

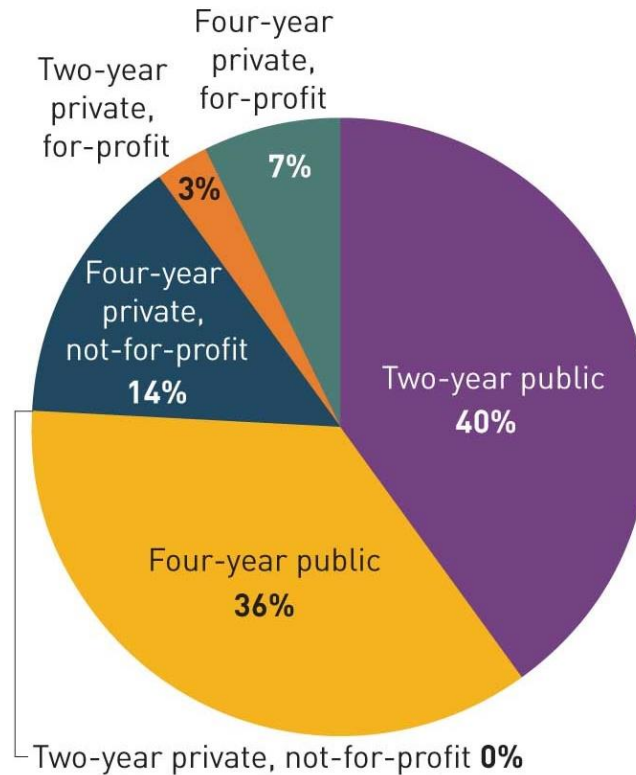


WOMEN IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES

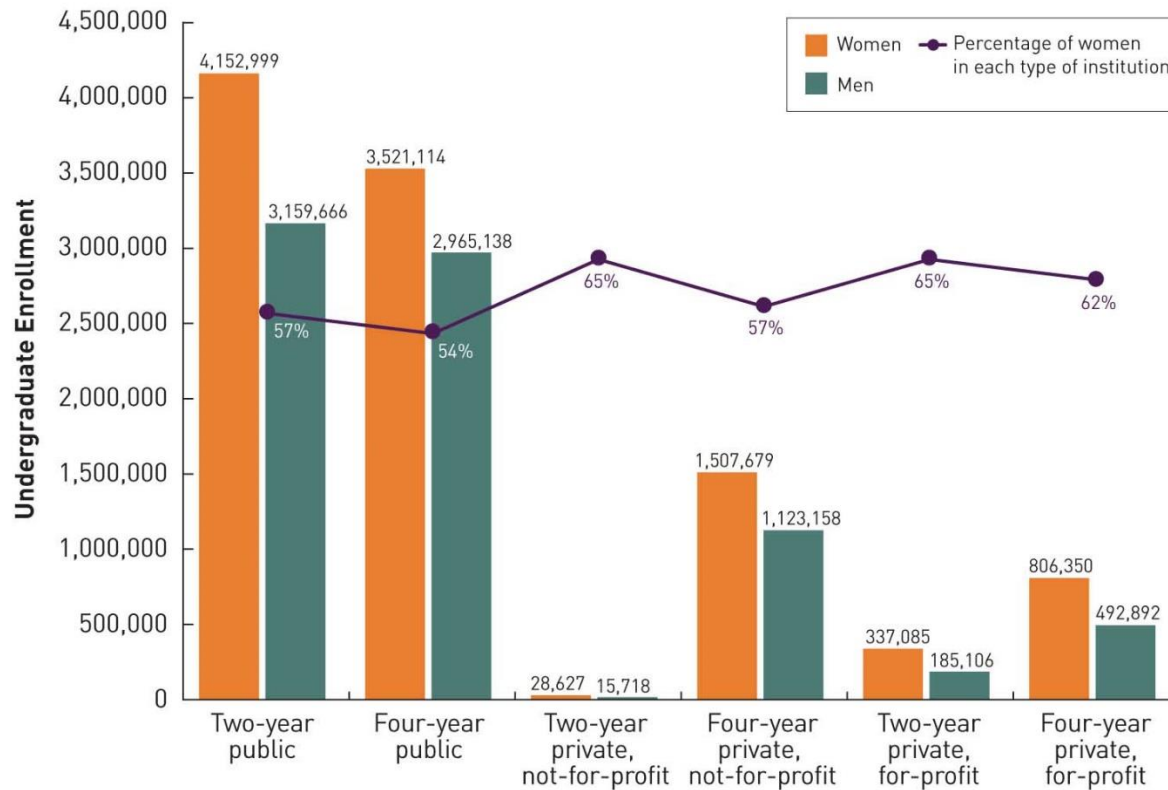
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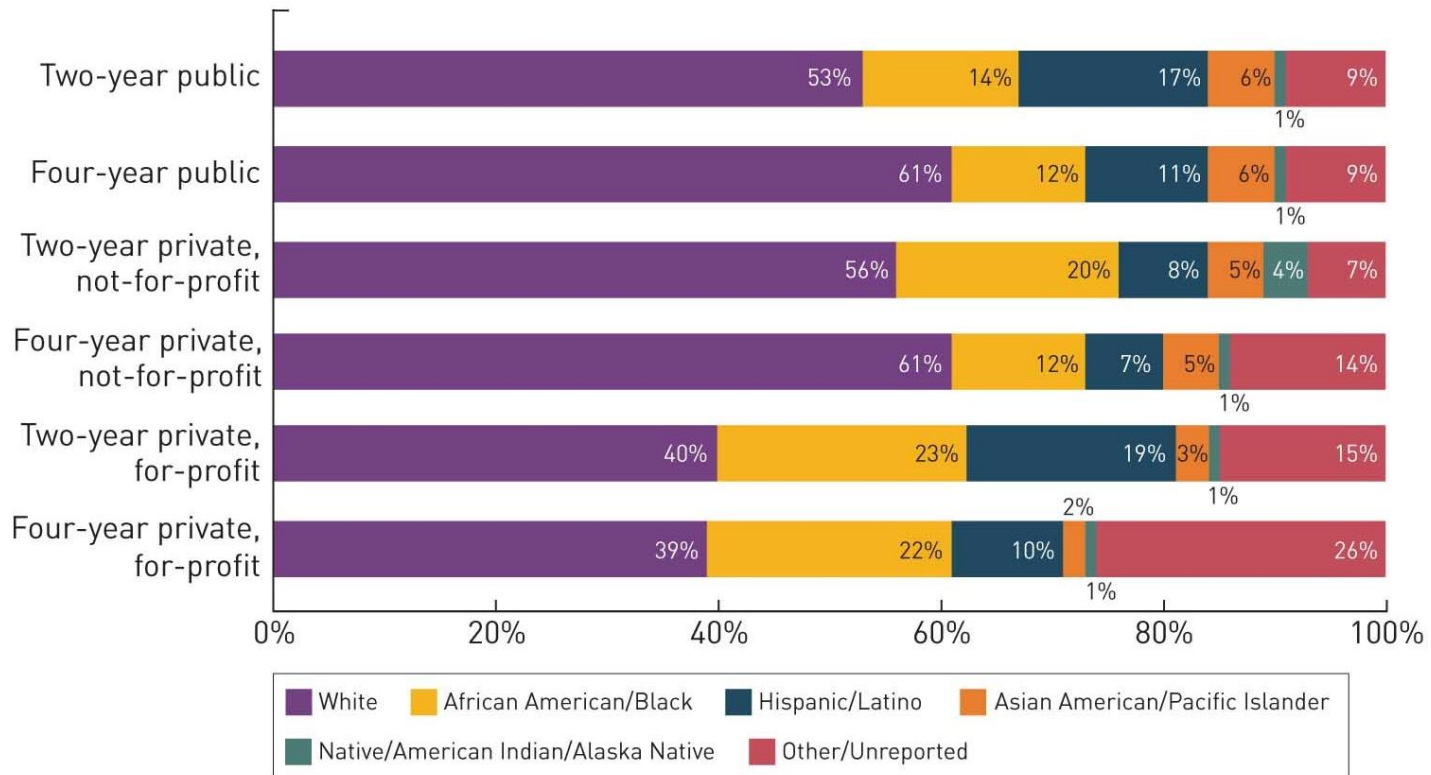
40 percent of undergraduates attend community college.



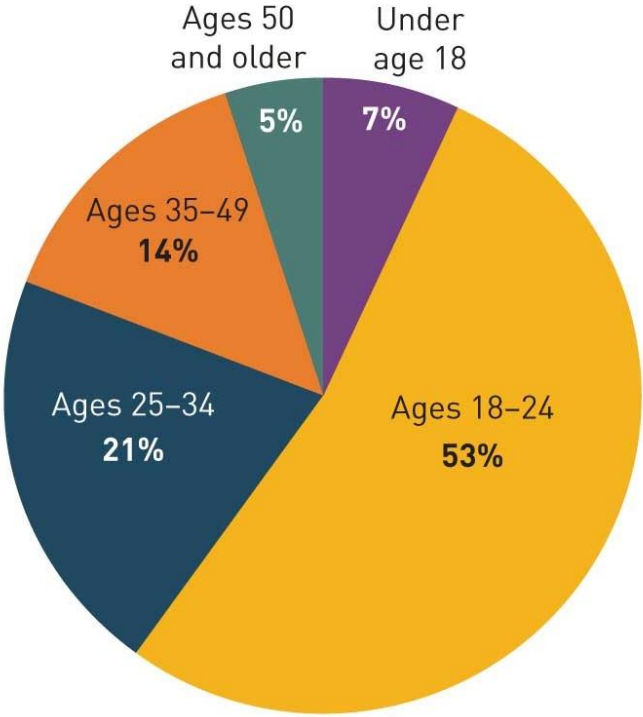
More than 4 million women attend community college.



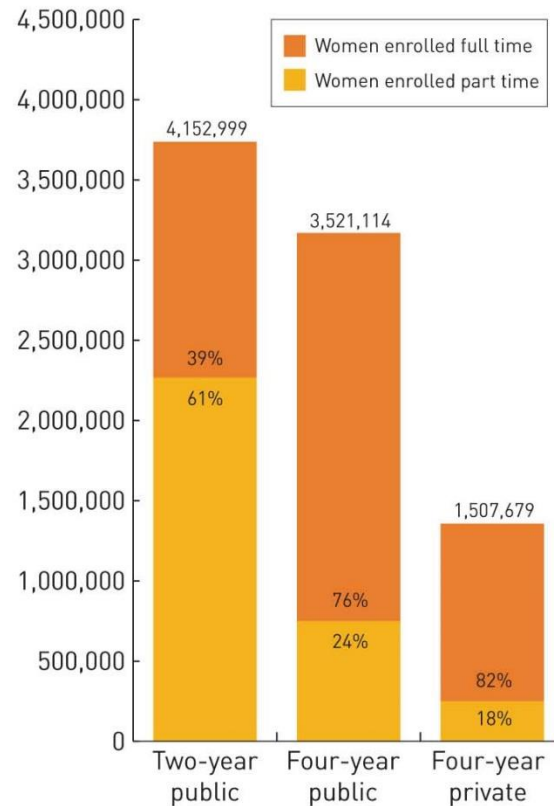
Community college students are racially diverse.



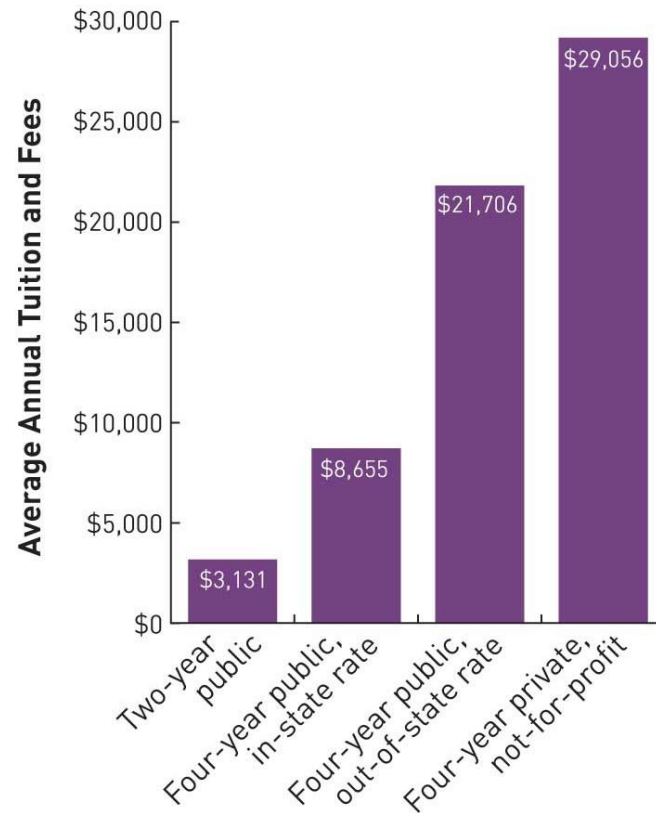
Students of all ages attend community college.



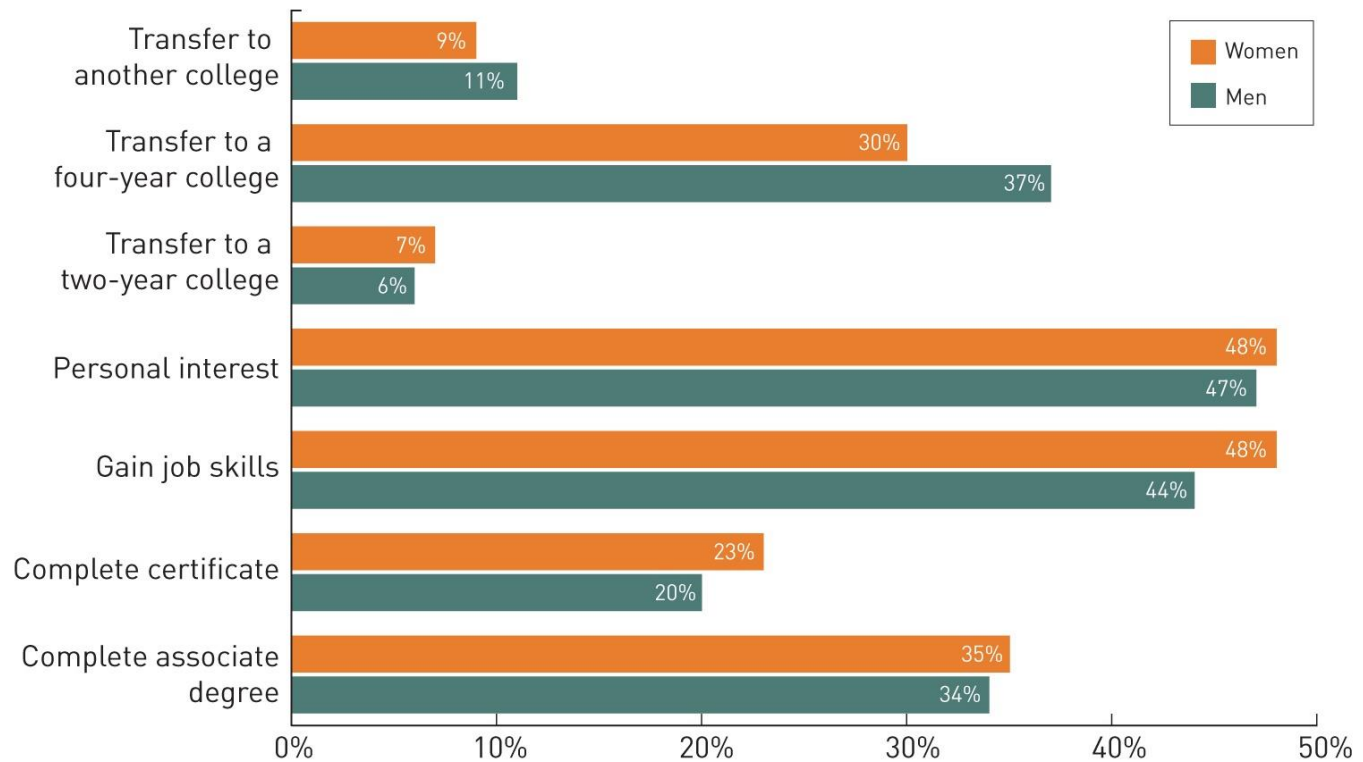
Most female community college students attend school part time.



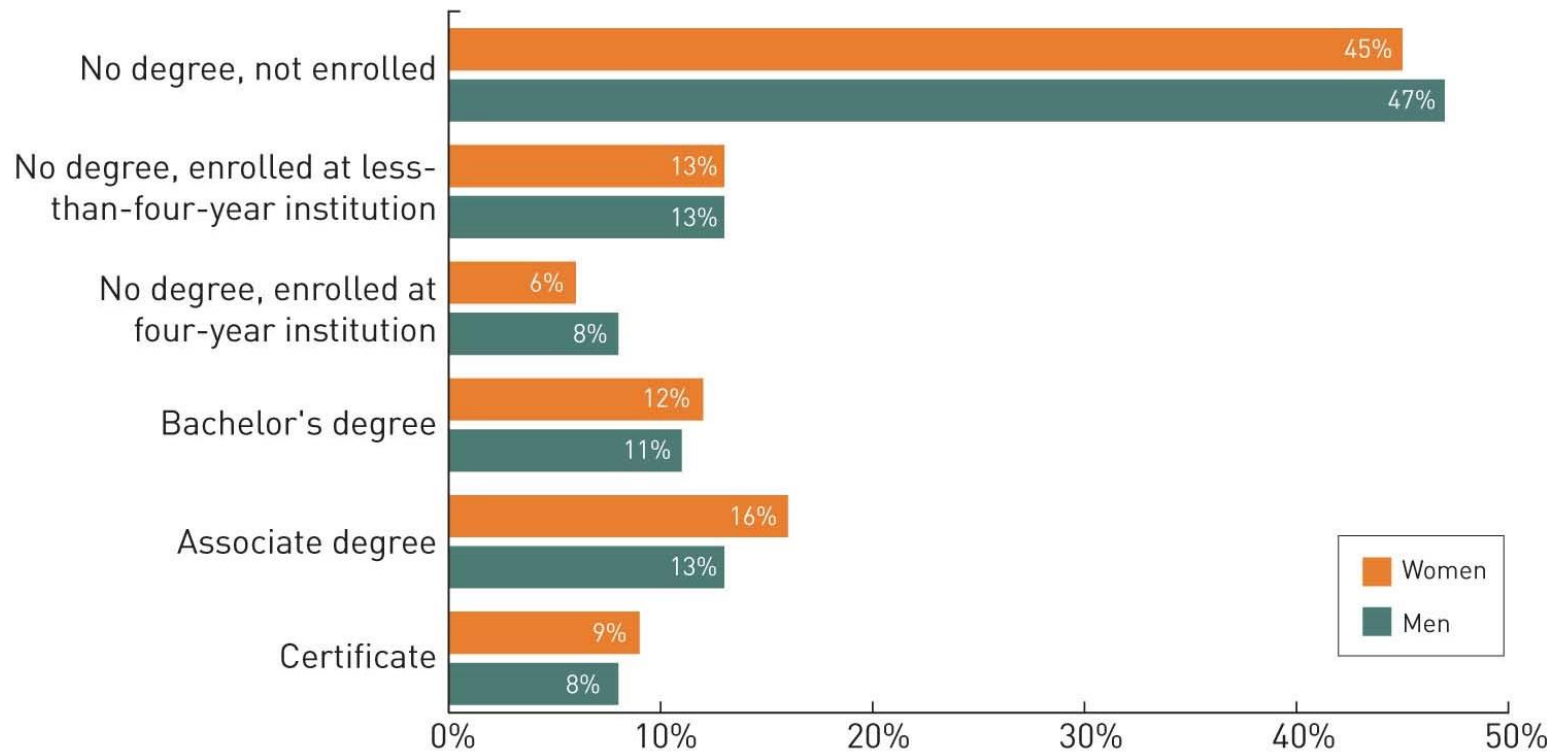
Community colleges are an affordable option.



Women and men at community colleges have similar goals.



Many community college students do not achieve their goals.



Barriers to graduation

- Low academic preparation
- College costs and limited financial aid
- Work and family responsibilities
- Limited information and guidance

Student mothers spend more time on caregiving than student fathers do.

- More than 1 million mothers attend community college.
- Many student parents spend 30 hours or more a week on caregiving.
- A majority of student mothers say they spend 30 hours or more a week on caregiving.

Less than half of community colleges have on-campus child care.

	Community Colleges	Four-Year Public Institutions	Four-Year Private, Not-for-Profit Institutions
Institutions with on-campus child care	528	387	146
Institutions without on-campus child care	560	294	1,448
Percent of institutions with on-campus child care	48.5%	56.8%	9.2%

Women and men study different fields.

Major	Women	Men
Health professions and related programs	84,526	15,778
Education	11,577	2,877
Computer and information sciences	3,359	10,860
Engineering technologies	2,628	15,629
Personal and culinary services	2,500	1,560
Mechanic and repair technologies/technicians	785	11,332
Mathematics and statistics	317	690
Engineering	282	1,902
Construction trades	210	3,073

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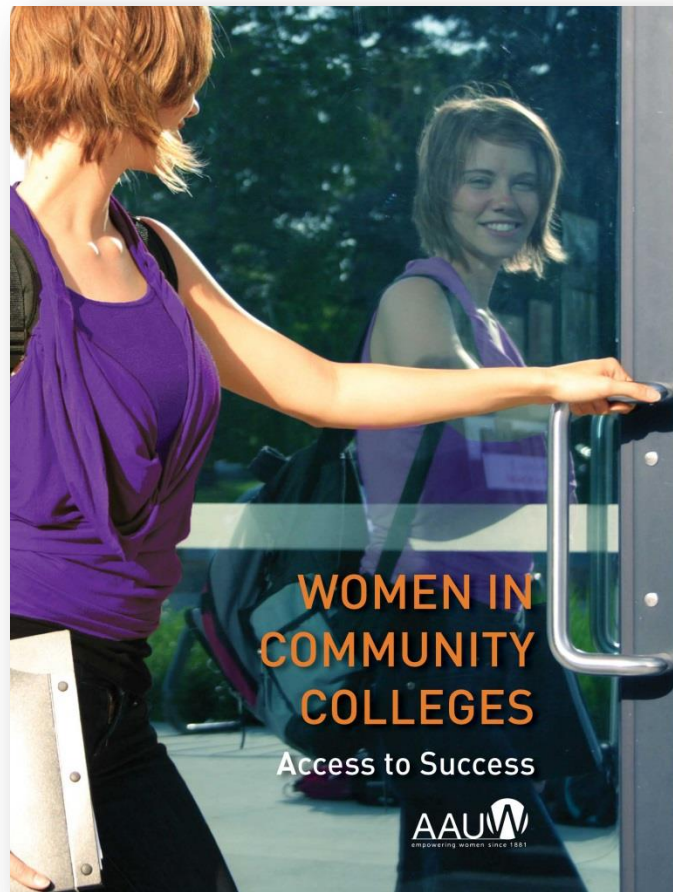
Major	Women	Men
Health professions and related programs	112,775	28,354
Personal and culinary services	12,697	3,603
Education	4,624	973
Computer information sciences	4,555	10,191
Engineering technologies	2,283	13,668
Mechanic and repair technologies/technicians	2,049	36,768
Construction trades	665	15,442
Engineering	25	178
Mathematics and statistics	2	13

How can community colleges support student mothers?

- Assess the current demand for child care at community colleges.
- Apply for a Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) grant.
- Develop a referral system with local child care providers.
- Assign staff to work with student parents.
- Support student parent groups.

How can community colleges increase the number of women in nontraditional fields, including STEM?

- Actively recruit women for nontraditional fields and STEM fields.
- Ensure that academic and career advising do not inadvertently reinforce stereotypes or promote discrimination against women.
- Expose women in nontraditional fields to role models and mentors.
- Engage students in reviewing transfer requirements early and often in their college career.



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