

# *The Impact College Has on First-Generation Latina Students*

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## **Abstract**

Over time first-generation Latina students have been a consistently growing presence in higher education, but they continue to face challenges. Latina students in particular face responsibilities such as working, taking care of their siblings, and navigating college on their own. In this study, semi-structured interviews were conducted to explore the academic careers and experiences of Latina first-generation students at Rhode Island College. The interviews indicated the struggles Latina first-generation students face in navigating college, intimidation from their White peers, and keeping up with obligations at home. This study brings insight and awareness to what female first-generation college students face each and every day.

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