Student-Parent Data Stories: How Collecting Data on Parenting Students Affects Policy, Practice, and People’s Lives

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Student Parent Data Collection Consideration

• Why
• Who
• What
• When
• Where
• How
Student Parent Data Elements

Parenting Status:
- Number & Age(s) of Child(ren)

- Racial Identities
- Marital Status
- Academic Progress & Performance
- Gender Identity/Sex
- Income/Pell Eligibility
- First-Gen Status
- Immigration Characteristics
- Military/Veteran Status
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Source: 2019 #RealCollege Survey

Notes: For more details on how each measure of basic needs insecurity was constructed, refer to the web appendices.
FIGURE 6. Childcare Affordability Among Parenting Students Who Use Childcare

Cumulative Percentage (%)

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<th>All Parenting Students</th>
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<td>I can afford childcare:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Disagree</td>
<td>62</td>
<td>70</td>
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<td>Undecided</td>
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<td>14</td>
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<td>Agree</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>17</td>
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Notes: The survey question about childcare affordability was only administered to parenting students who reported that they need, use, or plan to use childcare. Students who responded “Strongly Disagree” are included in the “Disagree” group, while those who reported “Strongly Agree” are included in the “Agree” group. Cumulative percentages may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding error.
FIGURE 12. Depression and Anxiety Among Parenting Students, By Basic Needs Security Status

Source: 2019 #RealCollege Survey

Notes: Survey questions on mental health were administered to a subset of randomly selected respondents. For more details on how measures of basic needs insecurity and measures of depression and anxiety were constructed, refer to the web appendices.
### FIGURE 1. Student Parents are Nearly Twice as Likely to Leave College without a Degree as Students without Children

**Share of Students Who Left College without a Degree within Six Years of Enrollment, 2012-2017**

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<td>All Students Without Children</td>
<td>29%</td>
<td>Mothers</td>
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<td>Independent (Nontraditional) Students</td>
<td>47%</td>
<td>Fathers</td>
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<td>Dependent (&quot;Traditional&quot;) Students</td>
<td>27%</td>
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**Note:** All student parents are considered independent students by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Source: Institute for Women's Policy Research analysis of data from the U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2012/17 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study (BPS:12/17).
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