

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

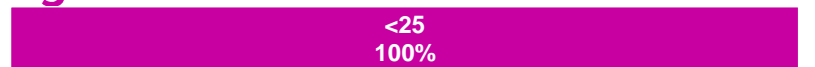
- 76%** of young student parents have one child
- 24%** have two or more children
- 92%** have at least one child under age 6

Gender



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

Age



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

Race and Ethnicity



49% of nonparenting students under age 25 are white, 22% are Latine, 11% are Black, 1% are American Indian or Alaska Native (AIAN) or Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (NHPI), 9% are Asian, and 8% are multiple races or ethnicities

Enrollment



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

Institutions



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

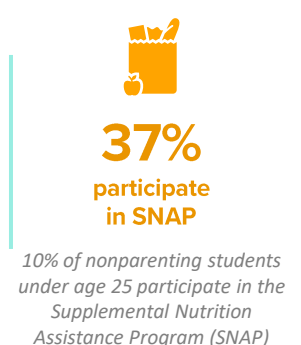
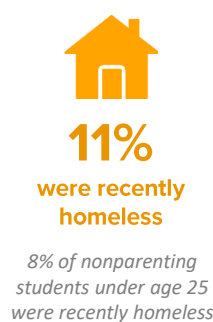
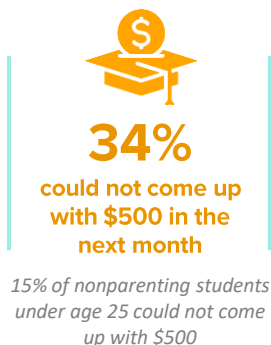
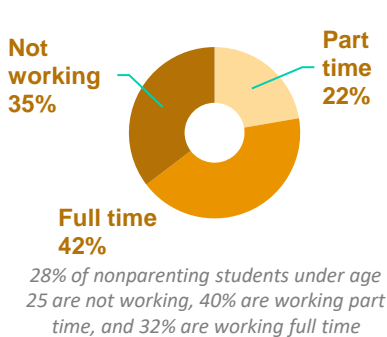
First-gen: 44%

24% of nonparenting students under age 25 are first-generation college students

Veteran: 3%

1% of nonparenting students under age 25 are veterans

Employment and Economic Well-Being While Enrolled



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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