

Graduate Degrees Report: Degrees Earned 2021-22

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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.).¹

Master's Degrees Earned

- In Minnesota, 10,384 master's degrees were earned in 2021-22.
- The 18 MPCC member institutions awarded 4,575 master's degrees in 2021-22. That's 44% of master's degrees earned in the state, compared to 31% at the University of Minnesota and 20% at Minnesota State universities.
- Among Minnesota institutions, MPCC member institutions awarded 57% of education, 55% of computer and information science, and 48% of business master's degrees.
- Of the 1,856 students of color and Native American students earning master's degrees, 45% earned their degree at MPCC member institutions, 35% 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 21% of master's degrees earned at the University of Minnesota and 15% at Minnesota State universities.

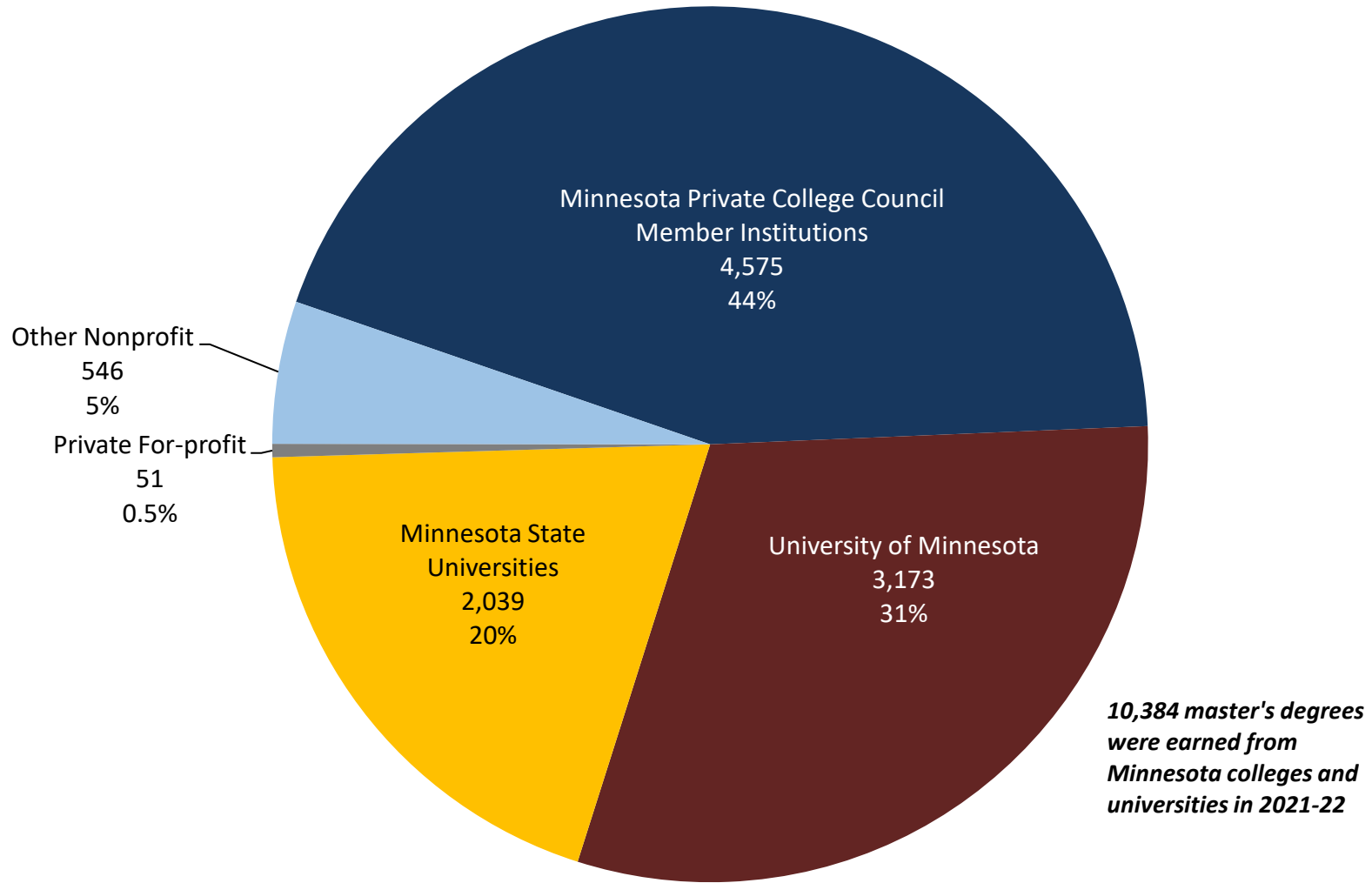
Doctoral Degrees Earned

- In Minnesota, 3,278 doctoral degrees were earned in 2021-22.
- The 18 MPCC member institutions awarded 663 doctoral degrees. That's 20% of doctoral degrees earned in the state, compared to 54% at the University of Minnesota, 22% at other private nonprofit institutions, and 4% at Minnesota State universities.
- Of the 654 students of color and Native American students earning doctoral degrees, 24% earned their degree at MPCC member institutions, 50% at the University of Minnesota, 22% at other private nonprofit institutions, and 4% at Minnesota State universities.

¹ 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 25% of the doctoral degrees awarded at MPCC member institutions, compared to 19% of the doctoral degrees earned from the University of Minnesota and 18% from Minnesota State universities.
- In Minnesota, 70% of doctoral degrees earned were professional practice degrees. This compares to 82% among doctoral degrees earned at MPCC member institutions.

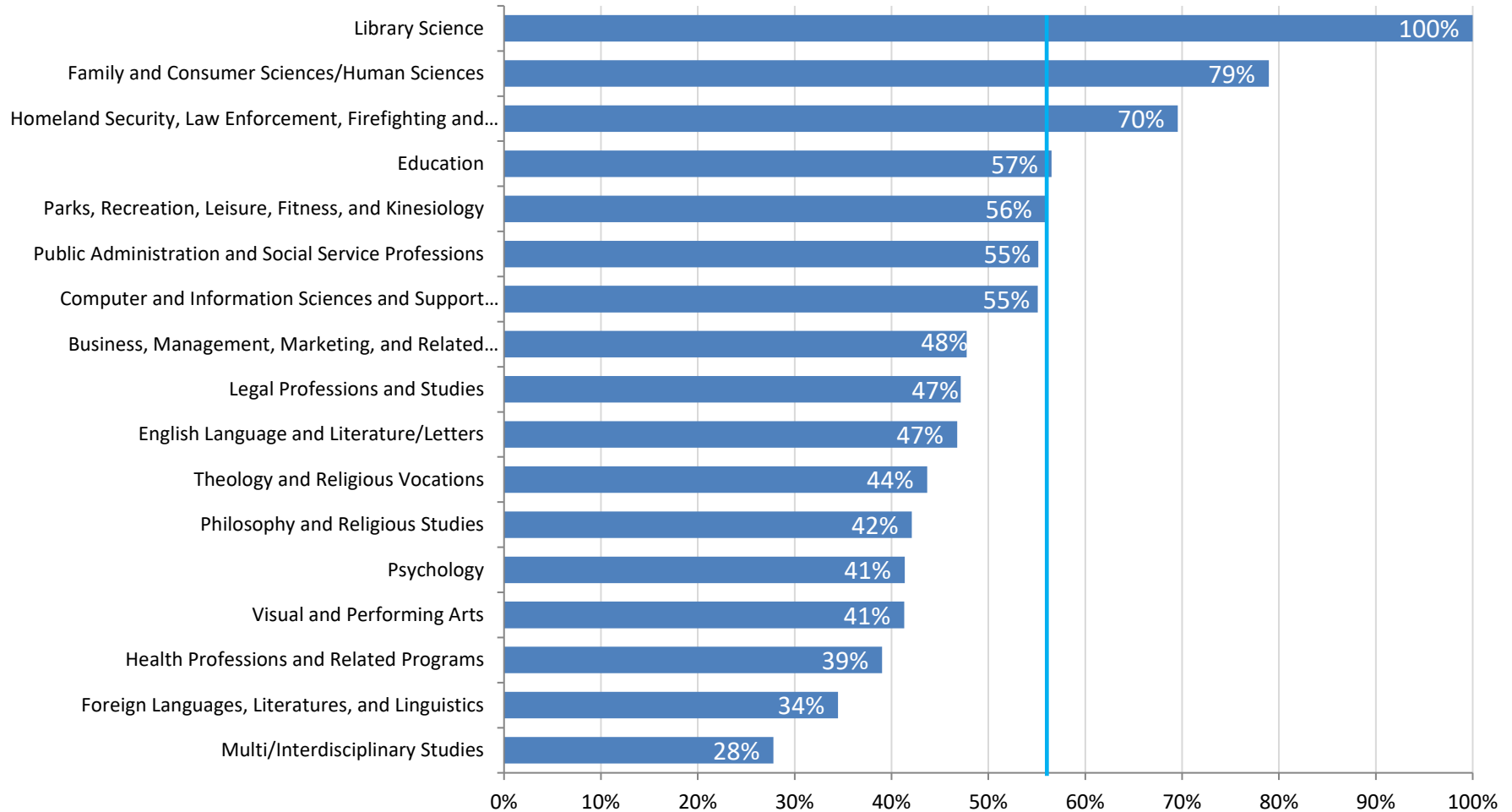
Master's Degrees Earned by Sector, 2021-22



Source: Minnesota Private College Council analysis of NCES, IPEDS 2021-22
Note: Does not include degrees earned from online schools

MPCC Share of Master's Degrees Earned in Minnesota Within Selected Disciplines, 2021-2022

MPCC share of all master's degrees earned: 44%



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Share of Master's Degrees Earned at MPCC Member Institutions

Sorted by total degrees earned

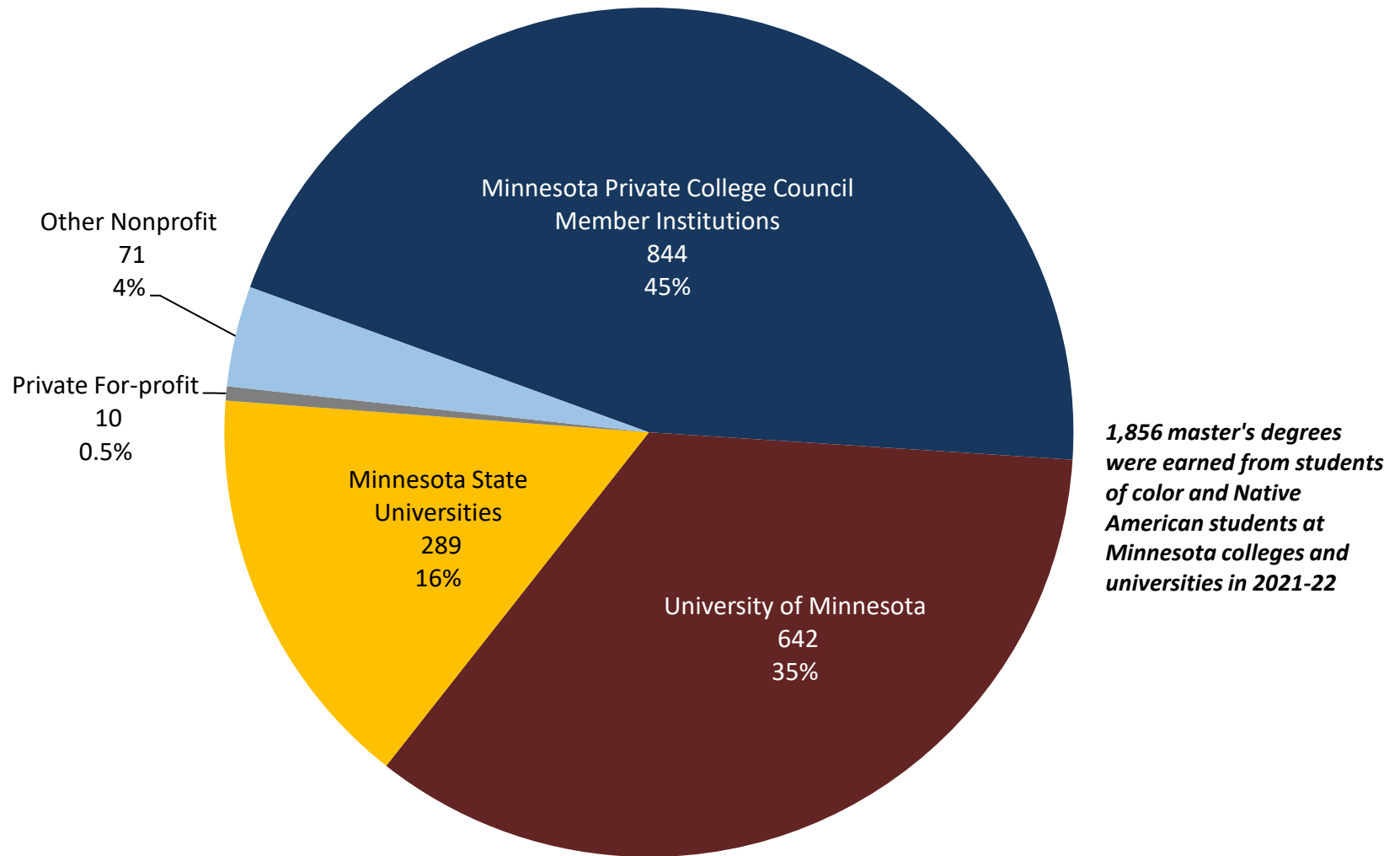
Discipline	Master's Degrees		MPCC
	All Minnesota	MPCC	Percent of Total
Education	2,441	1,380	57%
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services	2,161	1,032	48%
Health Professions and Related Programs	1,855	724	39%
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	727	401	55%
Psychology	382	158	41%
Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services	354	195	55%
Theology and Religious Vocations	332	145	44%
Engineering	330	62	19%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	241	67	28%
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	207	15	7%
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, Fitness, and Kinesiology	177	99	56%
Mathematics and Statistics	128	0	0%
English Language and Literature/Letters	124	58	47%
Legal Professions and Studies	123	58	47%
Engineering/Engineering-related Technologies/Technicians	107	10	9%
Physical Sciences	95	3	3%
Visual and Performing Arts	92	38	41%
Architecture and Related Services	79	0	0%
Social Sciences	72	8	11%
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	69	9	13%
Philosophy and Religious Studies	57	24	42%
Library Science	48	48	100%
Agricultural/Animal/Plant/Veterinary Science and Related Fields	43	0	0%
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	29	10	34%
Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting and Related Protective Services	23	16	70%
Natural Resources and Conservation	21	0	0%
Science Technologies/Technicians	20	0	0%
Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	19	15	79%
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	13	0	0%
History	8	0	0%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities	7	0	0%
Grand Total	10,384	4,575	44%

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Master's Degrees Earned by Discipline and Institution

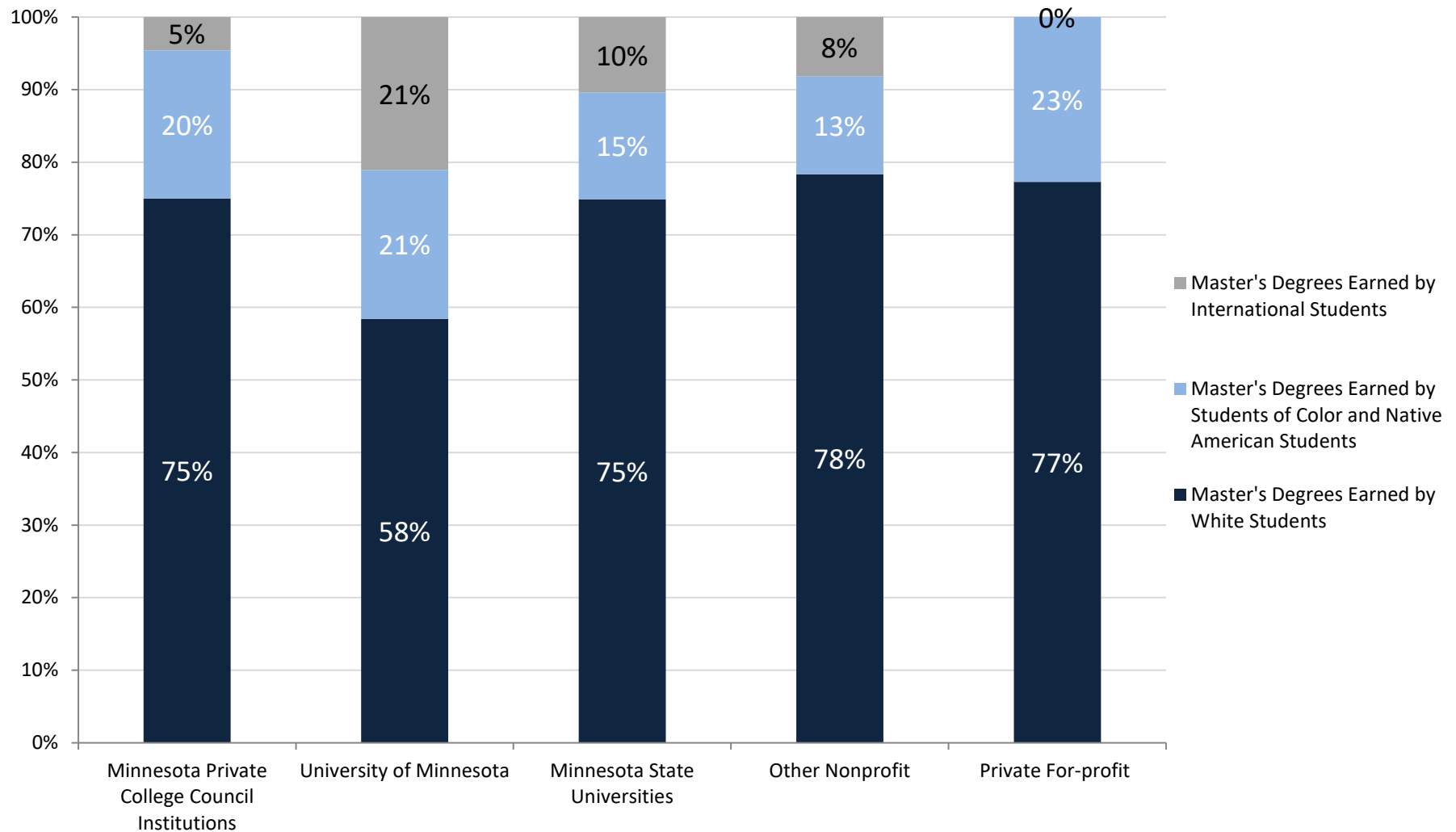
Cip Title	Augsburg	Bethel	Concordia College	Concordia University	Hamline	MCAD	Saint John's	Saint Mary's	St Catherine	St. Scholastica	University of Northwestern	St. Thomas	Grand Total
Education	93	78	10	338	197	-	-	338	58	72	5	191	1,380
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services	65	57	-	138	85	-	-	298	50	50	27	262	1,032
Health Professions and Related Programs	56	89	6	59	-	-	-	145	228	121	-	20	724
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	71	-	-	30	24	-	-	95	40	33	6	102	401
Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	150	195
Psychology	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	107	-	-	-	48	158
Theology and Religious Vocations	-	71	-	-	-	-	24	-	1	-	22	27	145
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, Fitness, and Kinesiology	-	-	-	99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66	-	-	-	1	67
Engineering	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62	62
English Language and Literature/Letters	6	-	-	10	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	58
Legal Professions and Studies	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	58
Library Science	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	48
Visual and Performing Arts	-	-	-	-	-	33	-	-	-	-	-	5	38
Philosophy and Religious Studies	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	24
Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting and Related Protective Services	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	16
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	15
Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	15
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	10
Engineering/Engineering-related Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	-	1	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Social Sciences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	8
Physical Sciences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
Grand Total	291	311	16	734	357	33	24	1,076	435	294	60	944	4,575

Master's Degrees Earned by Students of Color and Native American Students by Sector, 2021-22



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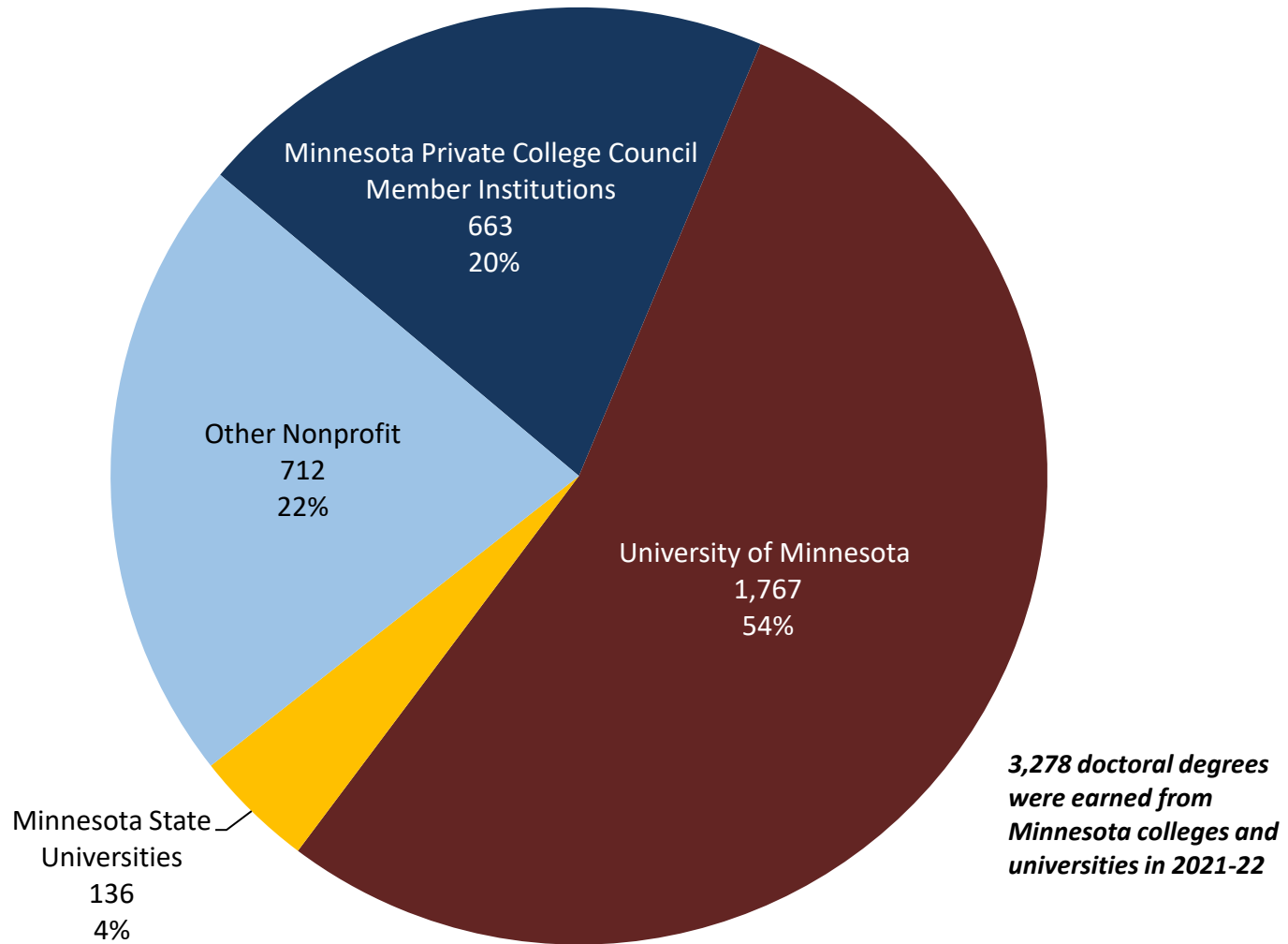
Share of Master's Degrees Earned by Students of Color and Native American Students, White Students, and International Students by Sector, 2021-2022



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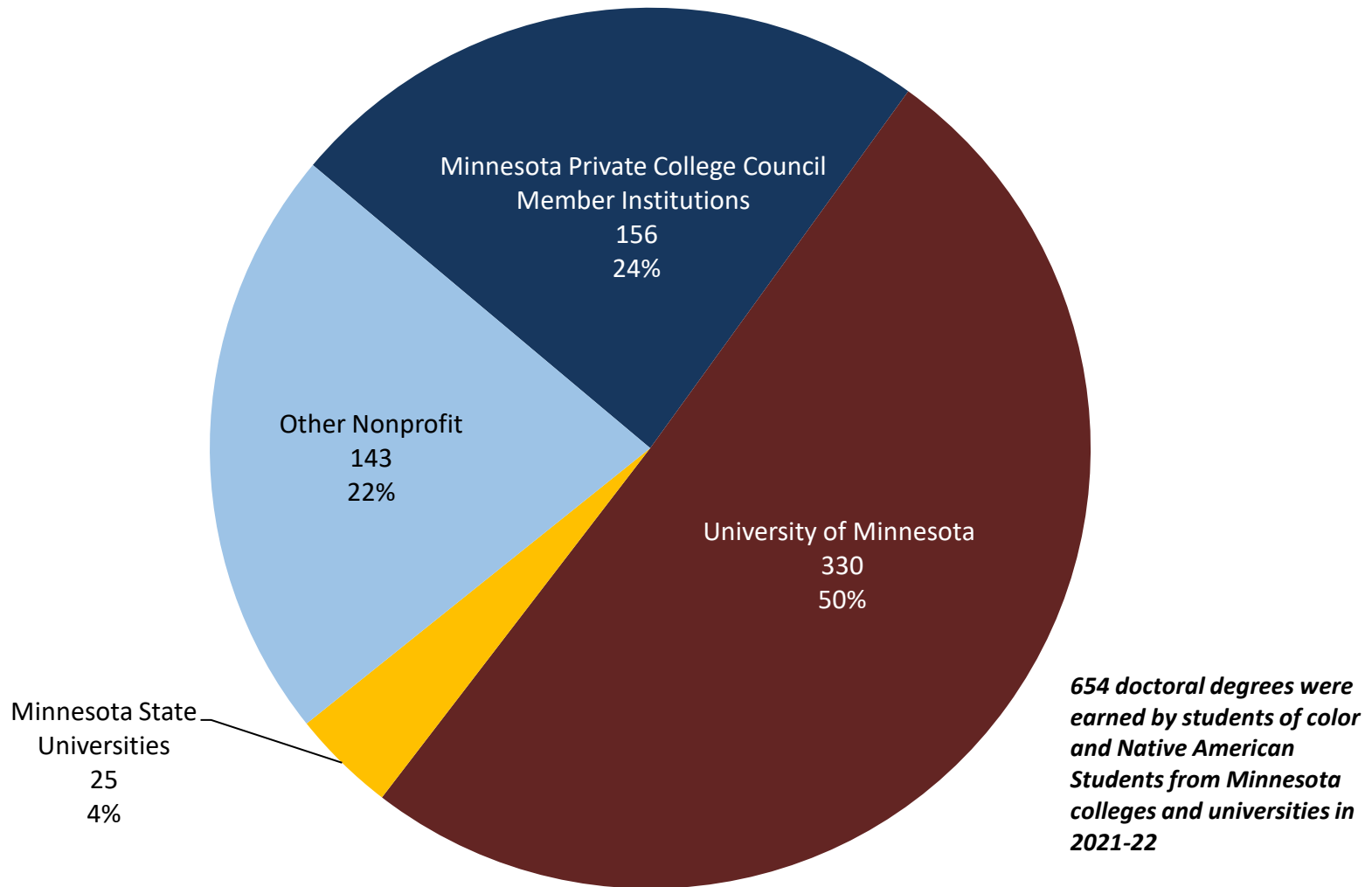
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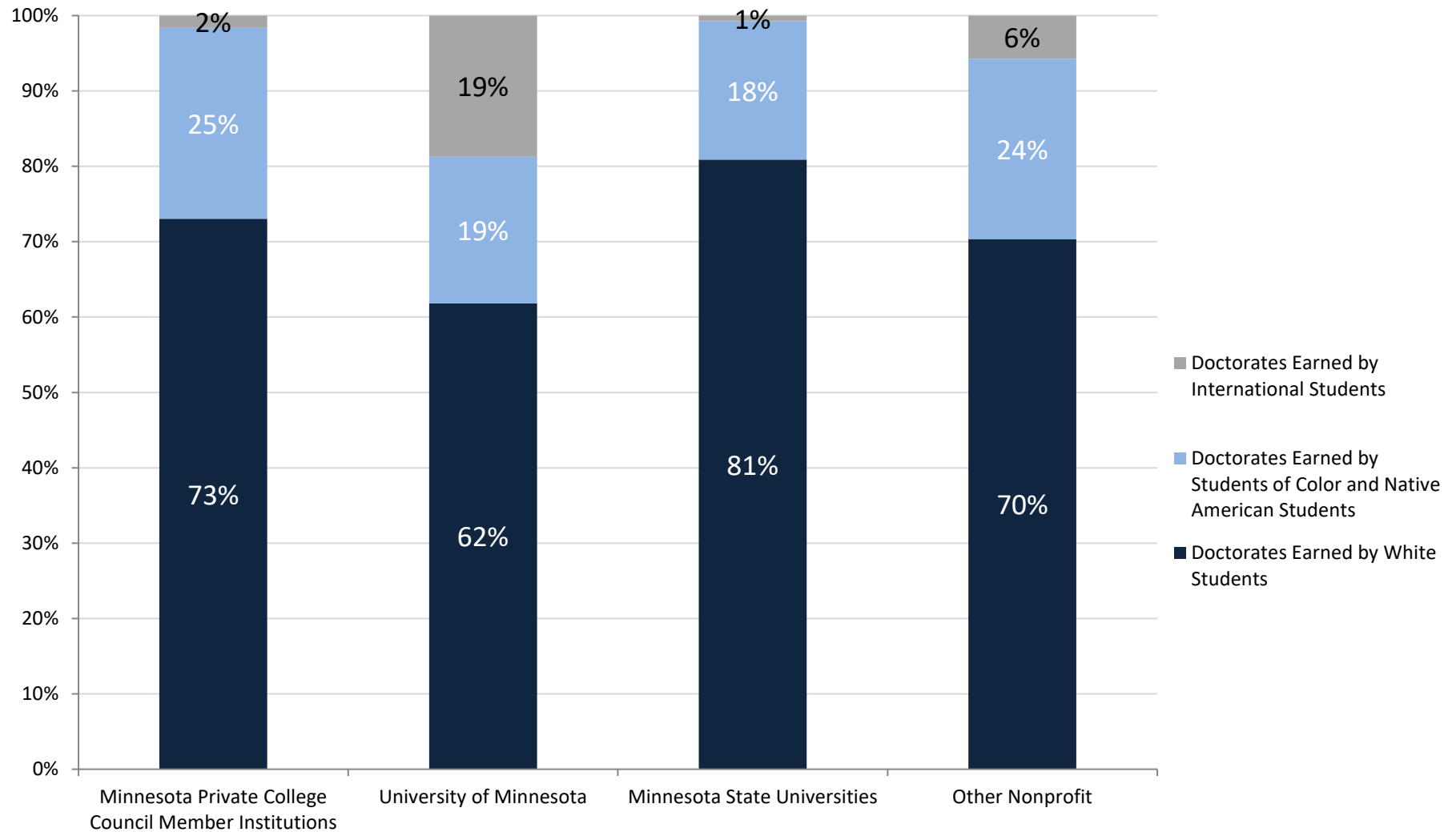
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