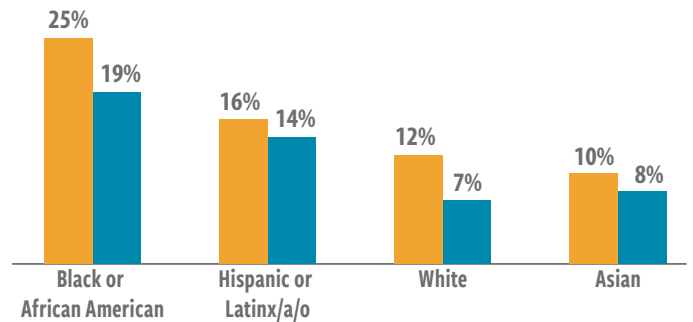


First-generation College Graduates after Four Years

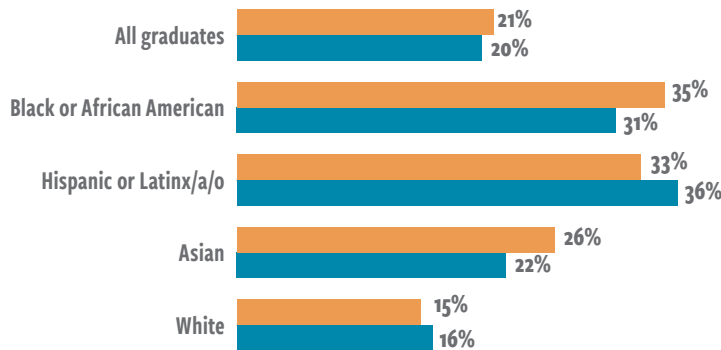
EXPERIENCES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC: 2020 TO 2021

14% of **first-generation** college graduates and **8%** of **continuing-generation** college graduates did not meet essential expenses in the previous year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Essential expenses include mortgage or rent payments, utility bills, and important medical care.

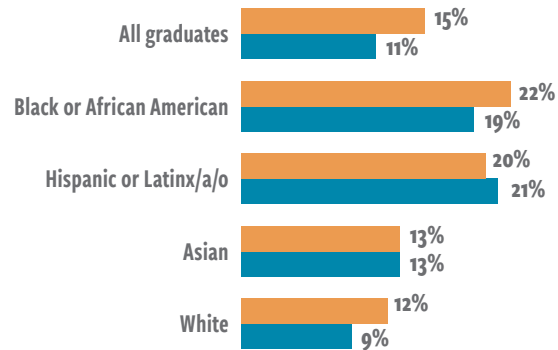
The percentage of college graduates who did not meet essential expenses in the previous year because of the COVID-19 pandemic differed by race/ethnicity:



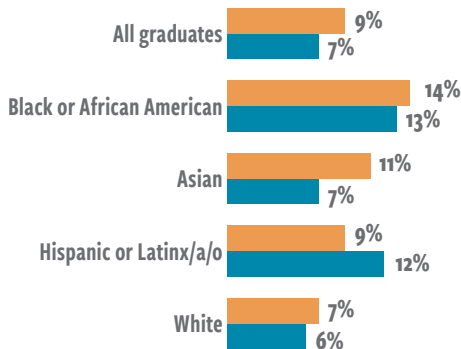
A higher percentage of Black or African American and Hispanic or Latinx/a/o than Asian and White **first-generation** college graduates were in **deferment on private student loans** because of the COVID-19 pandemic:



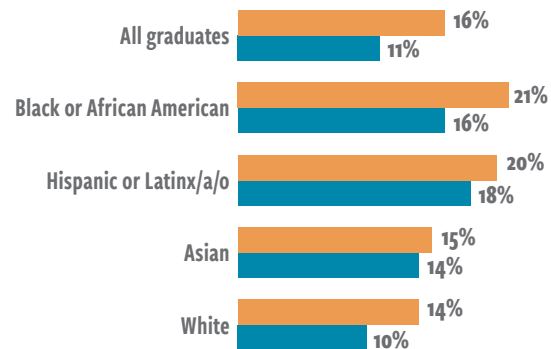
A higher percentage of Hispanic or Latinx/a/o college graduates than those from other groups had **delayed additional education** because of the COVID-19 pandemic:



A higher percentage of Black or African American **first-generation** college graduates than those from other groups had **taken a job outside of their field** because of the COVID-19 pandemic:



A higher percentage of **first-generation** than **continuing-generation** college graduates had **taken on additional family or child care** because of the COVID-19 pandemic:



■ First-generation college graduates
 ■ Continuing-generation college graduates