



## 64% of College Students Desire to Work in a State With Legal Abortion Access

*59% of Current and Prospective Students Say They Will Consider Potential Employers' Support for Employees in Obtaining Access to Abortion When Making Career Decisions After College*

**August 11, 2022 (Seattle, WA)** - According to a new survey from BestColleges.com, most current college students desire to live (62%) and work (64%) in a state with legal abortion access. The survey of 1,000 current and prospective undergraduate and graduate students also found that 59% of respondents say they will consider potential employers' support for employees in obtaining access to abortion when making career decisions post-graduation.

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Another recent BestColleges.com survey found that 59% of current students and those planning to enroll in the next year oppose the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, while 27% support the decision. Even among currently enrolled students who say they support the Court's decision, 54% still say they desire to work in a state that legally protects the right to abortion.

College students who identify as women are significantly more likely than men to say they desire to live (69% vs. 53%) and work (69% vs. 56%) in a state with legal abortion access.

Current students and college-bound learners who live in the Northeast (66%) and West (64%) are more likely than those in the South (55%) and Midwest (52%) to say they will consider employers' support around abortion access in their career decision-making. Additionally, those who are or will be first-generation students are significantly more likely than those who have at least one parent with a college degree to say they will consider it (63% vs. 52%).

“Since the ruling, some employers have announced support for their employees in accessing reproductive healthcare — including abortion — and college students are taking notice,” said Jessica Bryant, education analyst for BestColleges.com. “As members of the future workforce, eventual graduates’ expectations could shape companies’ policies in the years to come.”

Over half of current students (52%) and slightly fewer prospective students (47%) say that the Court's decision will impact the state they choose to live in after college. Most surveyed reported awareness of the abortion laws and regulations in their current (68%) and intended (62%) state of residence.

Men who are in school or planning to enroll in the next year are significantly more likely than women to say the Court’s overturning will not impact what state they choose to live in after college (46% vs. 32%). Women are significantly more likely than men to say they are unsure if it will impact their post-grad living decisions (17% vs. 7%).

## **Methodology**

The survey was conducted from July 7-13, 2022. Student respondents were fielded by Lucid LLC. Survey participants included 1,000 respondents nationwide who were currently enrolled in or planning to enroll in an undergraduate or graduate degree program at a college or university in the next 12 months. Respondents were 16-65 years of age and currently pursuing or planning to pursue an associate, bachelor's, master's, doctoral, or professional degree. The respondents for the survey were screened by various quality checks, including systems like Relevant ID, and responses were manually reviewed to ensure consistency and accuracy.

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