

## Bachelor's Degrees Report: Degrees Earned 2020-21 February 2023

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.<sup>1</sup> Graduates with a double major were only counted once, based on their first major.

### *Total Bachelor's Degrees Earned*

- In Minnesota, 32,382 individuals earned bachelor's degrees in 2020-21.
- The 18 MPCC member institutions awarded 9,927 bachelor's degrees. That's 31% of all degrees in the state, compared to 31% at Minnesota State universities and 35% at the University of Minnesota.
- MPCC member institutions awarded a higher share of bachelor's degrees in some key areas: 54% in legal professions and studies, 45% in foreign languages, 41% in health professions, 40% in physical sciences (chemistry, physics, geology and astronomy), and 32% in mathematics and statistics.

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

- Of 7,088 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 32% at Minnesota State universities.
- Students of color and Native American students accounted for 22% of bachelor's degrees earned at MPCC member institutions and comprised similar percentages at the University of Minnesota (23%) and Minnesota State universities (22%).

### *Bachelor's Degrees Earned by Women*

- Women accounted for 63% of the bachelor's degrees earned at MPCC member institutions compared to 53% at the University of Minnesota, 60% at Minnesota State universities, and 59% in Minnesota overall.
- Women were awarded a higher share of bachelor's degrees than men in some key areas: 86% in health professions, 75% in education, 67% in legal professions and studies, and 65% in biological and biomedical sciences.

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<sup>1</sup> Accompanying this report is the [Degrees Earned Trends Dashboard](#). The dashboard provides trends for the degrees earned since the class of 2011 and allows for data to be subset by sector, field of study, gender, students of color, etc.

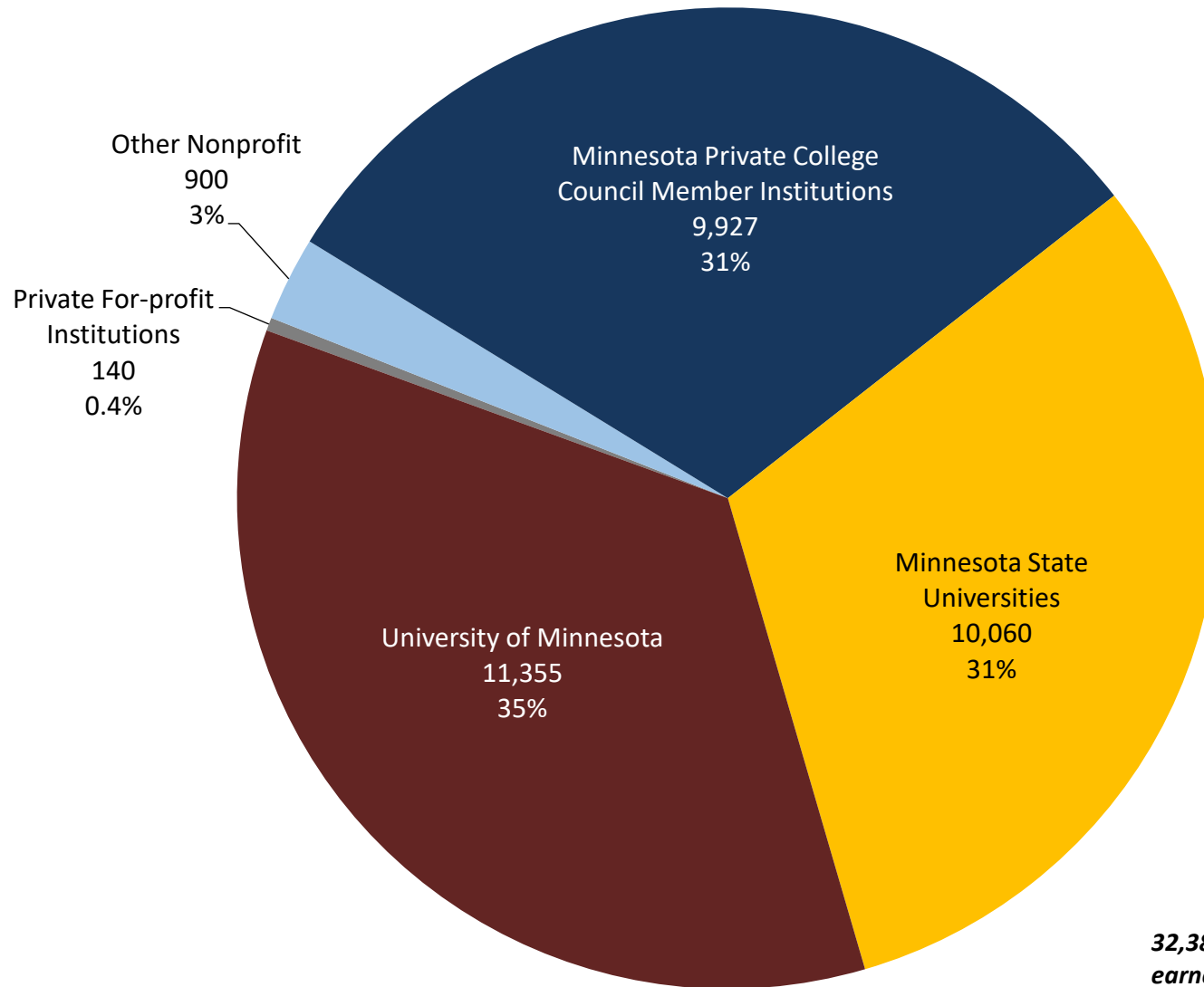
*Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Bachelor's Degrees<sup>2</sup>*

- Of the 7,889 bachelor's degrees earned in STEM fields, 25% were earned at MPCC member institutions compared to 52% at the University of Minnesota and 22% at Minnesota State universities.
  - STEM degrees represented 20% of all bachelor's degrees earned at MPCC member institutions compared to 36% at the University of Minnesota and 17% at Minnesota State universities.
- Of the 1,738 bachelor's degrees earned in STEM fields by students of color and Native American students, 23% were earned at MPCC member institutions compared to 54% at the University of Minnesota and 23% at Minnesota State universities.
  - Students of color earned 20% of bachelor's degrees in STEM disciplines at MPCC member institutions compared to 23% at the University of Minnesota and 23% at Minnesota State universities.
- Of the 3,283 bachelor's degrees earned in STEM fields by women, 31% were earned at MPCC member institution compared to 50% at the University of Minnesota, and 17% at Minnesota State universities.
  - Women earned 51% of bachelor's degrees in STEM disciplines at MPCC member institutions compared to 39% at the University of Minnesota and 33% at Minnesota State universities.

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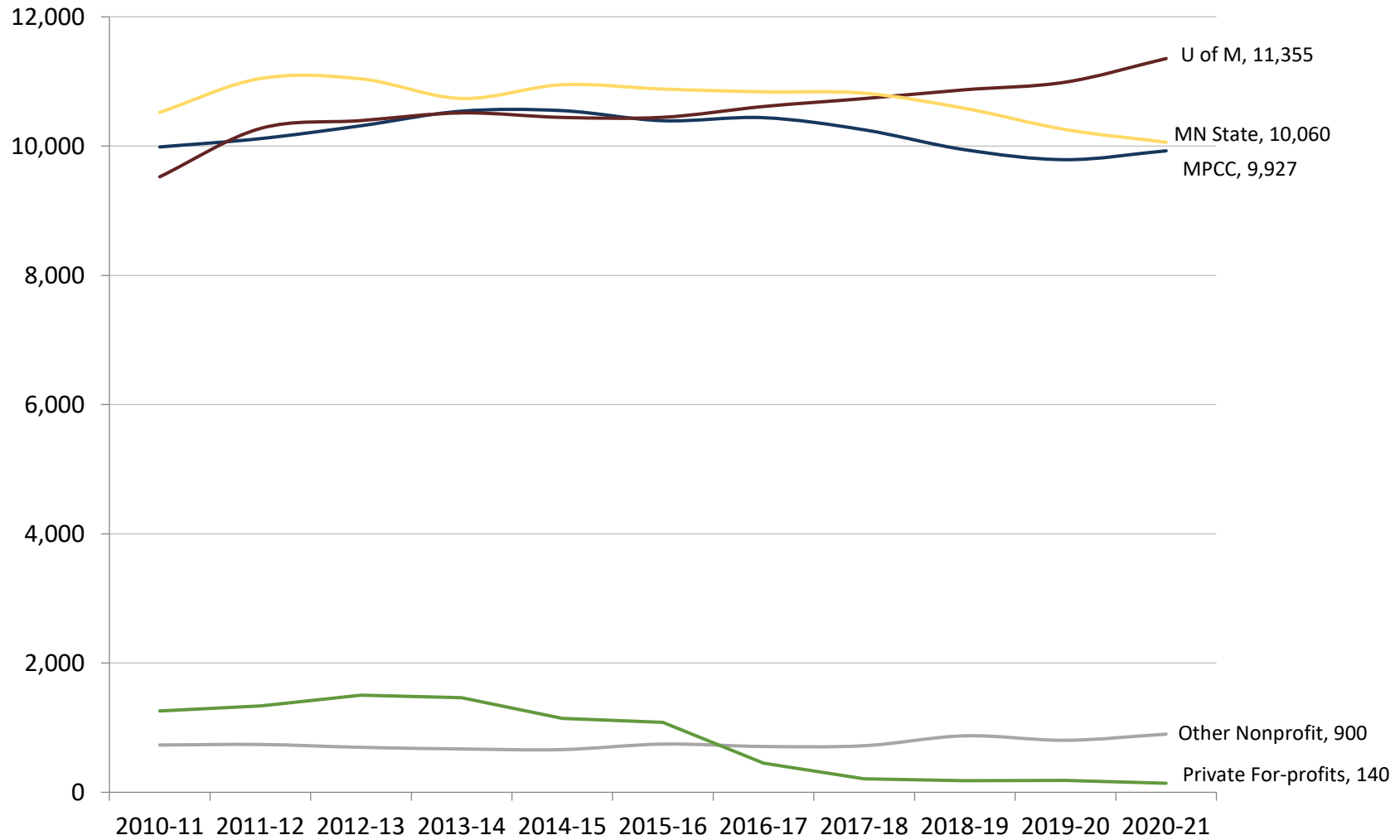
## Bachelor's Degrees by Sector, 2020-21



***32,382 bachelor's degrees were earned from Minnesota institutions in 2020-21***

Source: Minnesota Private College Council analysis of NCES, IPEDS 2020-21  
Note: Does not include degrees earned from online schools

## Bachelor's Degrees Earned by Sector, 2010-11 to 2020-21

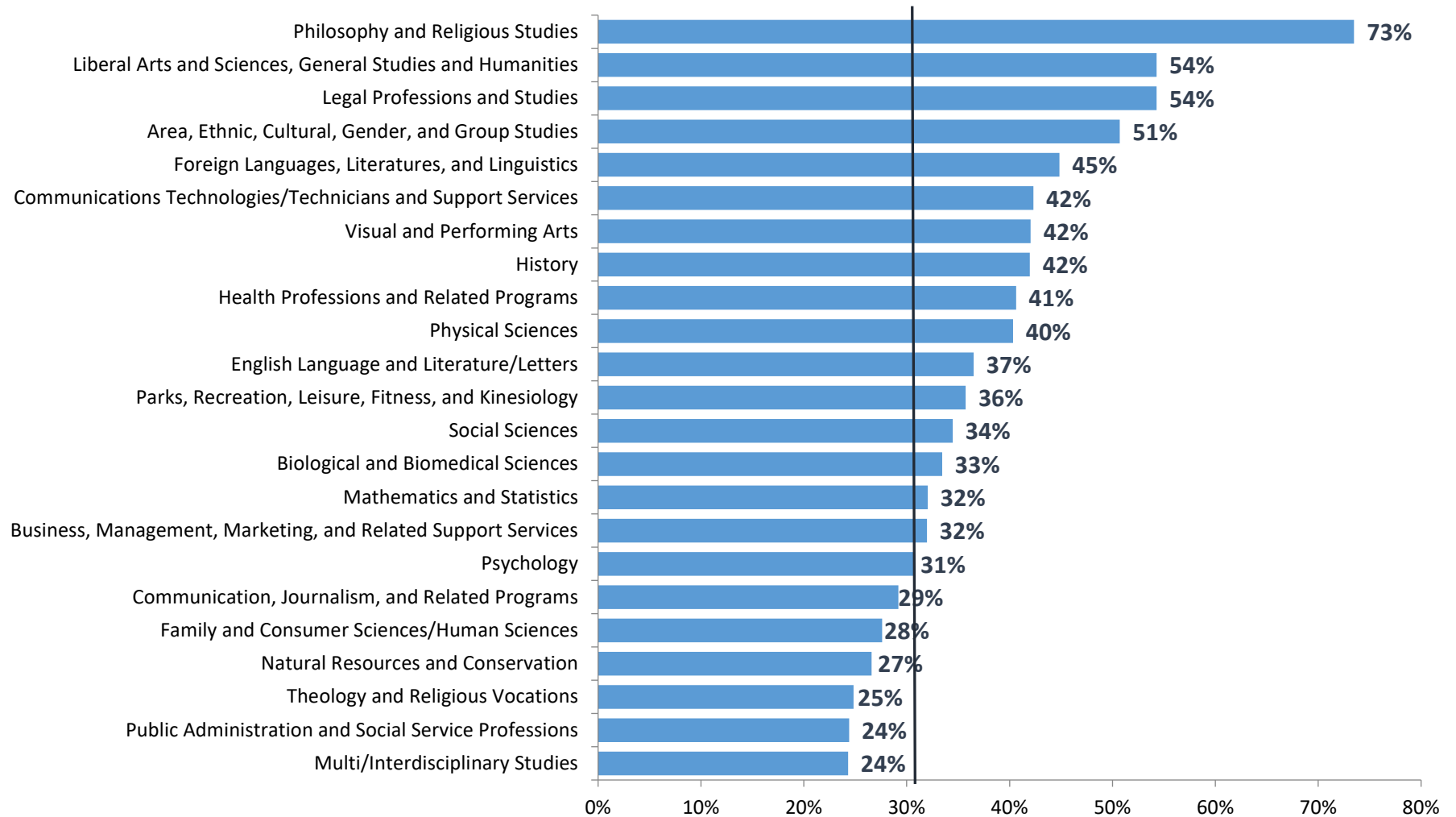


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## MPCC Share of Bachelor's Degrees Earned in Minnesota for Select Majors, 2020-21

*MPCC share of all bachelor's degrees earned: 31%*



Source: Minnesota Private College Council analysis of NCES, IPEDS 2020-21

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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	5,429	1,735	32%
Health Professions and Related Programs	4,024	1,635	41%
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	2,577	862	33%
Education	2,201	485	22%
Social Sciences	2,170	748	34%
Psychology	2,115	650	31%
Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services	1,780	328	18%
Engineering	1,611	167	10%
Visual and Performing Arts	1,182	497	42%
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	1,161	339	29%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	996	242	24%
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, Fitness, and Kinesiology	918	328	36%
English Language and Literature/Letters	797	291	37%
Physical Sciences	672	271	40%
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	660	161	24%
Mathematics and Statistics	646	207	32%
Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting and Related Protective Services	505	56	11%
Natural Resources and Conservation	489	130	27%
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	388	174	45%
History	324	136	42%
Theology and Religious Vocations	298	74	25%
Agricultural/Animal/Plant/Veterinary Science and Related Fields	294	-	0%
Philosophy and Religious Studies	215	158	73%
Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	210	58	28%
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	140	71	51%
Architecture and Related Services	132	-	0%
Engineering/Engineering-related Technologies/Technicians	114	-	0%
Communications Technologies/Technicians and Support Services	104	44	42%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities	70	38	54%
Legal Professions and Studies	70	38	54%
Transportation and Materials Moving	65	-	0%
Culinary, Entertainment, and Personal Services	21	-	0%
Precision Production	4	4	100%
Total	32,382	9,927	31%

\* Many MPCC members do not have an education major, but provide a route to education licensure with a different major. The 485 degrees listed above denote only those earning an education degree, but not all who are pursuing careers in teaching.

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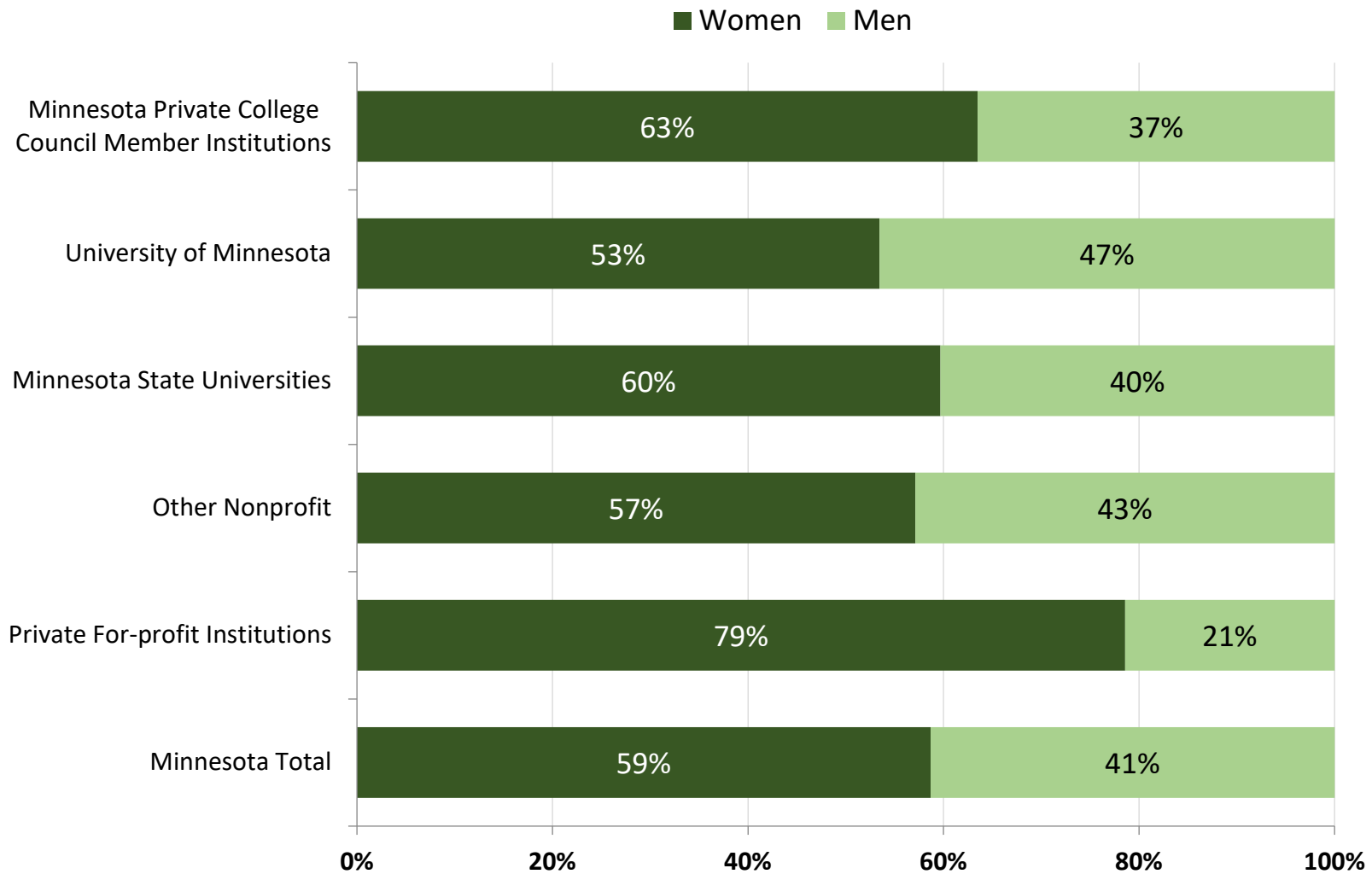
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Bachelor's Degrees by Institution by Discipline  
(sorted by MPCC Total)

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 Northwestern-St. Paul	University of St Thomas	MPCC Total
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services	103	19	134	-	54	79	259	43	71	-	7	116	96	51	-	71	90	542	1,735
Health Professions and Related Programs	72	3	124	-	46	31	469	30	-	-	-	6	65	271	24	389	87	18	1,635
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	35	12	42	52	67	49	16	46	46	73	-	48	27	21	83	80	26	139	862
Social Sciences	38	1	40	81	23	13	1	65	74	113	-	46	2	22	119	-	5	105	748
Psychology	52	6	35	31	54	21	73	46	39	32	-	23	16	24	57	50	31	60	650
Visual and Performing Arts	44	12	27	25	17	25	19	19	20	12	97	11	21	10	83	3	37	15	497
Education	47	9	82	-	42	49	36	23	-	-	-	6	23	14	20	43	57	34	485
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	21	17	52	-	29	20	12	24	10	8	4	25	15	14	-	6	32	50	339
Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services	21	2	14	47	4	9	41	4	-	34	-	33	15	-	14	12	17	61	328
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, Fitness, and Kinesiology	22	-	24	-	-	13	119	29	14	-	-	-	2	34	20	-	12	39	328
English Language and Literature/Letters	11	7	9	26	21	15	7	17	40	23	-	6	7	18	33	8	21	22	291
Physical Sciences	3	2	23	59	12	13	2	18	17	25	-	11	4	9	41	6	-	26	271
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	8	-	15	5	42	15	-	6	36	28	-	10	21	20	3	7	11	15	242
Mathematics and Statistics	7	4	3	48	5	16	6	12	7	26	-	6	2	1	34	5	4	21	207
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	-	-	1	19	10	7	-	18	6	26	-	7	1	15	42	2	8	12	174
Engineering	-	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	14	135	167
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	23	-	14	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	33	11	54	-	14	161
Philosophy and Religious Studies	2	-	3	10	1	6	-	5	11	15	-	1	24	1	25	1	2	51	158
History	7	3	5	26	2	2	2	12	7	10	-	6	5	1	19	6	9	14	136
Natural Resources and Conservation	2	-	5	13	15	11	-	17	5	17	-	8	-	3	18	-	-	16	130
Theology and Religious Vocations	2	-	21	-	7	-	13	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	26	1	74
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	3	-	-	16	5	-	-	15	1	5	-	3	-	1	22	-	-	-	71
Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	-	-	-	-	-	-	53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting and Related Protective Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	23	2	-	-	9	-	56
Communications Technologies/Technicians and Support Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	44
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities	11	1	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	3	-	6	38
Legal Professions and Studies	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
Precision Production	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>1,401</b>	<b>9,927</b>

Source: Minnesota Private College Council analysis of NCES, IPEDS 2020-21

## Share of Minnesota Bachelor's Degrees by Gender, 2020-21



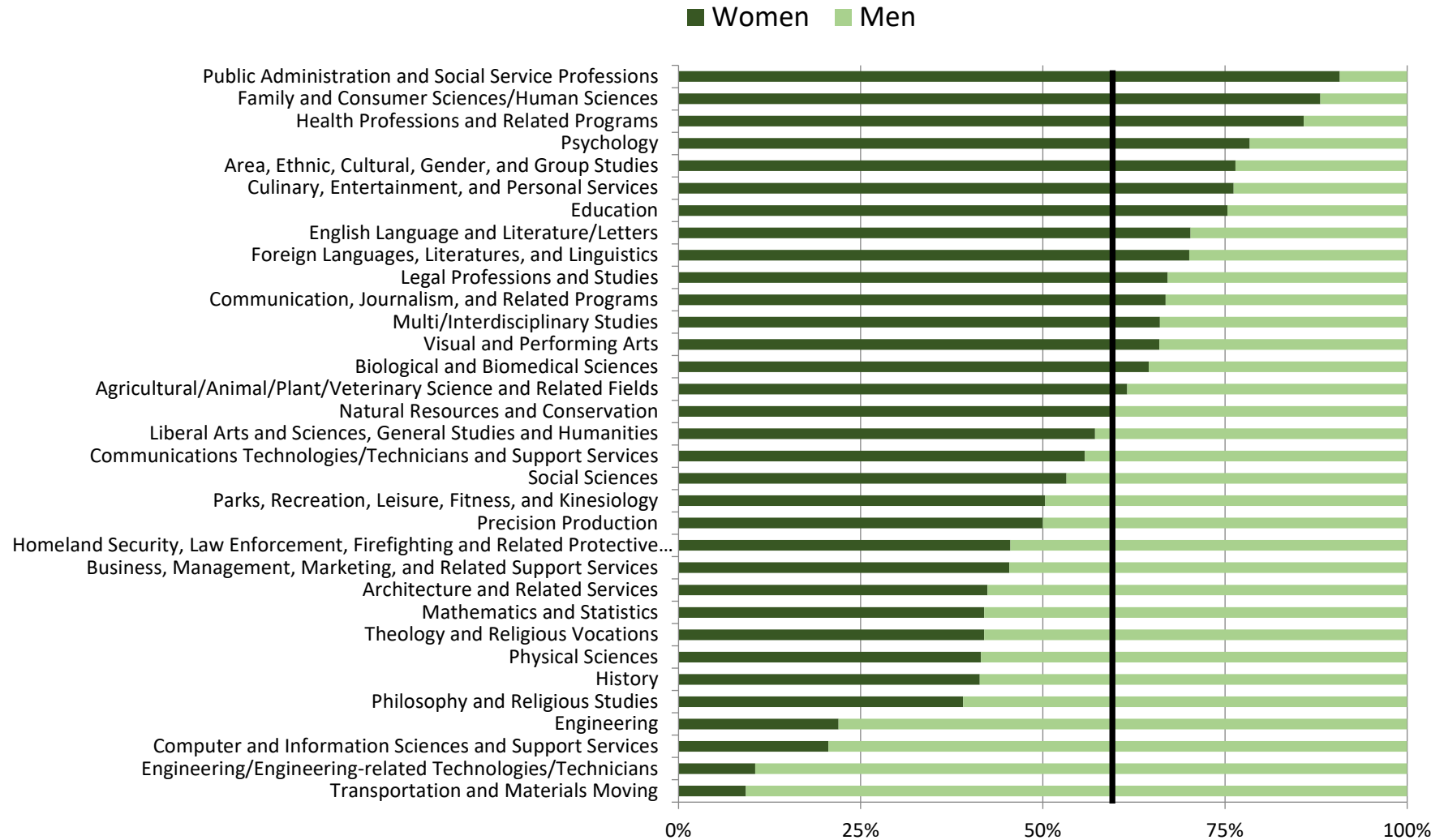
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# Share of Minnesota Bachelor's Degrees Earned by Discipline by Gender

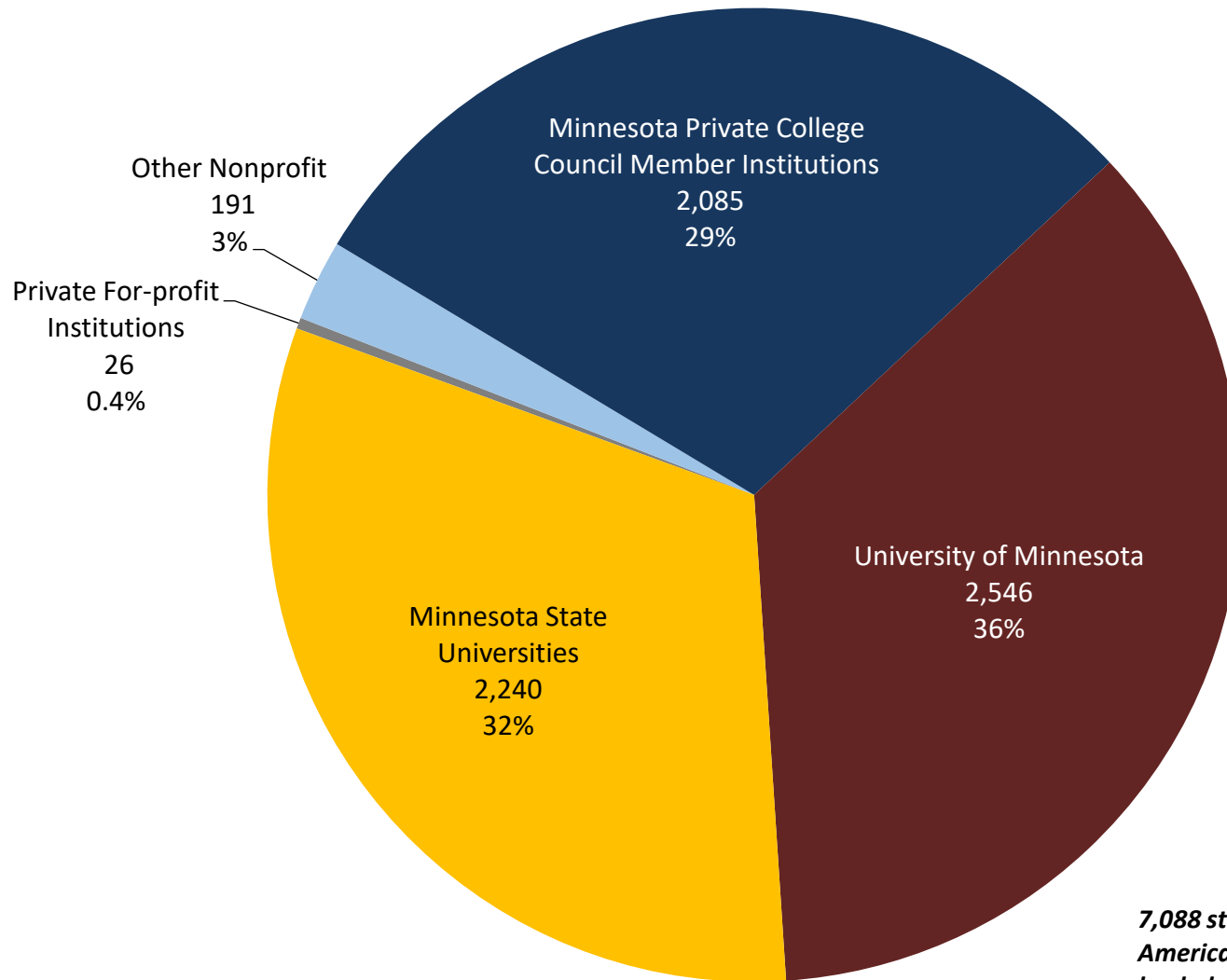
Women earned 59% of Bachelor's Degrees Awarded in Minnesota in 2020-21



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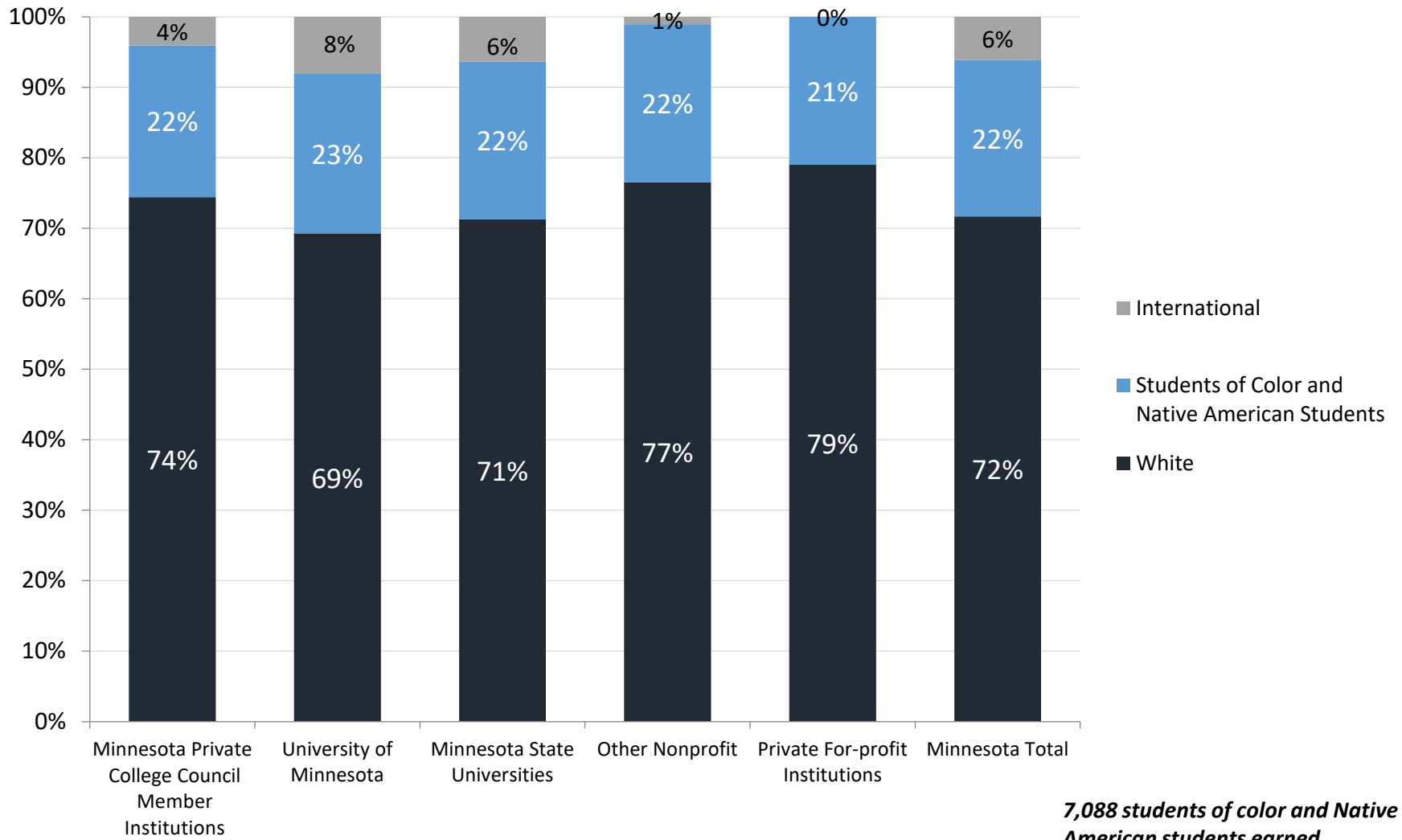
# Where Students of Color and Native American Students Earned Bachelor's Degrees in Minnesota, 2020-21



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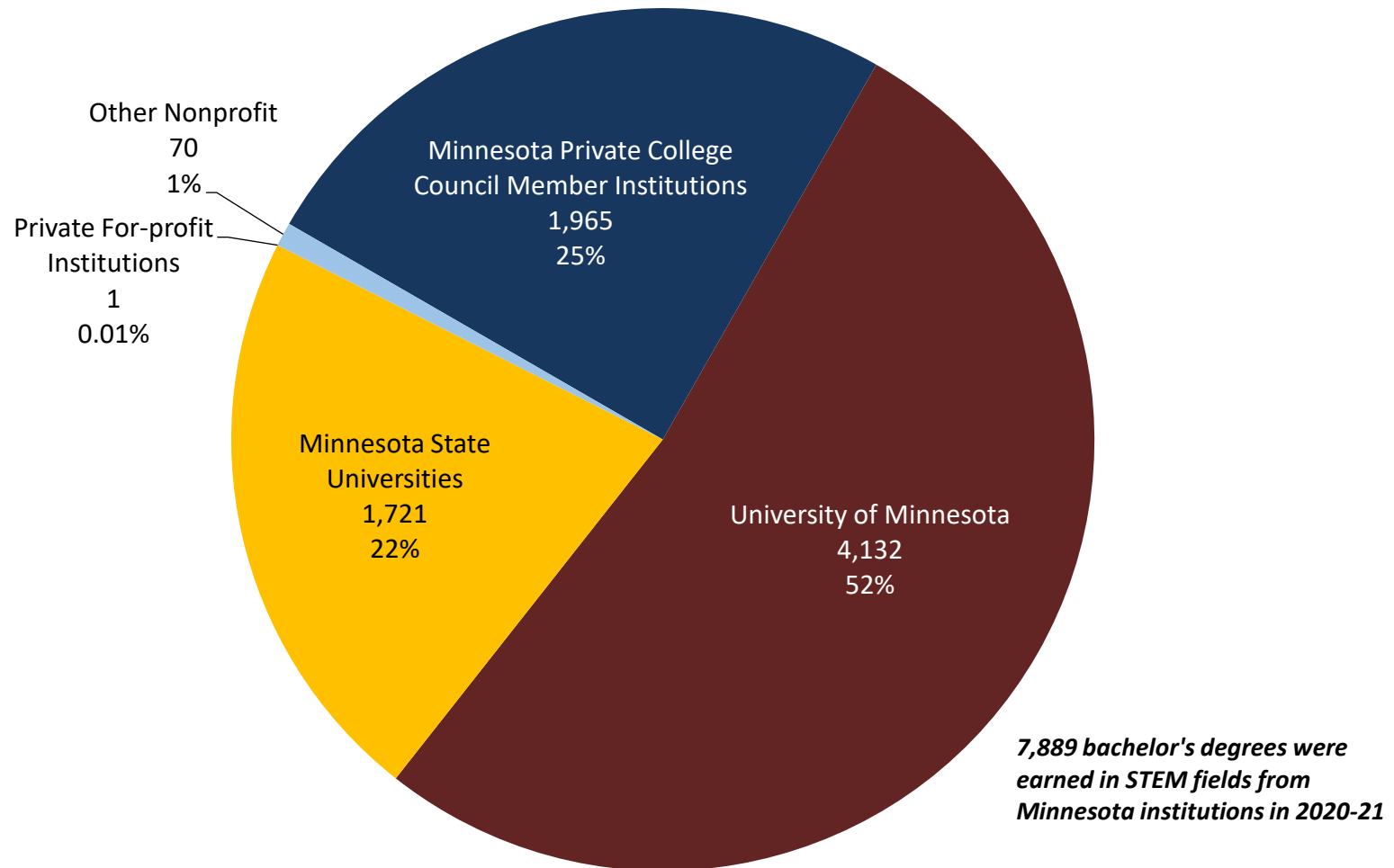
## Share of Bachelor's Degrees Earned by Students of Color and Native American Students, White Students, and International Students by Sector, 2020-21



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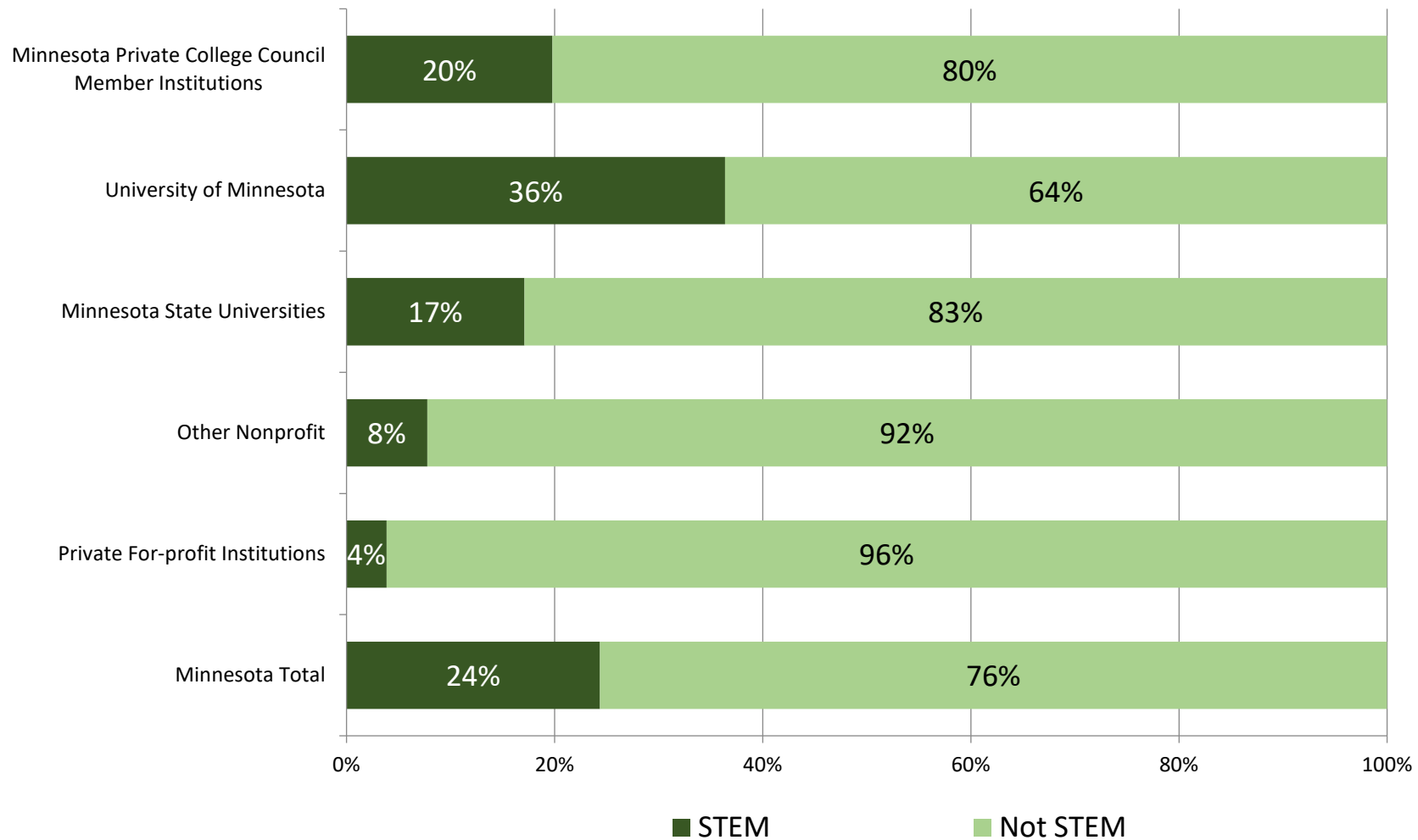


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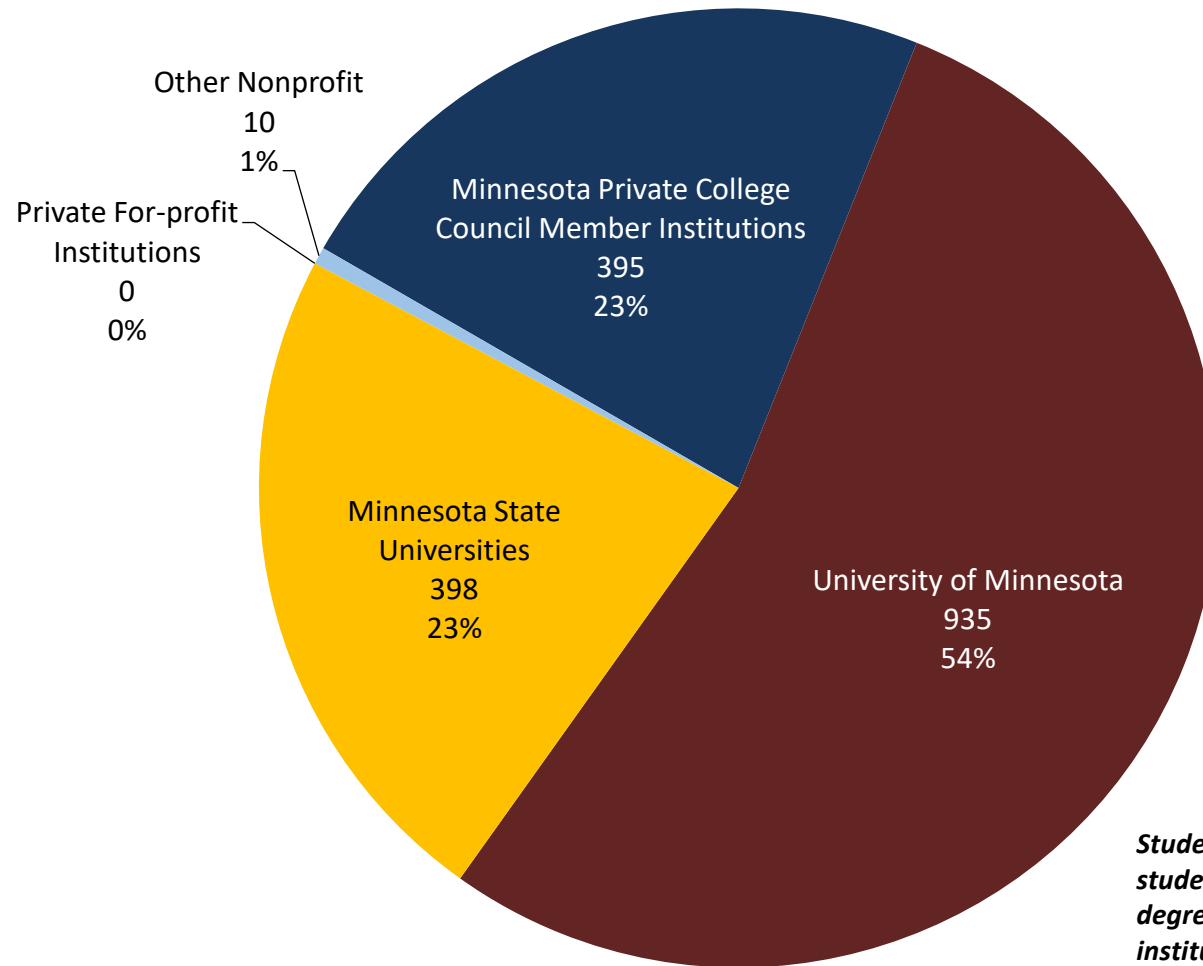


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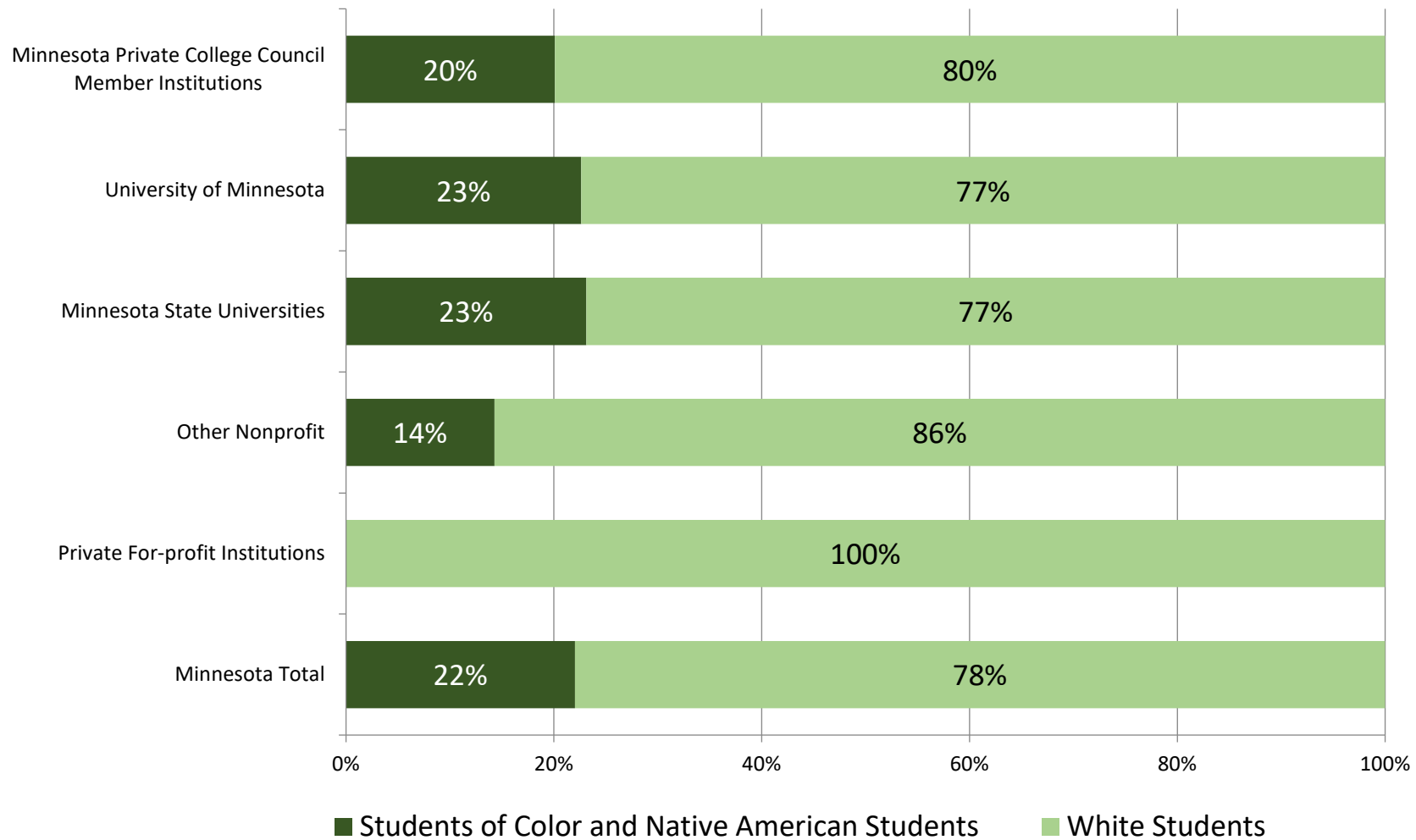
***Students of color and Native American students earned 1,738 bachelor's degrees in STEM fields from Minnesota institutions in 2020-21***

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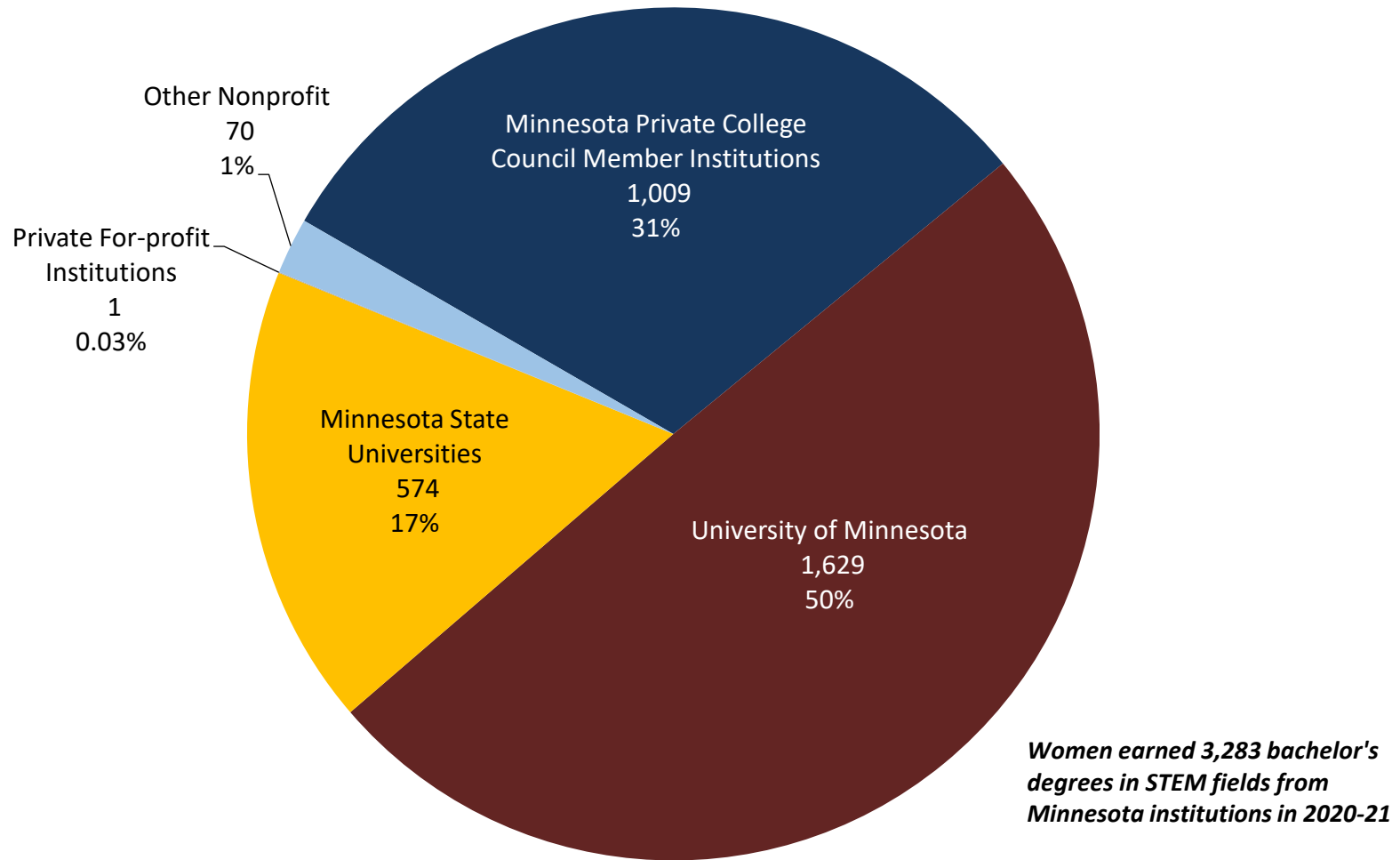


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## Where Women Earned Bachelor's Degrees in STEM, 2020-21



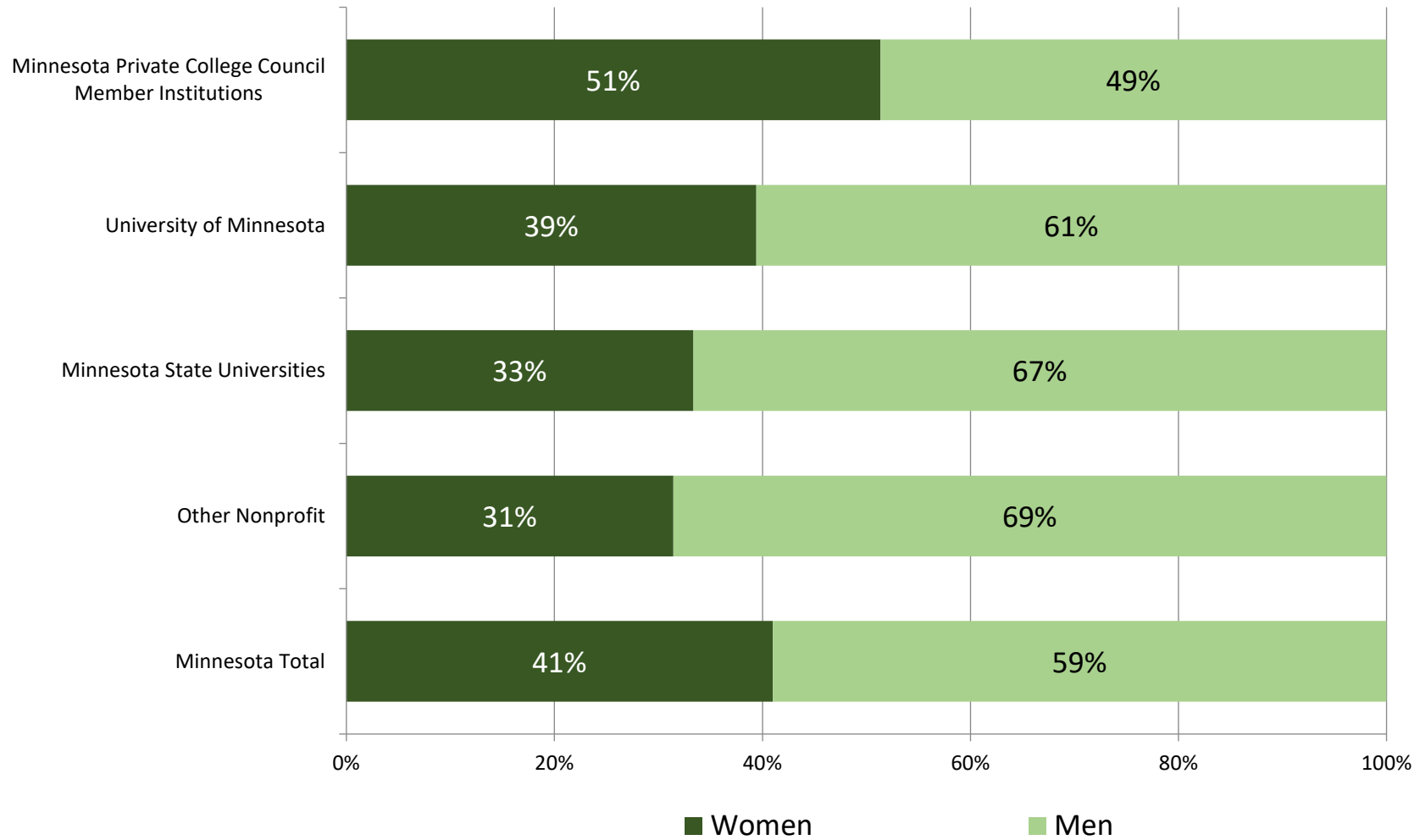
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## Share of Minnesota Bachelor's Degrees Earned in STEM Fields by Gender, 2020-21



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