Living Arrangements

In 2015-16, 28% of full-time undergraduates taking courses in classroom settings lived on campus; a similar share lived with their parents.

The share of part-time students living with their parents is larger than the share of full-time students—31% vs. 27%; 82% of fully online students live off campus and not with parents.

More than half of full-time undergraduates at private nonprofit four-year institutions live on campus; only 16% live with their parents. About half of all full-time public two-year college students live with their parents.

Among full-time dependent students, the share living on campus increases with family income, ranging from 29% of those from families with incomes less than $35,000 to 47% of those from families with incomes of $120,000 or more.

Seventeen percent of full-time independent students including 19% of those between the ages of 24 and 29 live with their parents.

Hispanic students are less likely than those from other racial and ethnic groups to live on campus and more likely to live with their parents.

ALSO IMPORTANT:

The student budgets colleges and universities develop to determine cost of attendance for financial aid purposes vary according to students' living arrangements. The estimated living expenses of students living with their parents vary considerably across institutions.

In 2015-16, almost half of full-time undergraduate students taking courses in classroom settings attended institutions within 10 miles of their permanent residence; 16% went to colleges more than 100 miles from home. (NPSAS, 2016)

White students, dependent students from families with incomes of $120,000 or higher, and those attending private nonprofit four-year institutions were most likely to enroll more than 100 miles from home. (NPSAS, 2016)