

Graduate Student Parents

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



28%
of graduate students are parents
1 million

Dependent Children

41% of graduate student parents have one child
59% have two or more children
42% have at least one child under age 6

Gender



56% of nonparenting graduate students are female, 42% are male, and 1% have another gender identity

Age



29% of nonparenting graduate students are under age 25, 39% are 25–29, 21% are 30–39, and 10% are 40 or older

Race and Ethnicity



51% of nonparenting graduate students are white, 10% are Black, 11% are Latine, 21% are Asian, 1% are American Indian or Alaska Native (AIAN) or Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (NHPI), and 7% are multiple races or ethnicities

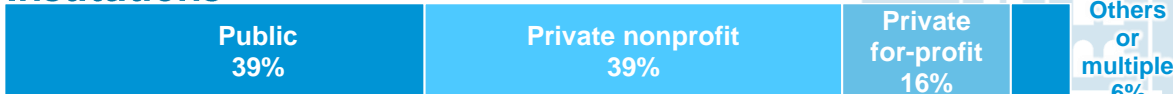
Asian 7%
AIAN or NHPI 2%

Enrollment



80% of nonparenting graduate students are enrolled full time and 20% are enrolled part time

Institutions



46% of nonparenting graduate students are enrolled in a public institution, 43% in a private nonprofit institution, 6% in a private for-profit institution, and 5% in another type or multiple institutions

Social

Married: 73%

22% of nonparenting graduate students are married

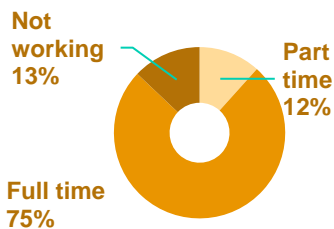
First-gen: 34%

19% of nonparenting graduate students are first-generation college students

Veteran: 12%

4% of nonparenting graduate students are veterans

Employment and Economic Well-Being While Enrolled



25% of nonparenting graduate students are not working, 27% are working part time, and 48% are working full time



11%

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

7% of nonparenting graduate students could not come up with \$500



3%

were recently homeless

5% of nonparenting graduate students were recently homeless



12%

are food insecure

12% of nonparenting graduate students are food insecure



9%

participate in SNAP

3% of nonparenting graduate 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 Graduate 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. 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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