First-generation College Graduates after Four Years

EMPLOYMENT, FINANCES, AND ADDITIONAL EDUCATION



Four years after earning a bachelor's degree, **first-generation** college graduates who were employed earned a median of \$50,000, and **continuing-generation** graduates earned a median of \$52,000.



Job required a bachelor's degree

55% of first-generation college graduates65% of continuing-generation college graduates



Had taken a less desirable job because of the financial cost of their postsecondary education

34% of **first-generation** college graduates **29%** of **continuing-generation** college graduates



Employer was a for-profit company

45% of first-generation college graduates
53% of continuing-generation college graduates



Employer was a nonprofit organization

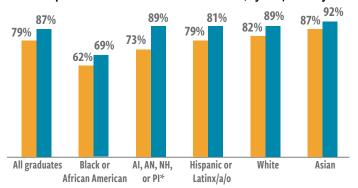
16% of first-generation college graduates14% of continuing-generation college graduates



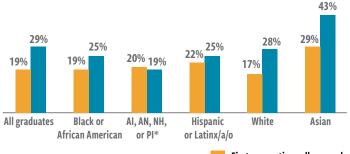
Employer was the local, state, or federal government

21% of first-generation college graduates17% of continuing-generation college graduates

Percentage who reported that they could come up with \$2,000 if an unexpected need arose within the next month, by race/ethnicity

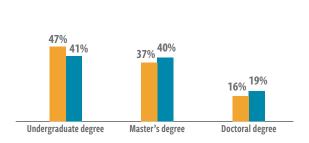


Percentage who had taken a graduate or professional entrance exam, by race/ethnicity

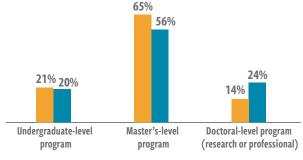


First-generation college graduates

Highest degree ever expected to complete



Percentage who enrolled in an undergraduate, master's, or doctoral program after earning a bachelor's degree



Continuing-generation college graduates



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First-generation college graduate is defined as an individual with a bachelor's degree whose parents do not have a bachelor's degree. "AI, AN, NH, or PI" is American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, or other Pacific Islander. Race/ethnicity categories are mutually exclusive. Fact sheet represents the four-year post-graduation outcomes of individuals who received a bachelor's degree from a Title IV postsecondary institution in academic year 2015–16. Data source is U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2016/20 Baccalaureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study (B&B:16/20). First-wave data from the same B&B cohort are available on NASPA's website. Fact sheet produced by RTI International.





