

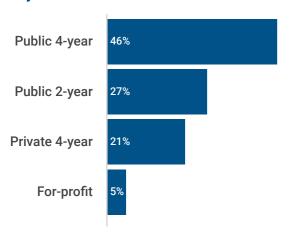
## **Students of Higher Education Today**

Today's college students are increasingly more diverse. Understanding the population of higher education today is important for improving postsecondary access and helping students succeed.

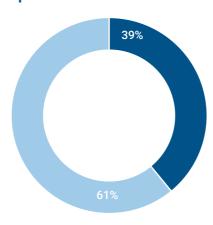
## STUDENT SNAPSHOT

Over 19.6 million students are enrolled in postsecondary institutions.

Over one in four are enrolled at a public 2-year institution.



About two out of five attend part time.



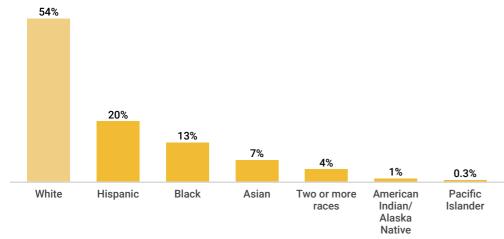
About 57% identify as female.

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Source for data on sex and attendance: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics, 2019, Table 303.10. Source for data on institution type: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics, 2019, Table 302.25.

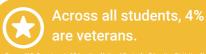
## **RACE OR ETHNICITY**

Students of color account for 46% of all enrolled students.



Nearly two out of every five students are first generation.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National



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About 2% of students are undocumented: of those, 43% are DACA eligible.

Source: Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration and New American Economy,

Undocumented Students in Higher Education (March 2021).

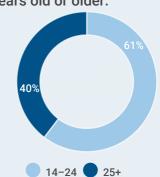


One in four undergraduate students work full time.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National

## **AGE**

Two out of every five students are 25 years old or older.



Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics, 2018, Table 303.40.

Note: Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics, 2019, Table 306.20.
Notes: All data represent students enrolled at Title IV, degree-granting institutions in the United States. | Updated March 2022