

# White Undergraduate Student Parents

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



**17%** of white undergraduates are parents  
**1.43 million**

## Dependent Children

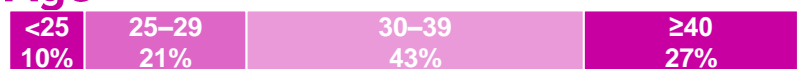
**42%** of white student parents have one child  
**58%** have two or more children  
**48%** have at least one child under age 6

## Gender



52% of white nonparenting students are female, 46% are male, and 2% have another gender identity

## Age



79% of white nonparenting students are under age 25, 11% are 25–29, 6% are 30–39, and 5% are 40 or older

## Race and Ethnicity



100% of white nonparenting students are white

## Enrollment



81% of white nonparenting students are enrolled full time and 19% are enrolled part time

## Institutions



36% of white nonparenting students are enrolled in a community or technical college, 40% in a public baccalaureate institution, 20% in a private nonprofit, and 3% in a private for-profit institution

## Social

**Married: 60%**

8% of white nonparenting students are married

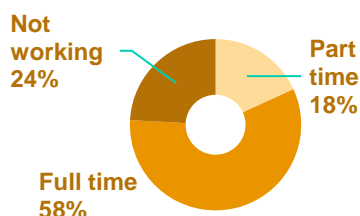
**First-gen: 43%**

18% of white nonparenting students are first-generation college students

**Veteran: 11%**

3% of white nonparenting students are veterans

## Employment and Economic Well-Being While Enrolled



22% of white nonparenting students are not working, 37% are working part time, and 41% are working full time



**22%**

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

12% of white nonparenting students could not come up with \$500



**5%**

were recently homeless

7% of white nonparenting students were recently homeless



**23%**

are food insecure

17% of white nonparenting students are food insecure



**24%**

participate in SNAP

6% of white nonparenting 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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