

UCUES 2014 Student Response Summary Reports: Background and Personal Characteristics

Level of concern about paying for undergraduate education up to now

	Not concerned		Somewhat concerned		Concerned		Very concerned		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
How concerned HAVE YOU BEEN about paying for education up to now (for students not graduating next Spring or Summer)?	9950	24.1%	13295	32.3%	8482	20.6%	9478	23.0%	41205	100%
How concerned HAVE YOU BEEN about paying for your undergraduate education up to now (for students graduating next Spring or Summer)?	3553	25.1%	4220	29.8%	2800	19.8%	3601	25.4%	14174	100%

Level of concern about paying for undergraduate next year

	Not concerned		Somewhat concerned		Concerned		Very concerned		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
How concerned are you about paying for your undergraduate education NEXT YEAR (for students not graduating next Spring or Summer)?	9275	22.5%	13757	33.4%	8335	20.2%	9847	23.9%	41214	100%

Level of concern about accumulated educational debt

	Not concerned		Somewhat concerned		Concerned		Very concerned		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
How concerned are you about your accumulated educational debt?	14985	27.3%	11508	21.0%	9883	18.0%	18510	33.7%	54886	100%

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Engagement in the following activities to meet college expenses in the past year

	Unselected		Selected		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
applied for financial aid for the first time	35147	62.9%	20699	37.1%	55846	100%
Applied for continuing financial aid	19882	35.6%	35964	64.4%	55846	100%
Applied for outside scholarships/grants	30891	55.3%	24955	44.7%	55846	100%
asked financial aid office to reevaluate my application	48063	86.1%	7786	13.9%	55849	100%
bought fewer books, bought cheaper used books, read books on reserve	10765	19.3%	45083	80.7%	55848	100%
took a leave of absence or a quarter/semester off	54432	97.5%	1416	2.5%	55848	100%
took more courses per term	37751	67.6%	18097	32.4%	55848	100%
took action to graduate more quickly	42194	75.6%	13654	24.4%	55848	100%
did not retake a class to improve grade	46436	83.1%	9412	16.9%	55848	100%
accepted AP or similar credit instead of taking the course	36528	65.4%	19320	34.6%	55848	100%
decided against study abroad	35534	63.6%	20314	36.4%	55848	100%
took a community college course because it was cheaper	46289	82.9%	9559	17.1%	55848	100%
took a job for the first time at college	42731	76.5%	13117	23.5%	55848	100%
worked before but increased the number hours worked	45421	81.3%	10427	18.7%	55848	100%
increased the debt I carry on credit card	47687	85.4%	8161	14.6%	55848	100%
increased my annual student loan amount	42303	75.7%	13543	24.3%	55846	100%
have cut expenses overall/have been more frugal	23210	41.6%	32635	58.4%	55845	100%
none of the above. cost hasn't been a problem	52968	94.9%	2873	5.1%	55841	100%
other	54599	97.8%	1239	2.2%	55838	100%

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Frequency of engagement in the following behaviors in the past year

	Never		Rarely		Occasionally		Somewhat often		Often		Very often		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
skipped meals to save money	14248	26.0%	13229	24.1%	13234	24.1%	6063	11.1%	4863	8.9%	3231	5.9%	54868	100%
cut down on personal/recreational spending	2058	3.8%	3306	6.0%	12337	22.5%	11466	20.9%	14605	26.6%	11073	20.2%	54845	100%
worried about my debt and financial circumstances	4724	8.6%	6595	12.1%	10235	18.7%	8995	16.5%	10393	19.0%	13682	25.0%	54624	100%

Familiarity with Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan

	No		Yes		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Have you heard about the Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan, which ensures that scholarships and grants will cover fees for students from families that make less than \$70,000 a year, with financial need?	28016	51.2%	26699	48.8%	54715	100%

Level of agreement with the statement: given the grants and scholarships, if any, the total cost of attending is manageable

	Strongly disagree		Disagree		Somewhat disagree		Somewhat agree		Agree		Strongly agree		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement: Given the grants and scholarships, if any, that you receive, the total cost of attending [Home Campus] is manageable.	5065	9.2%	6981	12.7%	10872	19.8%	18126	33.1%	10340	18.9%	3446	6.3%	54830	100%