

# Undergraduate Student Fathers

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



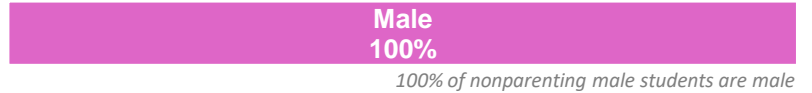
**11%**  
of male undergraduates are parents  
**800,000**

## Dependent Children

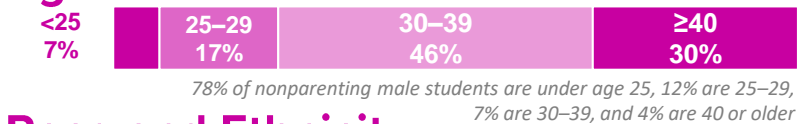
**44%** of student fathers have one child  
**56%** have two or more children  
**51%** have at least one child under age 6



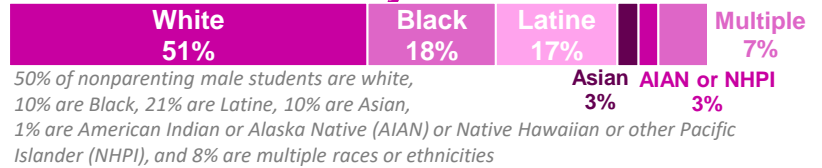
## Gender



## Age



## Race and Ethnicity



## Enrollment



## Institutions



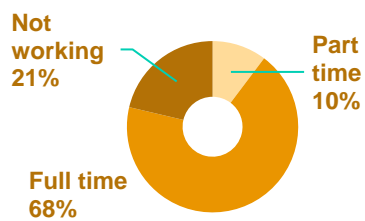
## Social

**Married: 71%**  
*6% of nonparenting male students are married*

**First-gen: 45%**  
*25% of nonparenting male students are first-generation college students*

**Veteran: 25%**  
*4% of nonparenting male students are veterans*

## Employment and Economic Well-Being While Enrolled



**18%**  
could not come up with \$500 in the next month  
*13% of nonparenting male students could not come up with \$500*

**7%**  
were recently homeless  
*9% of nonparenting male students were recently homeless*

**24%**  
are food insecure  
*19% of nonparenting male students are food insecure*

**13%**  
participate in SNAP  
*8% of nonparenting male 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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