

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)? | 983 | 24.2% | 1279 | 31.5% | 788 | 19.4% | 1015 | 25.0% | 4065 | 100% |
| How concerned HAVE YOU BEEN about paying for your undergraduate education up to now (for students graduating next Spring or Summer)? | 349 | 25.2% | 410 | 29.6% | 265 | 19.1% | 361 | 26.1% | 1385 | 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)? | 936 | 23.0% | 1289 | 31.7% | 780 | 19.2% | 1061 | 26.1% | 4066 | 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? | 1561 | 28.7% | 1233 | 22.6% | 895 | 16.4% | 1759 | 32.3% | 5448 | 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 | 3695 | 66.7% | 1841 | 33.3% | 5536 | 100% |
| Applied for continuing financial aid | 2277 | 41.1% | 3259 | 58.9% | 5536 | 100% |
| Applied for outside scholarships/grants | 2963 | 53.5% | 2573 | 46.5% | 5536 | 100% |
| asked financial aid office to reevaluate my application | 4758 | 85.9% | 778 | 14.1% | 5536 | 100% |
| bought fewer books, bought cheaper used books, read books on reserve | 1162 | 21.0% | 4374 | 79.0% | 5536 | 100% |
| took a leave of absence or a quarter/semester off | 5414 | 97.8% | 122 | 2.2% | 5536 | 100% |
| took more courses per term | 3825 | 69.1% | 1711 | 30.9% | 5536 | 100% |
| took action to graduate more quickly | 4338 | 78.4% | 1198 | 21.6% | 5536 | 100% |
| did not retake a class to improve grade | 4542 | 82.0% | 994 | 18.0% | 5536 | 100% |
| accepted AP or similar credit instead of taking the course | 3579 | 64.6% | 1957 | 35.4% | 5536 | 100% |
| decided against study abroad | 3490 | 63.0% | 2046 | 37.0% | 5536 | 100% |
| took a community college course because it was cheaper | 4686 | 84.6% | 850 | 15.4% | 5536 | 100% |
| took a job for the first time at college | 4190 | 75.7% | 1346 | 24.3% | 5536 | 100% |
| worked before but increased the number hours worked | 4511 | 81.5% | 1025 | 18.5% | 5536 | 100% |
| increased the debt I carry on credit card | 4845 | 87.5% | 691 | 12.5% | 5536 | 100% |
| increased my annual student loan amount | 4362 | 78.8% | 1173 | 21.2% | 5535 | 100% |
| have cut expenses overall/have been more frugal | 2331 | 42.1% | 3204 | 57.9% | 5535 | 100% |
| none of the above. cost hasn't been a problem | 5209 | 94.1% | 326 | 5.9% | 5535 | 100% |
| other | 5411 | 97.8% | 124 | 2.2% | 5535 | 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 | 1654 | 30.6% | 1298 | 24.0% | 1239 | 22.9% | 543 | 10.0% | 413 | 7.6% | 267 | 4.9% | 5414 | 100% |
| cut down on personal/recreational spending | 202 | 3.7% | 356 | 6.6% | 1337 | 24.7% | 1127 | 20.8% | 1358 | 25.1% | 1027 | 19.0% | 5407 | 100% |
| worried about my debt and financial circumstances | 522 | 9.7% | 688 | 12.8% | 1070 | 19.9% | 881 | 16.3% | 965 | 17.9% | 1263 | 23.4% | 5389 | 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? | 2548 | 47.2% | 2849 | 52.8% | 5397 | 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. | 514 | 9.5% | 720 | 13.3% | 1071 | 19.8% | 1741 | 32.2% | 1011 | 18.7% | 350 | 6.5% | 5407 | 100% |