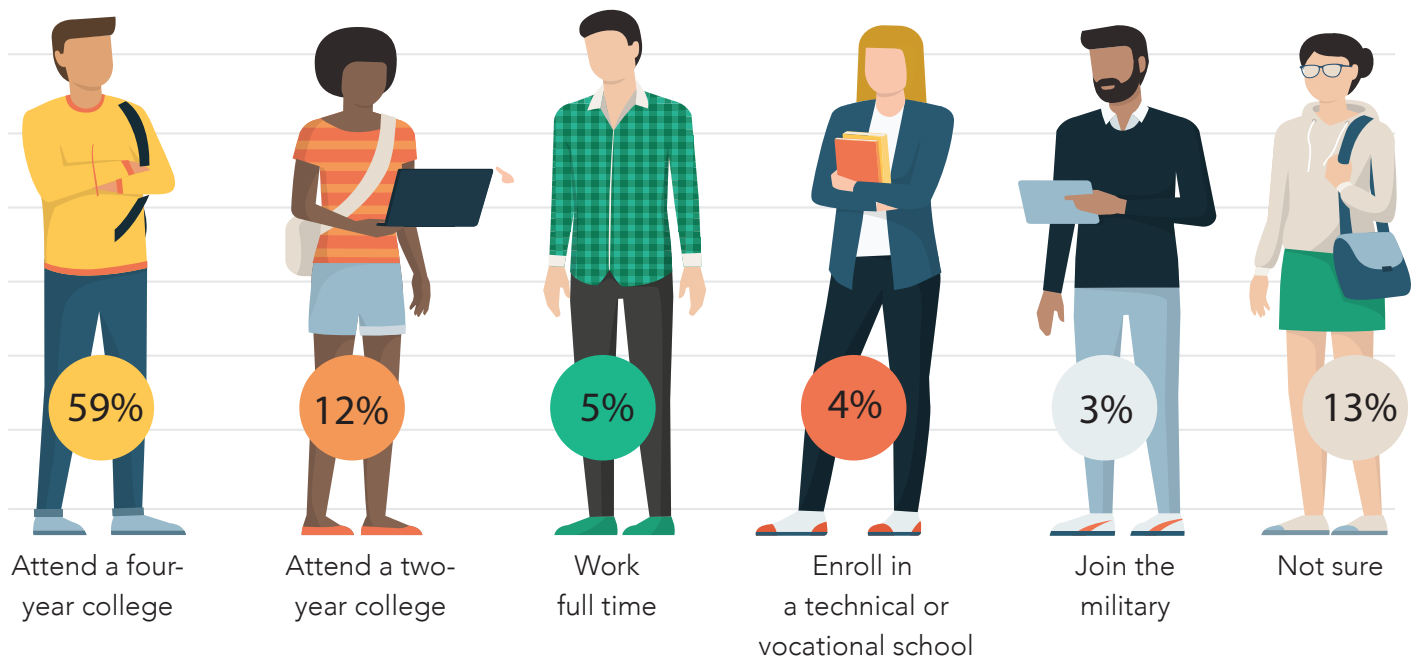


Plans after high school

About six in 10 teens say they plan to attend a four-year college after graduating high school, with 12 percent indicating they plan to go to a community college.

What teens plan to do after completing high school



Source: Pew Research Center, "Most U.S. Teens See Anxiety and Depression as a Major Problem Among Their Peers," February 2019.



About 60 percent of polled U.S. teens ages 13 to 17 plan to attend a four-year college, with another 12 percent indicating they plan to attend a two-year college, according to a recent Pew Research Center survey. Others plan to work full time, join the military or attend a technical/vocational school, but 13 percent said they weren't sure what they would do after completing high school. A higher percentage of girls (68 percent) said they plan to attend a four-year college, compared to boys (51 percent). Researchers found little difference between genders among surveyed teens who plan to attend a two-year college, technical/vocational school, work full time or join the military after high school. Nearly two-thirds (65 percent) of teens who said they planned to go to a four-year college expressed some concern over being able to afford it, particularly among students (76 percent) from households with incomes below \$75,000. The research indicates that many U.S. families still may not realize that community colleges are a viable option to attain a postsecondary credential and an affordable pathway to a baccalaureate.

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