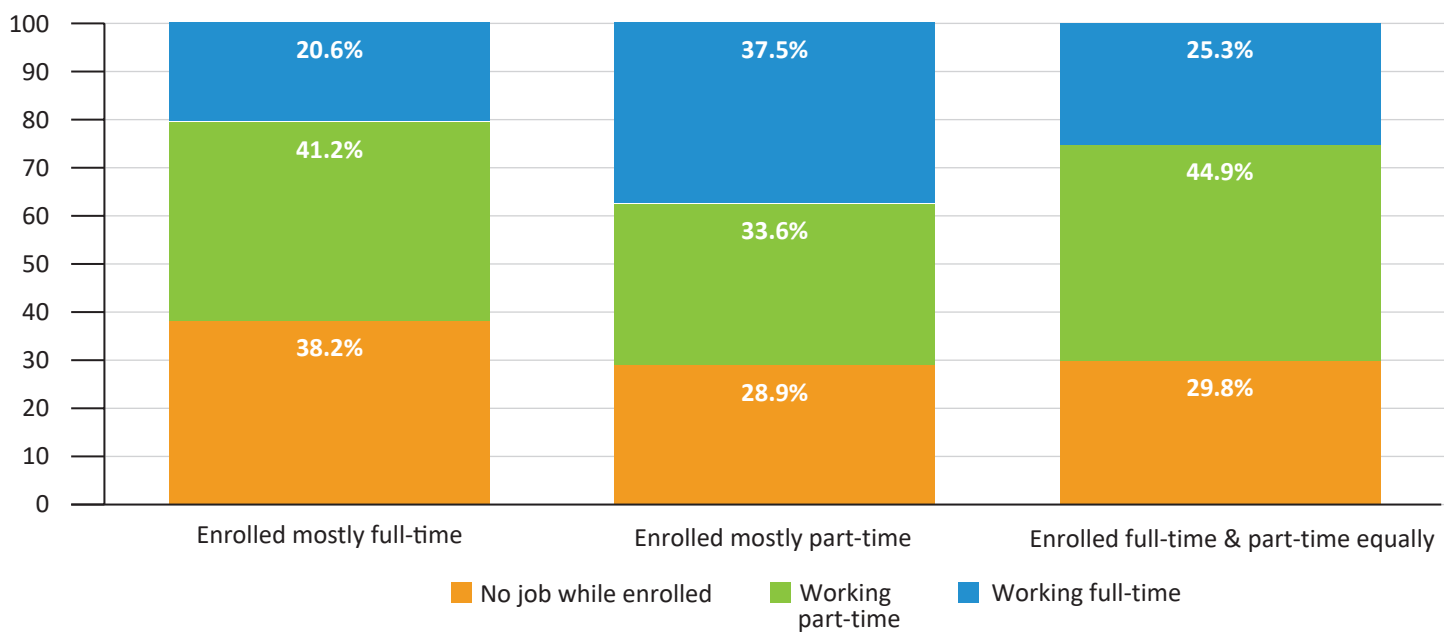


## Working while enrolled

Two out every three students at community colleges work while enrolled.

### Employment status of public community college students by enrollment intensity, 2015-16



*Source:* AACC analysis of National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS) 2015-16 Undergraduate Data Sets, U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, December 2018. See AACC Fast Facts for more information.



Nearly one-third (31.4 percent) of all community college students were working full-time while enrolled during the 2015-16 academic year, according to AACC analysis of recently released data from the National Postsecondary Student Aid Study. One out of every five community college students attending full-time (20.6 percent) were employed full-time, another 41.2 percent of full-time students worked part-time, while the remaining 38.2 percent of full-time students were not employed while attending community college. Part-time students were even more likely to be employed (37.5 percent full-time and 33.6 percent part-time). By contrast, only 8.6 percent of full-time students attending public four-year colleges were employed full-time.

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