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Research Spotlight

3229 - Elevating Equity: Enhancing Parenting Student Success

Supporting Diverse and Special Populations, Leading and Advocating for Change

Recent national data reveal that over a quarter of all undergraduate college students are also raising children, with nearly half of those as single parents. Moreover, most of these parents attend community colleges with the intention of transferring to earn the BA degree. Parenting students are mostly female and mostly from historically underrepresented populations, and these students face similar affordability and basic needs challenges as other college students. However, they also have to find reliable and affordable childcare among other needs. This session explores how institutions support parenting students in completing associate's degree, transferring and obtaining their Bachelor's degrees.

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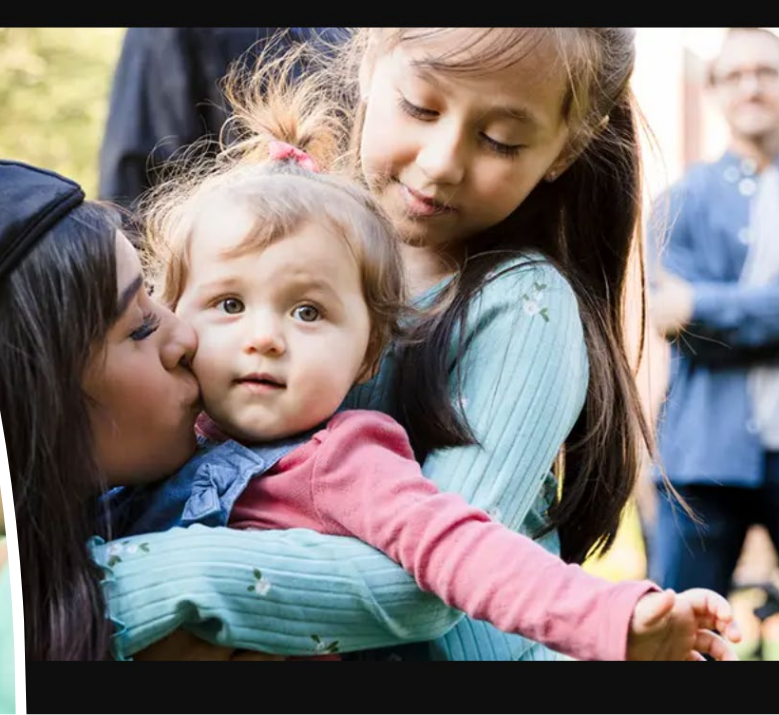
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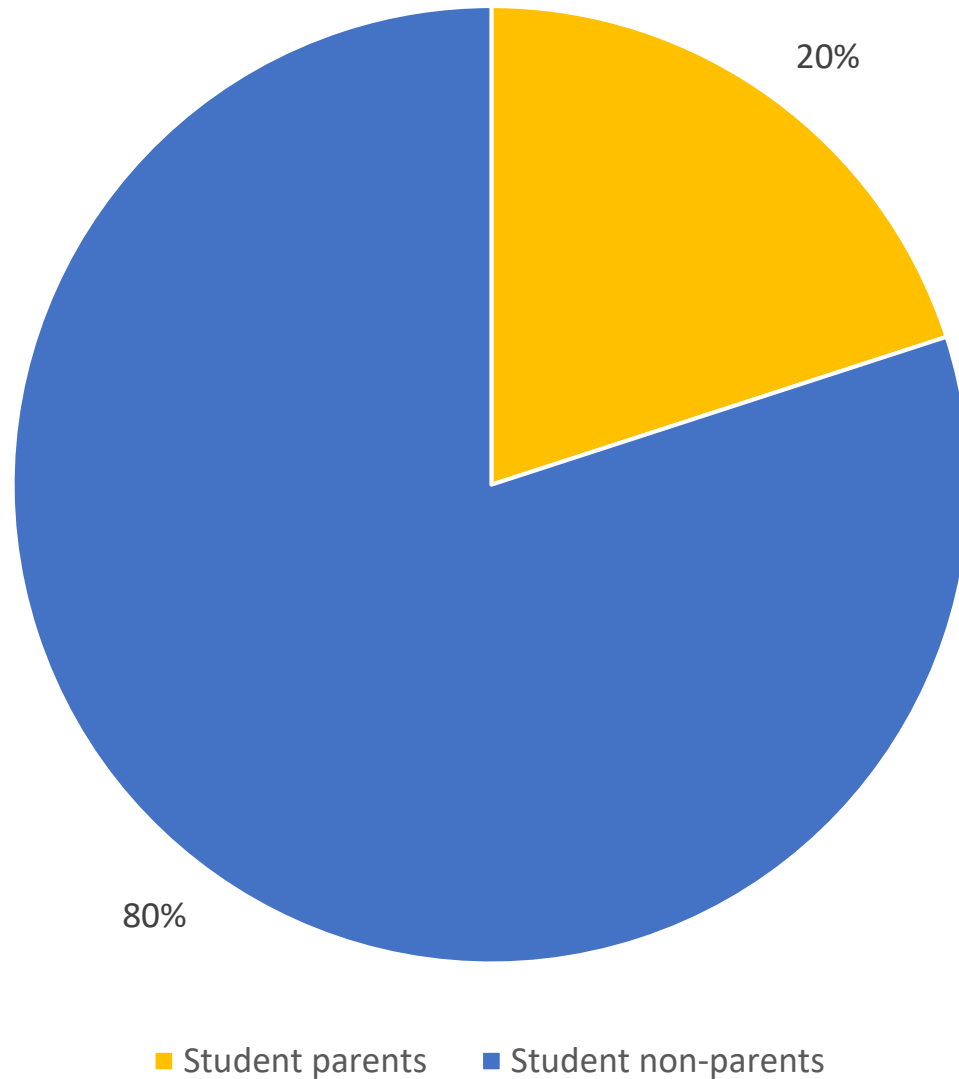
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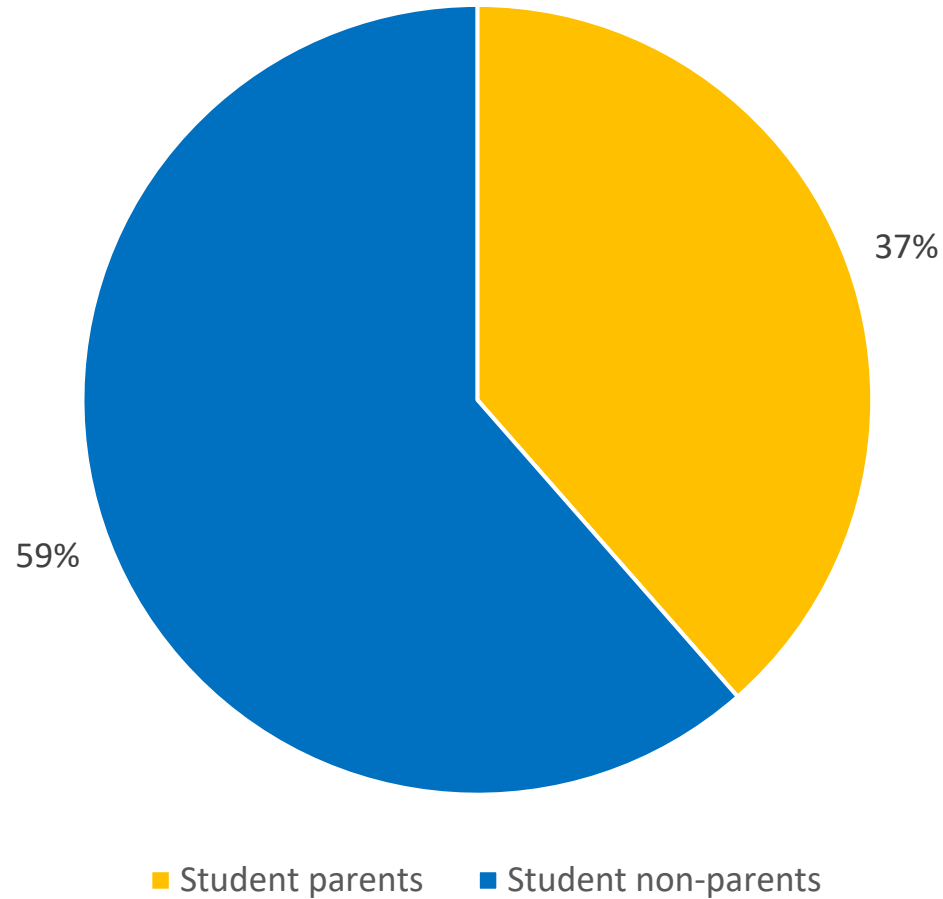
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Proportion of College Students with Children

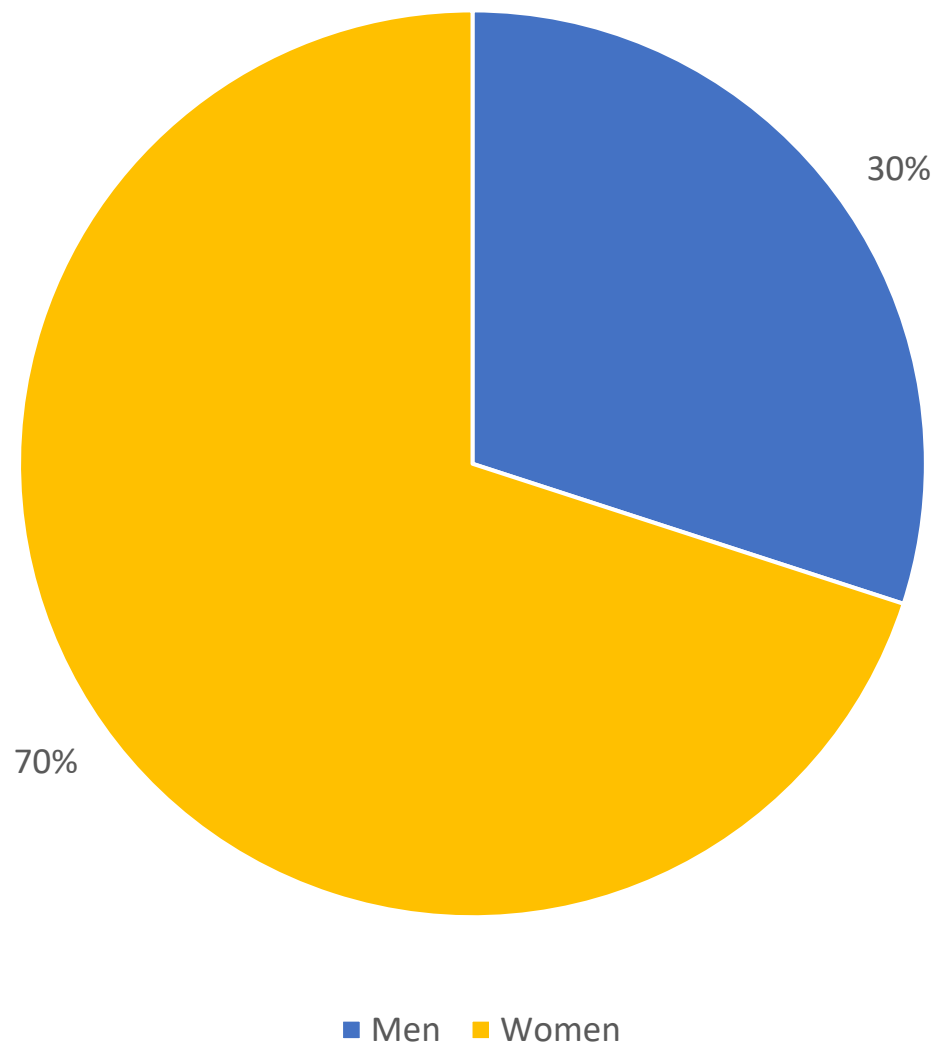


Comparison of Degree Completion Rates for Parenting Students vs. Students Without Children

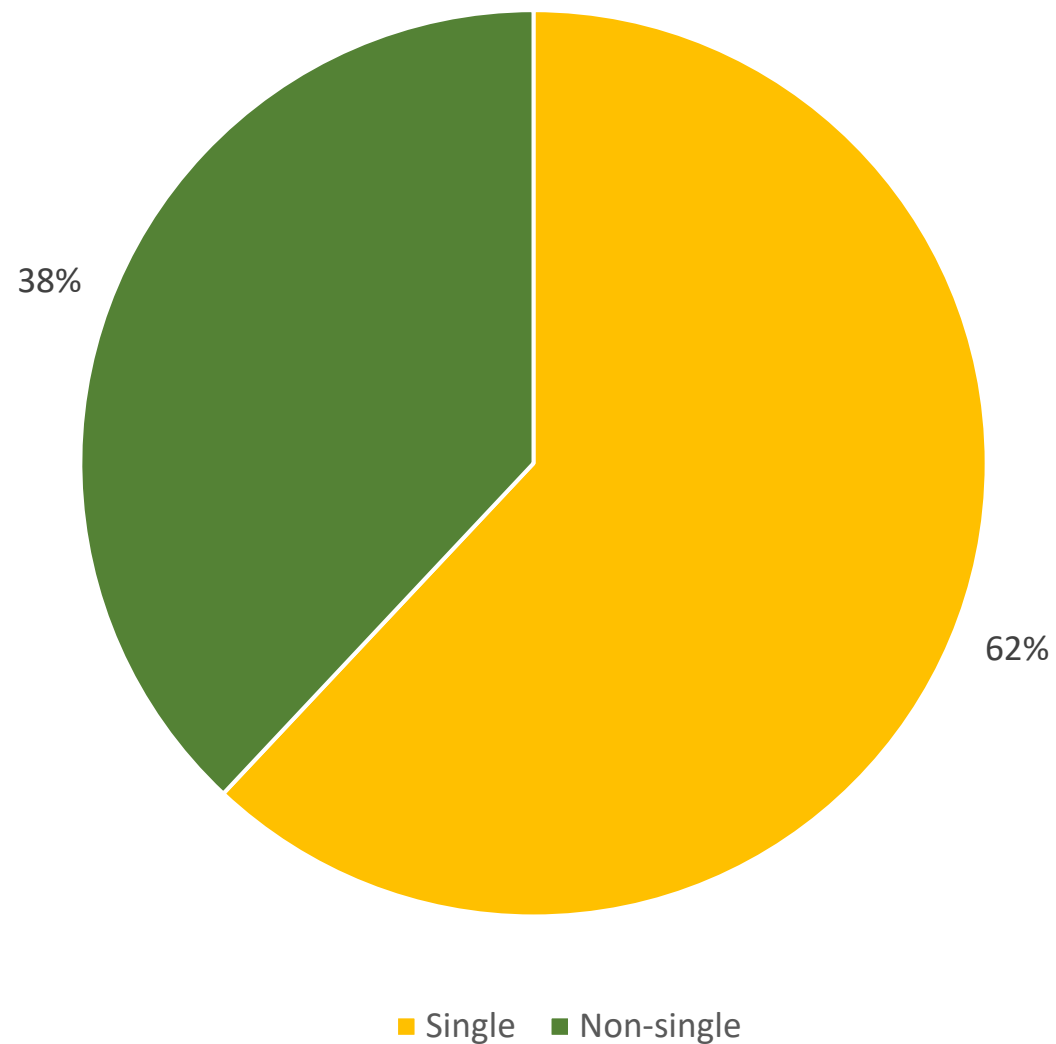


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Gender of Parenting Students

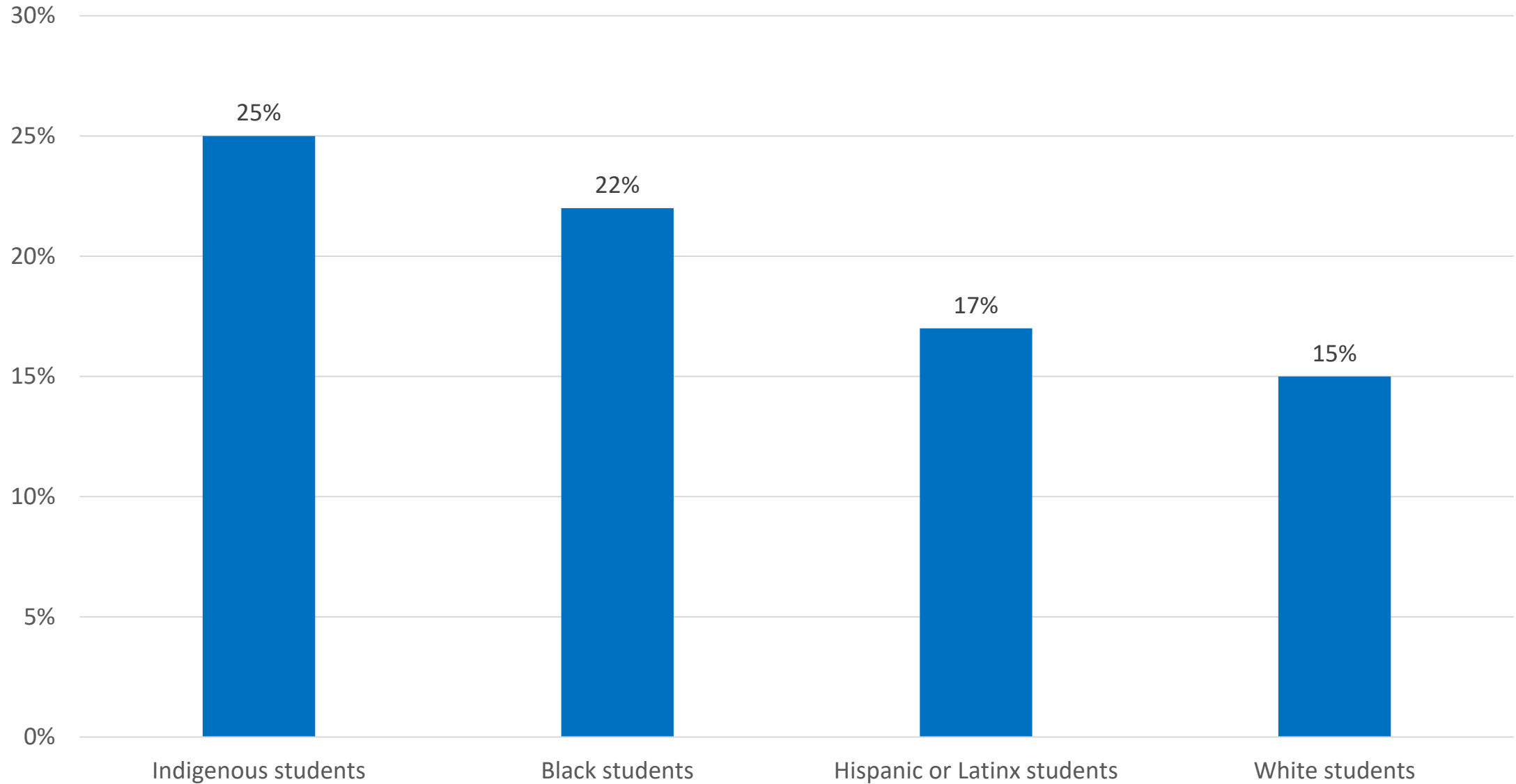


Percentage of Women as Single Parenting Students



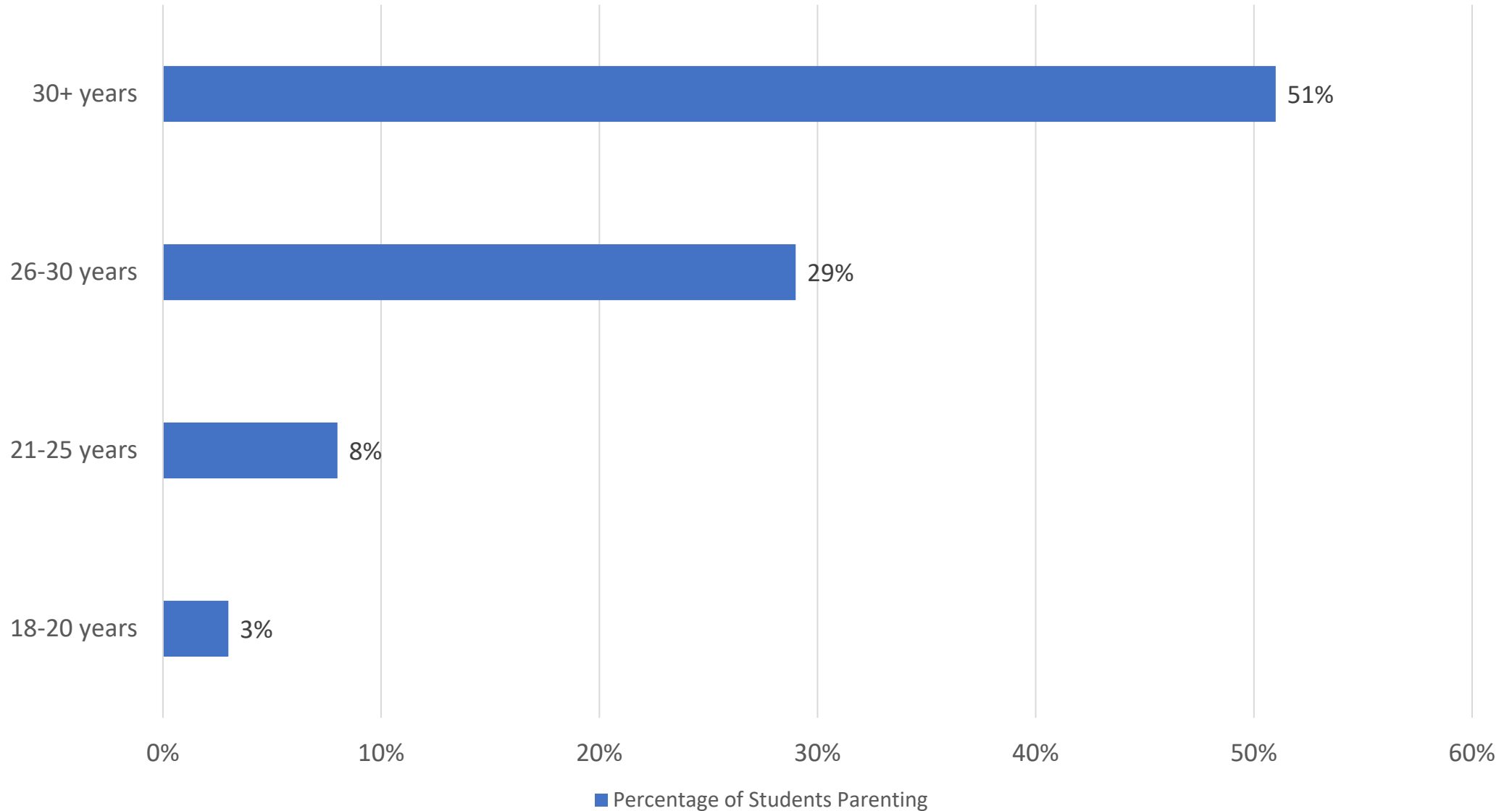
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Percentage of Parenting Students by Race/Ethnicity



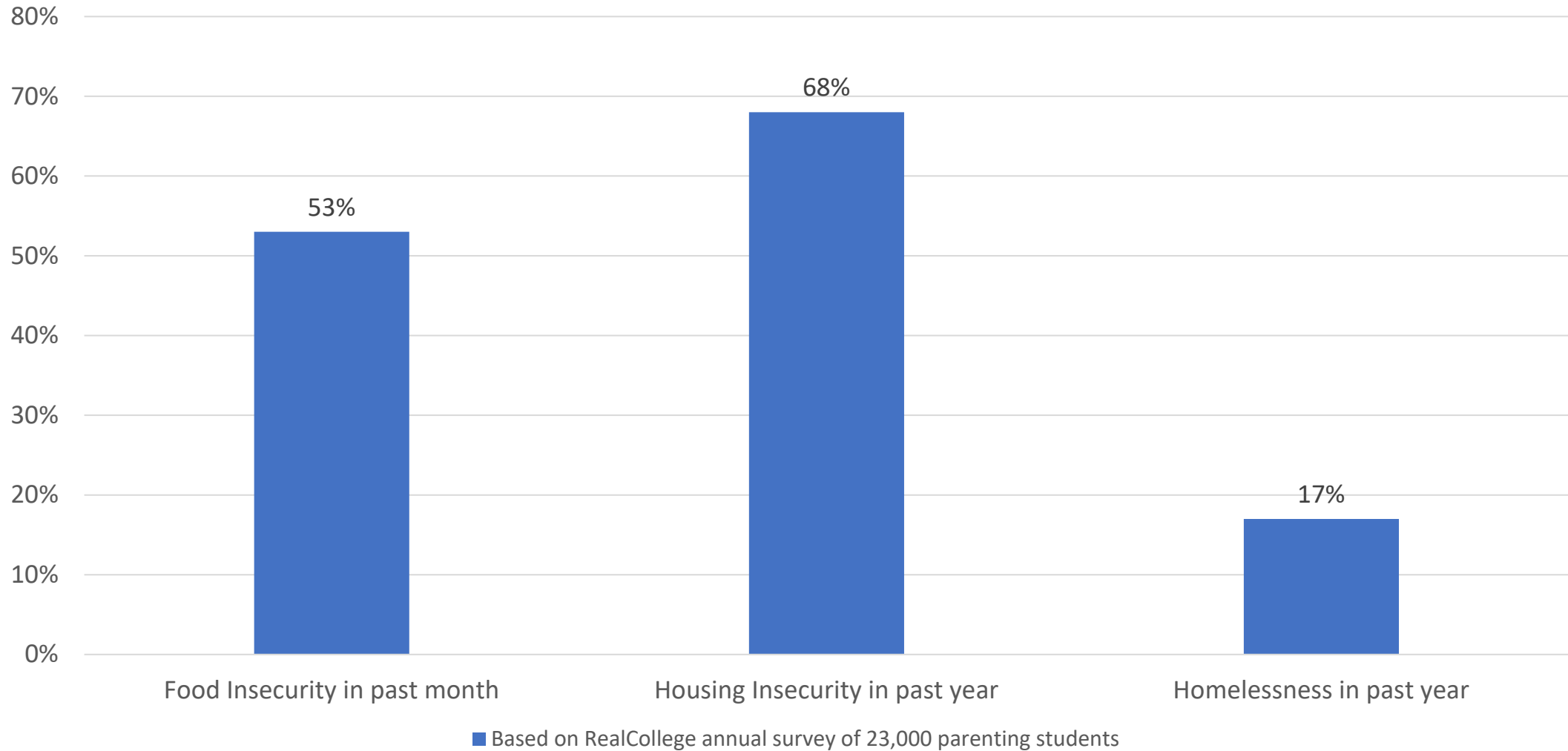
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Percentage of Students Parenting by Age



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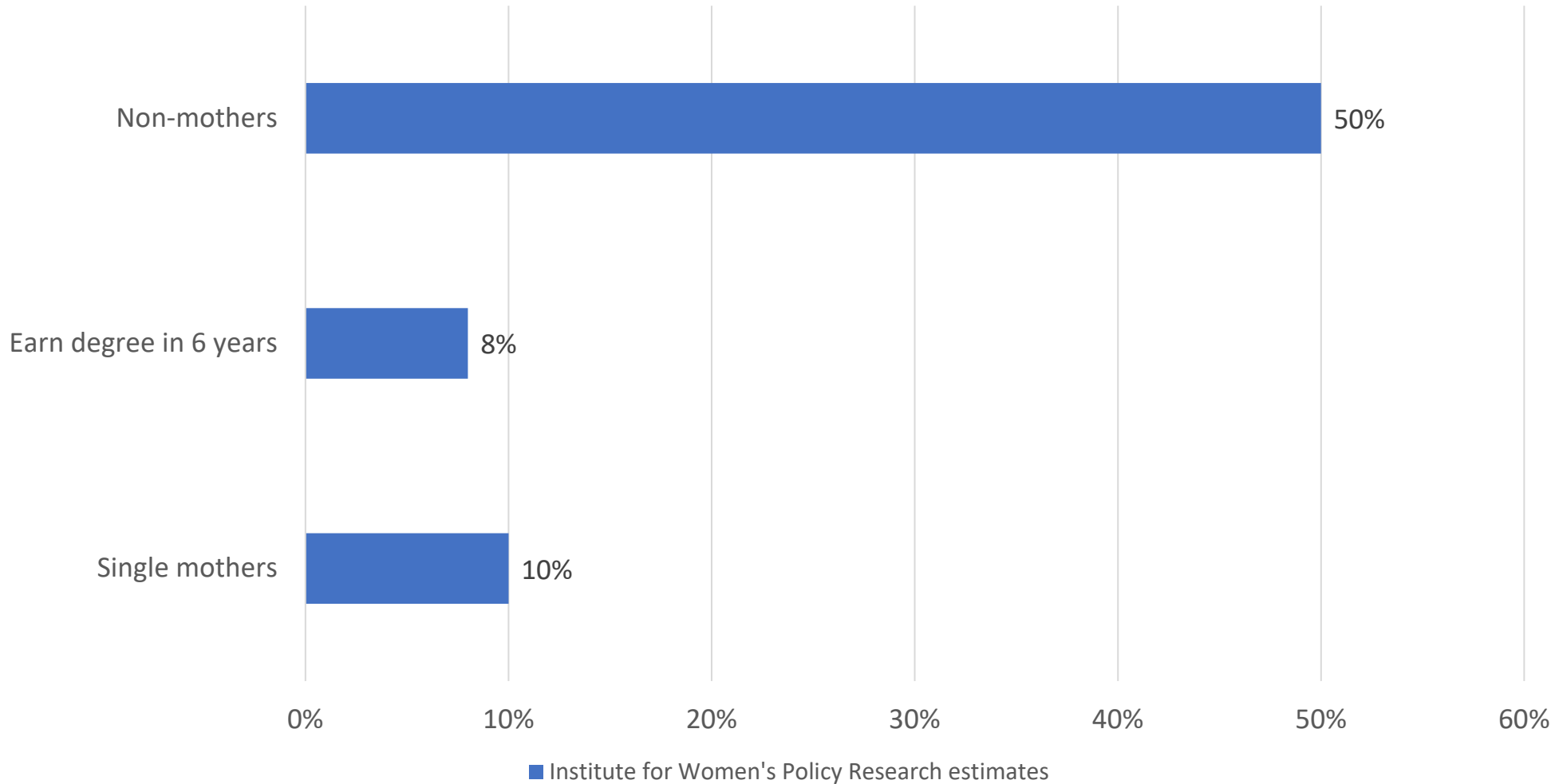
Parenting Students' Insecurity and Homelessness Survey Results



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Comparison of Degree Attainment Among Undergraduate Parenting Students



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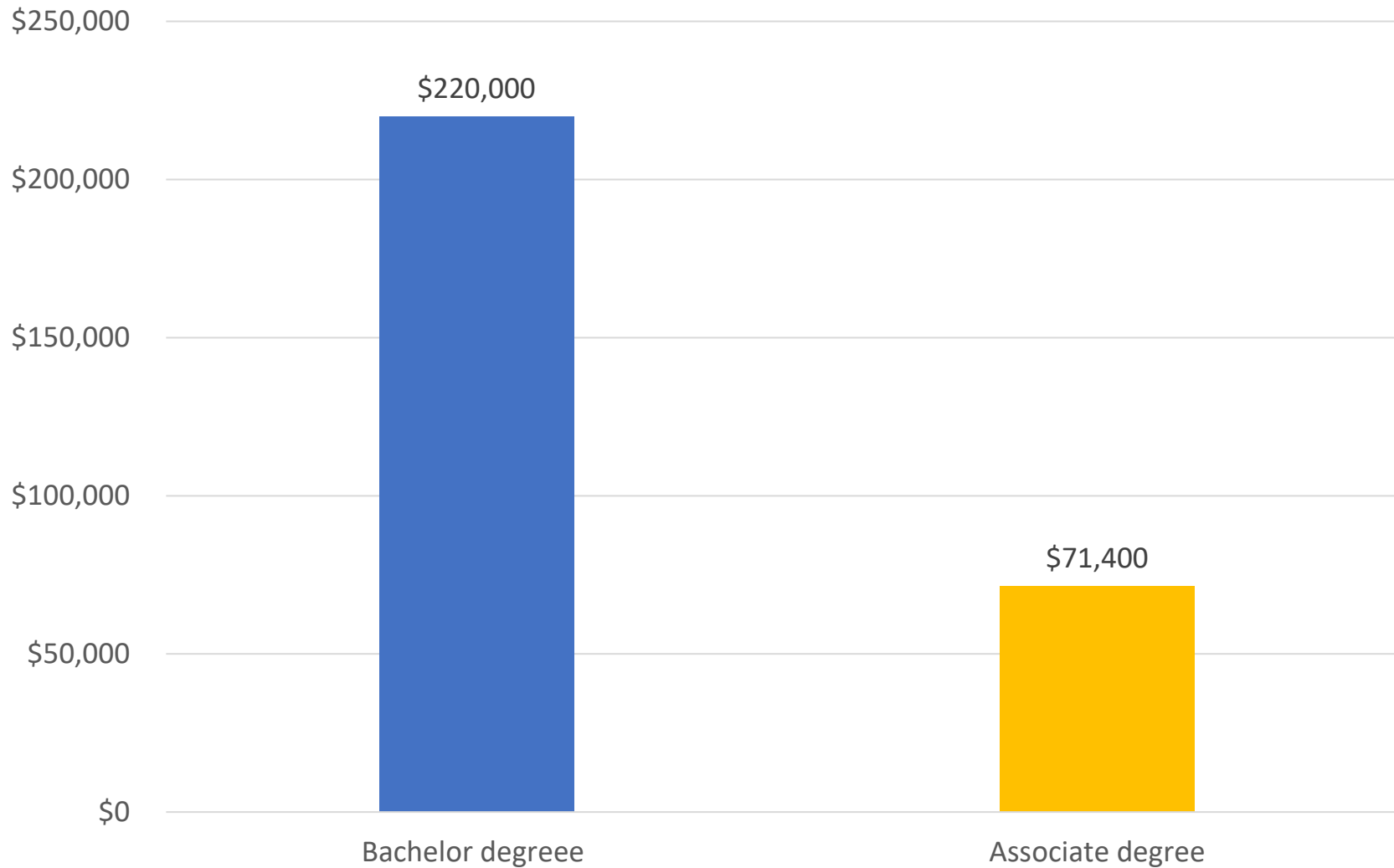
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Return on Investment



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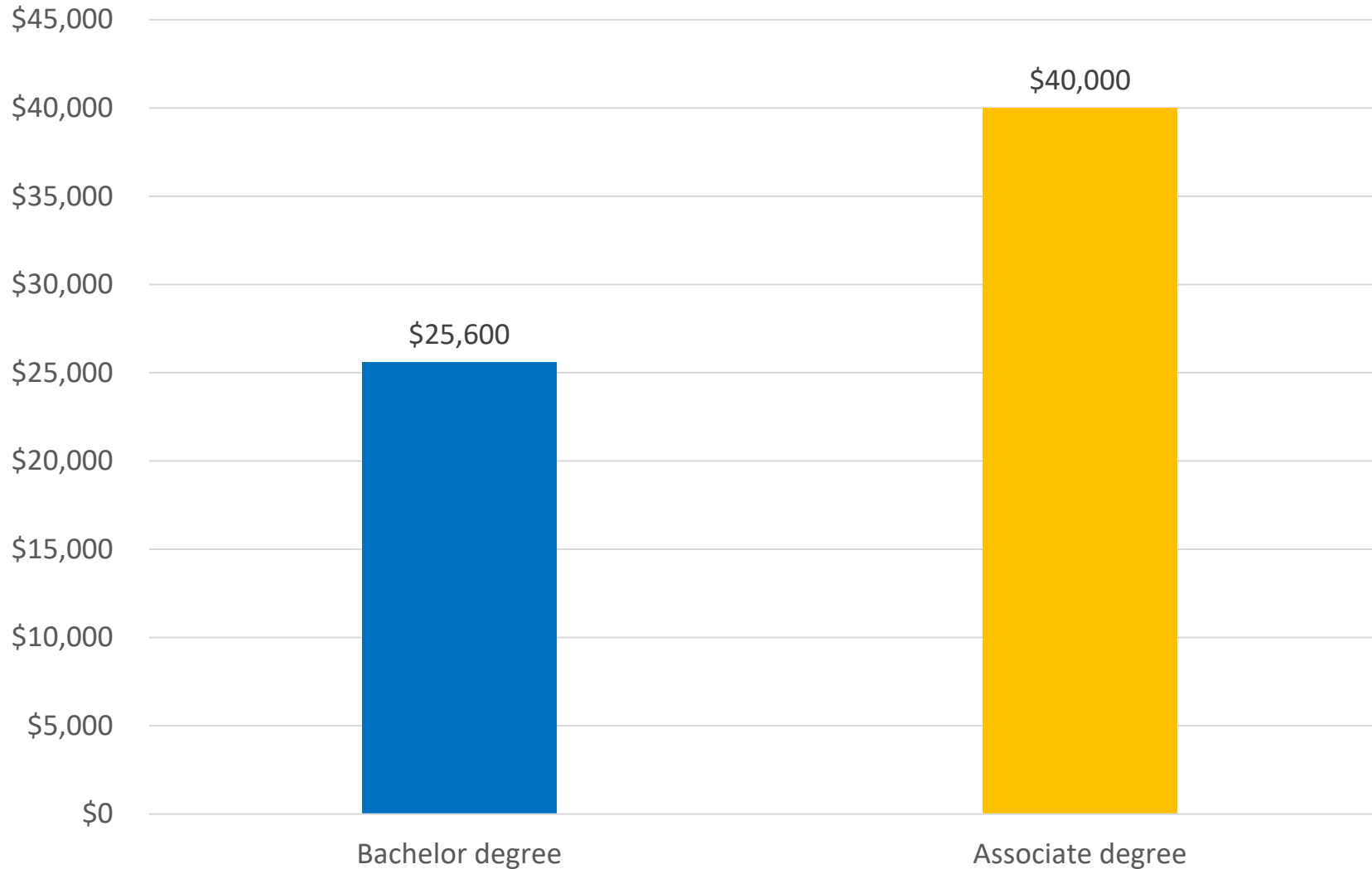
Impact of Degree Attainment on Single Mothers' Finances Contribution to Tax Base (Lifetime)



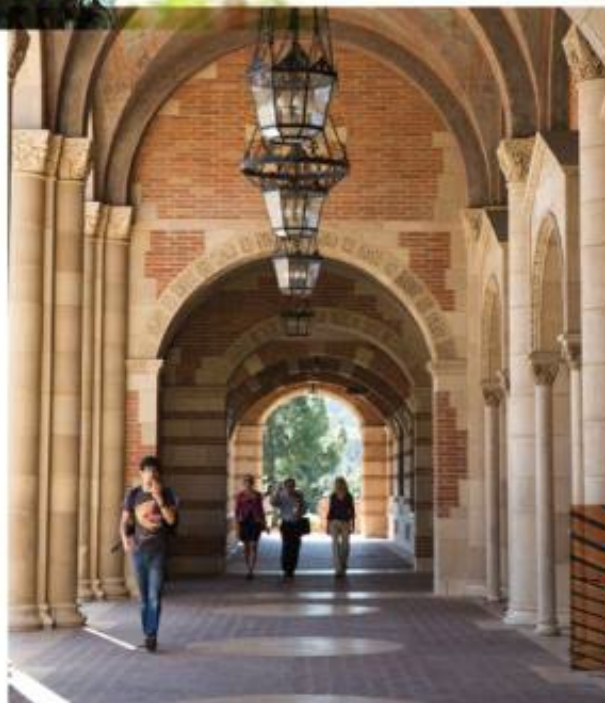
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Reduction in Public Assistance (Lifetime)



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