How concerned are you about your accumulated educational debt?

Source: UCUES Core 2014

- 20% Not concerned
- 19% Somewhat concerned
- 18% Concerned
- 44% Very concerned
How concerned have you been about paying for undergraduate education up to now?

Source: UCUES Core 2014
How concerned are you about paying for undergraduate education next year?  
(for respondents not graduating this spring/summer)  
(Source: UCUES Core 2014)
Frequency of engagement in the following behaviors in the past year
(Source: UCUES Core 2014)

- Worried about my debt and financial circumstances
  - Never/Rarely: 15%
  - Occasionally/Somewhat Often: 32%
  - Often/Very Often: 53%

- Cut down on personal/recreational spending
  - Never/Rarely: 7%
  - Occasionally/Somewhat Often: 39%
  - Often/Very Often: 54%

- Skipped meals to save money
  - Never/Rarely: 52%
  - Occasionally/Somewhat Often: 33%
  - Often/Very Often: 16%
Engagement in activities to meet college expenses in the past year
(Respondents could select more than one item)

Source: UCUES Core 2014

- Applied for financial aid for the first time: 40%
- Applied for continuing financial aid: 70%
- Asked financial aid office to reevaluate my application: 17%
- Applied for outside scholarships/grants: 46%
Engagement in activities to meet college expenses in the past year
(Respondents could select more than one item)

Source: UCUES Core 2014

- Increased my annual student loan amount: 28%
- Increased the debt I carry on credit card: 16%
- Took a job for the first time at college: 23%
- Worked before but increased the number hours worked: 21%
- Have cut expenses overall/have been more frugal: 63%
Engagement in activities to meet college expenses in the past year
(Respondents could select more than one item)
Source: UCUES Core 2014

- Bought fewer books, bought cheaper used books, read books on reserve: 85%
- Did not retake a class to improve grade: 17%
- Decided against study abroad: 36%
- Took a leave of absence or a quarter/semester off: 3%
Engagement in activities to meet college expenses in the past year
(Respondents could select more than one item)

Source: UCUES Core 2014

- Took action to graduate more quickly: 24%
- Took a community college course because it was cheaper: 20%
- Accepted AP or similar credit instead of taking the course: 29%
- Took more courses per term: 27%
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?

*Course: UCUES Core 2014*

- Yes: 37%
- No: 63%
Frequency of the following obstacles to school work during the academic year

Source: UCUES Module 2014

- Feeling depressed, stressed or upset: 33% Not at all/Rarely, 32% Occasionally, 35% Frequently/All the time
- Physical illness or condition: 70% Not at all/Rarely, 21% Occasionally, 9% Frequently/All the time
- Inability to concentrate on my work: 39% Not at all/Rarely, 35% Occasionally, 27% Frequently/All the time
- Reluctance to ask for help when I need it: 53% Not at all/Rarely, 28% Occasionally, 18% Frequently/All the time
Frequency of the following obstacles to school work during the academic year

Source: UCUES Module 2014

- **Weak English skills**: 86% not at all/rarely, 9% occasionally, 5% frequently/all the time.
- **Weak math skills**: 69% not at all/rarely, 20% occasionally, 11% frequently/all the time.
- **Inadequate study skills**: 54% not at all/rarely, 29% occasionally, 17% frequently/all the time.
- **Poor study behaviors**: 36% not at all/rarely, 35% occasionally, 30% frequently/all the time.
- **Bad study environment**: 42% not at all/rarely, 34% occasionally, 24% frequently/all the time.
Frequency of the following obstacles to school work during the academic year

Source: UCUES Module 2014

- Competing job responsibilities: 55% Not at all/Rarely, 22% Occasionally, 22% Frequently/All the time
- Military deployment: 94% Not at all/Rarely, 4% Occasionally, 2% Frequently/All the time
- Competing family responsibilities: 50% Not at all/Rarely, 30% Occasionally, 20% Frequently/All the time
- Other competing responsibilities (e.g., athletics): 55% Not at all/Rarely, 27% Occasionally, 18% Frequently/All the time