

Immigrant Undergraduate Student Parents

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



19%
of immigrant undergraduates are parents
474,000

Dependent Children

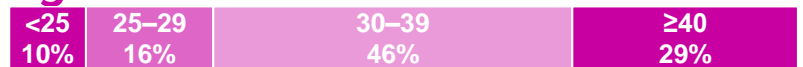
43% of immigrant student parents have one child
57% have two or more children
50% have at least one child under age 6

Gender



53% of nonparenting immigrant students are female, 46% are male, and 1% have another gender identity

Age



72% of nonparenting immigrant students are under age 25, 14% are 25–29, 9% are 30–39, and 5% are 40 or older

Race and Ethnicity



21% of nonparenting immigrant students are white, 27% are Latine, 14% are Black, 31% are Asian, 1% are American Indian or Alaska Native (AIAN) or Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (NHPI), and 5% are multiple races or ethnicities

Enrollment



76% of nonparenting immigrant students are enrolled full time and 24% are enrolled part time

Institutions



44% of nonparenting immigrant students are enrolled in a community or technical college, 33% in a public baccalaureate institution, 18% in a private nonprofit, and 6% in a private for-profit institution

Social

Married: 57%

10% of nonparenting immigrant students are married

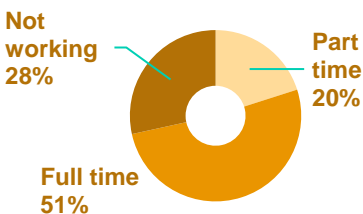
First-gen: 57%

37% of nonparenting immigrant students are first-generation college students

Veteran: 6%

2% of nonparenting immigrant students are veterans

Employment and Economic Well-Being While Enrolled



36% of nonparenting immigrant students are not working, 32% are working part time, and 32% are working full time



29%

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

18% of nonparenting immigrant students could not come up with \$500



6%

were recently homeless

9% of nonparenting immigrant students were recently homeless



29%

are food insecure

23% of nonparenting immigrant students are food insecure



23%

participate in SNAP

9% of nonparenting immigrant 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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