Many students attend college to make a better life for themselves, but their financial circumstances while they are in college make earning a degree a struggle. As the Center reported in its 2017 publication *Making Ends Meet: The Role of Student Financial Health in Community Colleges*, almost 40% of community college students rely on Pell Grants to help them pay for college, with students of color, women, and students aged 25–39 most likely to receive this funding.

Among students who receive Pell Grants...

- 74% work for pay
- 40% also receive loans
- 46% work more than 20 hours/week
Among students who receive Pell Grants...

...and who report running out of money six or more times in the past 12 months, 38% report working more than 20 hours/week.

...and who report that they could come up with no money from cash, credit, family or friends if an unexpected need arose in the next month, 22% report working more than 30 hours/week.

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