

# Affordability Of College

The affordability of college in the United States is an ongoing and prominent issue. In class we reviewed multiple graphs which explained that socioeconomic status matters when it comes to the people who are able to afford college and complete it, compared to the people who can either go and not afford to complete it or just cannot afford it overall. Instead of college being an accessible way of accessing a higher education to pursue careers, it has become a niche group of people who are 'special' enough to go.

**Figure 2 (From Young Adult Educational And Employment Outcomes By Family Socioeconomic Status**

Percentage distribution 2009 ninth-graders' postsecondary enrollment timing and status, by socioeconomic status: 2016

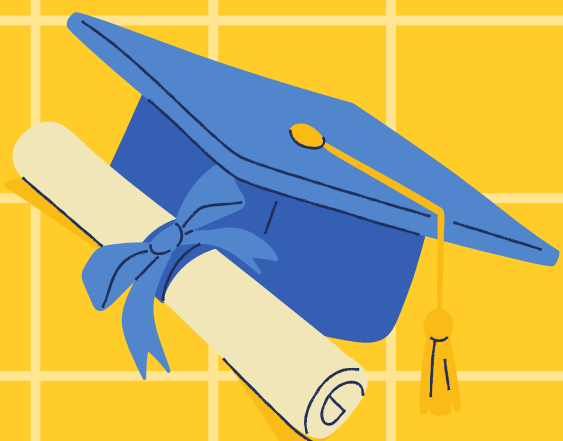
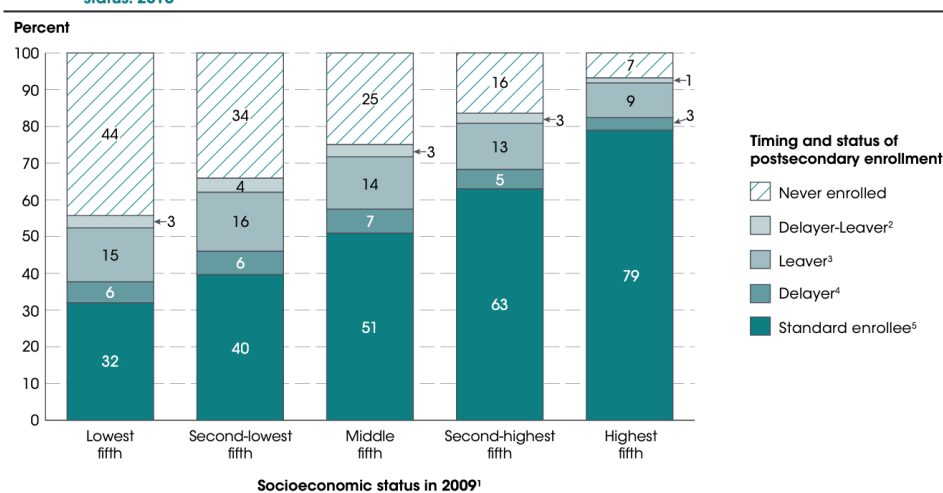


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## Information

Extra information by The National College Attainment Network

Among the 44 states with affordability gaps in 2018-19, the average gap was \$3,160.

Over the five-year period, institutions became relatively less affordable in 45 states, by \$1,588 on average

23 states saw their percentage of affordable four-year institutions decrease from 2014-15 to 2018-19.



## Brief Explanation

A way colleges can help with the expenses of college is by possibly providing more financial aid to more students. - A way individuals can help with the expenses of college is by spreading awareness of the situation and educate people on this issue.

- A way the federal state/government can help with the expenses of college is by making sure that student debt is dealt with and people are helped with that debt instead of trying to pay off the thousands and thousands of dollars that the college system squeezed out of them.