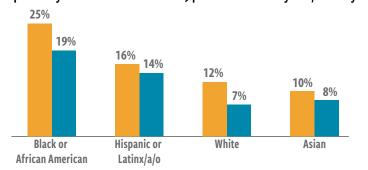
## First-generation College Graduates after Four Years

EXPERIENCES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC: 2020 TO 2021

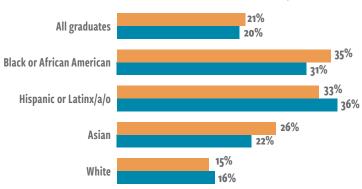
14% of first-generation college graduates

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.

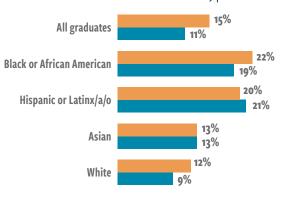
The percentage of college graduates who did not meet essential expenses in the previous year because of the COVID-19 pandemic differed by race/ethnicity:



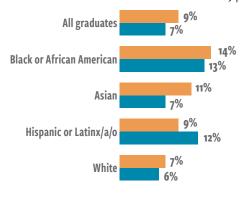
A higher percentage of Black or African American and Hispanic or Latinx/a/o than Asian and White **first-generation** college graduates were in **deferment on private student loans** because of the COVID-19 pandemic:



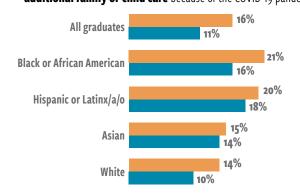
A higher percentage of Hispanic or Latinx/a/o college graduates than those from other groups had **delayed additional education** because of the COVID-19 pandemic:



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:



Continuing-generation college graduates



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A first-generation college graduate is an individual with a bachelor's degree whose parents do not have a bachelor's degree. Race/ethnicity categories are mutually exclusive. Fact sheet represents individuals who received a bachelor's degree from a Title IV postsecondary institution in academic year 2015–16 and their experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. Data source is U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2016/20 Baccalaureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study (B&B:16/20). Data were collected from July 2020 through March 2021. First-wave data from the same B&B cohort are available on NASPA's website. Fact sheet produced by RTI International.







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