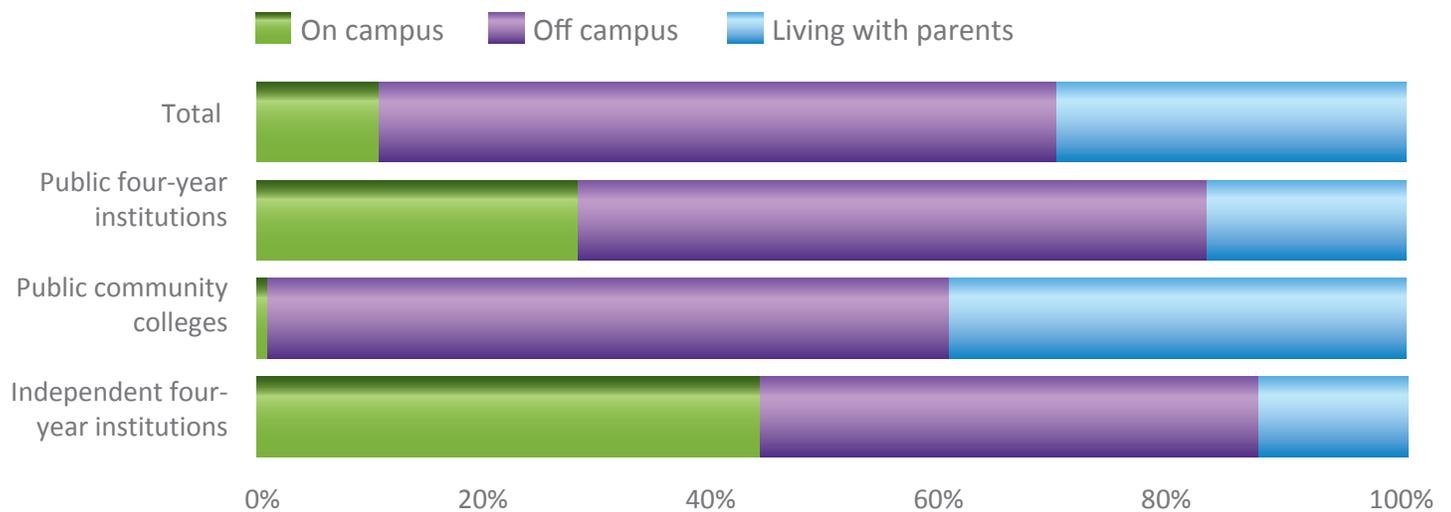


Student residence

Nearly 16 percent of all undergraduate students live on campus compared to 1.5 percent of community college students.

Residence while enrolled at college by institutional category, 2016



Source: AACC analysis of National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:16) Undergraduate Data File, U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, September 2019.



Place of residence while attending college varies considerably by institutional sector, according to data from the National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS) 2016. Overall, 15.6 percent of all undergraduate students lived on campus while attending college, 27.5 percent lived with their parents and 56.9 percent lived off campus, but not with parents. Among community colleges, 28 percent of them have on-campus housing, and 1.5 percent of their students live on campus. Nearly 60 percent of community college students lived off campus (not with parents) and 39.4 percent lived off campus with their parents. These data reflect the fact that community college students are more likely to be nontraditional students who are juggling college, work and taking care of family members while attending college near their home. In contrast, 43.1 percent of students at independent four-year institutions lived on campus, 43.8 percent lived off campus and 13.1 percent lived with their parents. About 29 percent of public, four-year students lived on campus, 52.3 percent lived off campus and 18.8 percent lived with their parents. [View AACC Fast Facts.](#)

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