Undergraduate **Young Parents**

This summary profiles undergraduate college students under age 25 with dependent children across the United States who were enrolled in the 2019–20 academic year.



3% of young undergraduates are parents 275.000

Dependent Children

76% of young student parents have one child

24% have two or more children

92% have at least one child under age 6

Gender

Female 86%

Other 0.4%*

54% of nonparenting students under age 25 are female, 44% are male, and 2% have another gender identity

Age

100%

100% of nonparenting students under age 25 are under age 25

Race and Ethnicity

White

20%

Multiple 9%

49% of nonparenting students under age 25 are white, 22% are Latine, 11% are Black, 1% are American Indian AIAN or NHPI Asian 4%

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

Enrollment

Full time 62%

Part time 38%

84% of nonparenting students under age 25 are enrolled full time and 16% are enrolled part time

Institutions

Community or technical college

Public Private baccalaureate nonprofit

Private for-profit 22%

36% of nonparenting students under age 25 are enrolled in a community or technical college, 41% in a public baccalaureate institution, 19% in a private nonprofit, and 3% in a private for-profit institution

Social

Married: 25%

2% of nonparenting students under age 25 are married

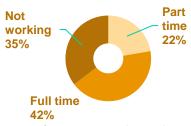
First-gen: 44%

24% of nonparenting students under age 25 are firstgeneration college students

Veteran: 3%

1% of nonparenting students under age 25 are veterans

Employment and Economic Well-Being While Enrolled



28% of nonparenting students under age 25 are not working, 40% are working part time, and 32% are working full time



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

15% of nonparenting students under age 25 could not come up with \$500



were recently

homeless

8% of nonparenting students under age 25 were recently homeless



food insecure

20% of nonparenting students under age 25 are food insecure



participate in SNAP

10% of nonparenting students under age 25 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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