

The Facts

2009



More than 59,000 Students

Total enrollment—undergraduate and graduate—Fall 2008 = 59,095

	UNDERGRADUATE	GRADUATE
Augsburg College	3,106	842
Bethany Lutheran College	615	–
Bethel University	3,394	943
Carleton College	1,975	–
College of Saint Benedict	2,110	–
College of St. Catherine	3,727	1,474
College of St. Scholastica	2,769	824
Concordia College, Moorhead	2,810	13
Concordia University, Saint Paul	1,691	953
Gustavus Adolphus College	2,593	–
Hamline University	2,053	2,821
Macalester College	1,900	–
Minneapolis College of Art and Design	709	63
Saint John's University	1,938	125
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	2,067	3,544
St. Olaf College	3,073	–
University of St. Thomas	6,164	4,799
Total	42,694	16,401

Degrees Granted

- Our institutions award about one-third of all baccalaureate degrees in Minnesota, with 9,140 bachelor's degrees awarded in 2007-2008.
- Our institutions award 22 percent of all graduate degrees in Minnesota, with 5,023 graduate degrees/certificates awarded in 2007-2008.
- For more information on our share of bachelor's and graduate degree recipients, visit www.mnprivatecolleges.org/research/facts/degrees.php
- When looking at the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines, our institutions award 28 percent of bachelor's degrees and 26 percent of master's degrees in the state.
- Minnesota's Private Colleges produce 38 percent of all health profession bachelor's degrees.

Economic Benefits

- Minnesota's Private Colleges add more than \$1.2 billion annually to Minnesota's economy through direct operating and capital expenditures.
- We employ 12,300 faculty and staff and 12,500 student workers.
- Seventy-three percent of our most recent graduates, regardless of their home state, stay in Minnesota, adding to the quality of the state's workforce and tax base.
- Three out of four private college and university graduates go immediately into full-time employment, many for leading Minnesota companies.

Community Benefits

- In one year, more than 9,000 students completed 167,000 hours of community service. About one-fourth of student community service hours were to K-12 organizations.
- More than 1,400 high school students and more than 9,000 community residents participated in college-sponsored educational programs. These programs represent more than \$6 million of investment in the education of our local communities.
- All of our institutions are committed to helping Minnesota youth overcome barriers to higher education. Six of our schools serve more than 3,000 students striving for academic success in federally funded TRiO programs—receiving \$3 million in TRiO and Gear-Up funding. Other efforts include teacher preparation programs and K-12 partnerships.

For more information on other efforts targeting low-income Minnesotans, visit www.mnprivatecolleges.org/community

Students

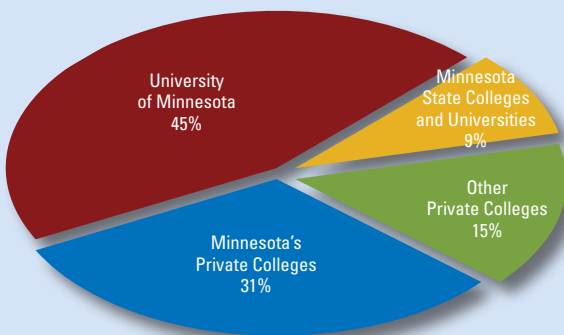
- Minnesota's Private Colleges enroll 19 percent of Minnesota college students.
 - We teach one of every four students (29 percent) enrolled at a four-year institution.
 - We enroll 16,401 graduate students—18 percent of the state's total.
- Seven of our colleges and universities offer non-traditional weekend, evening and online programs to meet the changing needs of all types of learners.
 - More than 3,100 students are enrolled in non-traditional undergraduate programs at our colleges.
- Three-fourths of students enrolling at Minnesota's Private Colleges are Minnesota residents.
 - More than 13,000 students from other states and nations enroll at our colleges and universities.
 - We attract more international students and more students from other states than either MnSCU's four-year schools or the University of Minnesota.
- Twenty-eight percent of student enrollments at Minnesota's Private Colleges are in graduate level programs, primarily in master's and first-professional degree programs.
 - Our colleges offer 146 graduate education programs in areas such as health care and nursing, education, law, psychology, business and fine arts.

Diversity

- More than 14 percent of first-year students come from under-represented groups, exceeding Minnesota's overall racial and ethnic demographics.
- More than 6,500 students of color, excluding international students, enroll at Minnesota's Private Colleges.
- Our institutions also have the highest graduation rates in the state among students of color with 51 percent graduating within four years and 64 percent graduating within six years.

Our diversity is growing: Enrollment of undergraduates of color grew more than 80 percent over ten years, while White non-Hispanic enrollment grew less than 7 percent.

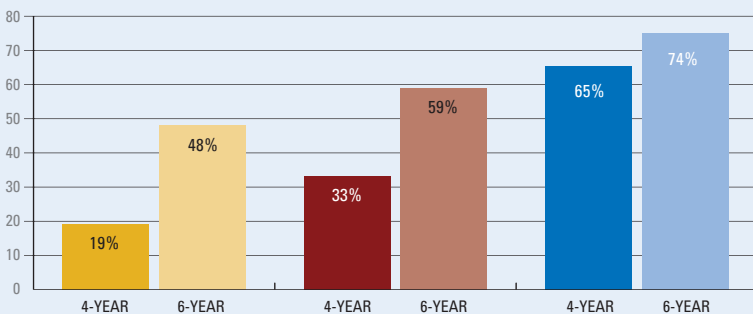
**BACHELOR'S DEGREES AWARDED
TO MINNESOTA STUDENTS OF COLOR: 2007–08**



Excellence

- Our focus is on excellence in undergraduate teaching and learning.
 - Courses are taught by highly qualified faculty—84 percent of full-time faculty members hold doctorates or other terminal degrees in their field.
 - We have one professor for every 13 students.
 - Fifty-eight percent of classes have less than 20 students.
- Sixty-five percent of our bachelor’s degree seeking students graduate within four years and 74 percent graduate within six years. These are the best rates in the state.
- Our students receive national and international recognition. Recent awards from the last five years include:
 - Two Nobel Prize Winners
 - Seven Rhodes Scholars
 - Two Truman Scholars
 - 24 Goldwater Scholars
 - 12 Watson Fellows
 - 74 Fulbright Student Scholars
- Sixty-five National Science Foundation research awards are active at our institutions, generating \$16.3 million in research support.
- One-fifth of our alumni pursue graduate-level education immediately upon earning their bachelor’s degrees.
 - Of individuals from Minnesota institutions going on to earn a doctorate, 51 percent earned their baccalaureate degrees from one of Minnesota’s Private Colleges.
- Seventy-eight percent of alumni say their private college professors challenged them and personally helped them meet the challenge—compared to 39 percent of public institution alumni.
- In addition to outstanding curriculum, students gain life experiences and workforce preparation through off-campus study, faculty-directed research and internships. For example, 89 percent of our graduates participate in an interactive educational experience.
- Ninety-seven percent of our graduates believe the amount they or their families paid for college was “worth it.”

GRADUATION RATES OF MINNESOTA INSTITUTIONS



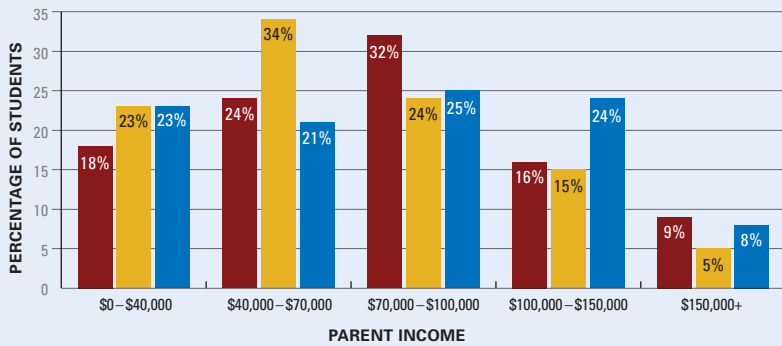
Percentage of Students Completing a Bachelor’s Degree for Full-time, First-time Undergraduates who Began a Program in 2001

■ Minnesota State Colleges and Universities ■ University of Minnesota ■ Minnesota’s Private Colleges

Access

- More than 44 percent of private college students come from families with incomes below \$70,000—about the same proportion as at the University of Minnesota.
 - Minnesota’s Private Colleges enroll a higher percentage of low-income Pell Grant recipients as a share of all undergraduates than the University of Minnesota.
- Tuition and fees for 2008-09 average \$28,137, with 94 percent of students receiving financial aid.
 - Thanks to financial aid, the average amount that families actually pay for tuition is considerably less than the posted price—about half.
- Our institutions award more than \$288 million in institutional grants and scholarships, plus an additional \$15 million in private grants and scholarships.
 - Eighty-eight percent of our undergraduates receive grants and scholarships that do not have to be paid back.

MINNESOTA COLLEGE STUDENTS BY PARENT INCOME



■ Public 4-year institutions that award doctorates ■ Public 4-year institutions—other
■ Private nonprofit 4-year institutions

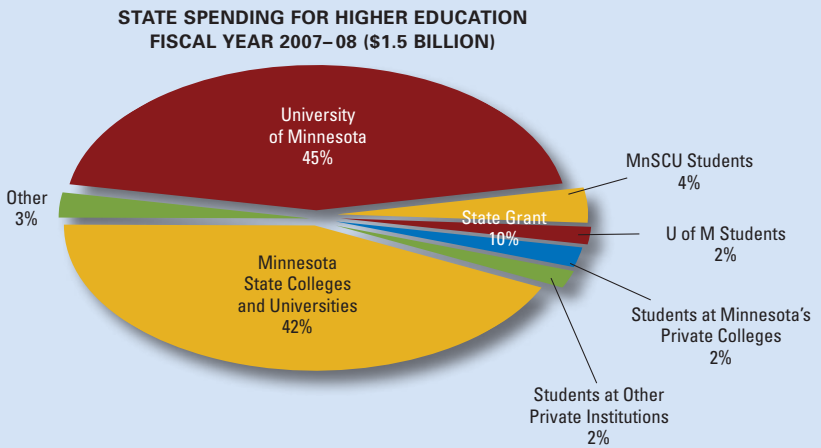
Minnesota Dependent Resident Undergraduates Only 2003–04
Source: U.S. Department of Education

Global Reach

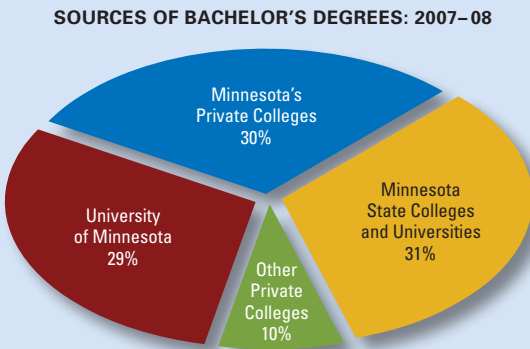
- Over 1,700 international students study at our colleges and universities, including 59 percent of the state’s total among full-time freshmen.
- All of our member colleges are committed to international experiences.
 - More than 4,600 students from our 17 schools studied abroad last year—that’s nearly three of every five Minnesota college students who go abroad.
 - Eight member institutions rank nationally for study abroad participation.
- Our membership is expanding a new partnership with the first liberal arts college to be sanctioned in China in the past 60 years.

Minnesota Impact

- We save taxpayers an estimated \$300 million each year in institutional subsidies which would otherwise be required to enroll an equivalent number of students in public colleges and universities.
- Alumni from our schools who were recipients of need-based state aid achieve similar income and employment levels as their peers one year following graduation.
- Our students benefit from a small share—two percent—of public spending on higher education...



...Yet they make up a sizeable share of the state's new graduates—30 percent of Minnesota bachelor's degrees.



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