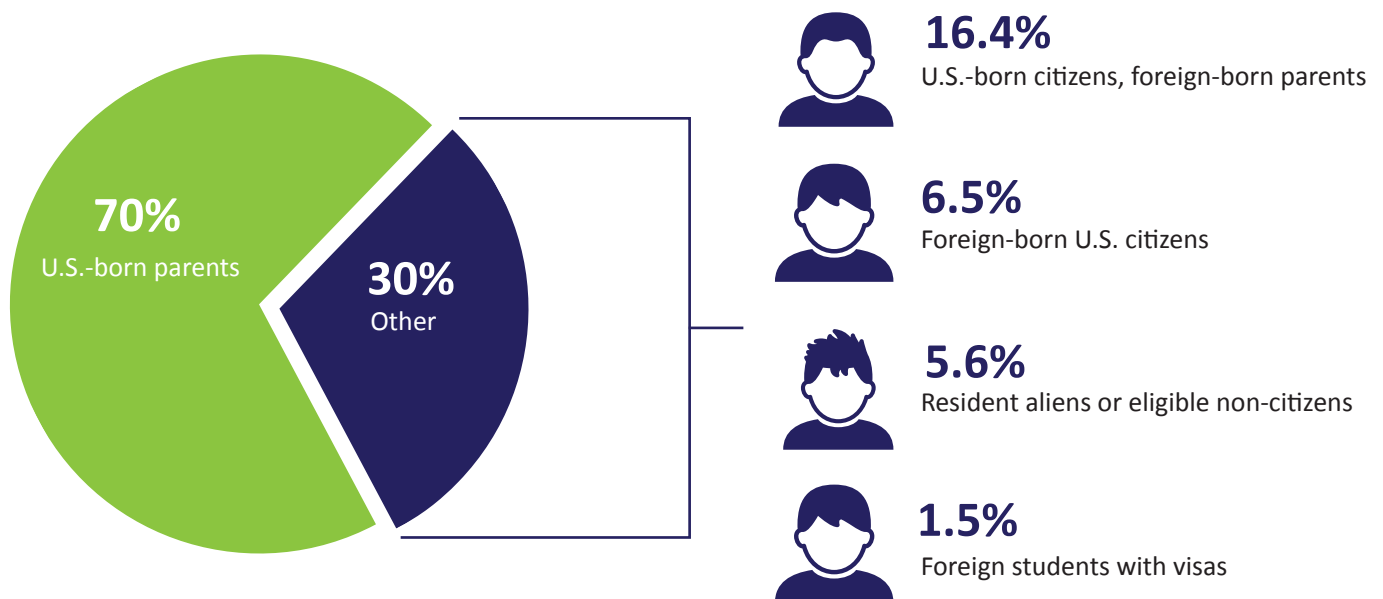


Coming to America

Almost a third of community college students come from families who migrated to the U.S.

Immigrant status of community college students



Source: AACC analysis of 2011-12 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS: 12) data, U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics.



Community colleges serve an internationally diverse population of students. Most of the 7.4 million community college students (70 percent) are U.S. citizens with U.S.-born parents. Another 16 percent are U.S.-born citizens whose parents are foreign born, while 6.5 percent are foreign-born U.S. citizens. Non-U.S. citizens comprise resident aliens or other eligible non-citizens (5.6 percent) and foreign students with visas (1.5 percent). Foreign students with visas are more likely to enroll in public or private, not-for-profit, four-year colleges than in community colleges, while resident aliens and foreign-born citizens are more likely to enroll in community colleges.

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