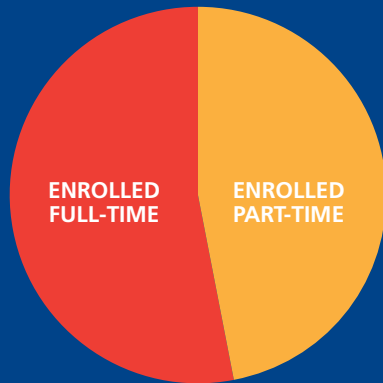




## Undergraduate First-Generation (FG) Students

Characteristics That Profile Undergraduate Students Whose Parents' Educational Attainment is Less Than a Bachelor's Degree

### ENROLLMENT INTENSITY OF FG STUDENTS



**53%** of FG students were enrolled full-time (2020)<sup>2</sup>

**47%** of FG students were enrolled part-time (2020)<sup>2</sup>

### TOP PROGRAM OF STUDY FOR FG STUDENTS (2020):<sup>2</sup>

#### Pursuing a certificate or an associate's degree:

- Healthcare Fields: **29%**
  - Business: **12%**
- General Studies & other: **12%**
- Computer & Information Sciences: **5%**
  - Education: **5%**

#### Pursuing a bachelor's degree:

- Business: **18%**
- Healthcare Fields: **16%**
- Biological & Physical Science, Science Tech: **8%**
  - Psychology: **7%**
  - Education: **7%**

### FINANCIAL AID FOR FG STUDENTS (2020):<sup>2</sup>

- **86%** applied for financial aid
  - **79%** received grants
- **43%** used loans, with a cumulative amount of **\$11,063**
  - **5.2%** were provided work-study
- **7.6%** received other aid, e.g., veterans' benefits

### FINANCES OF FG STUDENTS:

**71%** worked while enrolled and worked an average of **22** hours a week (not including work-study) (2020)<sup>2</sup>

**31%** regularly supported friends or family members with **\$50** or more a month (not living together) (2017)<sup>1</sup>

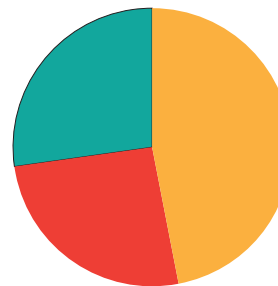
**63%** had help with housing, tuition, and other expenses from parents (2020)<sup>2</sup>

**11%** had received financial help from friends or non-immediate family members (2020)<sup>2</sup>

Of those who applied and received financial aid, **28%** used a **credit card** to pay for tuition and fees, and **74%** did so because they had no other way to pay at that time. (2020)<sup>2</sup>

### FG UNDERGRADUATE DEMOGRAPHICS (2020):<sup>2</sup>

Average age of a student in college was **27** & the average at the start of their postsecondary education was **21**.



#### Dependency status varied:

- **47%** were dependents
- **26%** were independent without any dependents
- **27%** were independent students with dependents

#### VARIATION BY RACE:

- American Indian/Alaska Native: **69%**
- Asian: **44%**
- Black/African American: **65%**
- Hispanic or Latino: **73%**
- More than one race: **46%**
- Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander: **57%**
- White: **46%**

### ACADEMICS FOR FG STUDENTS:

**2.5** The average GPA during the 1st year and the average GPA for the 2nd year was **2.6** (2012)<sup>1</sup>

**4%** The percentage of first generation students who studied abroad by the time they graduated college.(2020)<sup>2</sup>

**18** The average number of credits earned during FG students' first year (2012)<sup>1</sup>



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