

# Veteran Undergraduate Student Parents

This summary profiles military veteran undergraduate college students with dependent children across the United States who were enrolled in the 2019–20 academic year.



**45%**  
of veteran undergraduates are parents  
**286,000**

## Gender



22% of nonparenting veteran students are female, 77% are male, and 1%\* have another gender identity

## Age



20% of nonparenting veteran students are under age 25, 29% are 25–29, 29% are 30–39, and 21% are 40 or older

## Race and Ethnicity



53% of nonparenting veteran students are white, 15% are Black, 15% are Latine, 2%\* are American Indian or Alaska Native (AIAN) or Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (NHPI), 4% are Asian, and 11% are multiple races or ethnicities

## Dependent Children

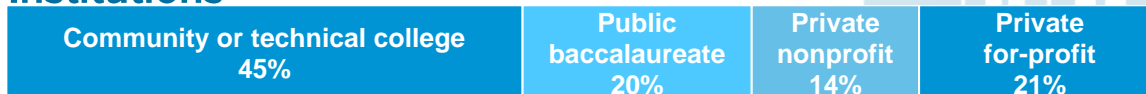
**44%** of veteran student parents have one child  
**56%** have two or more children  
**44%** have at least one child under age 6

## Enrollment



72% of nonparenting veteran students are enrolled full time and 28% are enrolled part time

## Institutions



49% of nonparenting veteran students are enrolled in a community or technical college, 26% in a public baccalaureate institution, 14% in a private nonprofit, and 11% in a private for-profit institution

## Social

**Married: 65%**

27% of nonparenting veteran students are married

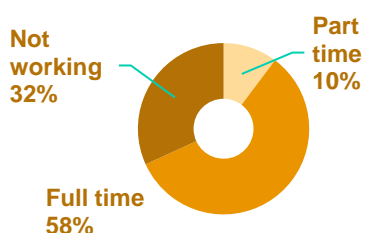
**First-gen: 48%**

36% of nonparenting veteran students are first-generation college students

**Veteran: 100%**

100% of nonparenting veteran students are veterans

## Employment and Economic Well-Being While Enrolled



31% of nonparenting veteran students are not working, 22% are working part time, and 47% are working full time



**20%**

could not come up with \$500 in the next month

15% of nonparenting veteran students could not come up with \$500



**6%**

were recently homeless

9% of nonparenting veteran students were recently homeless



**24%**

are food insecure

21% of nonparenting veteran students are food insecure



**17%**

participate in SNAP

5% of nonparenting veteran students participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

For more information and to pull similar statistics, explore the National Postsecondary Student Aid Study: 2020 Undergraduate Students in the National Center for Education Statistics' DataLab tool at <https://nces.ed.gov/datalab>.

**Note:** Data collection was interrupted by COVID-19 shutdowns, so parenting students might be underrepresented in this data source. Dependent children may be up to age 25. Enrollment intensity represents fall enrollment among those enrolled in the fall term. College types are recategorized using a detailed sector variable. Values may not sum to 100 because of rounding. An asterisk (\*) indicates that an estimate is imprecise because of large standard errors.

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