

Minnesota's Private Colleges: Key Facts

Return on State Investment

29%

29% of all bachelor's degrees earned in Minnesota last year were earned at our colleges. *That translates to 9,829 graduates a year at our colleges; the numbers are 10,446 at the U of M system and 10,883 at Minnesota State universities.*

3%

Only 3% of the state's spending on higher education funded State Grant awards for students at our colleges last year.

Diversity

Our colleges' four-year graduation rate for students of color (51%) ranks first in the Midwest.

1st

20% of our undergrads are students of color, excluding international students. *That's about the same share as the U of M system (20%) and Minnesota State universities (18%).*

20%

Excellence

1st

Our colleges' four-year graduation rate (66%) ranks first in the Midwest.

Affordability

The amount that first-year students and their families actually pay for tuition is, on average, 41% of the posted price.

41%

The inflation-adjusted net price for first-year students at our colleges is \$1,000 less than 10 years ago. *This has been largely driven by increases in the institutional grants that our colleges award.*

\$1k▼

25% of our Minnesota undergrads have family incomes below \$40,000. *(That's the same share as at the U of M Twin Cities.) And at our colleges, another 24% come from families with incomes between \$40,000 and \$80,000.*

25%

Impact

13,000

More than 13,000 undergraduate students from other states enroll at our institutions each year. *That's more than at the U of M system (9,600) and at Minnesota State universities (7,100).*

85%

85% of our most recent grads were employed within a year; 20% were pursuing additional education. *These survey results were not mutually exclusive, so some students were doing both.*

300 k

Nearly 300,000 alumni from our institutions live in Minnesota.

Member Colleges

Augsburg College
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 St. Thomas

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