

FADS Data

File	Description	Years of Availability
fads_fy(yy)	Financial Aid Database Information	2001-most recent available

Key		
fy/yy	Ending school year (e.g. 08 = 2007-2008 school year) - keep in mind the THECB records data according to fiscal years (fy) so SP14 equates to the spring of 2014 while F14 equates to the Fall of 2013.	

Data Description:

- FADS provides a record of financial aid for each student at an institution of higher education for the academic year;
- Information is collected for each student who enrolled and completed a FAFSA or TAFSA (some students may not have received aid);
- Information includes data from financial applications (e.g., adjusted gross income, parental education/income, demographics, dependency status, residency status, enrollment time, classification, etc.);
- Data also includes aid information from the institution (e.g., cost of attendance, expected contribution, exemptions/waivers, grants, scholarships, loans, work-study, etc.);
- Aid differs according to the individual costs of attendance of the institution;
- Specific information on aid also differs by type of institution and type of aid (e.g., TEXAS Grant program, subsidized federal loans, Institution funded merit-based gift aid, academic competitive grant, etc.).

Several resources below should help as you consider the data for your study

- **Texas Financial Aid Database Manual:** <http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/reports/PDF/6059.PDF?CFID=27325121&CFTOKEN=17815297>
- **Federal Student Aid/U.S. Department of Education:** <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>
- **State of Texas Financial Aid:** <http://www.everychanceeverytexan.org/funding/aid/aidtx.php>