Overall, federal funding increased from $100.7 billion in 2005-6 to $158.3 billion in 2015-16.²

Minority students receive 44.2% of all financial aid.⁵

Dependent students pay 51.1% of costs at public four-year colleges, 74.5% at private four-year colleges, and 32.8% at two-year colleges.³

Government sources make up about 41.8% of costs at public four-year colleges, 13.6% at private four-year colleges, and 65.2% at two-year colleges.⁴

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4 in 9 Americans believe most people who go to college finish with a degree.  

Without better data, it’s difficult to answer. We do know that 59% of full-time, first-time students at four-year institutions completed a bachelor’s or equivalent degree within six years, and that 32% of full-time, first-time students at two-year institutions completed a credential within three years.  

4 in 7 Americans believe there are more students in two-year and technical programs than there are in four-year bachelor degree programs.  

40.1% of all students attend a four-year institution, and 38.1% of all students attend a public two-year institution.  

3 in 5 Americans believe the average college student is 20 years old.  

The average college student is 26.4 years of age.  

1 in 2 Americans believe most college students attend school full time.  

50.5% of all students attend school exclusively full-time.  

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