

## Graduate Degrees Report: Degrees Earned 2020-21 February 2023

The Minnesota Private College Council (MPCC) annually reports degrees earned by students attending a Minnesota college or university. This report focuses on graduate degrees earned by sector. Graduate degrees include master's degrees and doctoral degrees; doctoral degrees are classified as research/scholarship (traditional Ph.D. programs) or professional practice (law, medicine etc.).<sup>1</sup>

### *Master's Degrees Earned*

- In Minnesota, 10,580 master's degrees were earned in 2020-21.
- The 18 MPCC member institutions awarded 4,864 master's degrees in 2020-21. That's 46% of master's degrees earned in the state, compared to 30% at the University of Minnesota and 19% at Minnesota State universities.
- Among Minnesota institutions, MPCC member institutions awarded 57% of education, 54% of business, and 52% of computer and information science master's degrees.
- Of the 1,799 students of color and Native American students earning master's degrees, 49% earned their degree at MPCC member institutions, 31% at the University of Minnesota, and 16% at Minnesota State universities.
- Students of color and Native American students earned 20% of the master's degrees awarded at MPCC member institutions, compared to 18% of master's degrees earned at the University of Minnesota and 15% at Minnesota State universities.

### *Doctoral Degrees Earned*

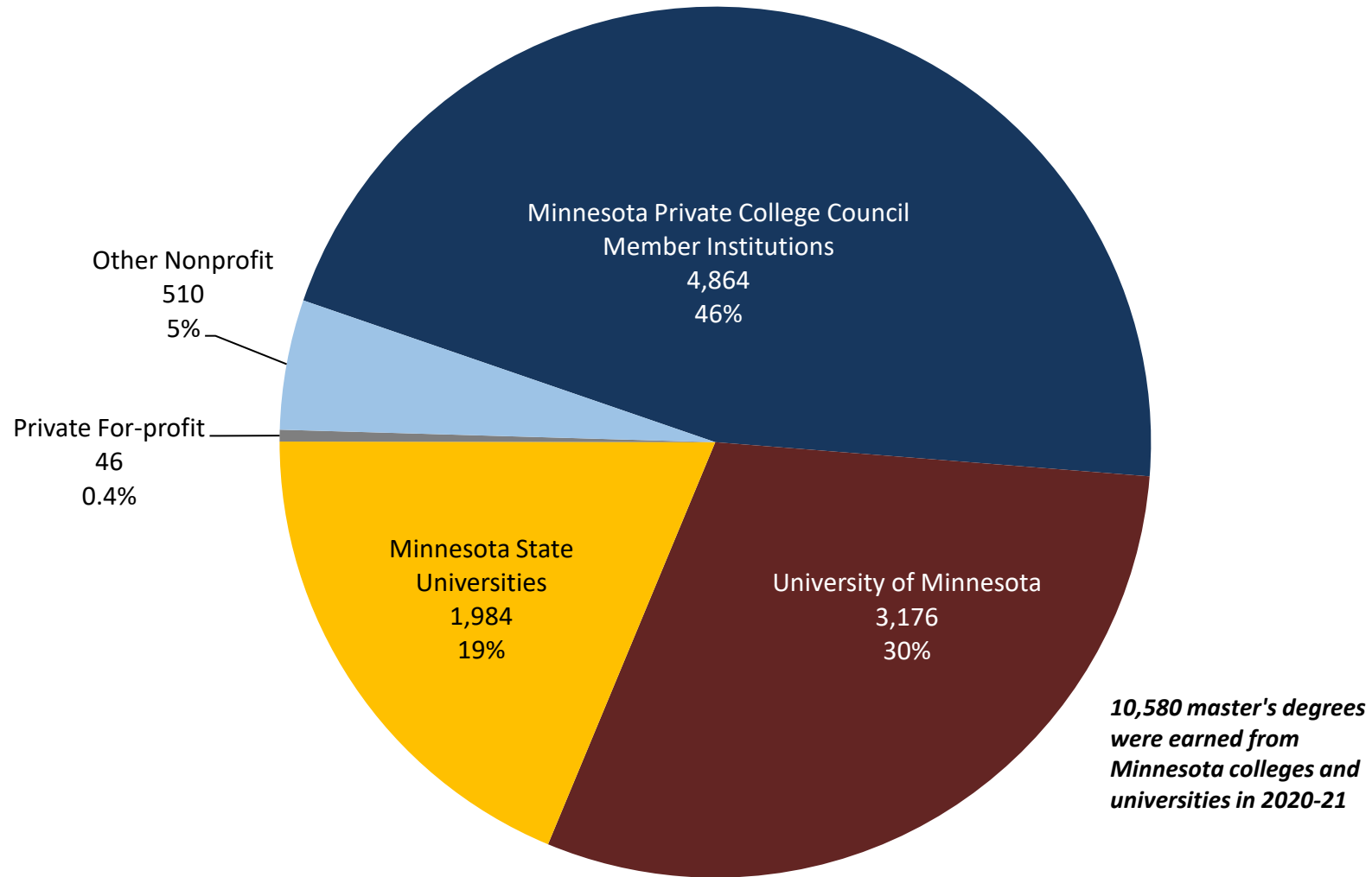
- In Minnesota, 3,204 doctoral degrees were earned in 2020-21.
- The 18 MPCC member institutions awarded 617 doctoral degrees. That's 19% of doctoral degrees earned in the state, compared to 56% at the University of Minnesota, 22% at other private nonprofit institutions, and 3% at Minnesota State universities.
- Of the 586 students of color and Native American students earning doctoral degrees, 21% earned their degree at MPCC member institutions, 53% at the University of Minnesota, 22% at other private nonprofit institutions, and 3% at Minnesota State universities.

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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.

- Students of color and Native American students earned 22% of the doctoral degrees awarded at MPCC member institutions, compared to 19% of the doctoral degrees earned from the University of Minnesota and 19% from Minnesota State universities.
- In Minnesota, 70% of doctoral degrees earned were professional practice degrees. This compares to 80% among doctoral degrees earned at MPCC member institutions.

# Master's Degrees Earned by Sector, 2020-21

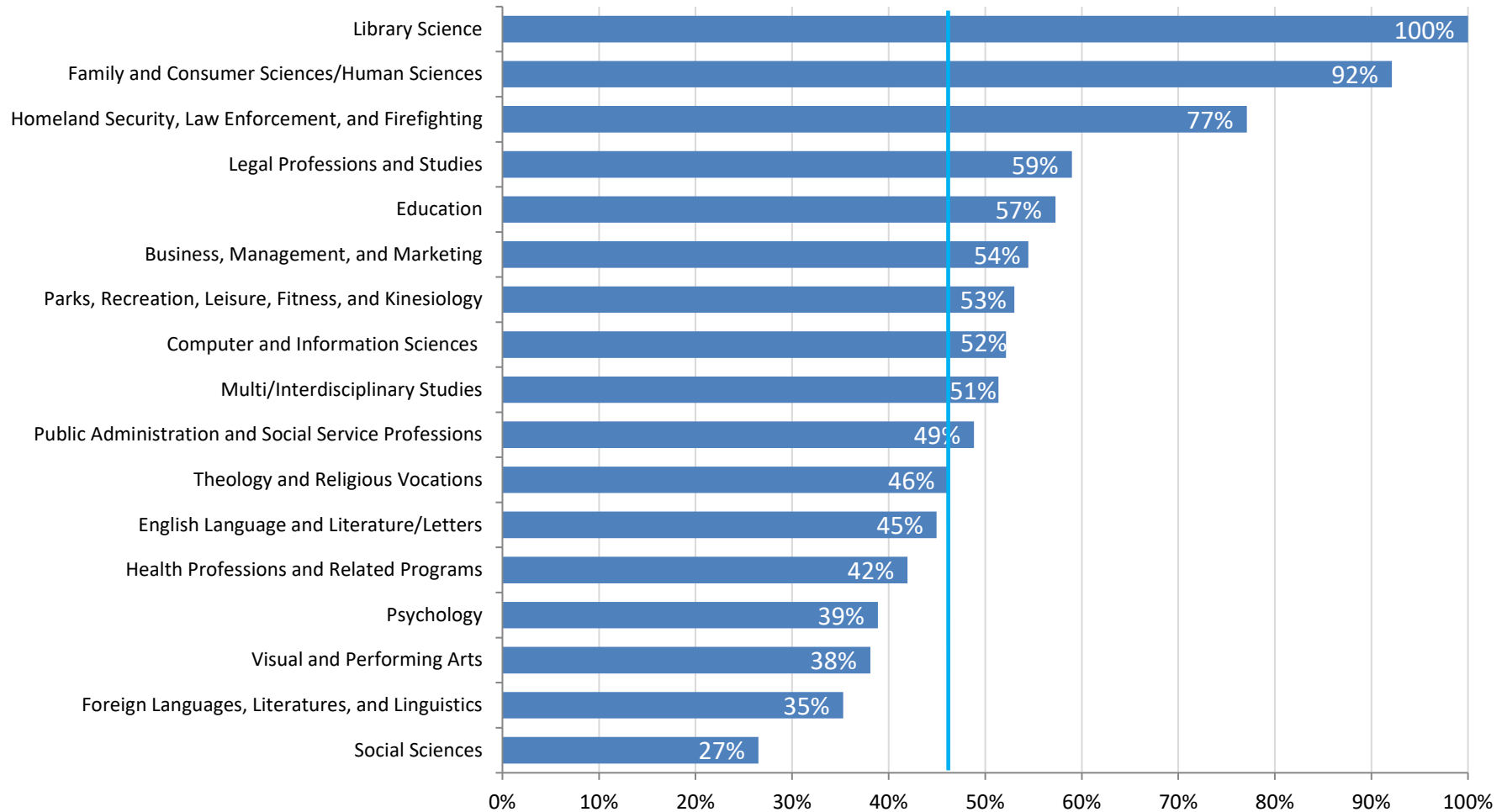


Source: Minnesota Private College Council analysis of NCES, IPEDS 2020-21

Note: Does not include degrees earned from online schools

# MPCC Share of Master's Degrees Earned in Minnesota Within Selected Disciplines, 2020-2021

*MPCC share of all master's degrees earned: 46%*



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# Share of Master's Degrees Earned at MPCC Member Institutions

*Sorted by total degrees earned*

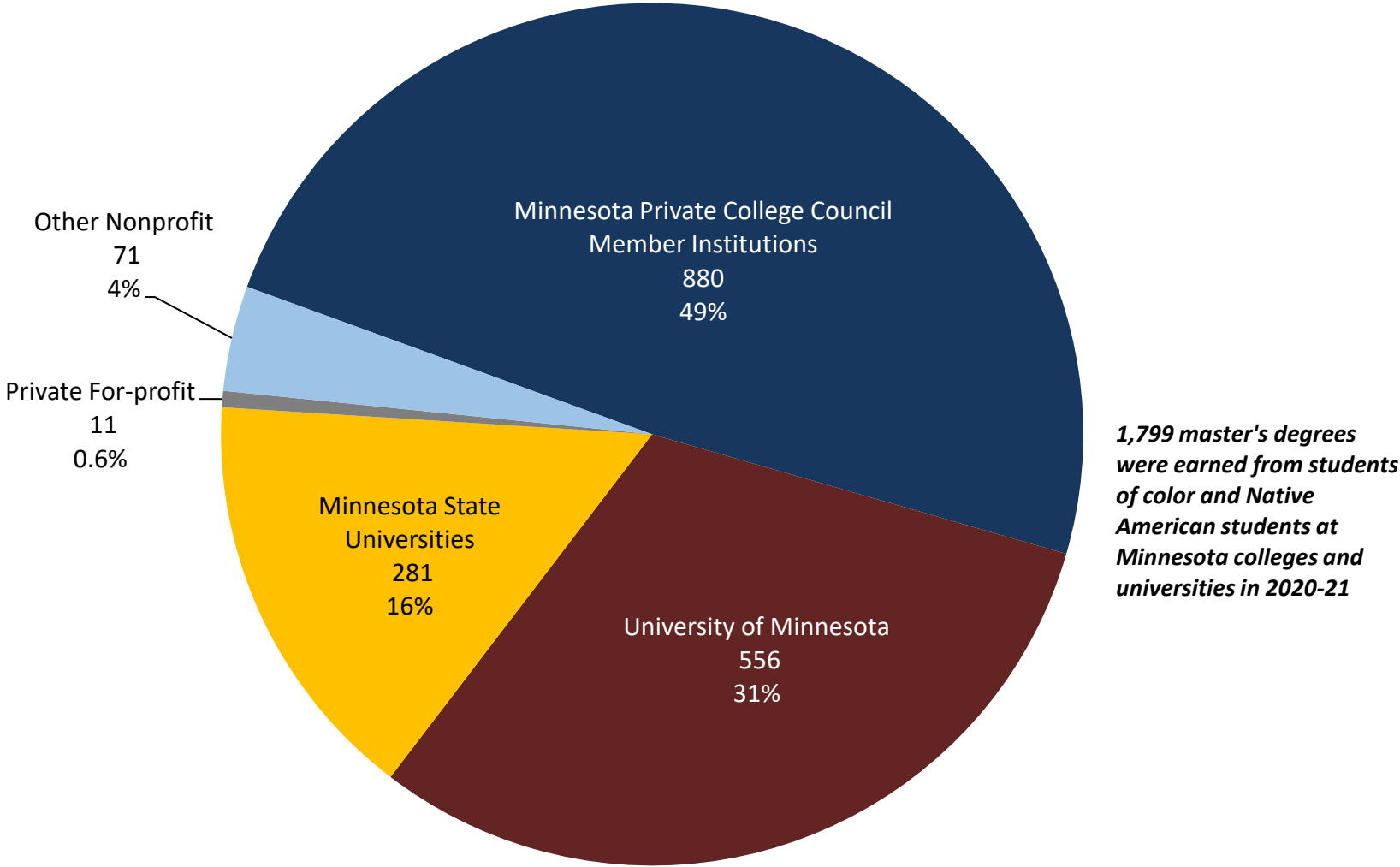
| Discipline   | Master's Degrees |              | MPCC             |
|--|------------------|--------------|------------------|
|  | All Minnesota    | MPCC         | Percent of Total |
| Education  | 2,586            | 1,481        | 57%              |
| Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services                    | 2,165            | 1,179        | 54%              |
| Health Professions and Related Programs  | 1,740            | 730          | 42%              |
| Public Administration and Social Service Professions                             | 727              | 355          | 49%              |
| Psychology   | 450              | 175          | 39%              |
| Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services                           | 443              | 231          | 52%              |
| Engineering  | 415              | 44           | 11%              |
| Theology and Religious Vocations   | 379              | 175          | 46%              |
| Biological and Biomedical Sciences   | 224              | 12           | 5%               |
| English Language and Literature/Letters  | 149              | 67           | 45%              |
| Parks, Recreation, Leisure, Fitness, and Kinesiology                             | 149              | 79           | 53%              |
| Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies  | 146              | 75           | 51%              |
| Visual and Performing Arts   | 105              | 40           | 38%              |
| Architecture and Related Services  | 102              | 0            | 0%               |
| Physical Sciences  | 92               | 1            | 1%               |
| Mathematics and Statistics   | 90               | 0            | 0%               |
| Social Sciences  | 83               | 22           | 27%              |
| Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs                                  | 82               | 8            | 10%              |
| Engineering/Engineering-related Technologies/Technicians                         | 79               | 15           | 19%              |
| Legal Professions and Studies  | 78               | 46           | 59%              |
| Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting and Related Protective Services | 48               | 37           | 77%              |
| Philosophy and Religious Studies   | 46               | 12           | 26%              |
| Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences                                      | 38               | 35           | 92%              |
| Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics                                  | 34               | 12           | 35%              |
| Library Science  | 33               | 33           | 100%             |
| Agricultural/Animal/Plant/Veterinary Science and Related Fields                  | 32               | 0            | 0%               |
| Natural Resources and Conservation   | 27               | 0            | 0%               |
| Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies                                | 15               | 0            | 0%               |
| Science Technologies/Technicians   | 10               | 0            | 0%               |
| History  | 9                | 0            | 0%               |
| Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities                        | 4                | 0            | 0%               |
| <b>Grand Total</b>   | <b>10,580</b>    | <b>4,864</b> | <b>46%</b>       |

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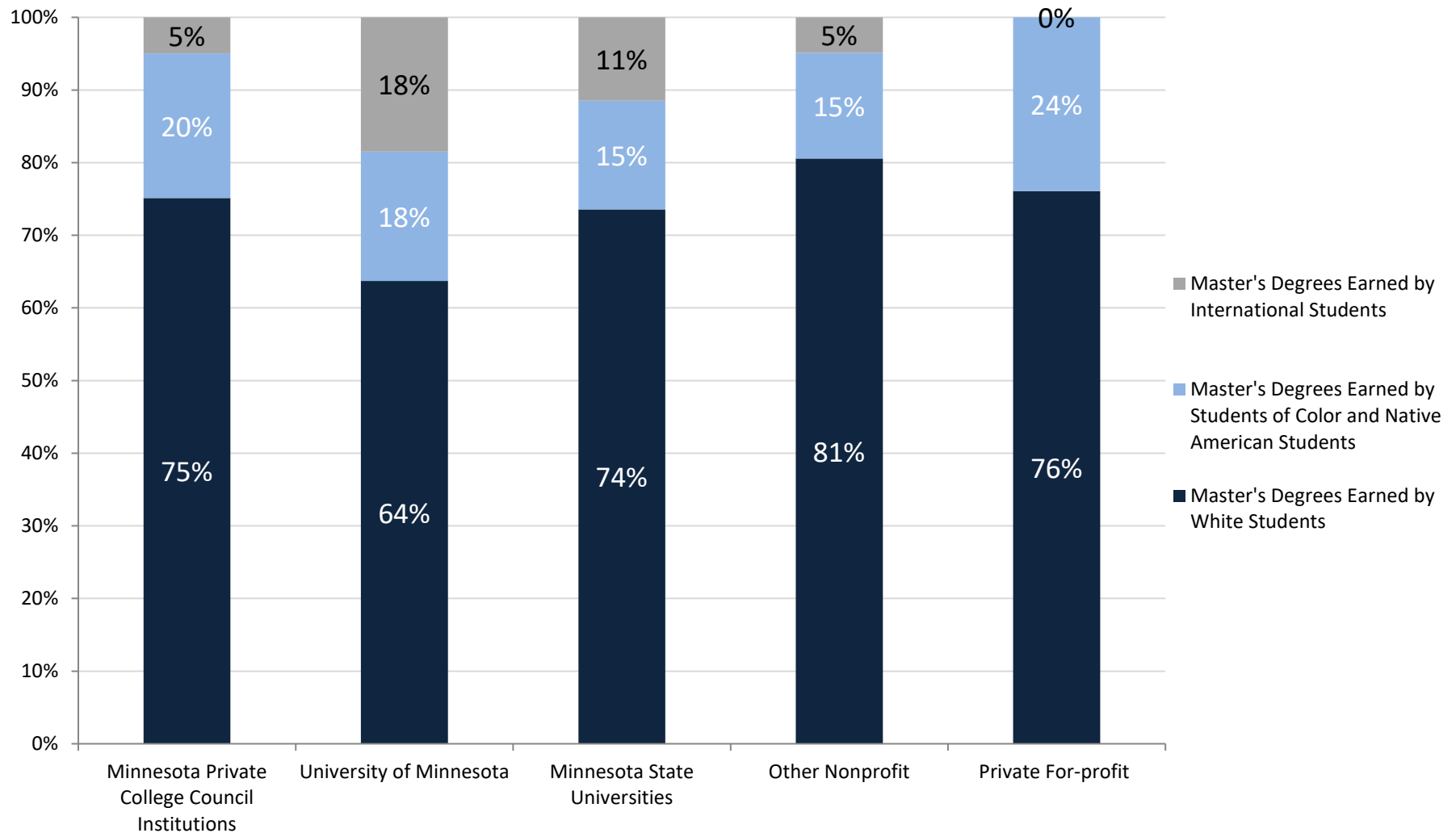
| Cip Title  | Augsburg   | Bethel     | Concordia College | Concordia University | Hamline    | MCAD      | Saint John's | Saint Mary's | St Catherine | St. Scholastica | University of Northwestern | St. Thomas | Grand Total  |
|--|------------|------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Education  | 82         | 92         | 2                 | 316                  | 208        | -         | -            | 484          | 53           | 77              | 4                          | 163        | 1,481        |
| Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services                    | 83         | 55         | -                 | 175                  | 97         | -         | -            | 335          | 26           | 53              | 30                         | 325        | 1,179        |
| Health Professions and Related Programs  | 42         | 81         | 7                 | 60                   | -          | -         | -            | 159          | 238          | 128             | -                          | 15         | 730          |
| Public Administration and Social Service Professions                             | 79         | -          | -                 | 21                   | 34         | -         | -            | 30           | 34           | 37              | 5                          | 115        | 355          |
| Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services                           | -          | -          | -                 | 42                   | -          | -         | -            | 31           | -            | -               | -                          | 158        | 231          |
| Psychology   | -          | 3          | -                 | -                    | -          | -         | -            | 126          | -            | -               | -                          | 46         | 175          |
| Theology and Religious Vocations   | -          | 101        | -                 | -                    | -          | -         | 26           | -            | 7            | -               | 13                         | 28         | 175          |
| Parks, Recreation, Leisure, Fitness, and Kinesiology                             | -          | -          | -                 | 79                   | -          | -         | -            | -            | -            | -               | -                          | -          | 79           |
| Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies  | -          | -          | -                 | -                    | -          | -         | -            | 74           | -            | -               | -                          | 1          | 75           |
| English Language and Literature/Letters  | 10         | -          | -                 | 14                   | 32         | -         | -            | -            | -            | -               | -                          | 11         | 67           |
| Legal Professions and Studies  | -          | -          | -                 | -                    | 21         | -         | -            | -            | -            | -               | -                          | 25         | 46           |
| Engineering  | -          | -          | -                 | -                    | -          | -         | -            | -            | -            | -               | -                          | 44         | 44           |
| Visual and Performing Arts   | -          | -          | -                 | -                    | -          | 29        | -            | -            | -            | -               | -                          | 11         | 40           |
| Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting and Related Protective Services | -          | -          | -                 | 27                   | -          | -         | -            | -            | -            | -               | -                          | 10         | 37           |
| Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences                                      | -          | -          | -                 | 21                   | -          | -         | -            | 14           | -            | -               | -                          | -          | 35           |
| Library Science  | -          | -          | -                 | -                    | -          | -         | -            | -            | 33           | -               | -                          | -          | 33           |
| Social Sciences  | -          | -          | -                 | -                    | -          | -         | -            | 22           | -            | -               | -                          | -          | 22           |
| Engineering/Engineering-related Technologies/Technicians                         | -          | -          | -                 | -                    | -          | -         | -            | -            | -            | -               | -                          | 15         | 15           |
| Biological and Biomedical Sciences   | -          | -          | -                 | -                    | -          | -         | -            | -            | -            | 12              | -                          | -          | 12           |
| Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics                                  | -          | -          | -                 | -                    | -          | -         | -            | -            | 12           | -               | -                          | -          | 12           |
| Philosophy and Religious Studies   | -          | 8          | -                 | -                    | -          | -         | -            | -            | -            | -               | -                          | 4          | 12           |
| Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs                                  | -          | -          | -                 | 8                    | -          | -         | -            | -            | -            | -               | -                          | -          | 8            |
| Physical Sciences  | -          | -          | -                 | -                    | -          | -         | -            | -            | -            | 1               | -                          | -          | 1            |
| <b>Grand Total</b>   | <b>296</b> | <b>340</b> | <b>9</b>          | <b>763</b>           | <b>392</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>26</b>    | <b>1,275</b> | <b>403</b>   | <b>308</b>      | <b>52</b>                  | <b>971</b> | <b>4,864</b> |

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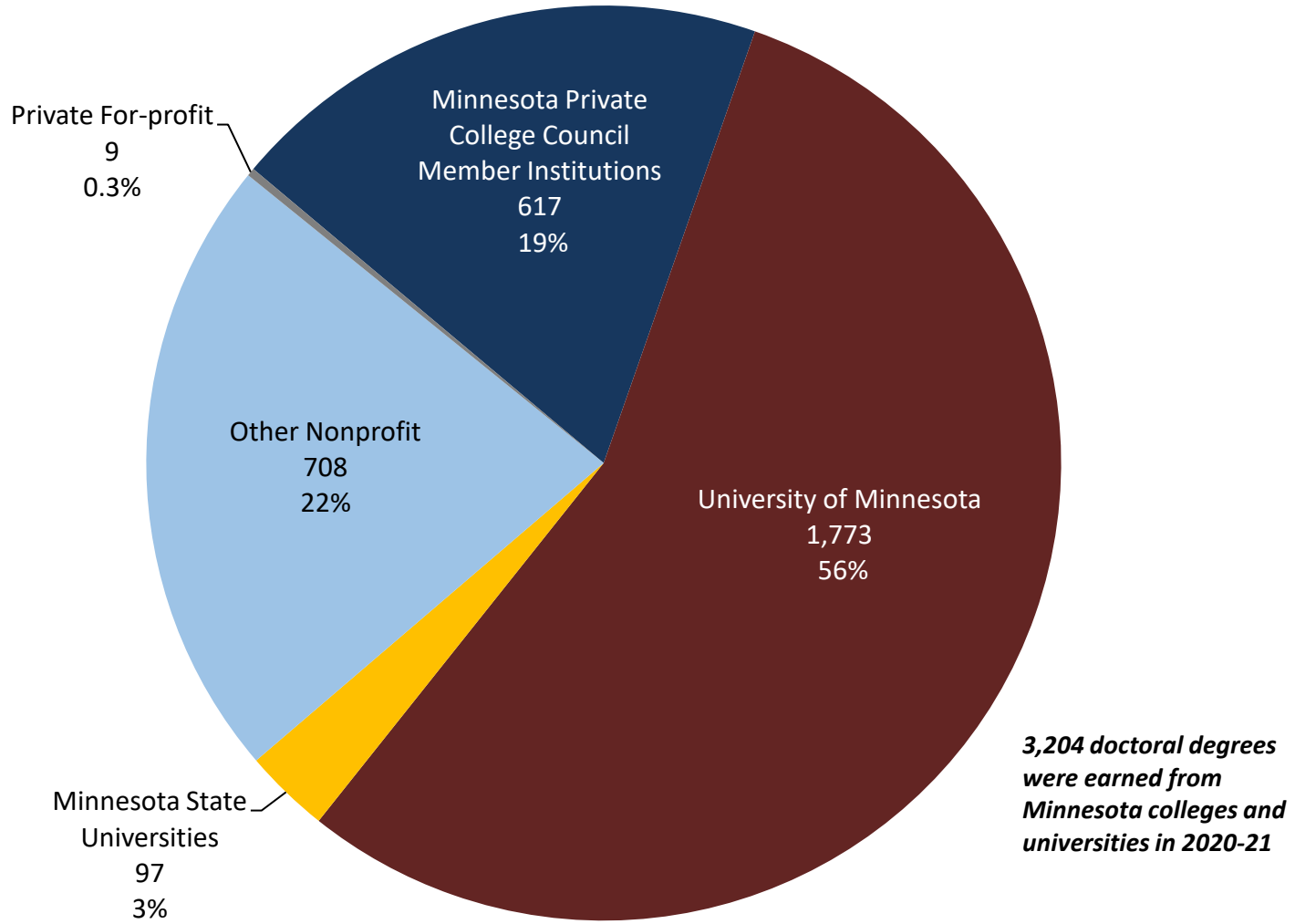


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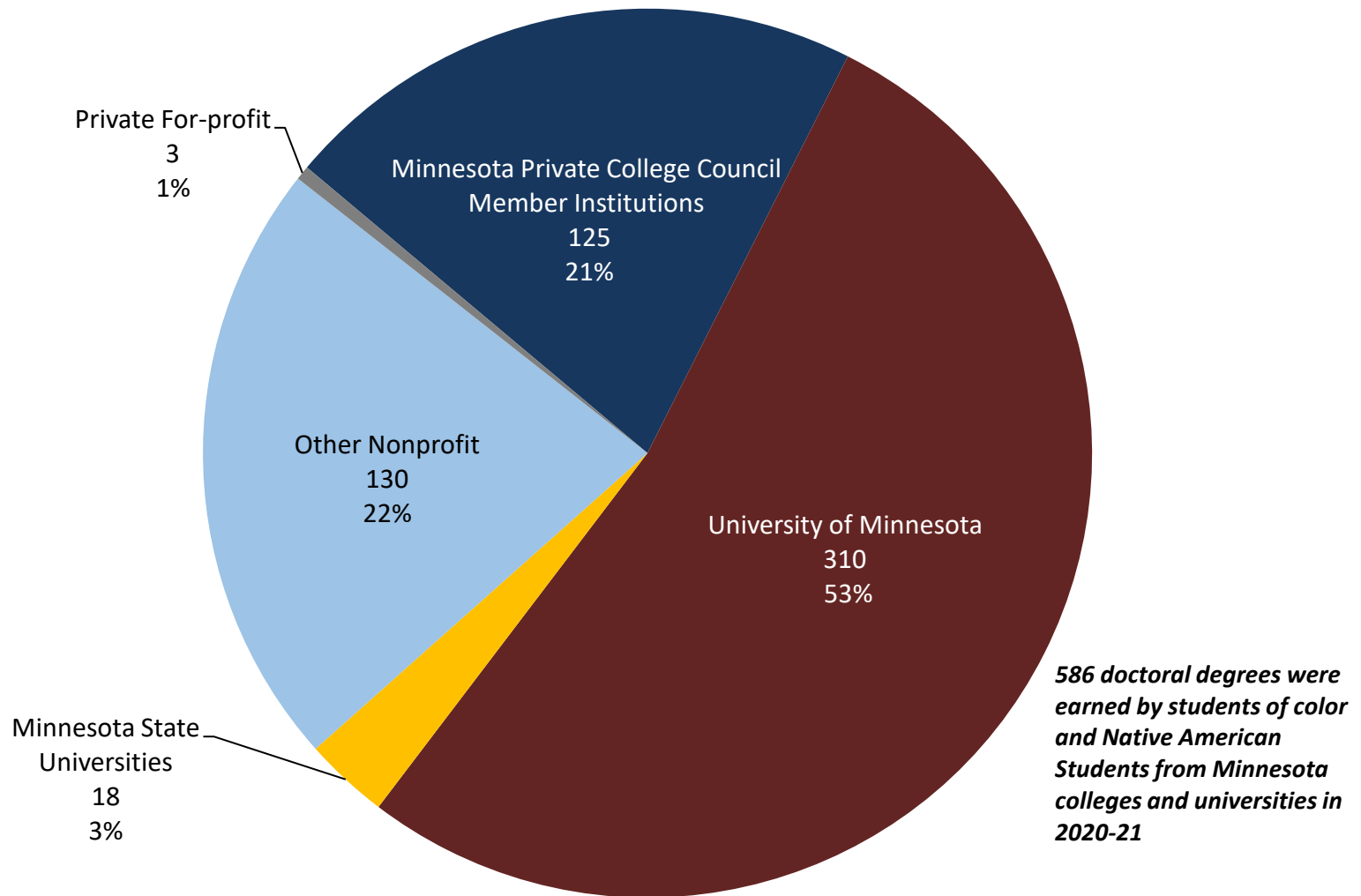


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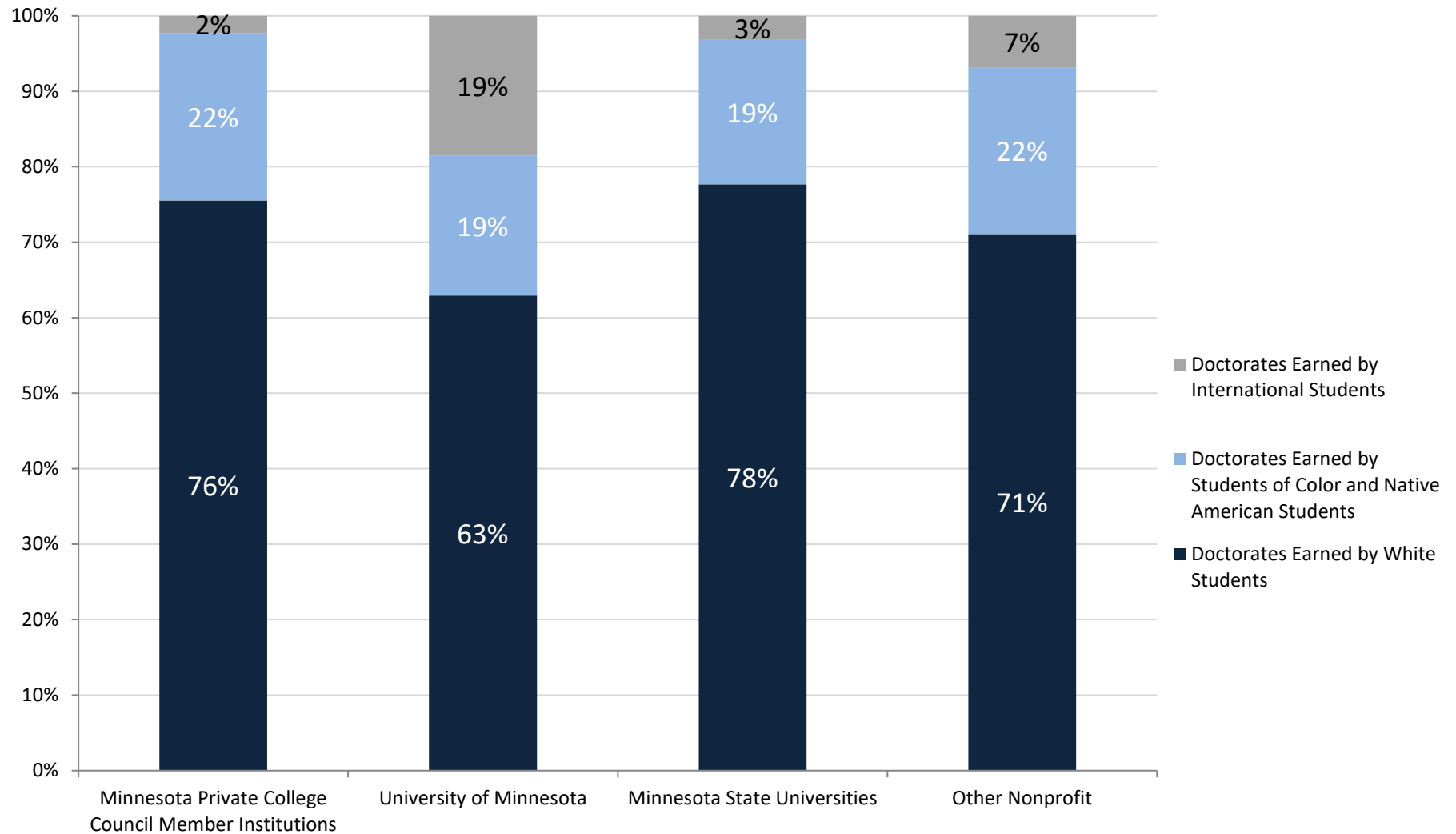
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