

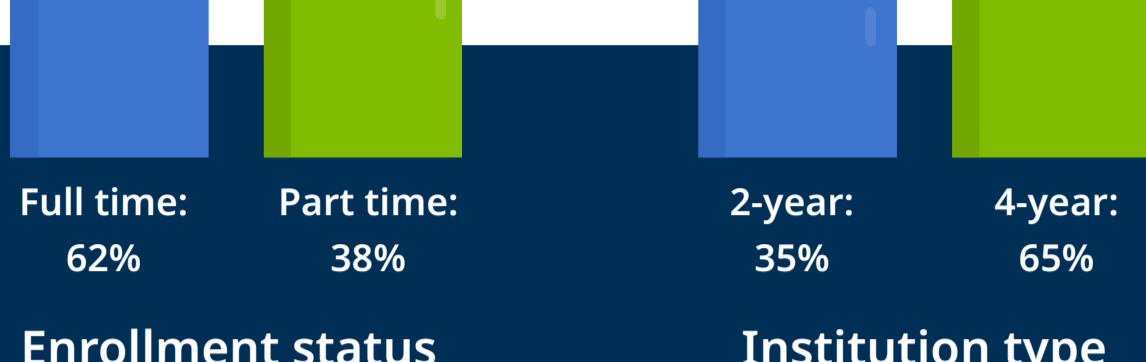
# Scaling College Student Success



## U.S. college enrollment<sup>1</sup>



**16.7 million** undergraduate college students in 2020



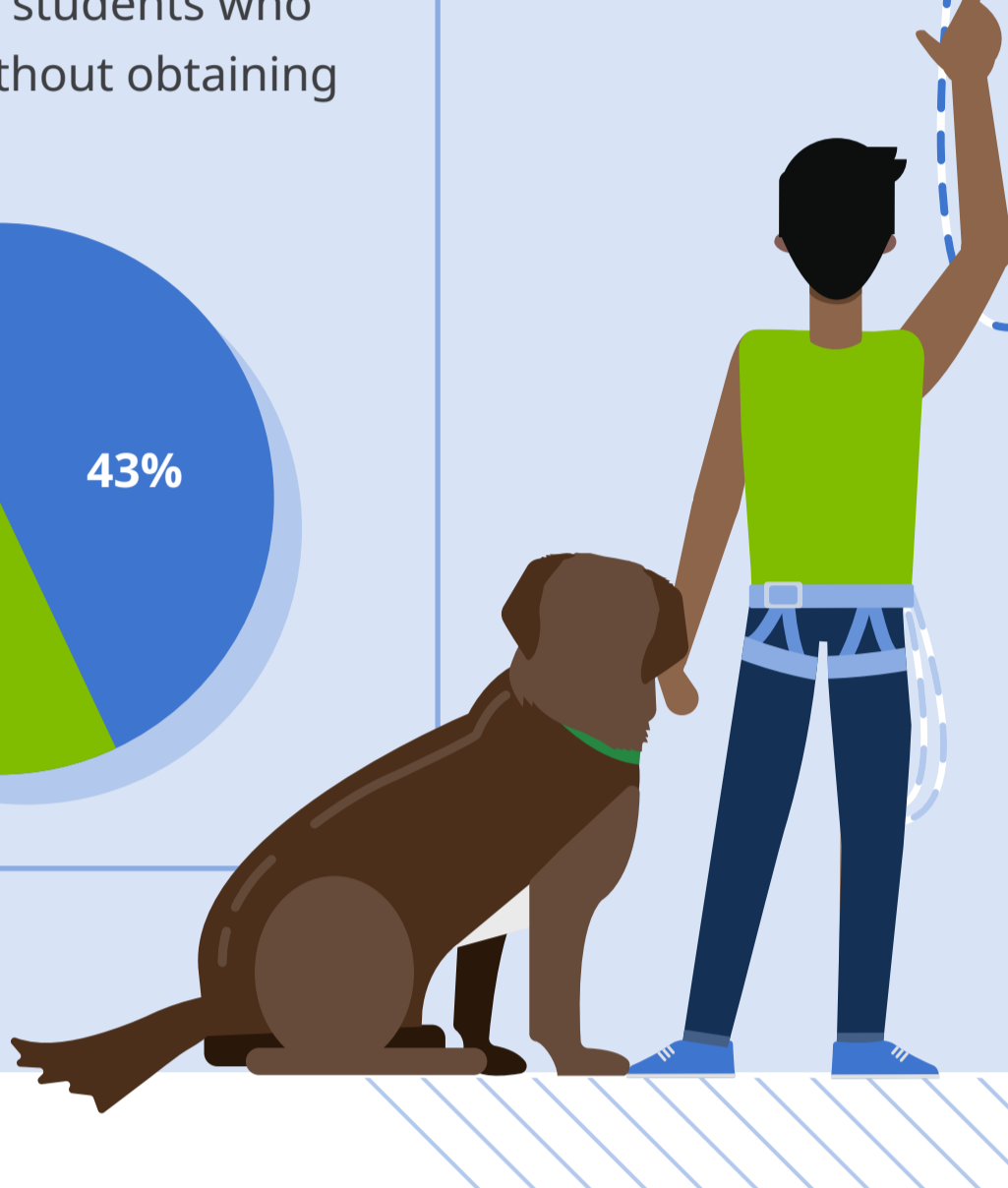
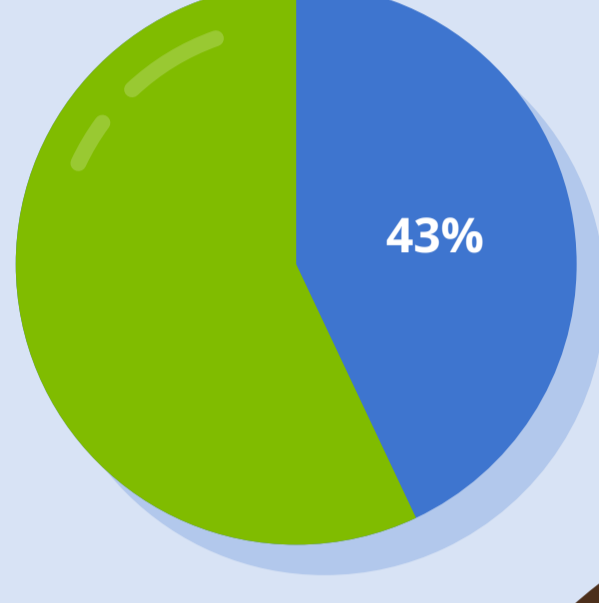
Enrollment status

Institution type

## First-generation students

First-generation students account for nearly **one-third**<sup>2</sup> of college undergraduates. These are undergraduates from households where neither parent has attained a four-year degree.

First-generation students who leave college without obtaining a degree<sup>3</sup>



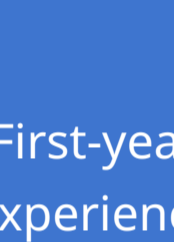
## Six factors that can help college students succeed

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Smaller class sizes<sup>4</sup>

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First-year experience courses or bridge programs emphasizing college preparedness and life skills development<sup>4</sup>

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Scholarships and financial aid<sup>4</sup>

4



Peer mentorships<sup>5</sup>

5



Campus activities that increase student engagement and “cultural capital”<sup>5</sup>

6



Use of library resources<sup>6</sup>

## PrepSTEP resources that can help students achieve their post-secondary goals



**College success skills tutorials** on developing organizational strategies, building information literacy skills, communicating with professors, managing money and more



**Scholarship finder** tool that allows students to search among 24,000 scholarships and other awards



**Practice sets and tutorials for improving core skills** in math, science, reading, writing and grammar



**Career exploration tools and occupational license test preparation** for careers in allied health, nursing, teaching, law enforcement, the military and the trade professions



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