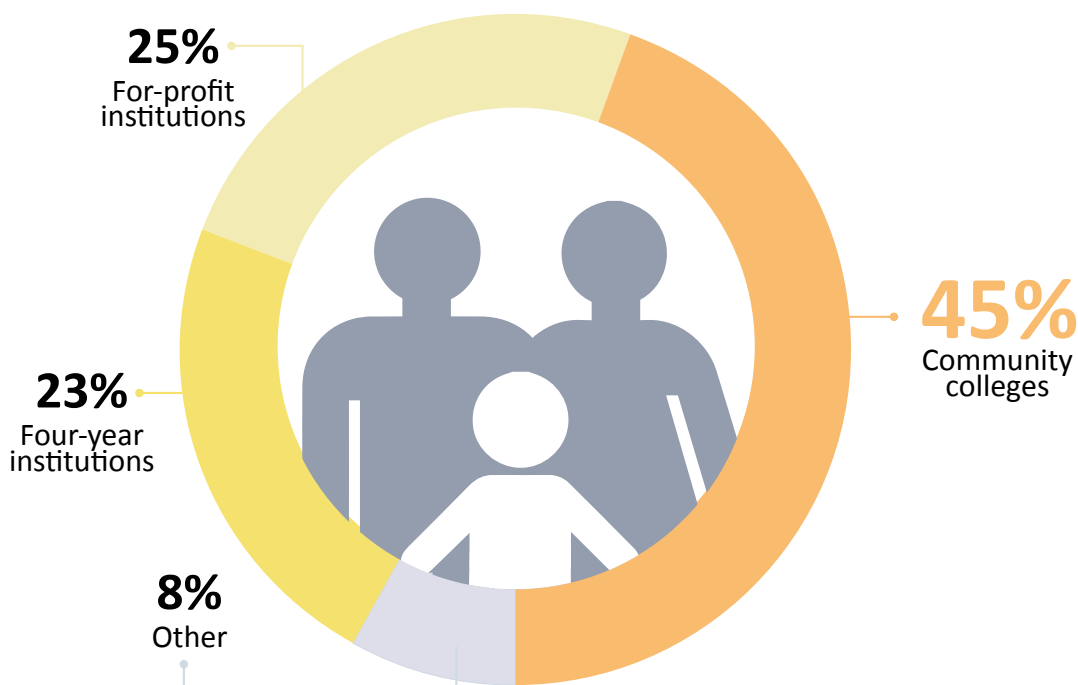


More student parents

Community colleges enroll the most student parents of all higher education sectors.

Student parents in 2012



Sources: Institute for Women's Policy Research, "College Students with Children: National and Regional Profiles," January 2017.
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A new study shows that the number of student parents attending postsecondary schools is increasing. Those attending public two-year institutions comprise 45 percent (about 2.1 million) of all student parent enrollments — an increase of 9 percent from 2004 to 2012. At public community colleges, approximately 30 percent of the 7.5 million for-credit enrollments in 2012 were student parents. Not-for-profit four-year institutions (both public and private) enroll 23 percent of student parents, and a quarter of them go to for-profit schools. In addition, the study shows that between 2010 and 2015 the number of day care centers at community colleges declined by five percent and by four percent at public four-year institutions. With more student parents attending community colleges, availability of on-campus child care can be one effective strategy to increase student success.

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