Undergraduate Student Parents at Community and Technical Colleges

This summary profiles undergraduate community and technical college (CTC) students with dependent children across the United States who were enrolled in the 2019–20 academic year. CTCs are public primarily sub-baccalaureate-granting institutions.



22%

of undergraduates at community and technical colleges are parents

1.57 million

Dependent Children

46% of CTC student parents have one child

54% have two or more children

51% have at least one child under age 6

Gender

Female	Male	Other
75%	25%	0.5%

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

Age

<25	25–29	30–39	≥40
13%	22%	39%	26%

71% of nonparenting CTC students are under age 25, 15% are 25–29, 9% are 30–39, and 6% are 40 or older

Race and Ethnicity

White	Latine	Black		Multiple
45%	23%	19%		6%

45% of nonparenting CTC students are white, 27% are Latine, 11% are Black, 7% are Asian.

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2% are American Indian or Alaska Native (AIAN) or Native Hawaiian or other Pacific

Islander (NHPI), and 8% are multiple races or ethnicities

Enrollment

Full time 40%

Part time 60%

59% of nonparenting CTC students are enrolled full time and 41% are enrolled part time

Institutions

Community or technical college 100%

100% of nonparenting CTC students are enrolled in a community or technical college

Social

Married: 46%

Asian AIAN or NHPI

9% of nonparenting CTC students are married

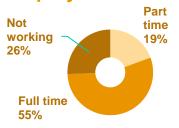
First-gen: 49%

34% of nonparenting CTC students are first-generation college students

Veteran: 8%

3% of nonparenting CTC students

Employment and Economic Well-Being While Enrolled



26% of nonparenting CTC students are not working, 31% are working part time, and 43% are working full time



28%

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

19% of nonparenting CTC students could not come up with \$500



7%

were recently homeless

8% of nonparenting CTC students were recently homeless



28%

are food insecure

22% of nonparenting CTC students are food insecure



30%

participate in SNAP

10% of nonparenting CTC 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.

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