

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 graduates
65% 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

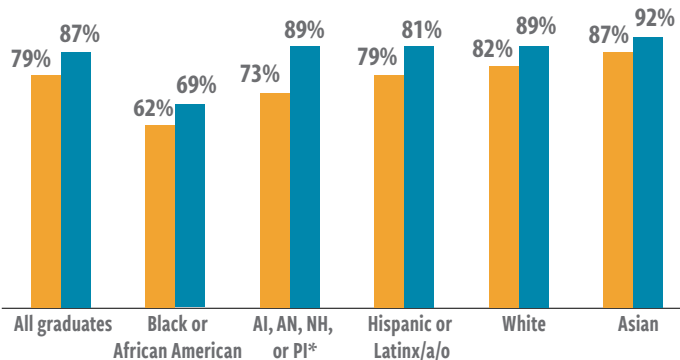
16% of **first-generation** college graduates
14% of **continuing-generation** college graduates



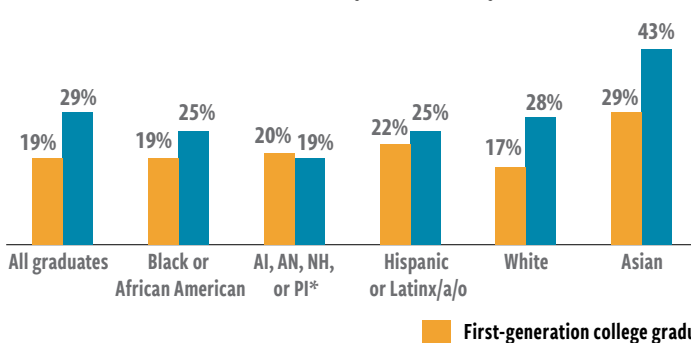
Employer was the local, state, or federal government

21% of **first-generation** college graduates
17% of **continuing-generation** college graduates

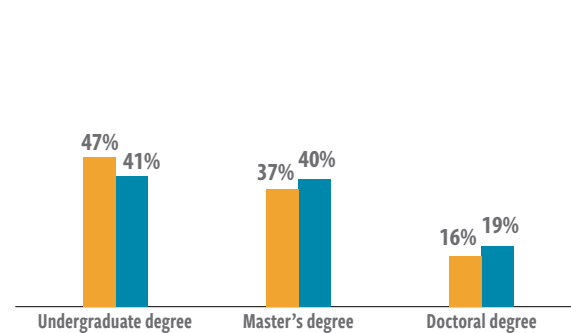
Percentage who reported that they could come up with \$2,000 if an unexpected need arose within the next month, by race/ethnicity



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



Highest degree ever expected to complete



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

