

First-generation College Graduates

RACE/ETHNICITY, AGE, AND USE OF CAREER PLANNING SERVICES

Among students who **graduated** with a bachelor's degree in academic year 2015–16:

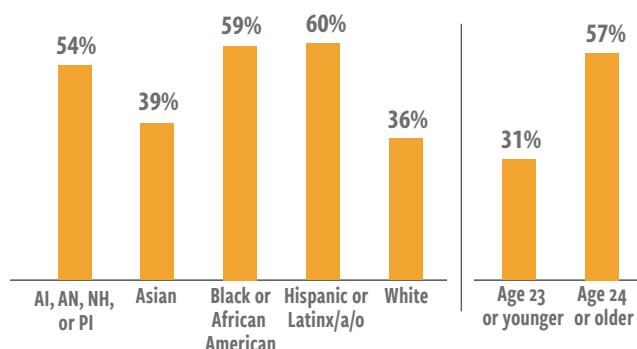
42%

were **first-generation college graduates** (parents did not have a bachelor's degree)

58%

were **continuing-generation college graduates** (at least one parent had a bachelor's degree or higher)

Percentage who were first-generation college graduates, by race/ethnicity and age at graduation



Higher percentages of **AI, AN, NH, or PI; Black or African American; and Hispanic or Latinx/a/o** college graduates were **first-generation** than Asian and white graduates.

A **higher percentage** of graduates who were **age 24 or older** were **first-generation** than those who were 23 or younger.

USE OF CAREER PLANNING SERVICES AS AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT



Participated in **career fairs**

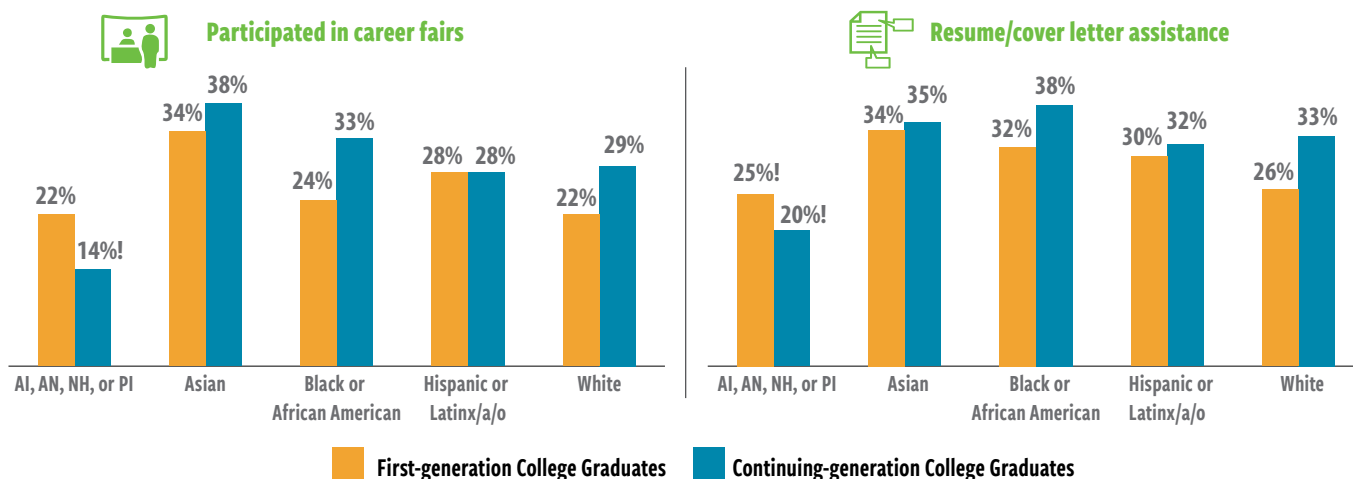
24% of **first-generation** college graduates
30% of **continuing-generation** college graduates



Received **resume or cover letter assistance** from career planning services

28% of **first-generation** college graduates
34% of **continuing-generation** college graduates

Percentage of first-generation and continuing-generation college graduates who used career planning services, by race/ethnicity



"AI, AN, NH, or PI" refers to American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, or other Pacific Islander. "!" means interpret the statistic with caution due to a large standard error. Fact sheet represents individuals who received a bachelor's degree in academic year 2015–16 from a Title IV postsecondary institution. A first-generation college student/graduate is an individual whose parents do not have a bachelor's or higher degree. A continuing-generation college student/graduate is an individual who has at least one parent with a bachelor's or higher degree. Percentages are rounded. Data source is U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2016/17 Baccalaureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study (B&B:16/17). B&B:16/17 was released in 2019 and is the most recent cohort of B&B. Total sample size is 19,490. Weighted sample size (population size) is 2 million. Fact sheet produced by RTI International.

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