

Faculty & Staff Town Hall

November 10, 2023



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WEBER STATE
UNIVERSITY



- Native American Symposium
- Veterans Day Appreciation Events

November!

Without a College Degree, Life in America Is Staggeringly Shorter

Oct. 3, 2023

By Anne Case and Angus Deaton

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Anne Case and Angus Deaton, economists at Princeton, are the authors of “[Deaths of Despair and the Future of Capitalism](#).” Mr. Deaton is also the author of “[Economics in America](#): An Immigrant Economist Explores the Land of Inequality.”


[Link to NY Times Article](#)

Life expectancy at age 25 (adult life expectancy) for those with four-year college degrees rose to 59 years on the eve of the pandemic — so an average individual would live to 84 — up from 54 years (or 79 years old) in 1992. During the pandemic, by 2021, the expectation slipped a year.

But we were staggered to discover that for those without college degrees, life expectancy reached its peak around 2010 and has been falling since, an unfolding disaster that has attracted little attention in the media or among elected officials.

Adult life expectancy for this group started out two and a half years lower, at 51.6, in 1992 — so an average individual would live to nearly 77 years old. But by 2021, it was 49.8 years (or almost 75 years old), roughly eight and a half years less than people with college degrees, and those without had lost 3.3 years during the pandemic.

Value of a Degree

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- A photograph of a young woman with curly hair, wearing a black graduation cap and gown, smiling. She is wearing a red and white patterned scarf. The background is a blurred crowd of people in a stadium.
- [Weather Related Closure Website](#)
 - Communicate morning closures by 6 am
 - Communicate expectations ahead of time for students and staff

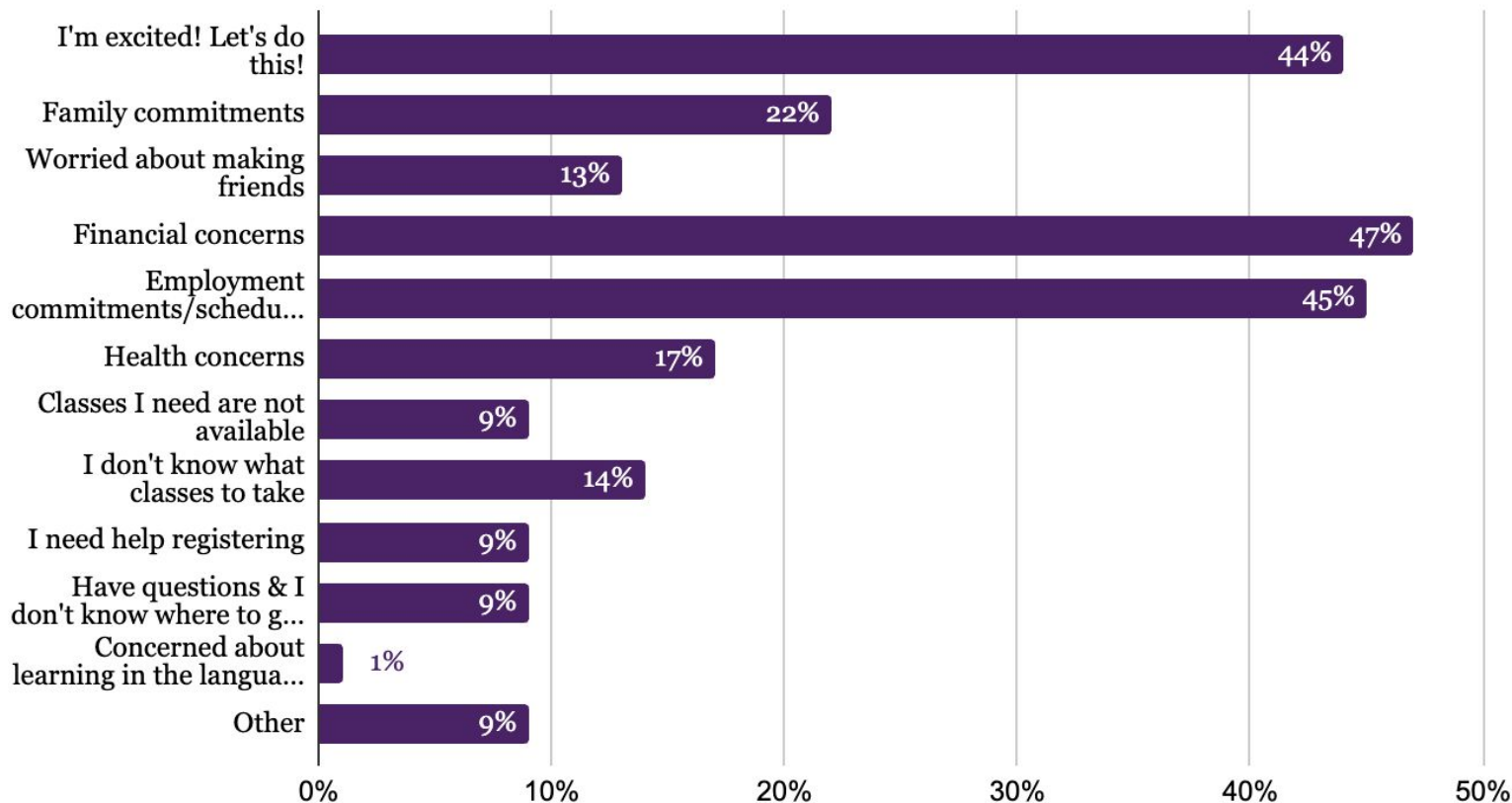
Weather Related Closures

- Spring registration is open now in order of priority registration. Registration will open to all students Nov 17.
- 83% of students plan to register for spring
 - As of this morning, we're down 3.6% as compared to last year at this time.
- Waived the application fee for high school seniors during Utah College Application Month. We are up 14% in admits for next fall.



Spring Enrollment

Concerns as Students Get Ready to Start Spring Semester





- Performance Funding
- NCHEMS Community College Study
- Cicero Study
- Common Application and Direct Admissions
- Three Year (90 credit) Bachelor Degrees
- 2024-25 Budget
- DEI Legislation

USHE Updates

- Welcome Interim VP of EDI Laïs Martinez!
- Cultural Center Updates
- Equity Audits
 - Based on instrument developed by the National Association of System Heads (NASH).
- Campus Climate Team
 - Developing website, ongoing communication and training plan, and reporting form.
- [AASCU Equity Intensive](#)




Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Updates



- Ada Lindquist Plaza
- Moyes College of Education
- DUO for Students in January
- Email Life-cycle Management

Construction and IT Updates

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- Nov 10: Veterans Appreciation Dinner; 6pm
 - Last Home Volleyball Game 6pm vs Montana State
 - Nov 11: Last Home Football Game 1pm vs University of Idaho
 - Nov 11: Weber State Orchestra Movie Score Concert
 - Nov 10, 11, 15 - 17: Silent Sky Play
 - Nov 14: Viet Than Nguyen - Hurst Artist in Residence; Wildcat Theater 7pm
 - Nov 15: Roadtrip Nation: Native Way Forward
 - Nov. 21: Election
 - Winter Break

Upcoming Events