

# Policy background: **Access & Success**

**Our 18 private nonprofit institutions make a high-quality education accessible to all students.**



## 71%

The average acceptance rate at our colleges is 71%, compared to 73% at University of Minnesota and 78% at Minnesota State Universities.

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## 23%

23 percent of our students receive federal Pell Grants, with the majority of recipients having family incomes below \$60,000.

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## #1 and #3

The 4-year graduation rate for our students receiving Pell Grants ranks first in Minnesota and third nationally.

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## 36%

36 percent of our first-year U.S. students are students of color and Native American students, compared to 33 percent of Minnesota high school graduates.

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## #1

The number of Black and Latino students completing their bachelor's degree in four years ranks first in Minnesota.

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## Member Colleges

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Augsburg University  
Bethany Lutheran College  
Bethel University  
Carleton College  
College of Saint Benedict  
The College of St. Scholastica  
Concordia College  
Concordia University, St. Paul  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
Hamline University  
Macalester College  
Minneapolis College of Art and Design  
Saint John's University  
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota  
St. Catherine University  
St. Olaf College  
University of Northwestern - St. Paul  
University of St. Thomas

For more information on these and other facts  
visit [www.mnprivatecolleges.org/research/facts](http://www.mnprivatecolleges.org/research/facts)  
or contact Paul Cerkvenik, president,  
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## More key facts

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**20%** of our students are first generation, meaning neither parent finished college

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**32%** of students of color and Native American students earning bachelor's degrees in Minnesota do so at our colleges

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**50%** of our graduates with bachelor's degrees in STEM fields are women

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**45%** of students of color and Native American students earning master's degrees in Minnesota do so at our colleges

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