



Fact Sheet

On Higher Education

Degree and Enrollment Status of 2003-04 Beginning Postsecondary Students in Spring 2009, by Degree Aspiration & Institution at Entrance, by Race, and by Family Income & Dependency

	Attained BA (%)	Attained AA (%)	Attained Cert (%)	No degree still enrolled (%)	No degree not enrolled (%)
All 2003-2004 Beginners	31%	9%	9%	15%	36%
Degree Aspiration/Institution of Entrance					
Bachelors/All 4-year institutions	62%	4%	1%	12%	21%
Bachelors/Public 4-year institutions	62%	3%	1%	13%	21%
Bachelors/Private not-for-profit 4-year institutions	69%	3%	1%	11%	17%
Bachelors/For-Profit 4-year institutions	23%	11%	1%	12%	54%
Bachelors/Public 2-year institutions	17%	15%	5%	21%	41%
Associate/Public 2-year institutions	2%	18%	10%	18%	52%
Certificate/Public 2-year institutions	0%	5%	35%	10%	50%
Associate/For-Profit 2-year institutions	0%	32%	5%	11%	52%
Certificate/For-Profit 2-year institutions	0%	3%	46%	8%	43%
Certificate/Public Less than 2-year institutions	0%	2%	67%	3%	28%
Certificate/For-profit Less than 2-year	0%	1%	54%	9%	36%
All 2003-04 Beginners					
White, non-Hispanic	36%	10%	8%	13%	33%
Black, non-Hispanic	17%	8%	13%	20%	43%
Hispanic	17%	8%	16%	17%	42%
Asian/Pacific Islander	45%	8%	5%	20%	23%
American Indian/Alaska Native	16%	13%	13%	23%	36%
Other	29%	7%	5%	22%	37%
Multi-race	28%	9%	8%	20%	35%
Bachelor/All 4 Year Institutions					
White, non-Hispanic	67%	4%	1%	10%	19%
Black, non-Hispanic	45%	4%	1%	19%	31%
Hispanic	45%	5%	2%	20%	29%
Asian/Pacific Islander	71%	1%	1%	12%	15%
American Indian/Alaska Native	low n	low n	low n	low n	low n
Other	66%	4%	0%	8%	22%
Multi-race	50%	3%	3%	19%	24%

All 2003-04 Beginners					
Dependent: Less than 20,000	25%	9%	12%	17%	38%
Dependent: \$20k-39,999	30%	10%	9%	16%	35%
Dependent: \$40k-\$59,999	37%	11%	6%	17%	30%
Dependent: \$60k-\$79,999	43%	10%	5%	14%	28%
Dependent: \$80k or more	57%	8%	2%	12%	21%
Independent: Less than \$5,000	7%	6%	17%	15%	55%
Independent: \$10k-\$19,999	3%	9%	20%	17%	50%
Independent: 20k-\$29,999	5%	9%	22%	13%	50%
Independent: \$30k-\$49,999	6%	10%	16%	19%	50%
Independent: \$50k or more	9%	14%	12%	11%	54%
Bachelor/All 4 Year Institutions					
Dependent: Less than 20,000	48%	3%	2%	16%	31%
Dependent: \$20k-39,999	57%	4%	1%	14%	23%
Dependent: \$40k-\$59,999	59%	6%	2%	13%	21%
Dependent: \$60k-\$79,999	69%	3%	1%	11%	16%
Dependent: \$80k or more	76%	2%	1%	9%	13%
Independent: Less than \$5,000	31%	4%	3%	12%	49%
Independent: \$10k-\$19,999	17%	5%	0%	24%	54%
Independent: 20k-\$29,999	25%	9%	2%	14%	50%
Independent: \$30k-\$49,999	29%	3%	0%	20%	48%
Independent: \$50k or more	40%	13%	0%	12%	36%

Note: Students were considered independent if they were 1) age twenty-four or older as of 12/31/2003; 2) a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces; 3) enrolled in a graduate or professional program beyond a bachelor's degree in 2003-04; 4) married; 5) an orphan or ward of the court; or 6) had legal dependents, other than spouse.

Source: US Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Beginning Postsecondary Students Survey: 2004-2009.