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**Diversifying as We Grow
(What a Difference a Decade Makes)**

Minnesota's Private Colleges have long been leaders in providing opportunities for higher education in Minnesota, particularly in providing opportunities for students of color. A review of enrollment trends between Fall 1997 and Fall 2007 reveals a positive picture of diversity at our member institutions.

Students of color enrolled at Minnesota's Private Colleges in greater numbers.

- Excluding international students, 12% of total enrollments are identified as students of color at Minnesota's Private Colleges in Fall 2007. A total of 6,047 non-white students were enrolled, an increase of 77% from Fall 1997 (Table 1).
- Enrollment of Hispanic (+96%) and Black, Non-Hispanic students (+88%) showed the largest increase overall.

New student enrollment at Minnesota's Private Colleges is more diverse.

- Diversity among new entering students in Fall 2007 exceeded that of overall student enrollment: 12% of new freshmen and 15% of transfer students were students of color (Table 2).
- New students of color represented 13% of new students in Fall 2007, excluding international students. A total of 1,356 non-white students enrolled, an increase of 78% from Fall 1997.
- The growth in new freshmen enrollment from Fall 1997 to Fall 2007 exceeded 70% for Asian, Hispanic, and Black, Non-Hispanic students (Chart 3).

More students of color seek advanced degrees at Minnesota's Private Colleges.

- From Fall 1997 to Fall 2007 growth in graduate students of color (+93%) outpaced growth in undergraduate students of color (+73%).
- Enrollment of Hispanic and Asian graduate students more than doubled from Fall 1997 to Fall 2007.

The quality and reputation of our colleges and universities draws students from all parts of the state, the nation and the world. Thus, as each of those communities becomes more diverse, so should the students enrolling at our institutions. This is an important indicator of our ability to provide real educational value and opportunity in the communities we serve, and it is surely to be celebrated.

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President

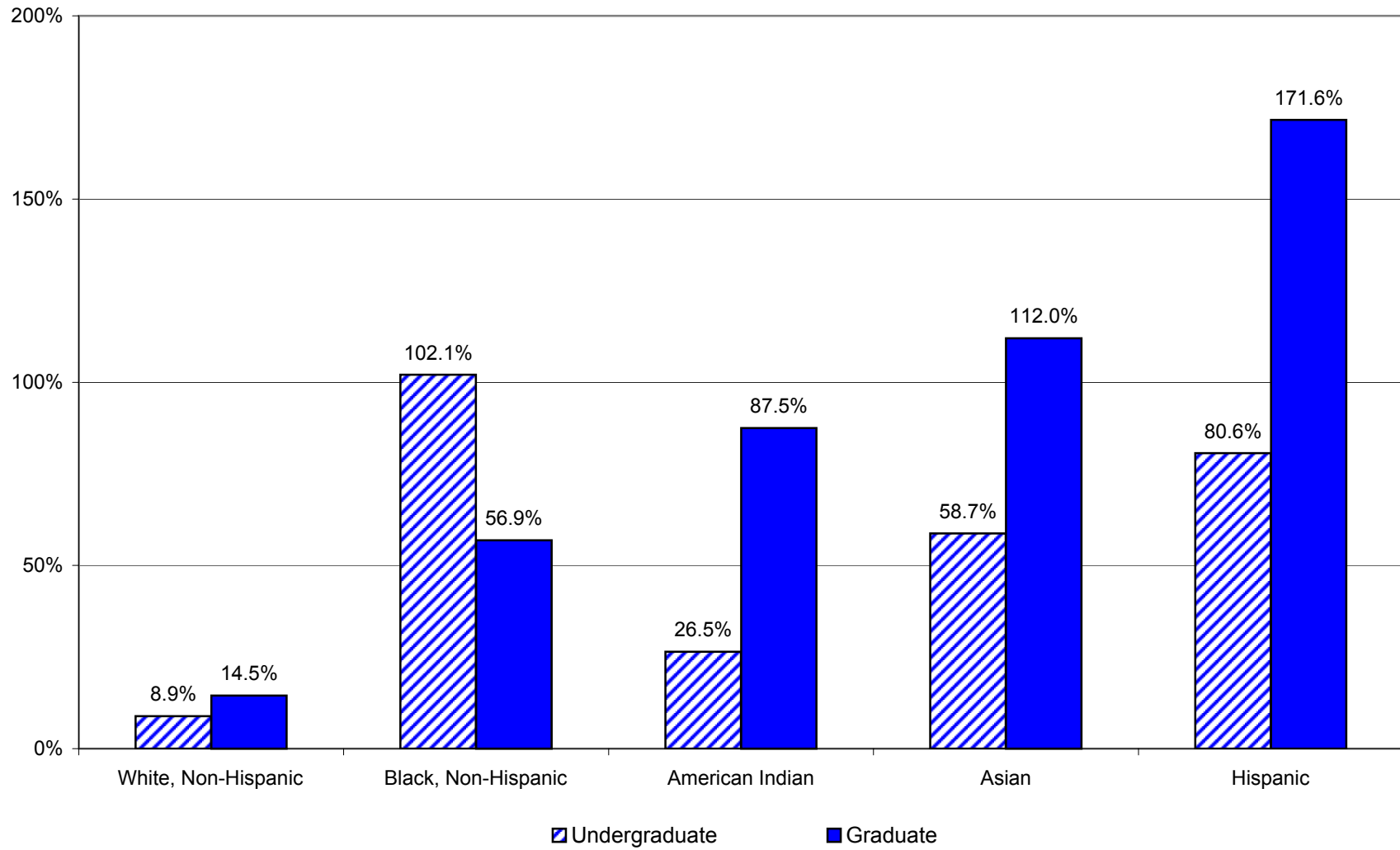
Table 1
Minnesota's Private Colleges
Headcount Enrollment by Level and Race/Ethnicity
Fall 1997 - Fall 2007

Year	Level	White, Non-Hispanic		All Students of Color		Black, Non-Hispanic		American Indian		Asian		Hispanic		Unknown		Non-Resident Alien		Total	
		Enrollments	% of Total*	Enrollments	% of Total*	Enrollments	% of Total*	Enrollments	% of Total*	Enrollments	% of Total*	Enrollments	% of Total*	Enrollments	% of Total*	Enrollments	% of Total*	Enrollments	% of Total*
Fall 1997	Undergraduate	31,602	92.2%	2,679	7.8%	779	2.3%	204	0.6%	1,185	3.5%	511	1.5%	858	--	729	--	35,868	100.0%
	Graduate	10,595	93.5%	732	6.5%	348	3.1%	40	0.4%	242	2.1%	102	0.9%	435	--	284	--	12,046	100.0%
	Total	42,197	92.5%	3,411	7.5%	1,127	2.5%	244	0.5%	1,427	3.1%	613	1.3%	1,293	--	1,013	--	47,914	100.0%
Fall 1998	Undergraduate	31,885	92.1%	2,736	7.9%	831	2.4%	192	0.6%	1,184	3.4%	529	1.5%	1,156	--	895	--	36,672	100.0%
	Graduate	10,920	93.5%	763	6.5%	347	3.0%	43	0.4%	266	2.3%	107	0.9%	639	--	362	--	12,684	100.0%
	Total	42,805	92.4%	3,499	7.6%	1,178	2.5%	235	0.5%	1,450	3.1%	636	1.4%	1,795	--	1,257	--	49,356	100.0%
Fall 1999	Undergraduate	31,920	91.9%	2,821	8.1%	857	2.5%	175	0.5%	1,271	3.7%	518	1.5%	1,733	--	911	--	37,385	100.0%
	Graduate	10,172	92.5%	824	7.5%	416	3.8%	42	0.4%	269	2.4%	97	0.9%	936	--	483	--	12,415	100.0%
	Total	42,092	92.0%	3,645	8.0%	1,273	2.8%	217	0.5%	1,540	3.4%	615	1.3%	2,669	--	1,394	--	49,800	100.0%
Fall 2000	Undergraduate	32,099	91.8%	2,883	8.2%	873	2.5%	187	0.5%	1,275	3.6%	548	1.6%	1,911	--	994	--	37,887	100.0%
	Graduate	10,096	92.3%	845	7.7%	353	3.2%	57	0.5%	330	3.0%	105	1.0%	1,705	--	587	--	13,233	100.0%
	Total	42,195	91.9%	3,728	8.1%	1,226	2.7%	244	0.5%	1,605	3.5%	653	1.4%	3,616	--	1,581	--	51,120	100.0%
Fall 2001	Undergraduate	32,137	91.5%	3,004	8.5%	886	2.5%	199	0.6%	1,353	3.9%	566	1.6%	2,197	--	1,018	--	38,356	100.0%
	Graduate	10,150	92.1%	875	7.9%	337	3.1%	58	0.5%	351	3.2%	129	1.2%	2,444	--	657	--	14,126	100.0%
	Total	42,287	91.6%	3,879	8.4%	1,223	2.6%	257	0.6%	1,704	3.7%	695	1.5%	4,641	--	1,675	--	52,482	100.0%
Fall 2002	Undergraduate	32,623	90.9%	3,274	9.1%	993	2.8%	211	0.6%	1,479	4.1%	591	1.6%	2,045	--	1,028	--	38,970	100.0%
	Graduate	10,943	91.3%	1,040	8.7%	420	3.5%	77	0.6%	371	3.1%	172	1.4%	1,742	--	687	--	14,412	100.0%
	Total	43,566	91.0%	4,314	9.0%	1,413	3.0%	288	0.6%	1,850	3.9%	763	1.6%	3,787	--	1,715	--	53,382	100.0%
Fall 2003	Undergraduate	33,037	90.5%	3,458	9.5%	1,046	2.9%	238	0.7%	1,533	4.2%	641	1.8%	2,207	--	1,088	--	39,790	100.0%
	Graduate	10,762	90.5%	1,134	9.5%	455	3.8%	64	0.5%	422	3.5%	193	1.6%	1,981	--	566	--	14,443	100.0%
	Total	43,799	90.5%	4,592	9.5%	1,501	3.1%	302	0.6%	1,955	4.0%	834	1.7%	4,188	--	1,654	--	54,233	100.0%
Fall 2004	Undergraduate	33,107	89.9%	3,733	10.1%	1,200	3.3%	228	0.6%	1,612	4.4%	693	1.9%	2,265	--	1,046	--	40,151	100.0%
	Graduate	10,704	89.8%	1,222	10.2%	485	4.1%	77	0.6%	434	3.6%	226	1.9%	1,946	--	498	--	14,370	100.0%
	Total	43,811	89.8%	4,955	10.2%	1,685	3.5%	305	0.6%	2,046	4.2%	919	1.9%	4,211	--	1,544	--	54,521	100.0%
Fall 2005	Undergraduate	33,319	89.3%	3,989	10.7%	1,312	3.5%	221	0.6%	1,685	4.5%	771	2.1%	2,333	--	1,042	--	40,683	100.0%
	Graduate	10,887	89.7%	1,248	10.3%	540	4.4%	64	0.5%	433	3.6%	211	1.7%	2,245	--	488	--	14,868	100.0%
	Total	44,206	89.4%	5,237	10.6%	1,852	3.7%	285	0.6%	2,118	4.3%	982	2.0%	4,578	--	1,530	--	55,551	100.0%
Fall 2006	Undergraduate	33,690	88.4%	4,408	11.6%	1,529	4.0%	250	0.7%	1,793	4.7%	836	2.2%	2,435	--	1,065	--	41,598	100.0%
	Graduate	11,619	89.6%	1,354	10.4%	508	3.9%	83	0.6%	501	3.9%	262	2.0%	1,979	--	482	--	15,434	100.0%
	Total	45,309	88.7%	5,762	11.3%	2,037	4.0%	333	0.7%	2,294	4.5%	1,098	2.1%	4,414	--	1,547	--	57,032	100.0%
Fall 2007	Undergraduate	34,409	88.1%	4,636	11.9%	1,574	4.0%	258	0.7%	1,881	4.8%	923	2.4%	2,291	--	1,130	--	42,466	100.0%
	Graduate	12,129	89.6%	1,411	10.4%	546	4.0%	75	0.6%	513	3.8%	277	2.0%	2,127	--	465	--	16,132	100.0%
	Total	46,538	88.5%	6,047	11.5%	2,120	4.0%	333	0.6%	2,394	4.6%	1,200	2.3%	4,418	--	1,595	--	58,598	100.0%
Change 1997-2007	Level	White, Non-Hispanic		All Students of Color		Black, Non-Hispanic		American Indian		Asian		Hispanic		Unknown		Non-Resident Alien		Total	
		Change in Enrollments	% Change in Enrollment	Change in Enrollments	% Change in Enrollment	Change in Enrollments	% Change in Enrollment	Change in Enrollments	% Change in Enrollment	Change in Enrollments	% Change in Enrollment	Change in Enrollments	% Change in Enrollment	Change in Enrollments	% Change in Enrollment	Change in Enrollments	% Change in Enrollment	Change in Enrollments	% Change in Enrollment
	Undergraduate	+2,807	+8.9%	+1,957	+73.0%	+795	+102.1%	+54	+26.5%	+696	+58.7%	+412	+80.6%	+1,433	+401	+6,598	+18.4%		
	Graduate	+1,534	+14.5%	+679	+92.8%	+198	+56.9%	+35	+87.5%	+271	+112.0%	+175	+171.6%	+1,692	+181	+4,086	+33.9%		
Total	+4,341	+10.3%	+2,636	+77.3%	+993	+88.1%	+89	+36.5%	+967	+67.8%	+587	+95.8%	+3,125	+582	+10,684	+22.3%			

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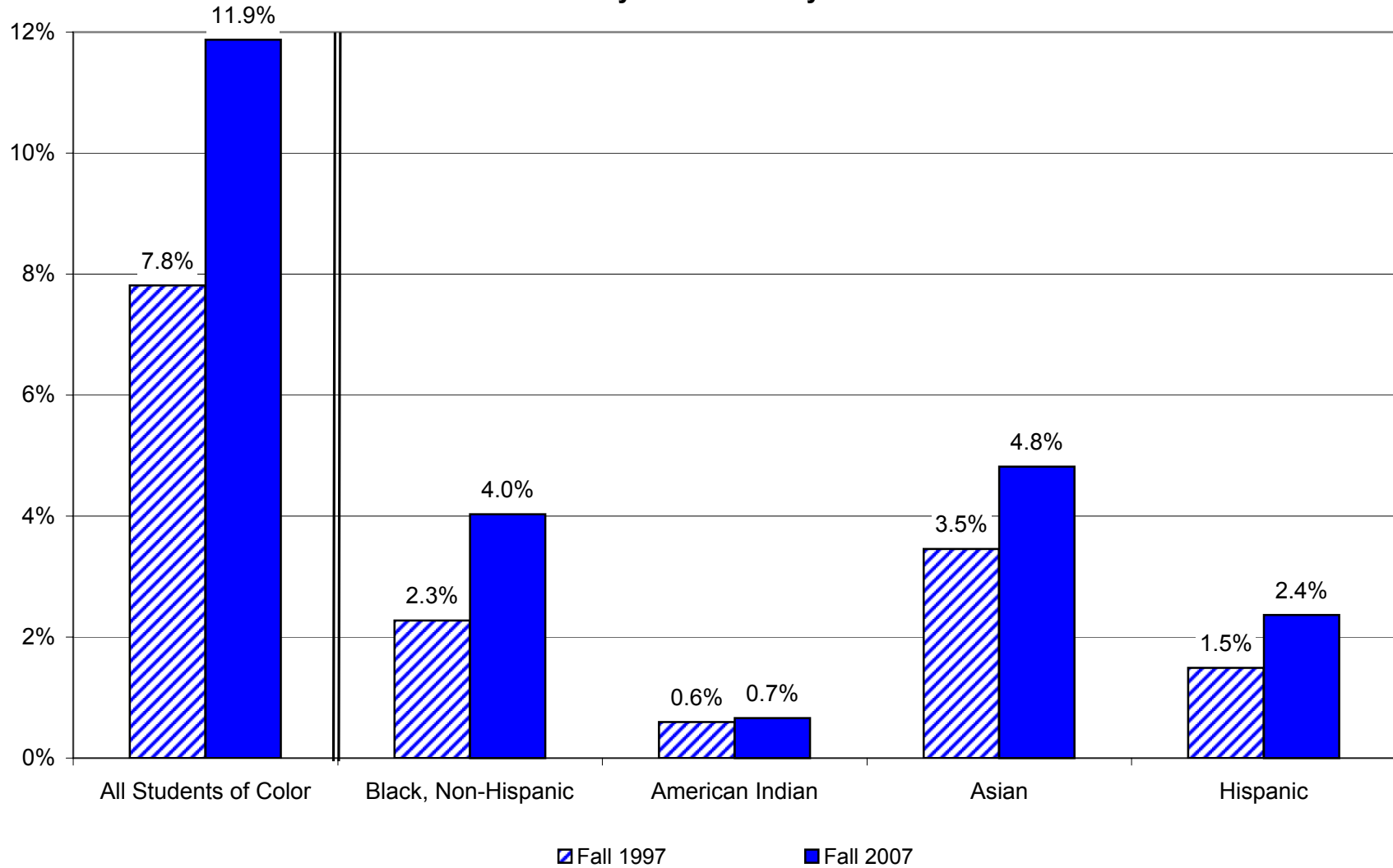
**Minnesota's Private Colleges
10-year Change in Headcount Enrollment (Fall 1997 - Fall 2007),
by Race/Ethnicity and Level**



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Chart 2

**Minnesota's Private Colleges
Percent of Undergraduate Headcount Enrollment, Fall 1997 and Fall 2007,
by Race/Ethnicity**



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Table 2
Minnesota's Private Colleges
New Freshman and Transfer Enrollment by Level and Race/Ethnicity
Fall 1997 - Fall 2007

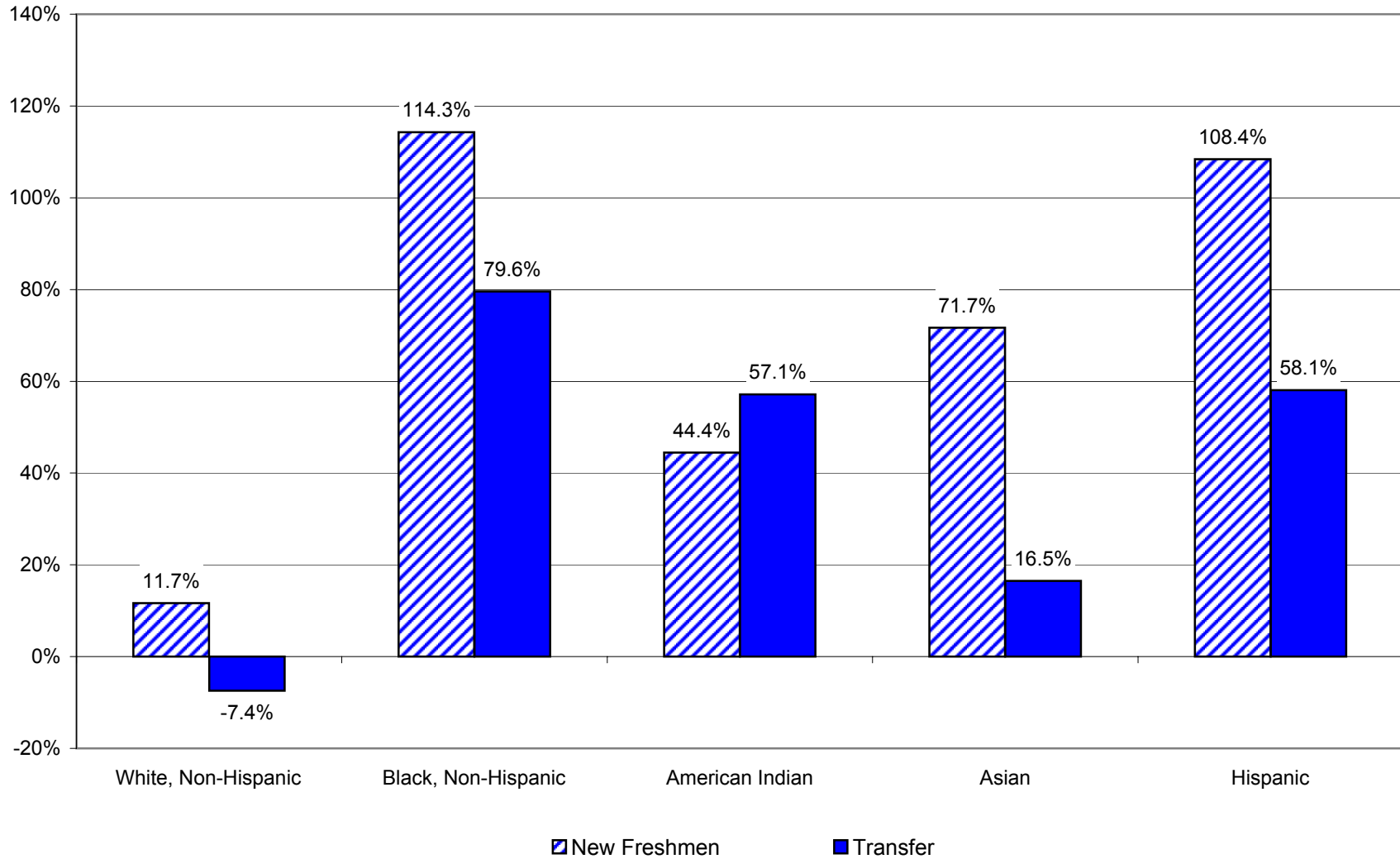
Year	Level	White, Non-Hispanic		All Students of Color		Black, Non-Hispanic		American Indian		Asian		Hispanic		Unknown		Non-Resident Alien		Total	
		Enrollments	% of Total*	Enrollments	% of Total*	Enrollments	% of Total*	Enrollments	% of Total*	Enrollments	% of Total*	Enrollments	% of Total*	Enrollments	% of Total*	Enrollments	% of Total*	Enrollments	% of Total*
Fall 1997	New Freshmen	6,732	92.8%	526	7.2%	140	1.9%	27	0.4%	240	3.3%	119	1.6%	88	--	130	--	7,476	100.0%
	Transfer	2,122	90.0%	235	10.0%	98	4.2%	21	0.9%	85	3.6%	31	1.3%	131	--	56	--	2,544	100.0%
	Total	8,854	92.1%	761	7.9%	238	2.5%	48	0.5%	325	3.4%	150	1.6%	219	--	186	--	10,020	100.0%
Fall 1998	New Freshmen	6,950	92.3%	576	7.7%	150	2.0%	30	0.4%	270	3.6%	126	1.7%	97	--	187	--	7,810	100.0%
	Transfer	2,130	89.9%	239	10.1%	102	4.3%	23	1.0%	87	3.7%	27	1.1%	205	--	67	--	2,641	100.0%
	Total	9,080	91.8%	815	8.2%	252	2.5%	53	0.5%	357	3.6%	153	1.5%	302	--	254	--	10,451	100.0%
Fall 1999	New Freshmen	6,926	91.9%	614	8.1%	163	2.2%	35	0.5%	309	4.1%	107	1.4%	216	--	186	--	7,942	100.0%
	Transfer	2,005	88.9%	251	11.1%	110	4.9%	22	1.0%	85	3.8%	34	1.5%	328	--	75	--	2,659	100.0%
	Total	8,931	91.2%	865	8.8%	273	2.8%	57	0.6%	394	4.0%	141	1.4%	544	--	261	--	10,601	100.0%
Fall 2000	New Freshmen	6,956	91.5%	646	8.5%	145	1.9%	38	0.5%	324	4.3%	139	1.8%	172	--	222	--	7,996	100.0%
	Transfer	1,919	88.9%	240	11.1%	106	4.9%	22	1.0%	73	3.4%	39	1.8%	316	--	65	--	2,540	100.0%
	Total	8,875	90.9%	886	9.1%	251	2.6%	60	0.6%	397	4.1%	178	1.8%	488	--	287	--	10,536	100.0%
Fall 2001	New Freshmen	7,080	91.0%	699	9.0%	174	2.2%	30	0.4%	366	4.7%	129	1.7%	369	--	222	--	8,370	100.0%
	Transfer	1,936	87.6%	274	12.4%	126	5.7%	34	1.5%	61	2.8%	53	2.4%	421	--	71	--	2,702	100.0%
	Total	9,016	90.3%	973	9.7%	300	3.0%	64	0.6%	427	4.3%	182	1.8%	790	--	293	--	11,072	100.0%
Fall 2002	New Freshmen	7,148	90.8%	728	9.2%	193	2.5%	38	0.5%	358	4.5%	139	1.8%	191	--	238	--	8,305	100.0%
	Transfer	2,185	87.2%	320	12.8%	152	6.1%	22	0.9%	107	4.3%	39	1.6%	360	--	50	--	2,915	100.0%
	Total	9,333	89.9%	1,048	10.1%	345	3.3%	60	0.6%	465	4.5%	178	1.7%	551	--	288	--	11,220	100.0%
Fall 2003	New Freshmen	7,292	90.6%	756	9.4%	210	2.6%	44	0.5%	349	4.3%	153	1.9%	292	--	210	--	8,550	100.0%
	Transfer	2,002	86.6%	310	13.4%	138	6.0%	41	1.8%	82	3.5%	49	2.1%	461	--	56	--	2,829	100.0%
	Total	9,294	89.7%	1,066	10.3%	348	3.4%	85	0.8%	431	4.2%	202	1.9%	753	--	266	--	11,379	100.0%
Fall 2004	New Freshmen	7,150	89.0%	883	11.0%	253	3.1%	40	0.5%	417	5.2%	173	2.2%	279	--	205	--	8,517	100.0%
	Transfer	1,896	86.2%	304	13.8%	149	6.8%	28	1.3%	69	3.1%	58	2.6%	359	--	55	--	2,614	100.0%
	Total	9,046	88.4%	1,187	11.6%	402	3.9%	68	0.7%	486	4.7%	231	2.3%	638	--	260	--	11,131	100.0%
Fall 2005	New Freshmen	7,431	89.1%	913	10.9%	253	3.0%	44	0.5%	417	5.0%	199	2.4%	278	--	191	--	8,813	100.0%
	Transfer	2,003	85.1%	350	14.9%	160	6.8%	36	1.5%	99	4.2%	55	2.3%	347	--	78	--	2,778	100.0%
	Total	9,434	88.2%	1,263	11.8%	413	3.9%	80	0.7%	516	4.8%	254	2.4%	625	--	269	--	11,591	100.0%
Fall 2006	New Freshmen	7,429	88.6%	957	11.4%	292	3.5%	56	0.7%	421	5.0%	188	2.2%	309	--	253	--	8,948	100.0%
	Transfer	2,030	83.5%	401	16.5%	212	8.7%	34	1.4%	104	4.3%	51	2.1%	301	--	79	--	2,811	100.0%
	Total	9,459	87.4%	1,358	12.6%	504	4.7%	90	0.8%	525	4.9%	239	2.2%	610	--	332	--	11,759	100.0%
Fall 2007	New Freshmen	7,518	88.3%	999	11.7%	300	3.5%	39	0.5%	412	4.8%	248	2.9%	371	--	221	--	9,109	100.0%
	Transfer	1,964	84.6%	357	15.4%	176	7.6%	33	1.4%	99	4.3%	49	2.1%	277	--	57	--	2,655	100.0%
	Total	9,482	87.5%	1,356	12.5%	476	4.4%	72	0.7%	511	4.7%	297	2.7%	648	--	278	--	11,764	100.0%
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	New Freshmen	+786	+11.7%	+473	+89.9%	+160	+114.3%	+12	+44.4%	+172	+71.7%	+129	+108.4%	+283	+91	+1,633	+21.8%		
	Transfer	-158	-7.4%	+122	+51.9%	+78	+79.6%	+12	+57.1%	+14	+16.5%	+18	+58.1%	+146	+1	+111	+4.4%		
Total	+628	+7.1%	+595	+78.2%	+238	+100.0%	+24	+50.0%	+186	+57.2%	+147	+98.0%	+429	+92	+1,744	+17.4%			

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Chart 3

**Minnesota's Private Colleges
10-year Change in New Entering Student Enrollment (Fall 1997 - Fall 2007),
by Race/Ethnicity and Level**



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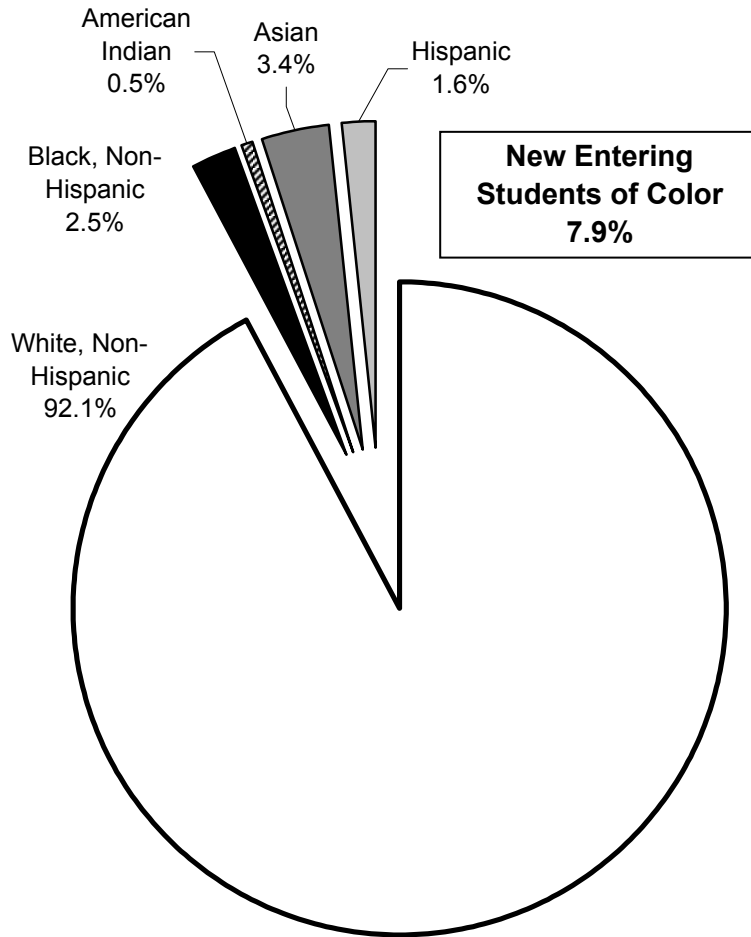
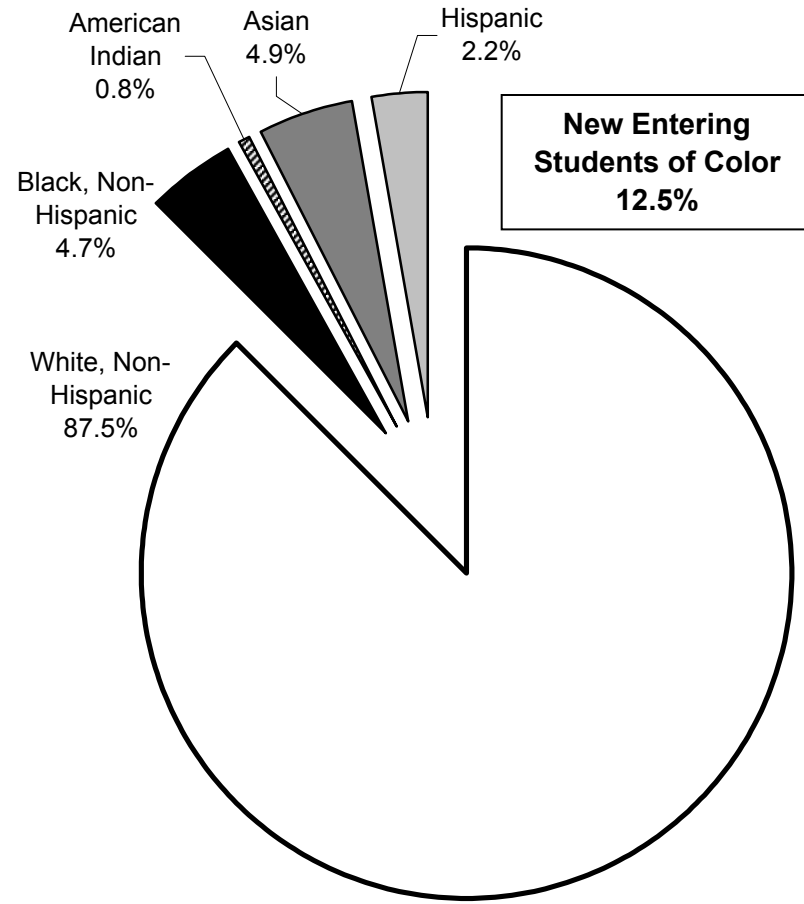


Figure 2
Minnesota's Private Colleges
New Entering Student Enrollment Fall 2007,
by Race/Ethnicity



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