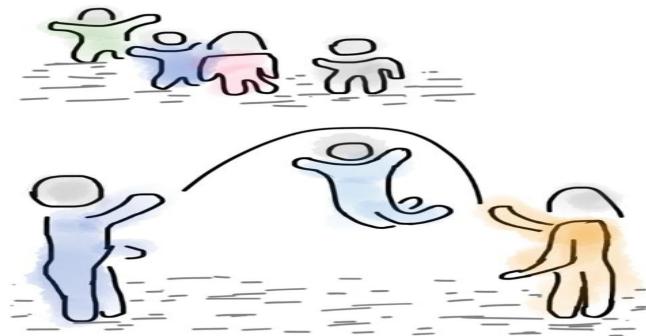


Introduction

In Fall 2025, Pasadena City College conducted the “Five Questions with PCC” survey to better understand the experiences and needs of student parents. The survey sought to identify the prevalence of student parents on campus, their awareness of available resources, comfort in seeking accommodations, and perceptions of institutional support.



Summary of Findings

Among more than 1,900 respondents, approximately 14% identified as student parents, while another 0.8% expected to become parents soon. When asked which services were most important, respondents prioritized financial aid (22%), academic counseling (17%), and basic needs assistance (14%), followed by tutoring (13%) and childcare/daycare support (11%).

Encouragingly, over three-quarters (77%) of student parents reported feeling comfortable discussing accommodations with instructors.

However, awareness of campus resources remains limited—only 24% had seen references to student-parent accommodations or services in their course syllabus, while the majority were either unsure or had not noticed any references. These findings suggest strong engagement and self-advocacy among student parents but highlight ongoing opportunities to increase visibility of support services and embed family-friendly policies and references within academic materials.

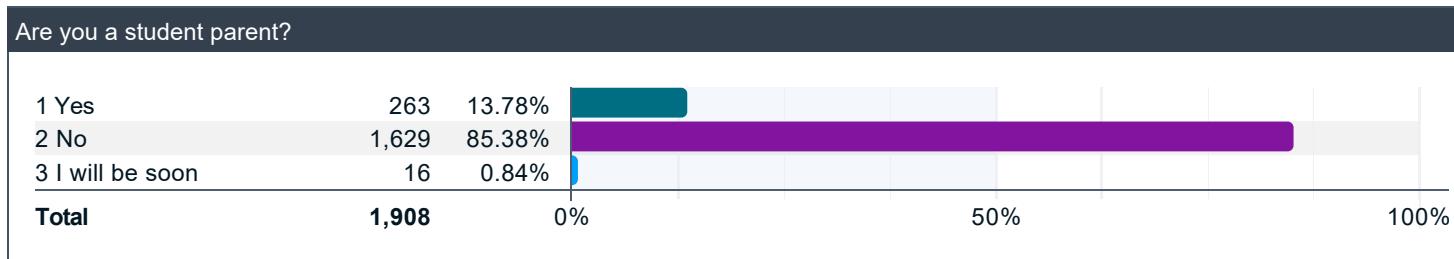
The most important support services student parents indicated they needed were Financial Aid (22%), Academic Counseling (71%), Basic Needs, e.g., food, supplies, diapers (14%), tutoring services (13%), and Childcare (11%).



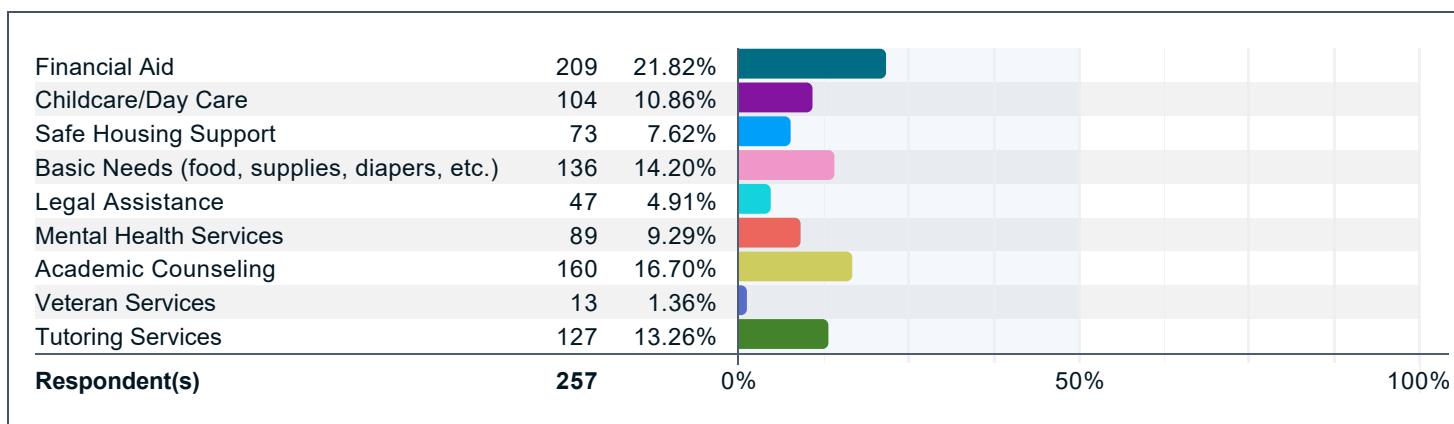
Do you know someone who is a student parent?



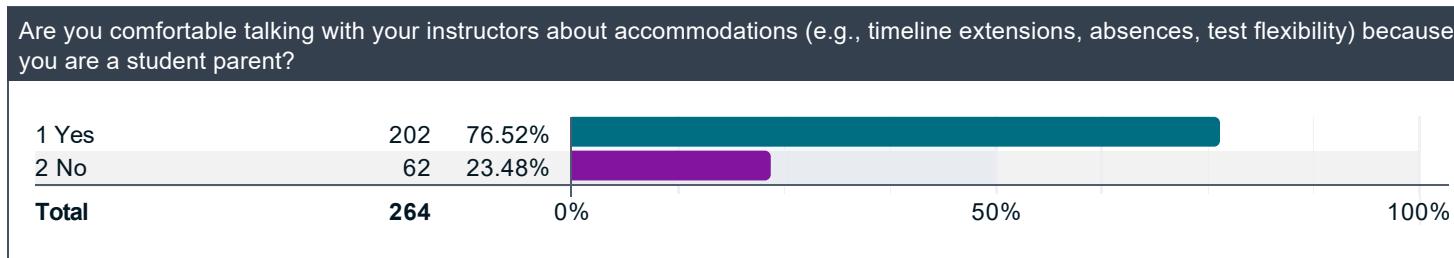
Are you a student parent?



As a student parent, which services are the most important to you? Check all that apply



Are you comfortable talking with your instructors about accommodations (e.g., timeline extensions, absences, test flexibility) because you are a student parent?



Have you seen any references to accommodations or services for student parents in your course syllabi?

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