Key Facts and Figures

Getting into College

- Over **seventeen million** undergraduates are enrolled in more than 4,700 degree-granting institutions in the United States.
- While college enrollment rate gaps across race and ethnicity are narrowing, gaps based upon gender and income-level are increasing.
- Almost **80 percent** of fall undergraduates are enrolled in public colleges and universities.
- Almost 40 percent of fall undergraduates are enrolled in two-year public colleges.
- Adult students make up 31 percent of the undergraduate population.

- Thirty-seven percent of college students, and the majority of adult college students, study part time.
- The number of international undergraduate students in the United States has increased by more than 67 percent since 2000.
- | Black and Hispanic students enroll at two-year colleges at higher rates compared with white and Asian students.
- Black, Hispanic, and low-income students are underrepresented at the most selective colleges.
- The most common number of four-year colleges to which students apply is two and the average acceptance rate at these schools is 65 percent.