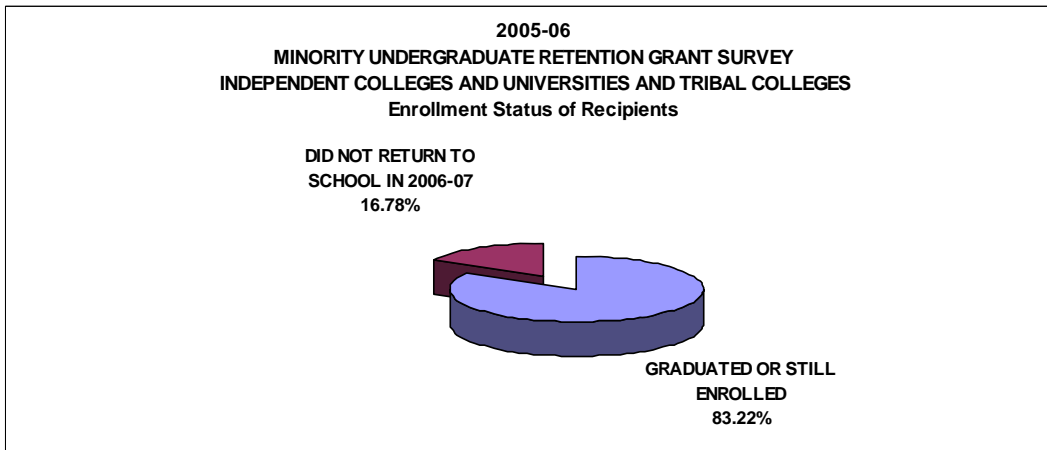


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GRAPH IX



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GRAPH XI

