

Bachelor's Degrees Report: Degrees Earned 2019-20 November 2021

The Minnesota Private College Council (MPCC) annually reports on bachelor's degrees earned by students attending a four-year college or university in Minnesota. This report looks at bachelor's degrees earned by sector and includes analysis by students of color, gender, and degrees in STEM fields. Graduates with a double major were only counted once, based on their first major.

Total Bachelor's Degrees Earned

- In Minnesota 32,026 individuals earned bachelor's degrees in 2019-20.
- The 17 MPCC member institutions awarded 9,283 bachelor's degrees. That's 29% of all degrees in the state, compared to 32% at Minnesota State universities and 34% at the University of Minnesota.
- MPCC member institutions awarded a higher share of bachelor's degrees in some key areas: 67% in legal professions and studies, 42% in physical sciences (chemistry, physics, geology and astronomy), 42% in foreign languages, 37% in mathematics and statistics, and 34% in health professions.

Bachelor's Degrees Earned by Students of Color and Native American Students

- Of 6,269 bachelor's degrees earned by students of color and Native American students (excluding international students), 29% were earned at MPCC member institutions compared to 36% at the University of Minnesota and 31% at Minnesota State universities.
- Students of color and Native American students accounted for 20% of bachelor's degrees earned at MPCC member institutions and comprised similar percentages at the University of Minnesota (21%) and Minnesota State universities (19%).

Bachelor's Degrees Earned by Women

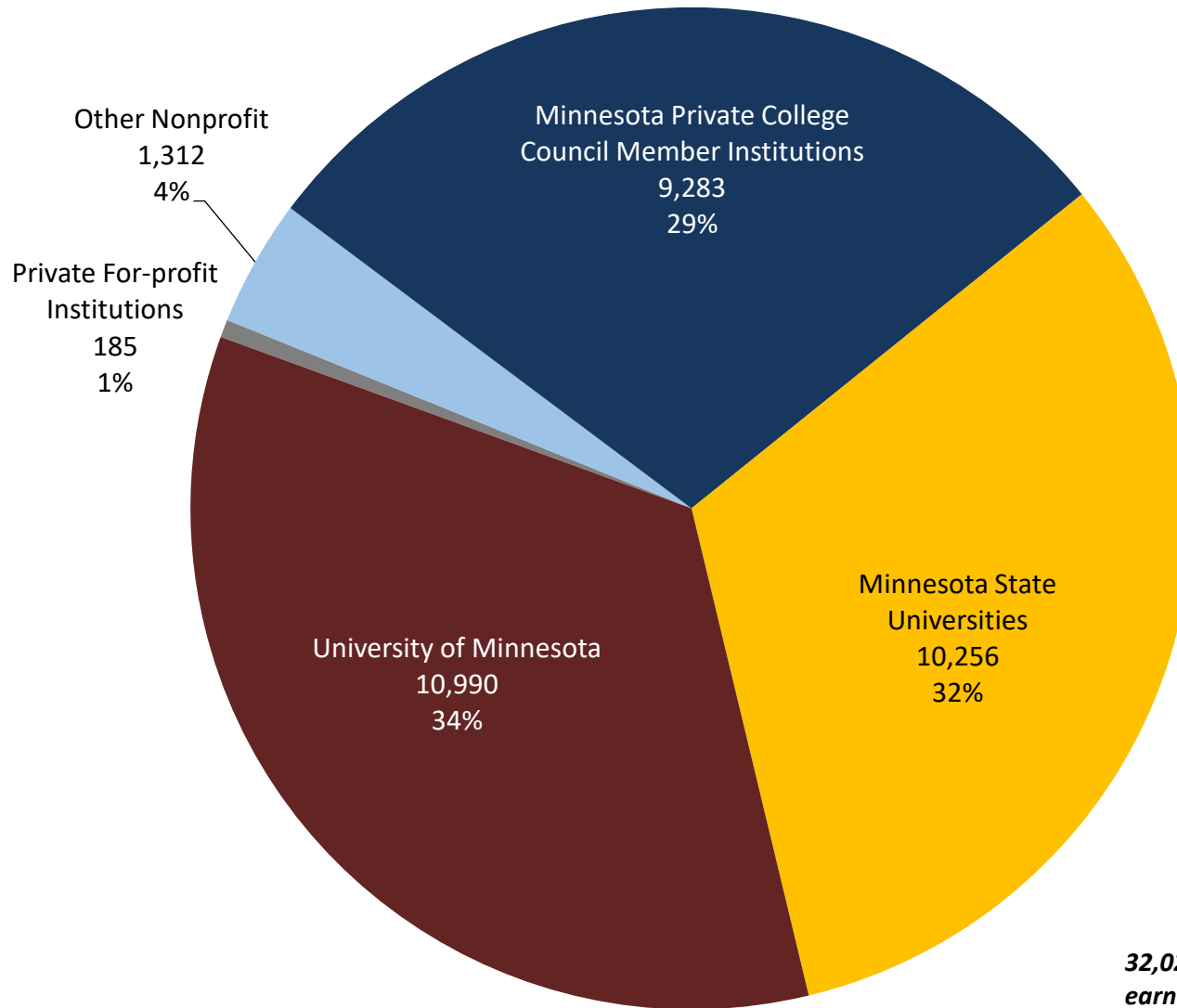
- Women accounted for 60% of the bachelor's degrees earned at MPCC member institutions compared to 53% at the University of Minnesota, 60% at Minnesota State universities, and 58% in Minnesota overall.
- Women were awarded a higher share of bachelor's degrees than men in some key areas: 86% in health professions, 76% in education, 72% in legal professions and studies, and 65% in biological and biomedical sciences.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Bachelor's Degrees*

- Of the 7,745 bachelor's degrees earned in STEM fields, 25% were earned at MPCC member institutions compared to 51% at the University of Minnesota and 22% at Minnesota State universities.
 - At MPCC member institutions, 20% of bachelor's degrees earned were in STEM fields, compared to 36% at the University of Minnesota and 17% at Minnesota State universities.
- Of the 1,556 bachelor's degrees earned in STEM fields by students of color and Native American students, 24% were earned at MPCC member institutions compared to 51% at the University of Minnesota and 24% at Minnesota State universities.
 - At MPCC member institutions, 21% of bachelor's degrees earned by students of color and Native American students were in STEM fields, compared to 35% at the University of Minnesota and 19% at Minnesota State universities.
- Women earned 50% of bachelor's degrees in STEM disciplines at MPCC member institutions compared to 40% at the University of Minnesota and 34% at Minnesota State universities.

*STEM fields include biological and biomedical sciences, computer and information sciences, engineering, engineering technologies and engineering-related fields, mathematics and statistics, natural resources and conservation, and physical sciences.

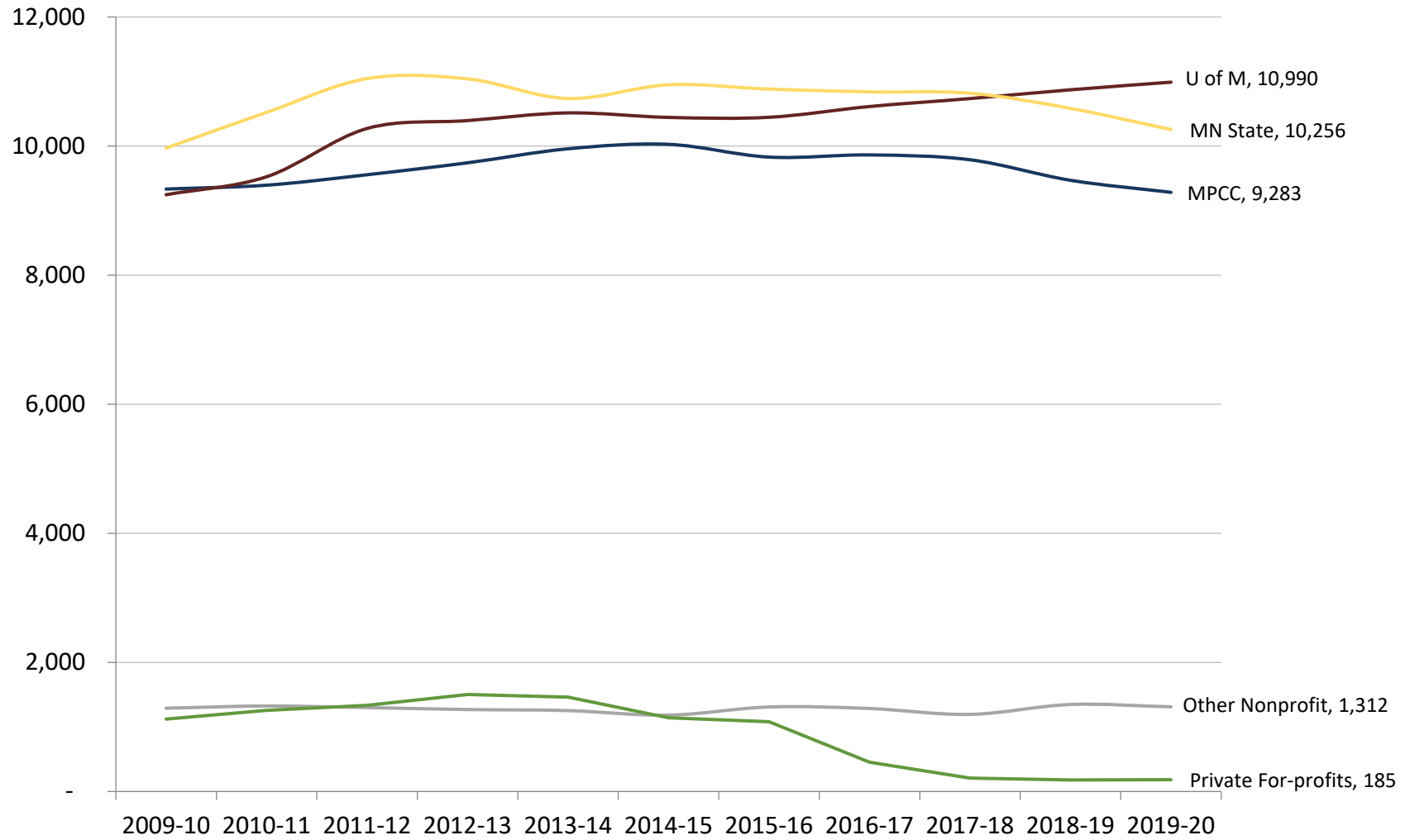
Bachelor's Degrees by Sector, 2019-20



32,026 bachelor's degrees were earned from Minnesota institutions in 2019-20

Source: Minnesota Private College Council analysis of NCES, IPEDS 2019-20
Note: Does not include degrees earned from online schools

Bachelor's Degrees Earned by Sector, 2009-10 to 2019-20

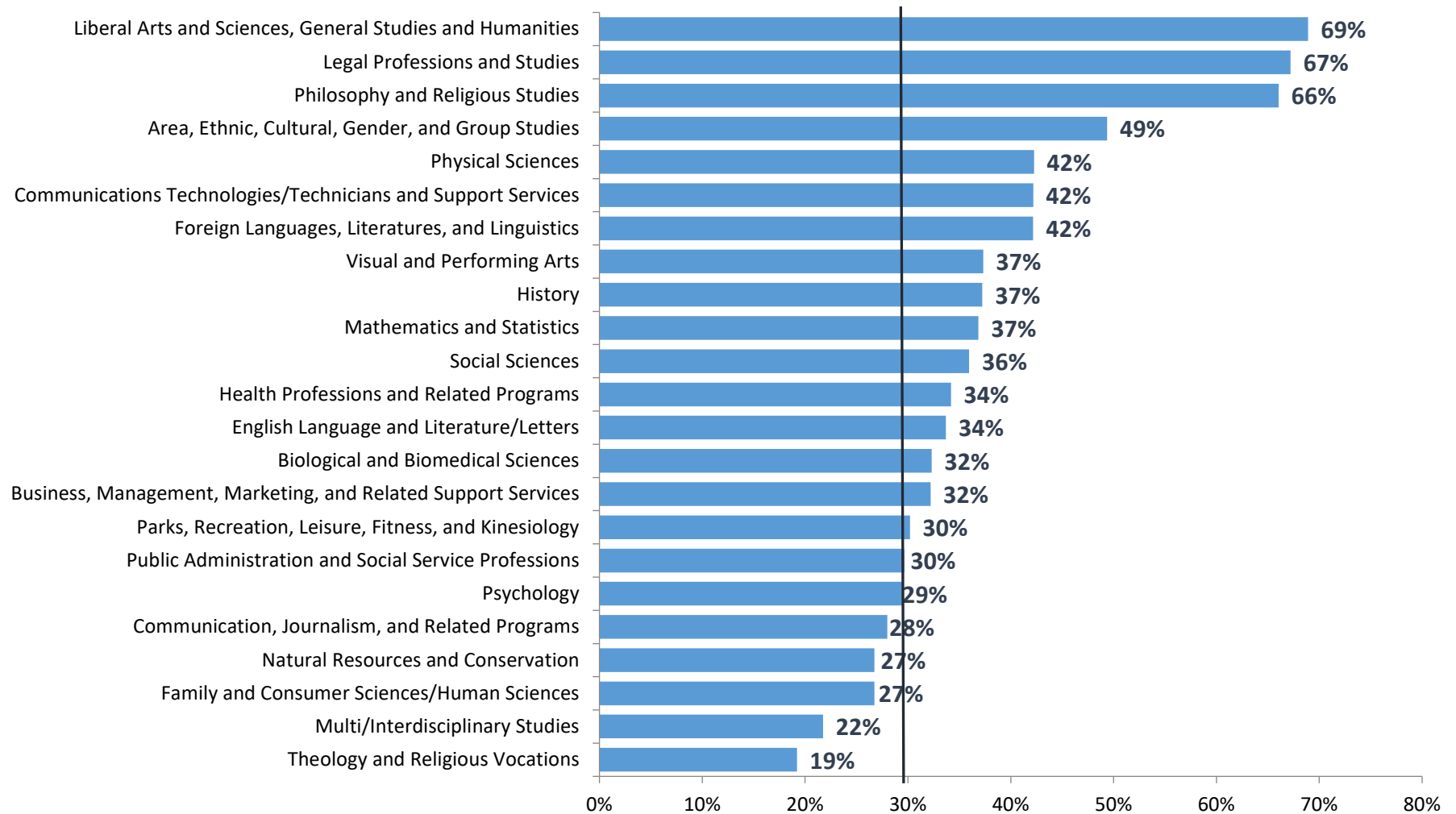


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MPCC Share of Bachelor's Degrees Earned in Minnesota for Select Majors, 2019-20

MPCC share of all bachelor's degrees earned: 29%



Source: Minnesota Private College Council analysis of NCES, IPEDS 2019-20

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Share of Bachelor's Degrees Awarded by MPCC Members by Major

Sorted by total awarded in Minnesota

Bachelor Degree Field	Minnesota	MPCC	MPCC
			Percent of Total
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services	5,630	1,813	32%
Health Professions and Related Programs	3,568	1,220	34%
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	2,572	831	32%
Social Sciences	2,242	806	36%
Education	2,230	408	18%
Psychology	1,959	577	29%
Engineering	1,649	144	9%
Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services	1,618	279	17%
Visual and Performing Arts	1,321	493	37%
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	1,197	335	28%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	993	216	22%
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, Fitness, and Kinesiology	871	263	30%
English Language and Literature/Letters	772	260	34%
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	705	209	30%
Physical Sciences	679	287	42%
Mathematics and Statistics	635	234	37%
Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting and Related Protective Services	527	44	8%
Natural Resources and Conservation	460	123	27%
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	396	167	42%
History	325	121	37%
Theology and Religious Vocations	281	54	19%
Agricultural/Animal/Plant/Veterinary Science and Related Fields	257	-	0%
Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	217	58	27%
Philosophy and Religious Studies	212	140	66%
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	158	78	49%
Engineering/Engineering-related Technologies/Technicians	132	1	1%
Architecture and Related Services	131	-	0%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities	74	51	69%
Communications Technologies/Technicians and Support Services	64	27	42%
Legal Professions and Studies	61	41	67%
Transportation and Materials Moving	57	-	0%
Culinary, Entertainment, and Personal Services	30	-	0%
Precision Production	3	3	100%
Total	32,026	9,283	29%

* Many MPCC members do not have an education major, but provide a route to education licensure with a different major. The 408 degrees listed above denote only those earning an education degree, but not all who are pursuing careers in teaching.

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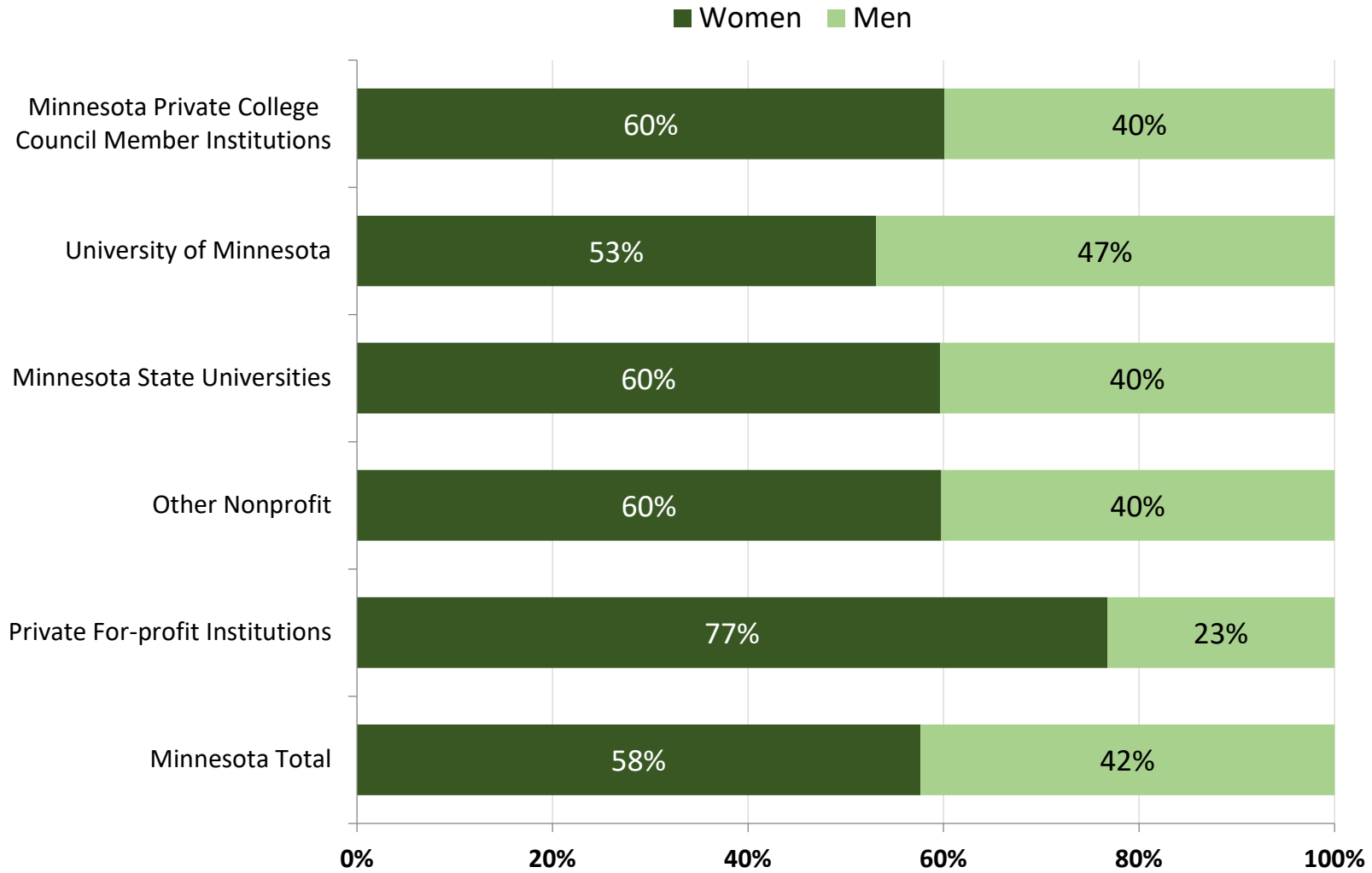
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Bachelor's Degrees by Institution by Discipline
(sorted by MPCC Total)

CIP Title	Augsburg University	Bethany Lutheran College	Bethel University	Carleton College	College of Saint Benedict	Concordia College	Concordia University, Saint Paul	Gustavus Adolphus College	Hamline University	Macalester College	Minneapolis College of Art & Design	Saint John's University	Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	St Catherine University	St Olaf College	The College of Saint Scholastica	University of St Thomas	MPCC Total
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services	121	18	157	-	73	96	248	58	86	-	7	121	111	63	-	86	568	1,813
Health Professions and Related Programs	61	3	154	-	52	28	135	32	-	-	-	8	78	245	22	349	53	1,220
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	36	18	42	60	67	52	26	48	34	64	-	38	24	23	98	70	131	831
Social Sciences	55	1	34	105	29	12	2	65	96	106	-	57	-	25	136	2	81	806
Psychology	51	6	30	39	41	19	57	47	50	29	-	15	8	47	44	54	40	577
Visual and Performing Arts	37	9	17	47	10	24	16	36	28	18	89	13	19	18	102	2	8	493
Education	45	11	58	-	31	48	37	32	-	-	-	11	22	14	23	35	41	408
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	35	13	56	-	31	29	16	35	15	8	4	16	1	11	-	6	59	335
Physical Sciences	7	1	17	57	7	16	5	24	12	42	-	14	1	12	47	4	21	287
Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services	21	2	13	58	4	7	26	9	-	30	-	19	21	-	14	20	35	279
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, Fitness, and Kinesiology	32	-	19	-	-	9	98	41	12	-	-	-	-	23	29	-	-	263
English Language and Literature/Letters	15	5	8	27	17	13	9	25	37	20	-	5	5	15	28	7	24	260
Mathematics and Statistics	15	-	6	50	2	17	9	9	11	35	-	5	-	7	47	4	17	234
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	6	-	18	6	31	15	-	1	28	34	-	21	24	7	4	6	15	216
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	25	-	18	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	49	13	71	15	209
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	1	-	6	13	9	11	-	18	6	27	-	1	1	16	41	3	14	167
Engineering	-	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	131	144
Philosophy and Religious Studies	4	-	-	15	3	5	-	10	11	16	-	2	9	6	17	1	41	140
Natural Resources and Conservation	6	-	3	13	12	2	-	24	8	12	-	11	-	1	16	-	15	123
History	8	2	4	24	1	5	2	10	8	12	-	9	3	4	17	2	10	121
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	2	1	-	20	3	-	-	15	2	6	-	2	-	-	27	-	-	78
Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	58
Theology and Religious Vocations	2	-	30	-	4	-	10	-	-	-	-	3	4	1	-	-	-	54
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities	10	-	-	-	1	1	12	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	8	5	13	51
Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting and Related Protective Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	21	1	-	-	-	44
Legal Professions and Studies	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41
Communications Technologies/Technicians and Support Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
Precision Production	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Engineering/Engineering-related Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Total	595	98	697	534	428	422	785	539	483	459	130	372	358	588	733	727	1,335	9,283

Source: Minnesota Private College Council analysis of NCES, IPEDS 2019-20

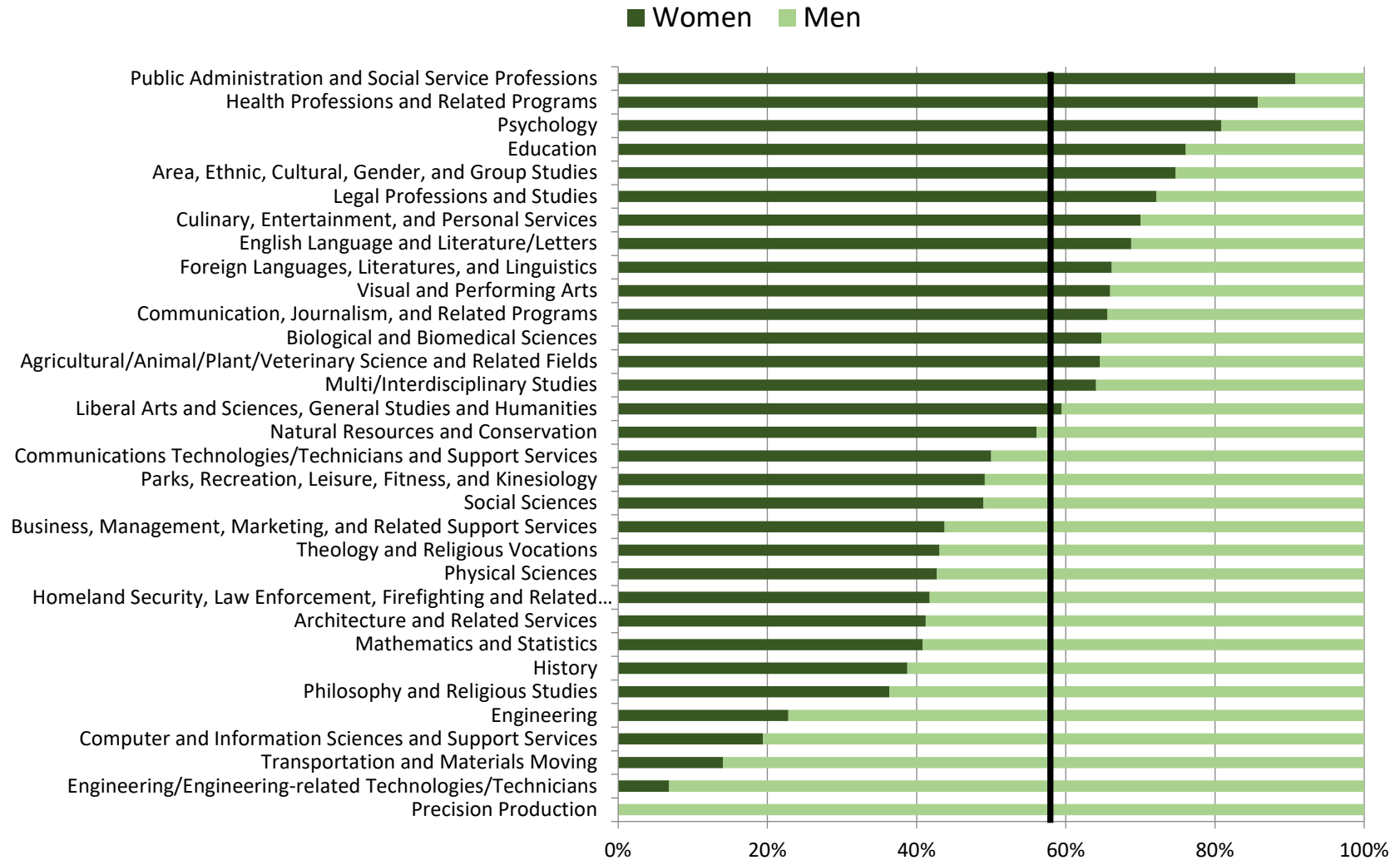
Share of Minnesota Bachelor's Degrees by Gender, 2019-20



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Share of Minnesota Bachelor's Degrees Earned by Discipline by Gender

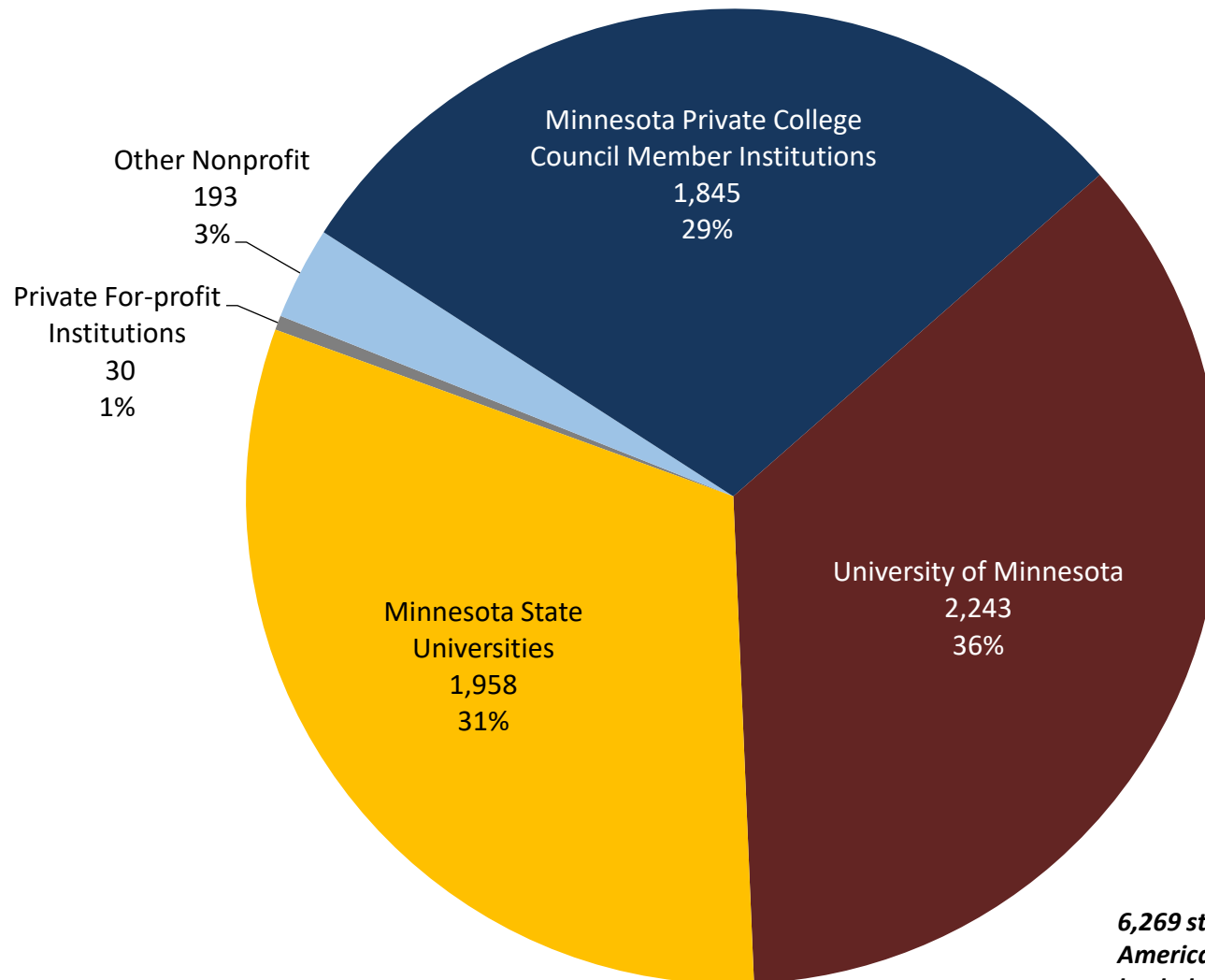
Women earned 58% of Bachelor's Degrees Awarded in Minnesota in 2019-20



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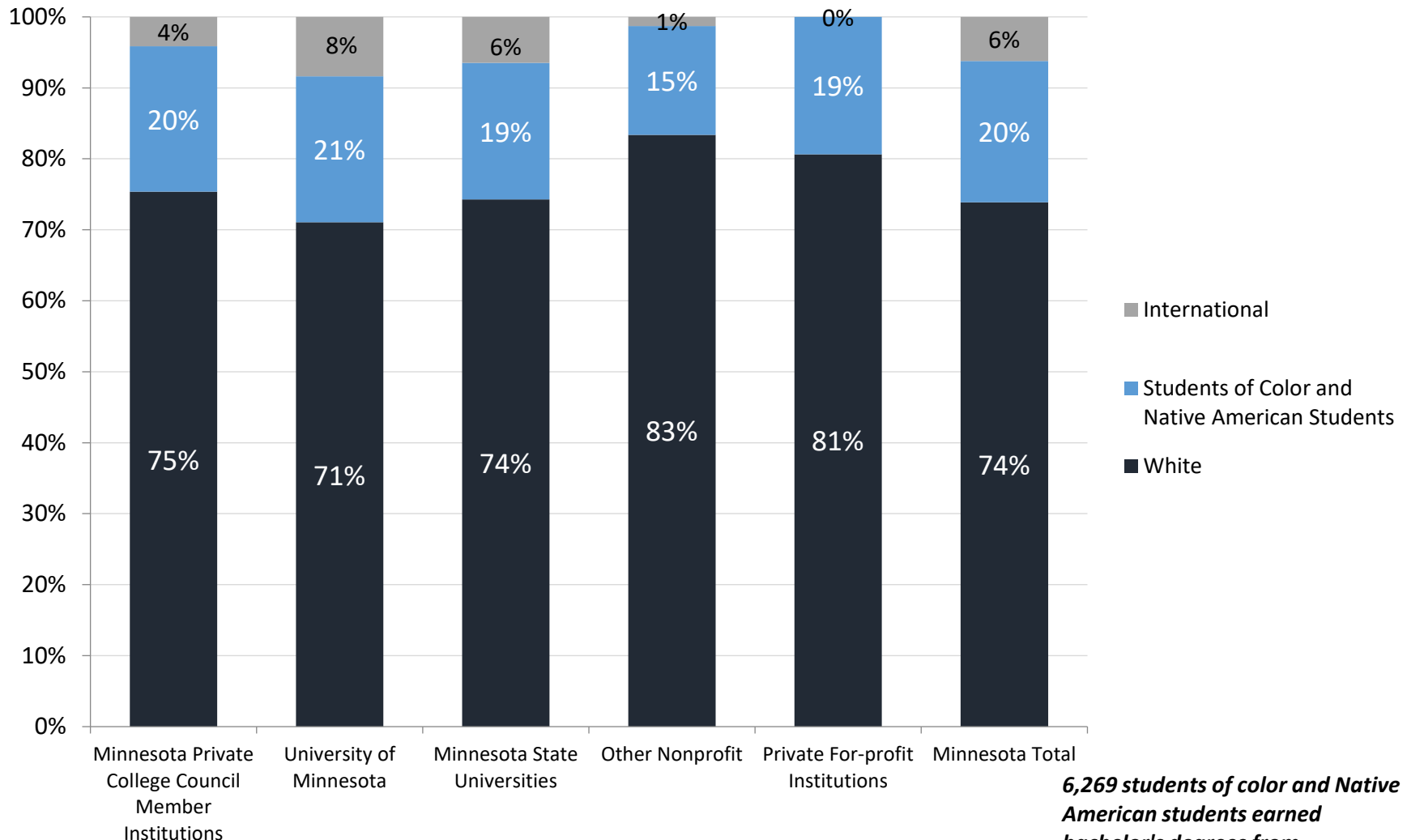
Where Students of Color and Native American Students Earned Bachelor's Degrees in Minnesota, 2019-20



6,269 students of color and Native American students earned bachelor's degrees from Minnesota institutions in 2019-20

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Share of Bachelor's Degrees Earned by Students of Color and Native American Students, White Students, and International Students by Sector, 2019-20

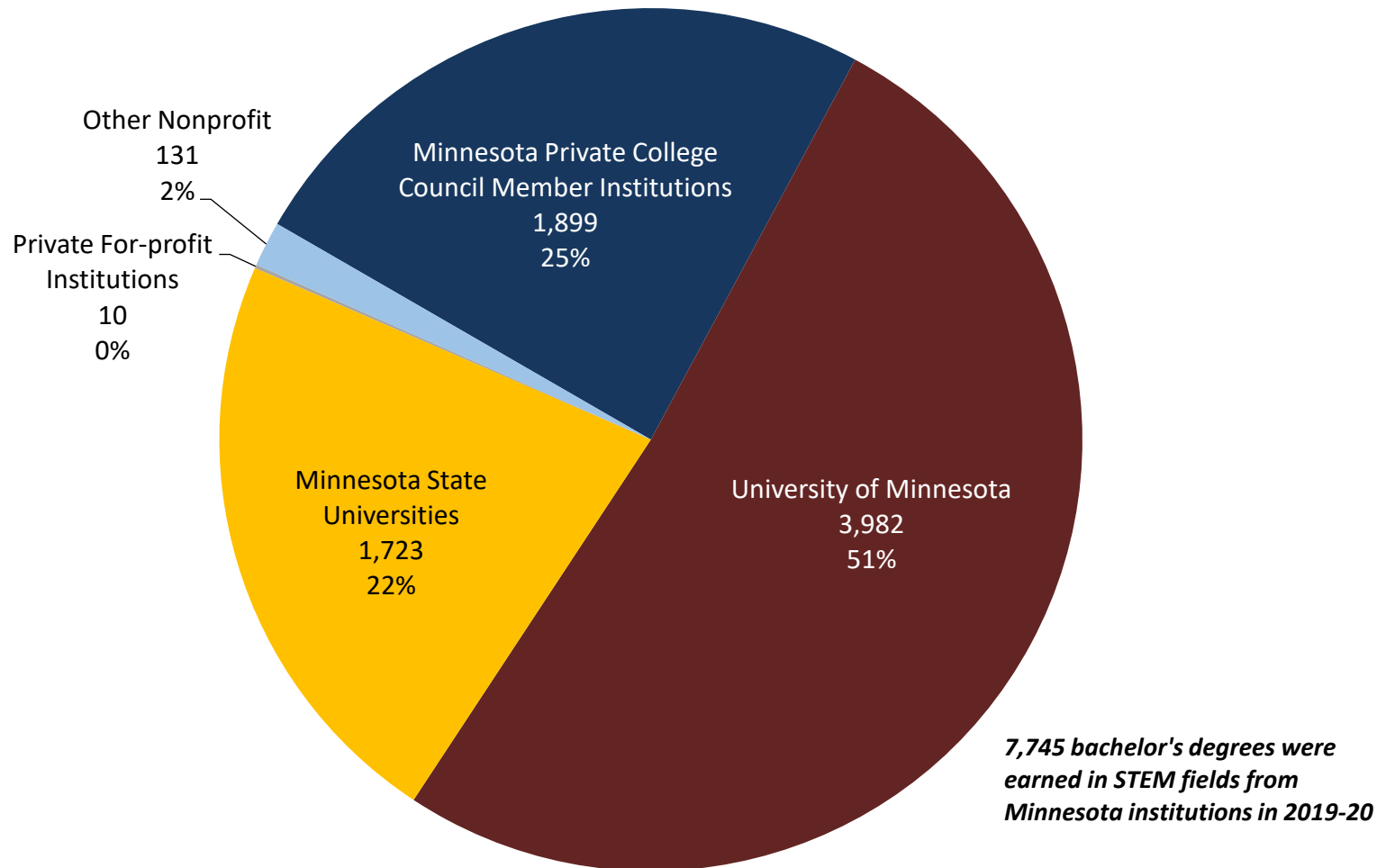


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Bachelor's Degrees Earned in STEM by Sector, 2019-20

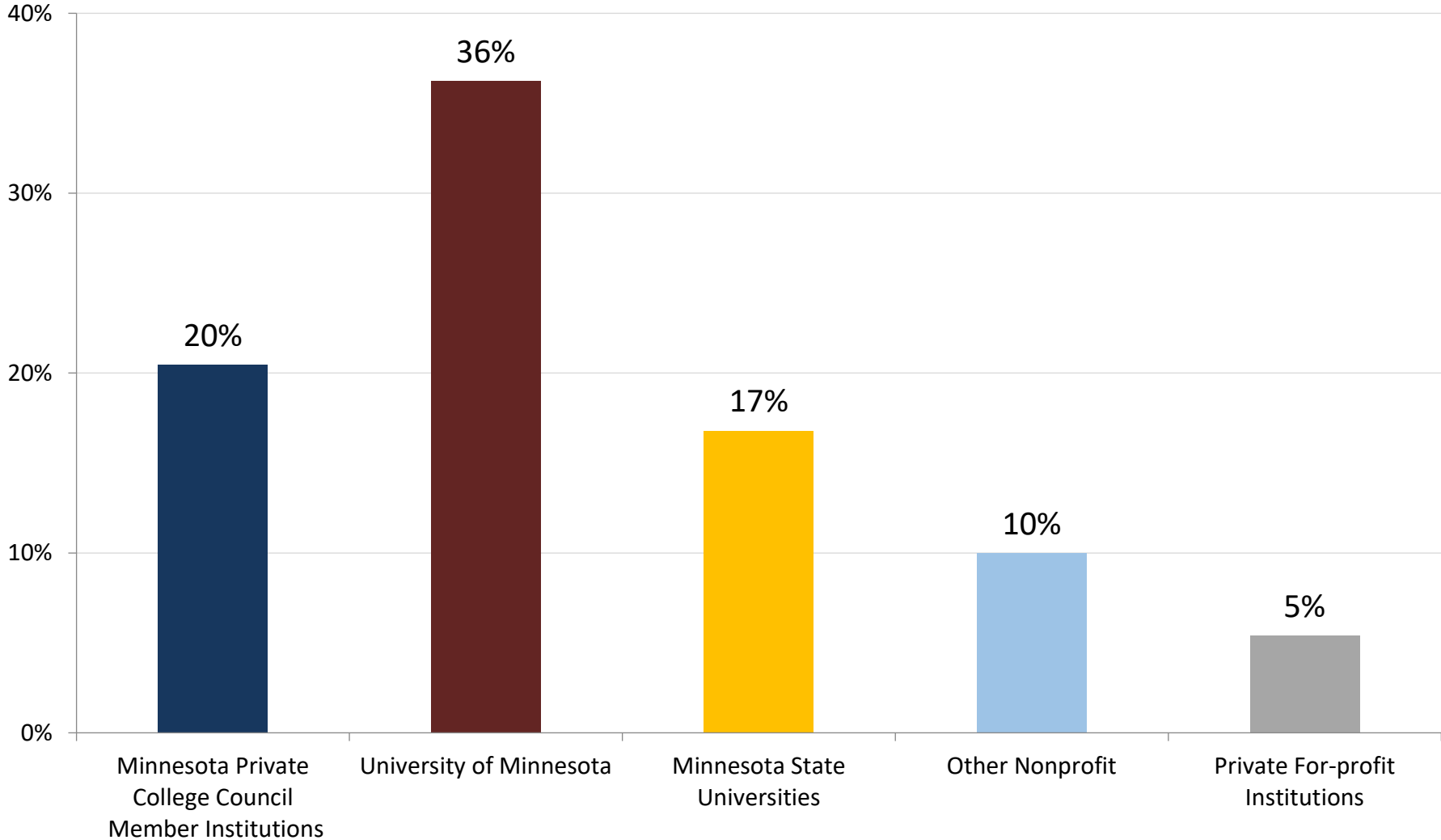


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Degrees in STEM Fields as a Share of All Bachelor's Degrees Earned, 2019-20

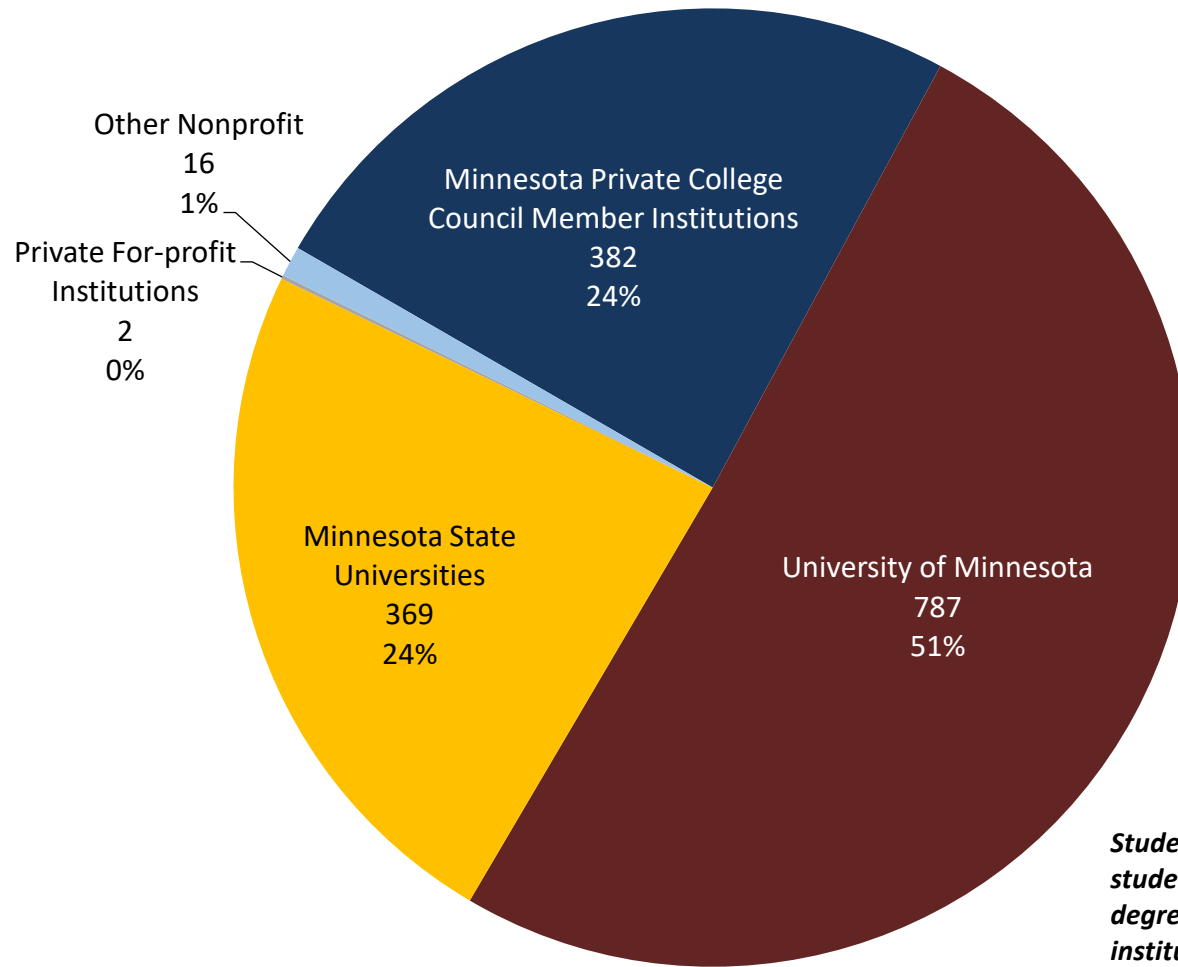


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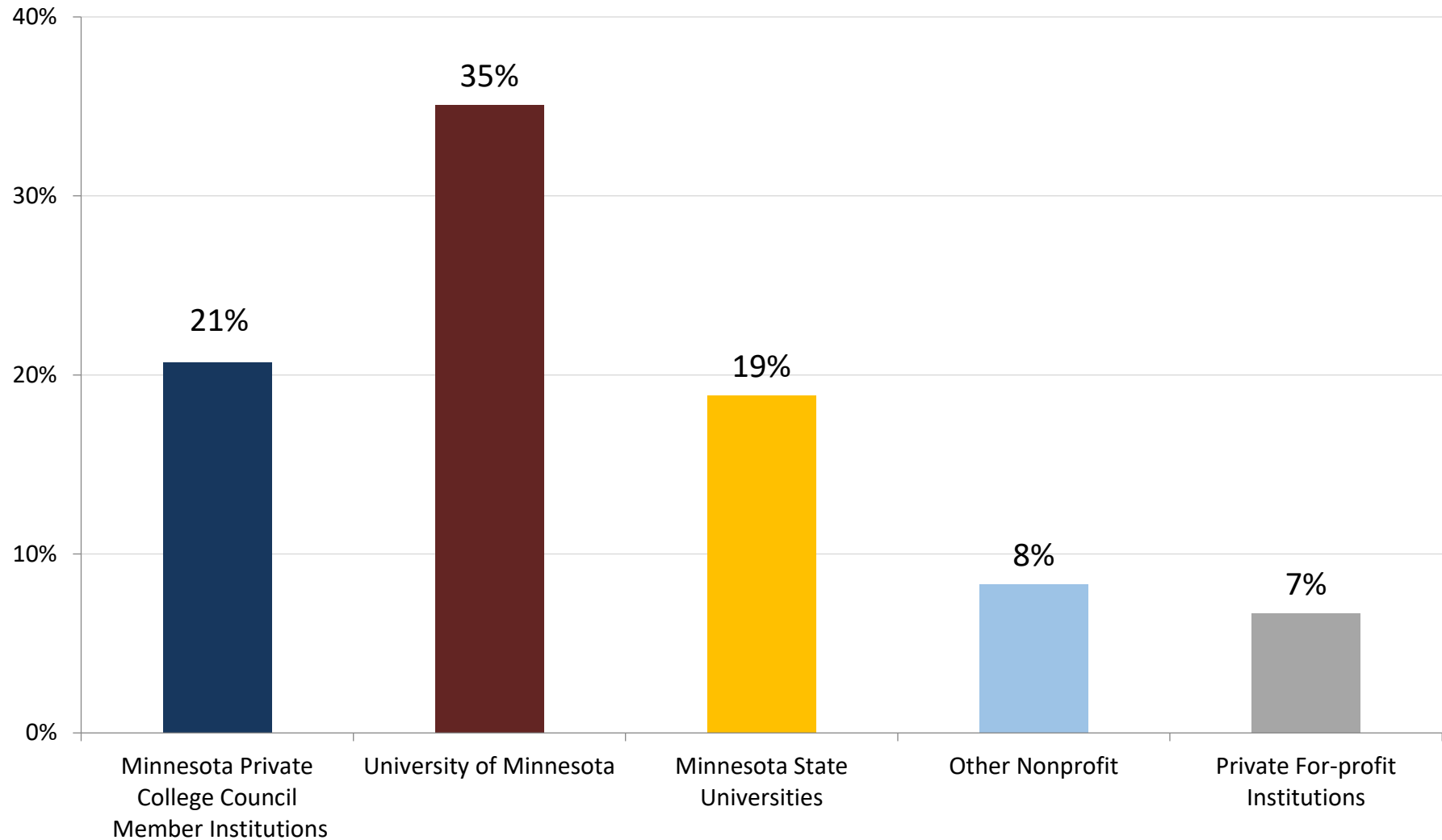


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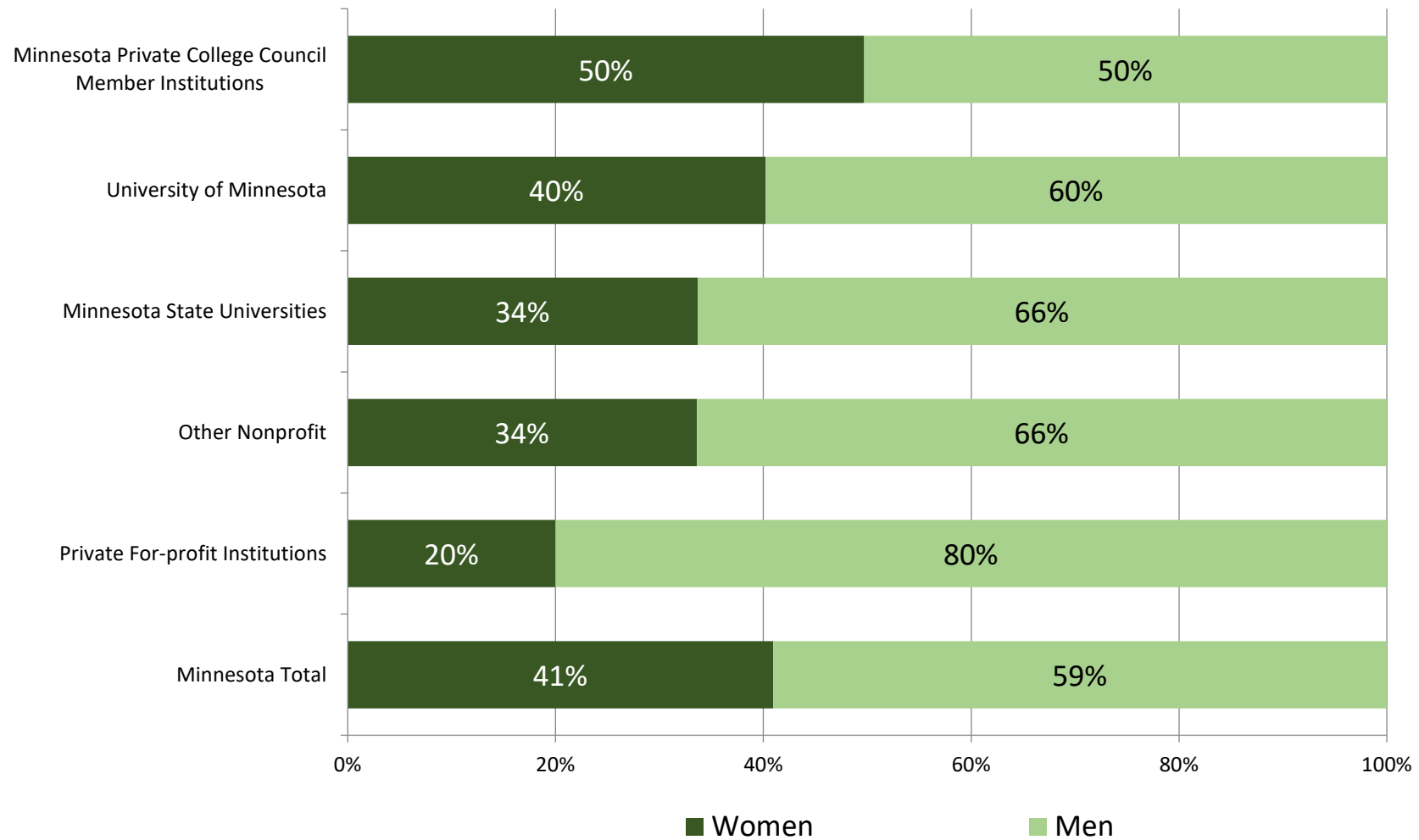


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Share of Minnesota Bachelor's Degrees Earned in STEM Fields by Gender, 2019-20



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