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.

- Public 4-year: 46%
- Public 2-year: 27%
- Private 4-year: 21%
- For-profit: 5%

About two out of five attend part time.

- 61% attend full time
- 39% attend part time

About 57% identify as female.

- 57% female
- 43% male

**RACE OR ETHNICITY**

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

- 54% White
- 20% Hispanic
- 13% Black
- 7% Asian
- 4% Two or more races
- 1% American Indian/Alaska Native
- 0.3% Pacific Islander

**AGE**

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

- 61% 25+
- 39% 14–24
