

# Reinventing Community College With Online Synchronous Learning

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Today's community college leaders are grappling with enrollment, auditing changes, recovery from pandemic-related challenges, and more. But it's not all doom and gloom. Follow along to learn how community colleges can reinvigorate their missions by investing in online synchronous learning.

## Serving all students

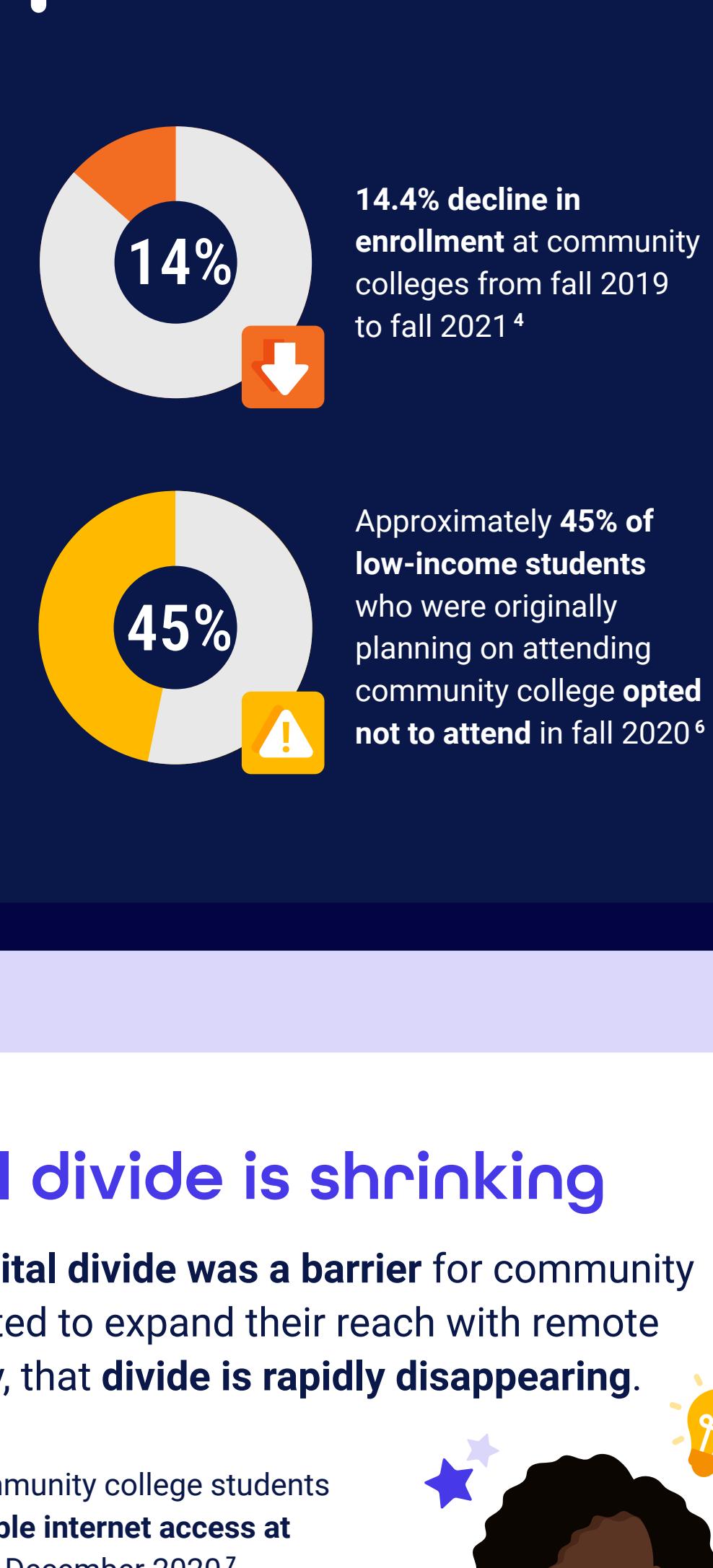
Community colleges play a critical role in the higher education landscape, serving a diverse student population.

**66%** of undergraduates enroll in community college at some point after completing high school<sup>1</sup>

**29%** of community college students are the first generation in their family to attend college<sup>2</sup>

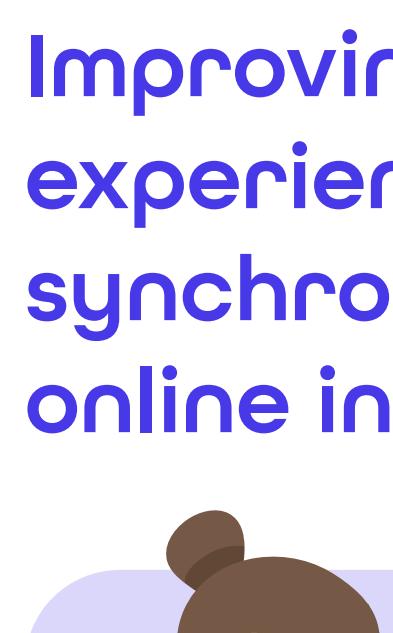
**56%** of community college students identify as non-white<sup>2</sup>

The average age of a community college student is 27 years old<sup>2</sup> **27 yrs**

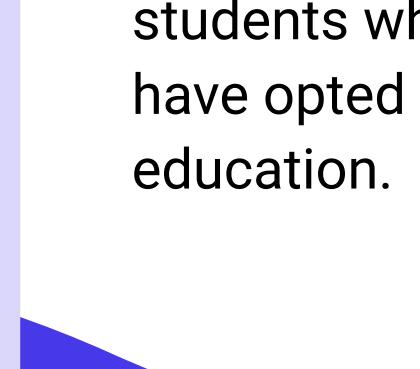
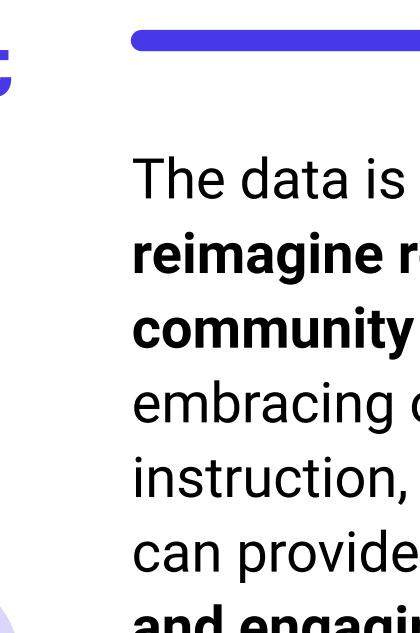


## Navigating a challenging landscape

Declining enrollment has been a struggle for community colleges for more than a decade.



1 million fewer students enrolled in community colleges between 2010 and 2017<sup>3</sup>

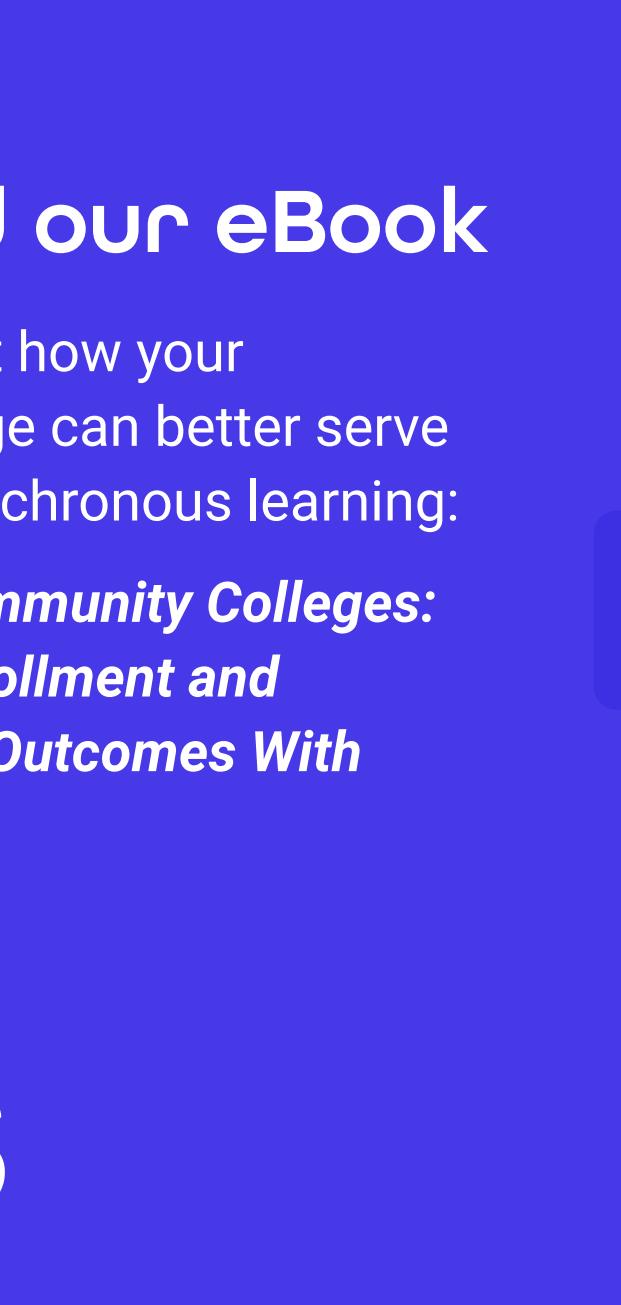


## The digital divide is shrinking

In the past, the digital divide was a barrier for community colleges who wanted to expand their reach with remote learning. But today, that divide is rapidly disappearing.

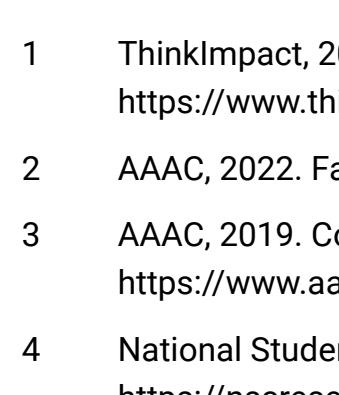
**91%** of new community college students report reliable internet access at home as of December 2020<sup>7</sup>

**90%** of new community college students in 2020 reported having access to a device other than their mobile phone where they can take courses<sup>7</sup>

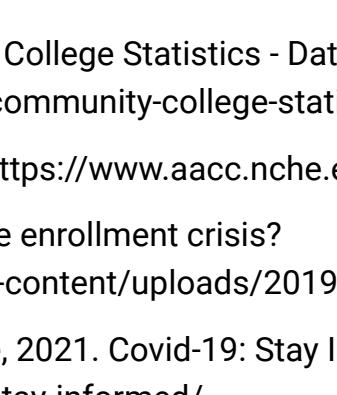


## Students are embracing remote instruction

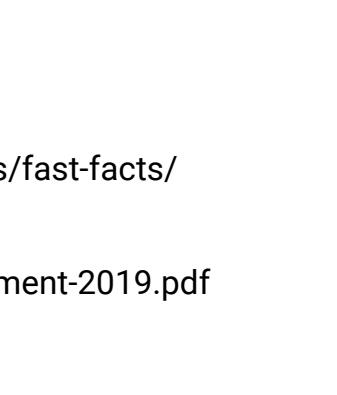
With the tools to succeed in hand, students are now ready and eager to embrace online synchronous learning.



69% of first-year community college students prefer either fully online or hybrid learning according to a December 2020 survey<sup>7</sup>



65% of continuing community college students in 2020 said they prefer remote or hybrid learning<sup>7</sup>



## Improving student experiences with synchronous online instruction



The data is clear: it's time to reimagine remote learning at community colleges. By embracing online synchronous instruction, community colleges can provide a more connected and engaging remote learning experience, innovate in the classroom, and appeal to students who might otherwise have opted out of higher education.

## Download our eBook

Learn more about how your community college can better serve students with synchronous learning.

*The Future of Community Colleges: How to Boost Enrollment and Improve Student Outcomes With Online Learning*

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