

How America **Completes** College 2024

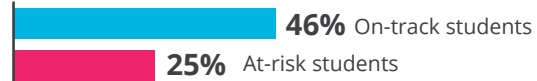
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Understanding what helps students graduate

START

Having a plan to pay for all four years of college before enrolling is linked to students being on track to graduate.

Students reported they had a plan to pay for all years of college



1 in 4 current undergraduates are “at risk” of not completing college.

64% of college students report being on track to graduate.

Don't forget the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®). Despite current delays, **completing the FAFSA** is still an important step in planning for college.

At-risk students are more likely to be first-generation students, Hispanic or Black, LGBTQIAA+, and come from lower-income households.

The three top reasons at-risk students consider leaving school:

30%
Financial challenges

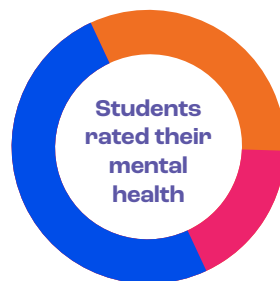
24%
Motivation or life changes

18%
Mental health challenges

First-generation students are **2x** as likely to seriously consider leaving college.

There is a strong link between mental health and the decision to leave college.

50% excellent / good



35% fair

15% poor / very poor



Graduation

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