

Table TAL-12. Recent recipients of their first bachelor's degrees who reported attending community college, by timing of attendance and broad field area: 2023

(Number and percent)

Attendance at a community college and timing of attendance	All fields	S&E field	S&E-related field	Non-S&E field
Earned the first bachelor's degree in 2019–21 (number)	5,583,000	2,267,000	880,000	2,437,000
Ever attended a community college	3,068,000	1,149,000	555,000	1,364,000
After high school and before ever enrolling in a college	1,523,000	518,000	332,000	673,000
While enrolled in a college and before receiving the first bachelor's degree	1,198,000	429,000	244,000	524,000
After leaving a college without receiving the first bachelor's degree	324,000	81,000	61,000	182,000
Anytime after high school and before the first bachelor's college	2,482,000	882,000	475,000	1,126,000
Earned the first bachelor's degree in 2019–21 (percent)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Ever attended a community college ^a (percent)	55.0	50.7	63.1	56.0
Ever attended a community college	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
After high school and before ever enrolling in a college ^b (percent)	49.6	45.1	59.8	49.3
While enrolled in a college and before receiving the first bachelor's degree ^b (percent)	39.0	37.3	44.0	38.4
After leaving a college without receiving the first bachelor's degree ^b (percent)	10.6	7.0	11.0	13.3
Anytime after high school and before the first bachelor's college ^b (percent)	80.9	76.8	85.6	82.6

^a This percentage is based on the number of respondents who earned their first bachelor's degree in 2019-21.^b This percentage is based on the number of respondents who earned their first bachelor's degree in 2019-21 and reported attending community college at any point in time.**Note(s):**

Numbers are rounded to the nearest 1,000. Detail may not add to total because of rounding and because respondents could have attended community college at more than one point in time. Recent recipients are those who earned their bachelor's degrees in 2019–21.

Source(s):

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