The percentage of undergraduates who were first-generation college students depends on the definition. As of academic year 2015–16:

- **24%** had parents with no postsecondary education.
- **56%** had parents who did not have a bachelor’s degree. The fact sheet uses this definition of first-generation student.
- **59%** of students whose parents did not have a bachelor’s degree were also the first sibling in their family to go to college.

**Percentage Who Were Age 30 or Above**

- 28% of **first-generation** students
- 16% of **continuing-generation** students

**Median Parental Income Among Dependent Students**

- $41,000 for **first-generation** students
- $90,000 for **continuing-generation** students

**Distribution of Characteristics Among First-generation and Continuing-generation Students**

**First-generation Students**

- 48% Attended full time
- 16% Had dependents
- 5% Veteran
- 60% Female

**Continuing-generation Students**

- 40% Attended full time
- 30% Had dependents
- 3% Veteran
- 48% Female

**Percentage of Undergraduates Who Were First-generation, by Sector**

- Public 4-year: 47%
- Public 2-year: 64%
- Private nonprofit 4-year: 43%
- Private nonprofit 2-year: 69%
- Private for-profit 4-year: 72%
- Private for-profit 2-year: 70%

**Percentage of Undergraduates Who Were First-generation, by Type of Minority-Serving Institution**

- American Indian/Alaska Native-serving: 67%
- Hispanic/Latinx/a/o-serving: 65%
- Black/African American-serving, non-HBCU: 65%
- Historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs): 60%
- Non-minority-serving: 49%
- Asian/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander-serving: 48%