Understanding the connection between student finances and student success is essential to supporting the 21st century student.

65% of students worry about having enough money to pay for school.

55% of students have run out of money 3 or more times in the past year.

50% of students show signs of housing insecurity (struggling to pay rent/utilities or the need to move frequently).

49% of students indicate that it is important to them to support their family financially while in school.

58% of borrowers indicate that they have more student loan debt than they expected to have at this point.

30% of students show signs of very low food security according to the USDA scale (skipping meals, eating less or less nutritious food).

68% of students are less than confident they will be able to pay off the debt they acquired while in school.

56% of students pay for college using money from their current employment.

42% find their total debt overwhelming (credit card, car loan, money owed to family/friends).

31% of students pay for college with credit cards.

68% of students say they would use financial support services if offered by their school.

63% of students say they would have trouble getting $500 in cash or credit to meet an unexpected need within the next month.

86% Survey completion rate.

14 minutes = Median time to complete the survey.

PARTICIPATION: 58 INSTITUTIONS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY—37 TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS, 10 PUBLIC FOUR-YEARS, AND 11 PRIVATE FOUR-YEARS.

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