Undergraduate Single Mother Students

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



17%

of female undergraduates are single mothers

1.41 million

Dependent Children

52% of single mother students have one child

48% have two or more children

50% have at least one child under age 6

Gender

Gender	
	Female
	100%
	100% of nonparenting female students are female

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<25 25-29 30-39 ≥40 19% 26% 36% 20%

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

Race and Ethnicity

White Black Latine Multiple 34% 30% 22% 8%

47% of nonparenting female students are white,

AIAN or NHPI Asian
13% are Black, 22% are Latine, 1% are American Indian or

3%

2%

Alaska Native (AIAN) or Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (NHPI), 9% are Asian, and
8% are multiple races or ethnicities

Enrollment

Full time 53%

Part time 47%

78% of nonparenting female students are enrolled full time and 22% are enrolled part time

Institutions

Community or technical college 52%

Public Private baccalaureate 13% Private 12%

Private for-profit 24%

39% of nonparenting female students are enrolled in a community or technical college, 37% in a public baccalaureate institution, 18% in a private nonprofit, and 6% in a private for-profit institution.

Social

Married: 0%

7% of nonparenting female students are married

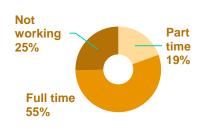
First-gen: 51%

29% of nonparenting female students are first-generation college students

Veteran: 3%

1% of nonparenting female students are veterans

Employment and Economic Well-Being While Enrolled



25% of nonparenting female students are not working, 39% are working part time, and 36% are working full time



36% uld not come i

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

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



10%

were recently homeless

8% of nonparenting female students were recently homeless



37%

are food insecure

22% of nonparenting female students are food insecure



47%

participate in SNAP

10% of nonparenting female 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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