



Bachelor’s Degrees Report

Degrees Earned 2015-16

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The Minnesota Private College Council (MPCC) annually reports on bachelor’s degrees earned by students attending a Minnesota college or university. The report focuses on bachelor’s degrees earned by sector. Special focus is given to the share of degrees earned by race, gender, discipline and an analysis of STEM degrees earned in Minnesota. (Graduates with a double major were only counted once, based on their first major.)

Total Bachelor’s Degrees Earned

- In Minnesota 33,551 individuals earned bachelor’s degrees in 2015-16.
- MPCC institutions awarded 9,829 bachelor’s degrees, 29% of all degrees in the state, compared to 33% at Minnesota State universities and 31% at the University of Minnesota.
- MPCC institutions awarded a higher share of bachelor’s degrees in some key areas: 50% in physical sciences (chemistry, physics, geology and astronomy), 48% in history, 41% in foreign languages, 36% in mathematics and statistics, and 36% in health professions.

Bachelor’s Degrees Earned by Students of Color

- Of 5,312 bachelor’s degrees earned by students of color (excluding international students), 29% were earned at MPCC institutions compared to 33% at the University of Minnesota and 31% at Minnesota State universities.
- Students of color accounted for 17% of bachelor’s degrees earned at MPCC institutions compared to 19% at the University of Minnesota and 16% at Minnesota State universities.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)* Bachelor’s Degrees

- Of the 7,139 bachelor’s degrees earned in STEM fields, 26% were earned at MPCC institutions compared to 50% at the University of Minnesota and 20% at Minnesota State universities.
 - At MPCC institutions, 20% of bachelor degrees earned were in STEM fields, compared to 33% at the University of Minnesota and 13% at Minnesota State universities.
- Women earned 45% of bachelor’s degrees in STEM disciplines at MPCC institutions compared to 35% at the University of Minnesota and 30% at Minnesota State universities.

*STEM fields include biological and biomedical sciences, computer and information sciences, engineering, engineering technologies and engineering-related fields, mathematics and statistics, natural resources and conservation, and physical sciences.

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 Bethany Lutheran College
 Bethel University
 Carleton College
 College of Saint Benedict
 The College of St. Scholastica

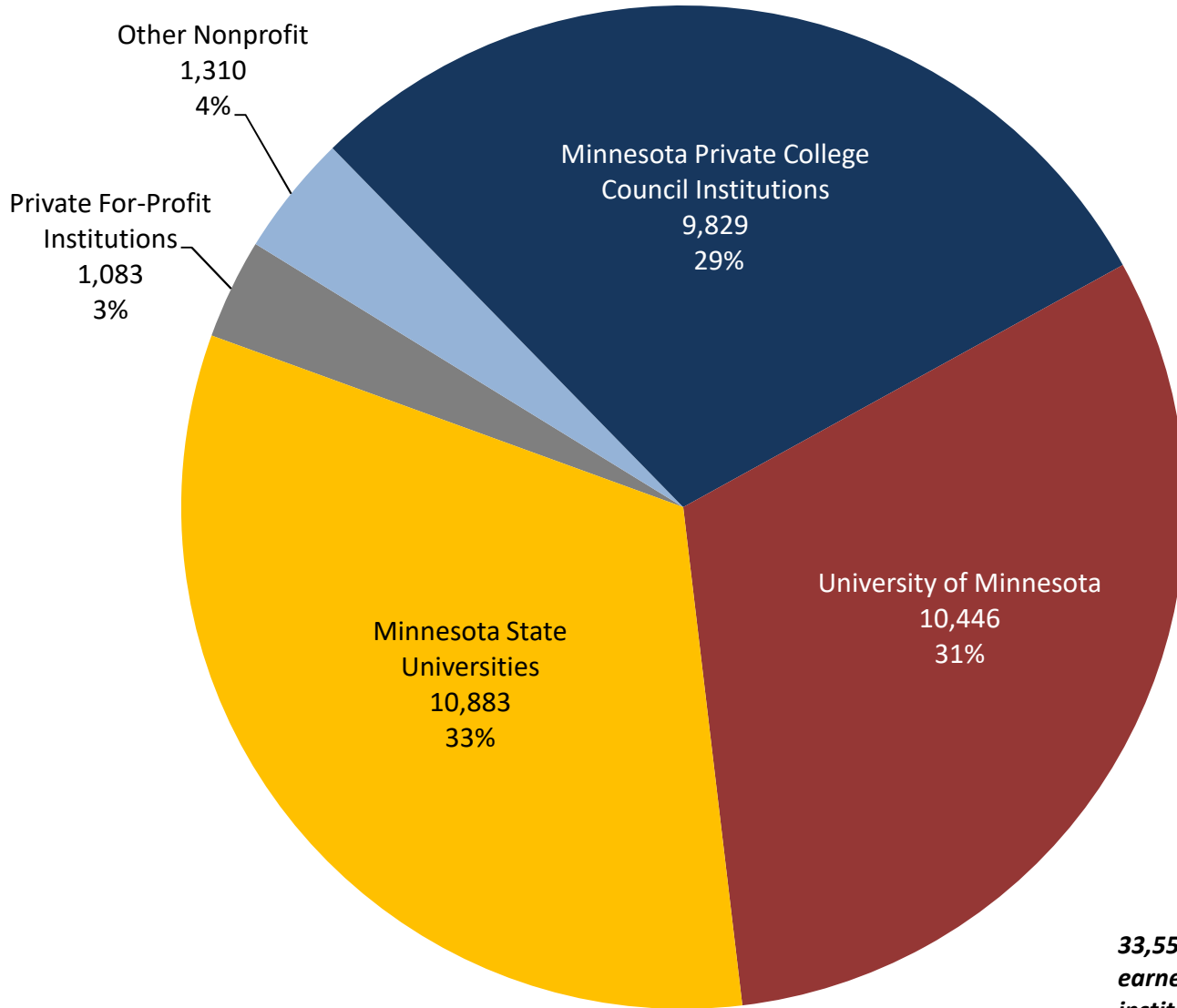
Concordia College, Moorhead
 Concordia University, St. Paul
 Gustavus Adolphus College
 Hamline University
 Macalester College
 Minneapolis College of Art and Design

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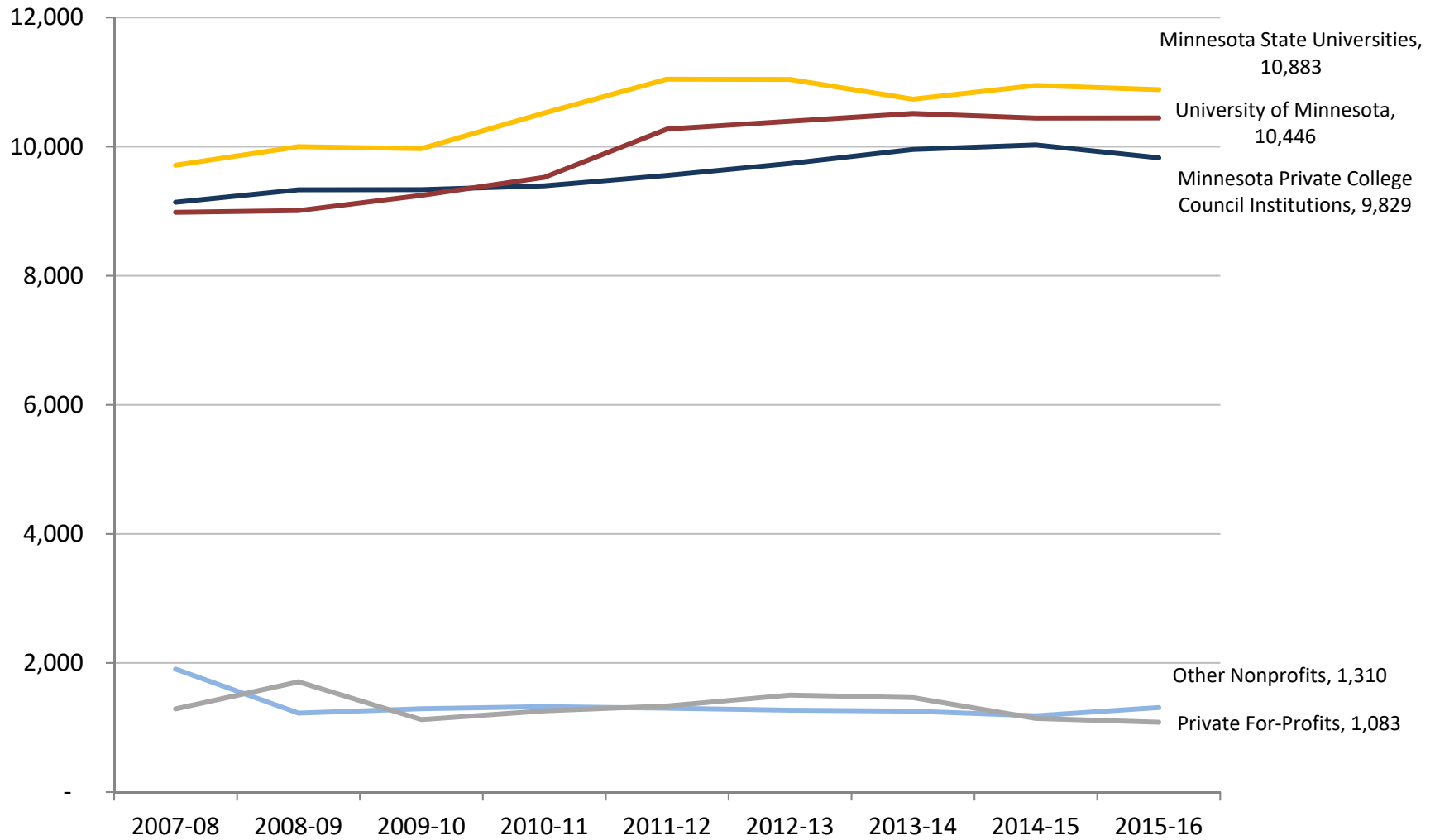
Bachelor's Degrees by Sector, 2015-16



33,551 bachelor's degrees were earned from Minnesota institutions in 2015-16

Source: Minnesota Private College Council analysis of NCES, IPEDS 2015-16
Note: Does not include degrees earned from online schools

Bachelor's Degrees Earned by Sector, 2007-08 to 2015-16

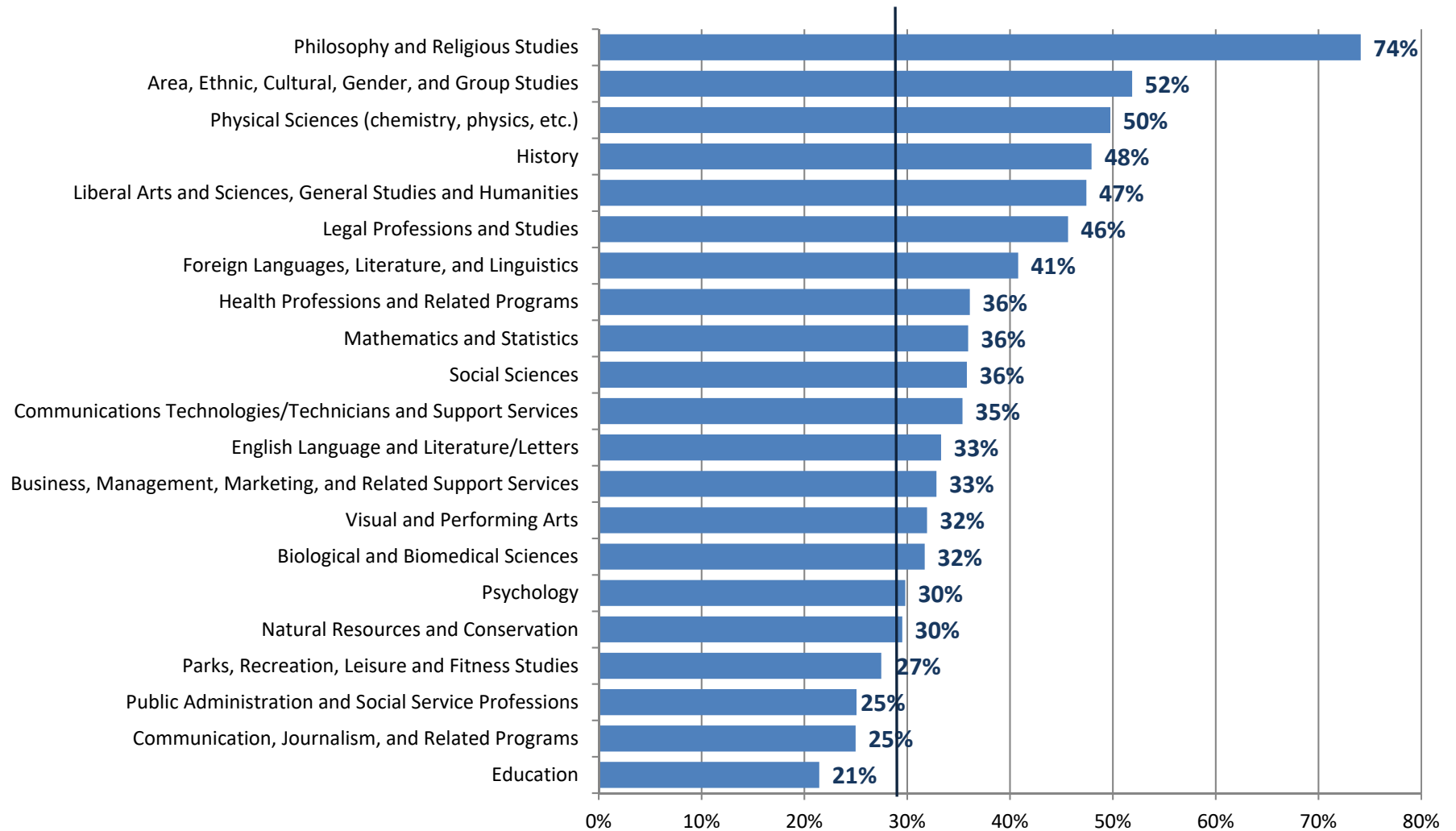


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MPCC Share of Bachelor's Degrees Earned in Minnesota for Select Majors, 2015-16

MPCC share of all bachelor's degrees earned: 29%



Source: Minnesota Private College Council analysis of NCES, IPEDS 2015-16

Share of Bachelor's Degrees Awarded by MPCC Members by Discipline

Sorted by total awarded in Minnesota

Bachelor Degree Field	Minnesota	MPCC	MPCC Percent of Total
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services	6,214	2,041	33%
Health Professions and Related Programs	3,576	1,291	36%
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	2,510	796	32%
Social Sciences	2,343	839	36%
Education	2,158	463	21%
Psychology	2,036	607	30%
Visual and Performing Arts	1,497	478	32%
Engineering	1,406	91	6%
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	1,385	346	25%
Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services	1,223	241	20%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,147	227	20%
Parks, Recreation, Leisure and Fitness Studies	1,048	288	27%
English Language and Literature/Letters	1,015	338	33%
Physical Sciences (chemistry, physics, etc.)	828	412	50%
Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Related Protective Service	777	74	10%
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	718	180	25%
Mathematics and Statistics	654	235	36%
Foreign Languages, Literature, and Linguistics	429	175	41%
Natural Resources and Conservation	376	111	30%
Agriculture, Agriculture Operations and Related Sciences	326	-	0%
Theology and Religious Vocations	314	48	15%
History	290	139	48%
Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	267	51	19%
Philosophy and Religious Studies	224	166	74%
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	160	83	52%
Engineering Technologies and Engineering-related Fields	142	4	3%
Architecture and Related Services	126	-	0%
Legal Professions and Studies	92	42	46%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities	78	37	47%
Communications Technologies/Technicians and Support Services	65	23	35%
Personal and Culinary Services	59	-	0%
Transportation and Materials Moving	41	-	0%
Construction Trades	24	-	0%
Precision Production	3	3	100%

* Many MPCC members do not have an education major, but provide a route to education licensure after a degree is earned in another major. The 481 degrees listed above denote only those earning an education degree, but not all who are pursuing careers in teaching.

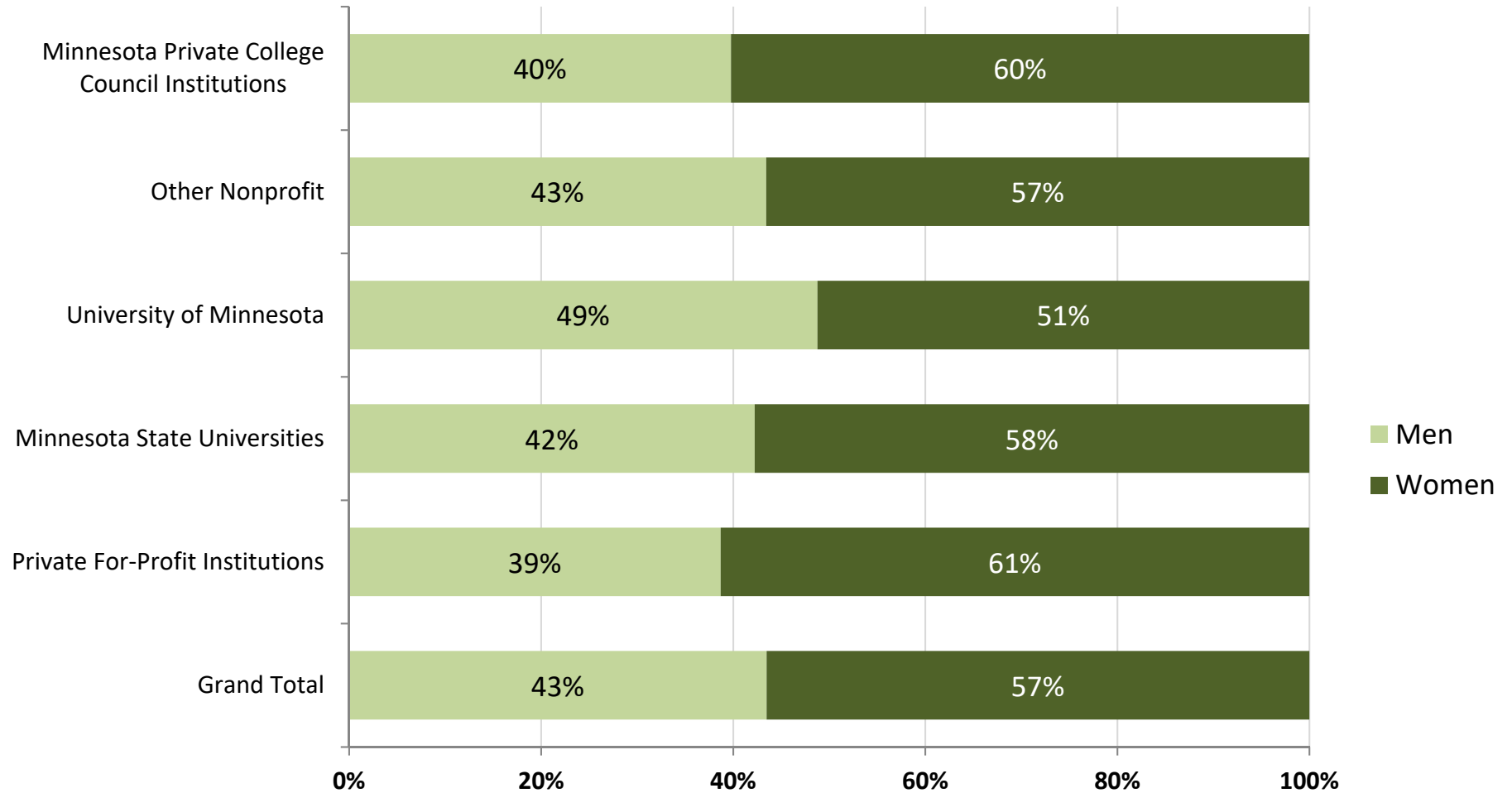
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Bachelor's Degrees by Institution by Discipline
(sorted by MPCC Total)

CIP Title	Augsburg College	Bethany Lutheran College	Bethel University	Carleton College	College of Saint Benedict	Concordia College at Moorhead	Concordia University-Saint Paul	Gustavus Adolphus College	Hamline University	Macalester College	Minneapolis College of Art and Design	Saint Johns University	Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	St Catherine University	St Olaf College	The College of Saint Scholastica	University of St Thomas	MPCC Total
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services	135	20	187	-	40	98	194	76	98	-	5	133	212	71	-	122	650	2,041
Health Professions and Related Programs	86	-	173	-	46	35	44	25	-	-	-	3	73	326	23	400	57	1,291
Social Sciences	47	5	43	99	27	21	1	84	71	115	-	53	6	35	140	7	85	839
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	19	19	38	56	52	58	14	81	34	63	-	36	17	23	116	80	90	796
Psychology	51	8	33	30	42	23	31	75	53	37	-	17	26	24	55	56	46	607
Visual and Performing Arts	24	22	15	49	8	30	14	29	27	14	116	10	25	10	74	3	8	478
Education	44	3	65	-	33	75	71	35	-	-	-	4	26	25	23	22	37	463
Physical Sciences (chemistry, physics, etc.)	26	2	29	63	15	23	1	38	21	52	-	22	3	9	63	18	27	412
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	28	17	53	-	-	32	9	40	28	12	8	-	11	25	-	14	69	346
English Language and Literature/Letters	8	5	8	32	64	21	5	17	51	25	-	22	4	15	39	3	19	338
Parks, Recreation, Leisure and Fitness Studies	22	-	31	-	-	25	100	39	16	-	-	-	-	34	21	-	-	288
Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services	10	-	8	50	2	-	25	12	-	19	-	23	25	1	18	19	29	241
Mathematics and Statistics	12	8	5	32	12	19	4	23	9	29	-	10	2	1	50	3	16	235
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	3	-	9	3	50	21	-	2	46	42	-	18	2	8	3	6	14	227
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	19	-	20	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	43	17	53	16	180
Foreign Languages, Literature, and Linguistics	1	-	6	15	9	12	-	20	6	42	-	4	2	23	20	5	10	175
Philosophy and Religious Studies	4	-	2	14	2	8	-	19	10	13	-	4	9	2	22	-	57	166
History	8	3	4	32	5	8	3	18	8	5	-	2	2	2	23	3	13	139
Natural Resources and Conservation	3	-	9	10	8	8	-	20	7	12	-	8	-	1	20	-	5	111
Engineering	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89	91
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	6	-	-	12	5	1	-	17	5	8	-	3	-	2	23	-	1	83
Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Related Protective Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	9	-	-	-	42	1	-	-	-	74
Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	9	51
Theology and Religious Vocations	1	-	30	-	2	-	6	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	2	-	-	48
Legal Professions and Studies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities	1	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	2	9	37
Communications Technologies/Technicians and Support Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	4	-	-	-	-	23
Engineering Technologies and Engineering-related Fields	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4
Precision Production	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total	558	112	770	497	422	527	594	670	541	488	151	373	501	690	763	816	1,356	9,829

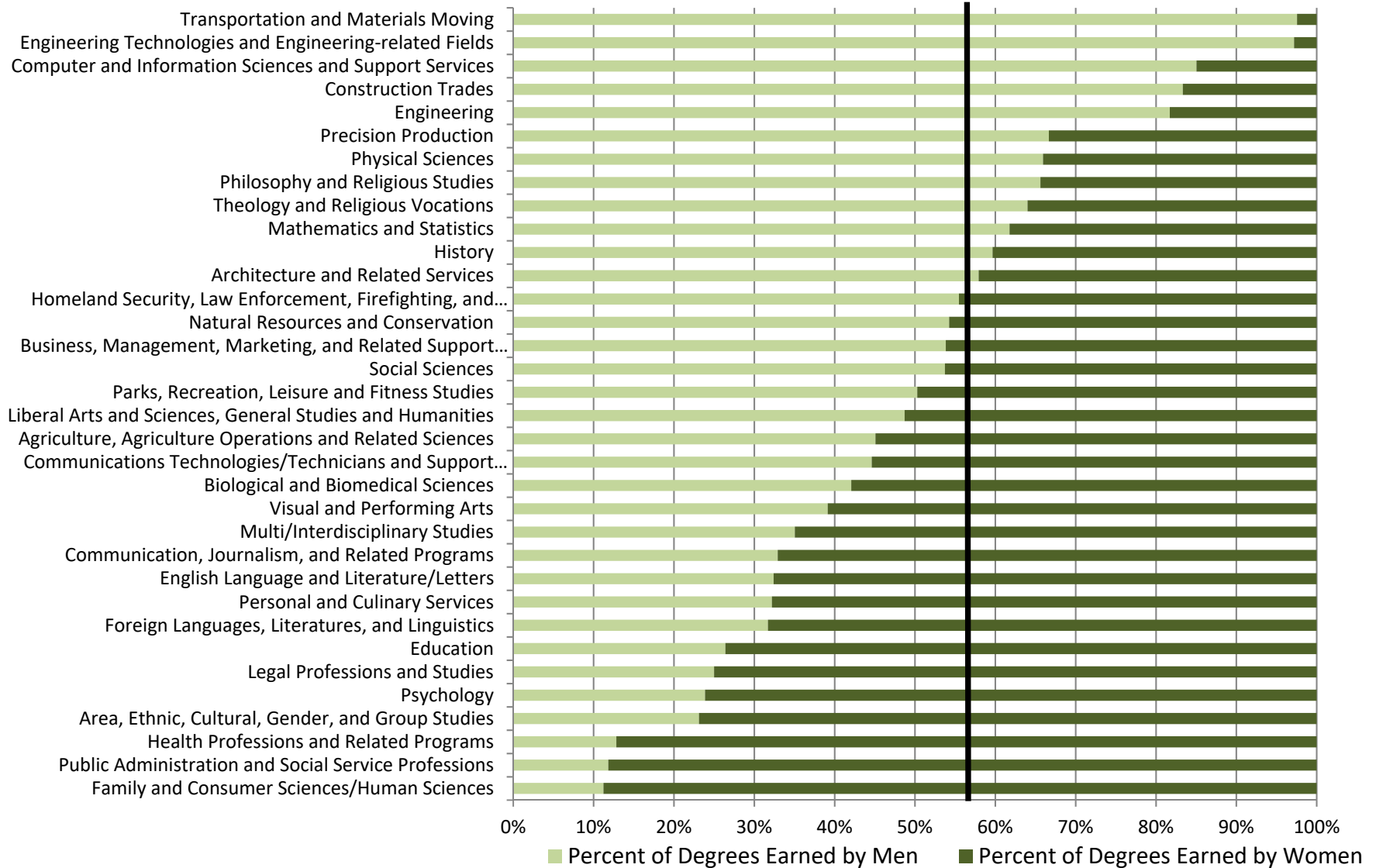
Share of Minnesota Bachelor's Degrees Earned by Sector by Gender, 2015-16



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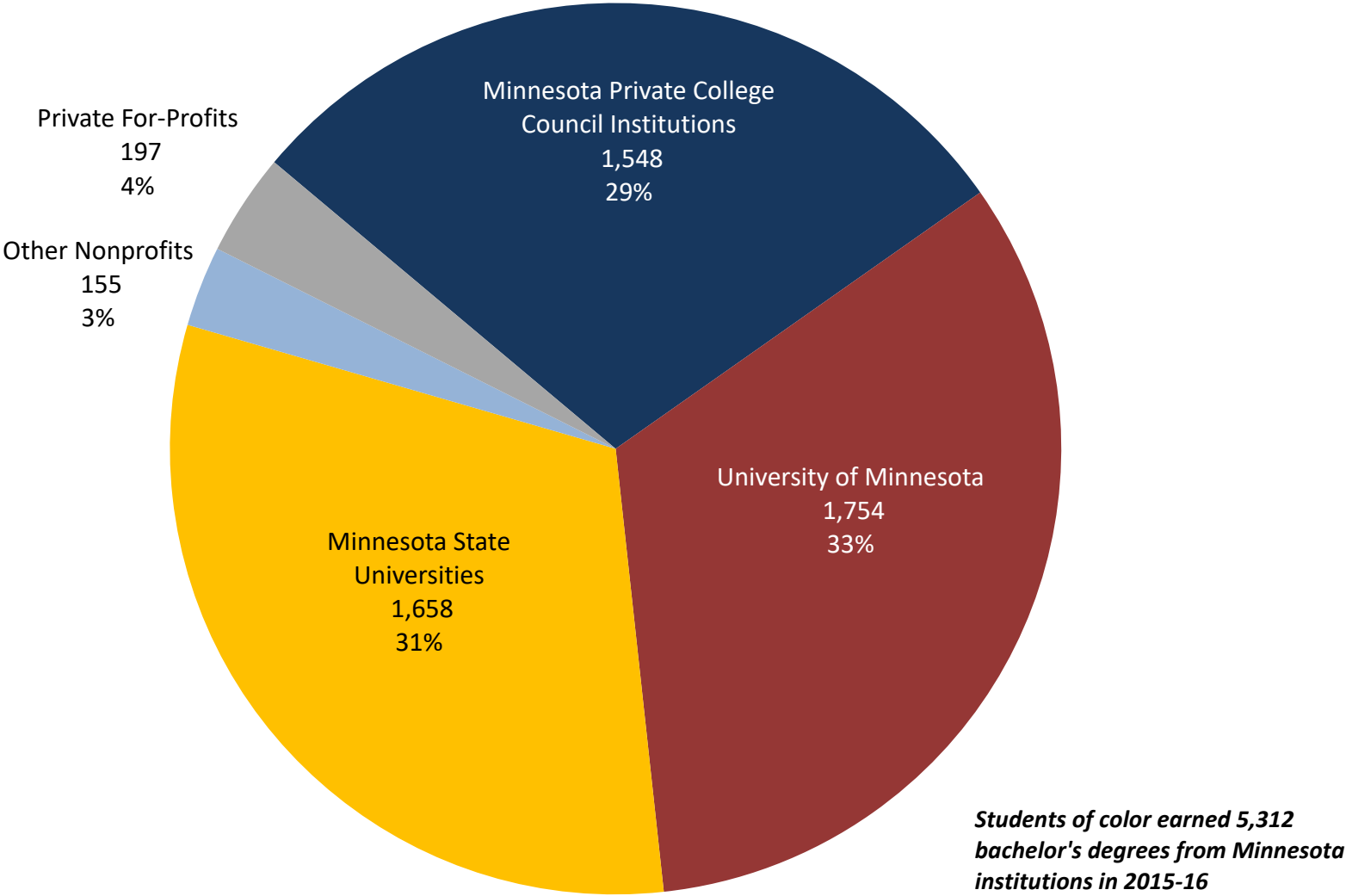
Women earned 57% of Bachelor's Degrees Awarded in Minnesota in 2015-16



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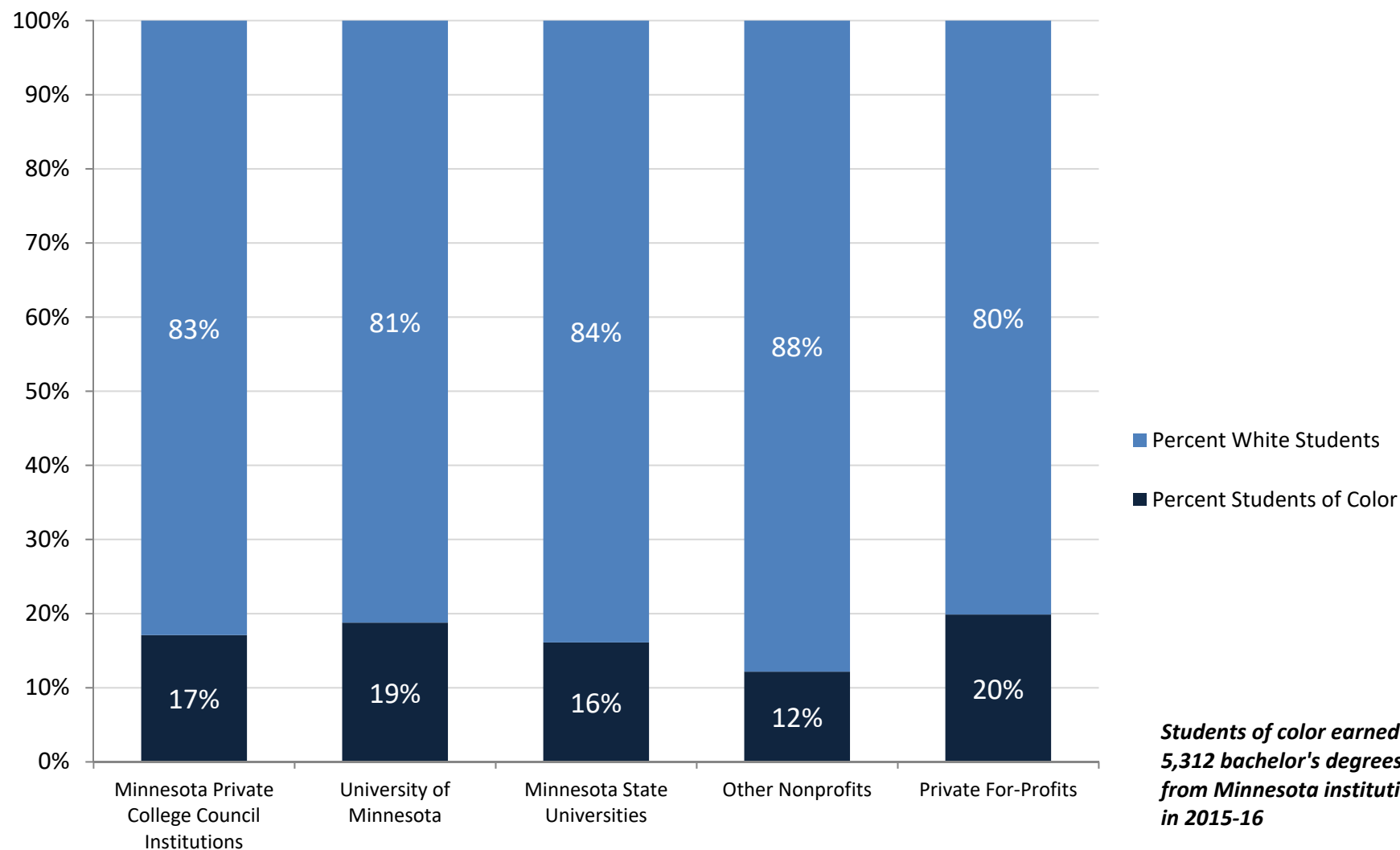
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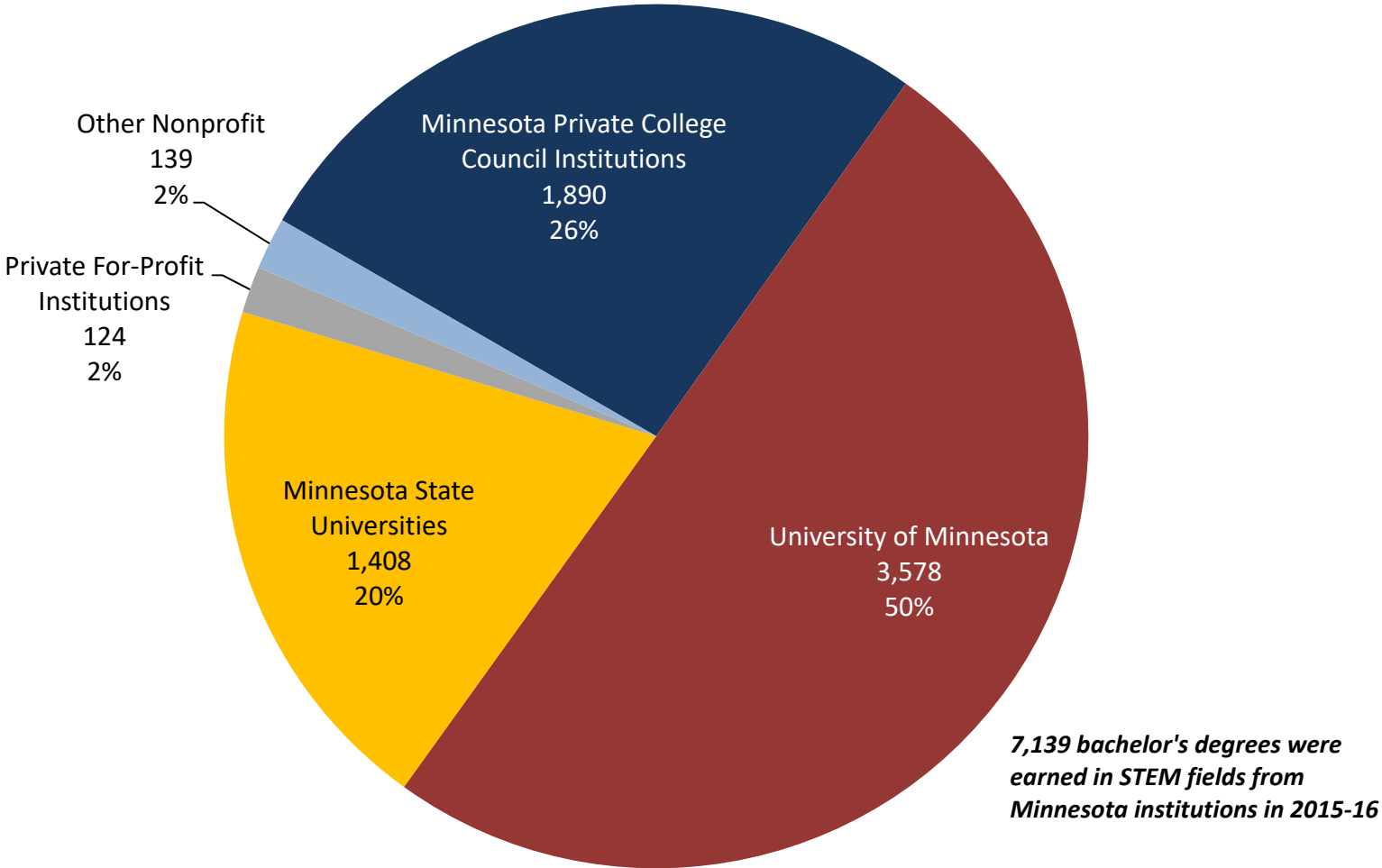
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Share of Bachelor's Degrees Earned by Students of Color in each Sector, 2015-16



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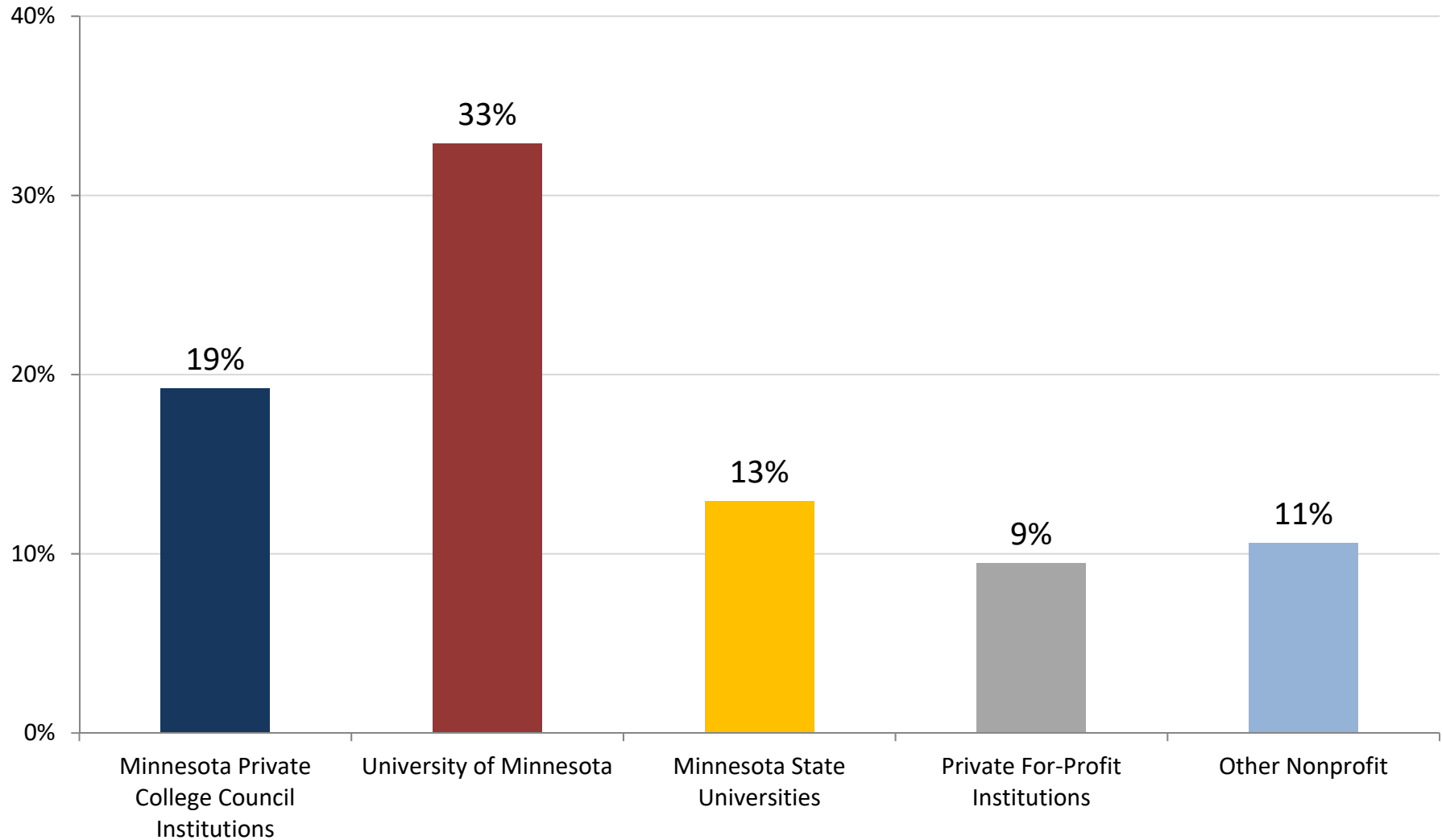
Bachelor's Degrees Earned in STEM by Sector, 2015-16



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Share of All Degrees Earned that are Earned in STEM Fields, 2015-16

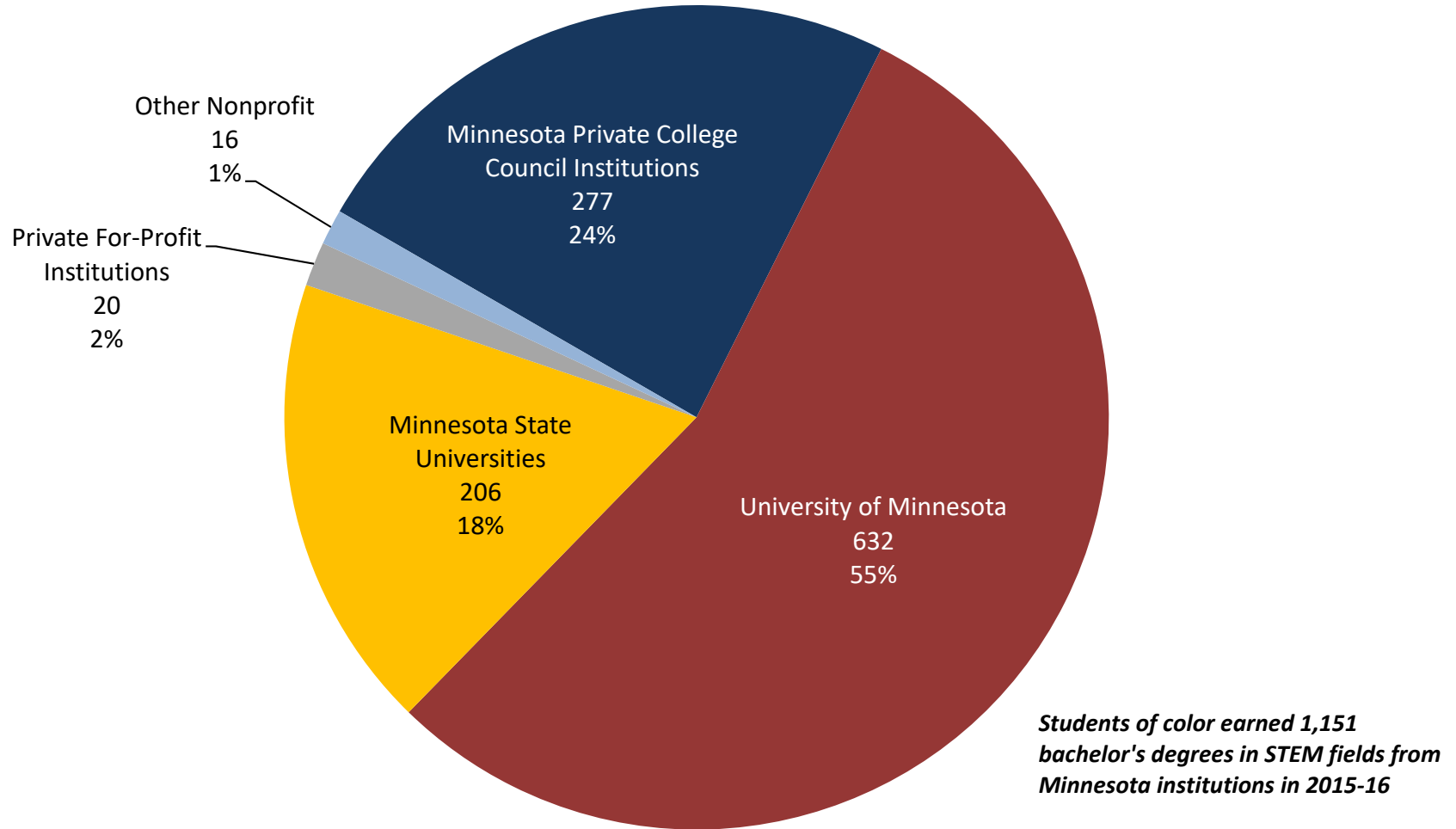


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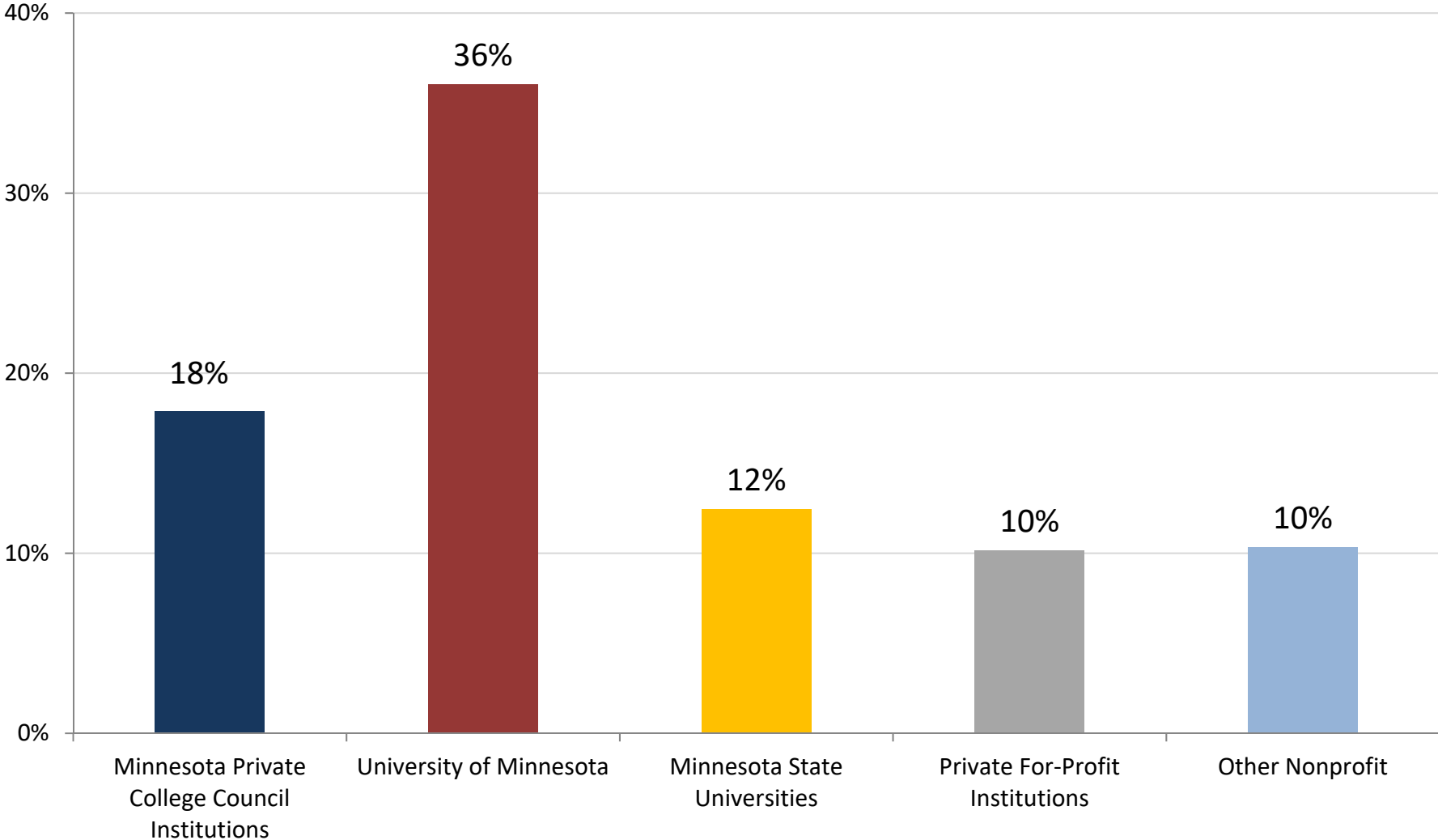


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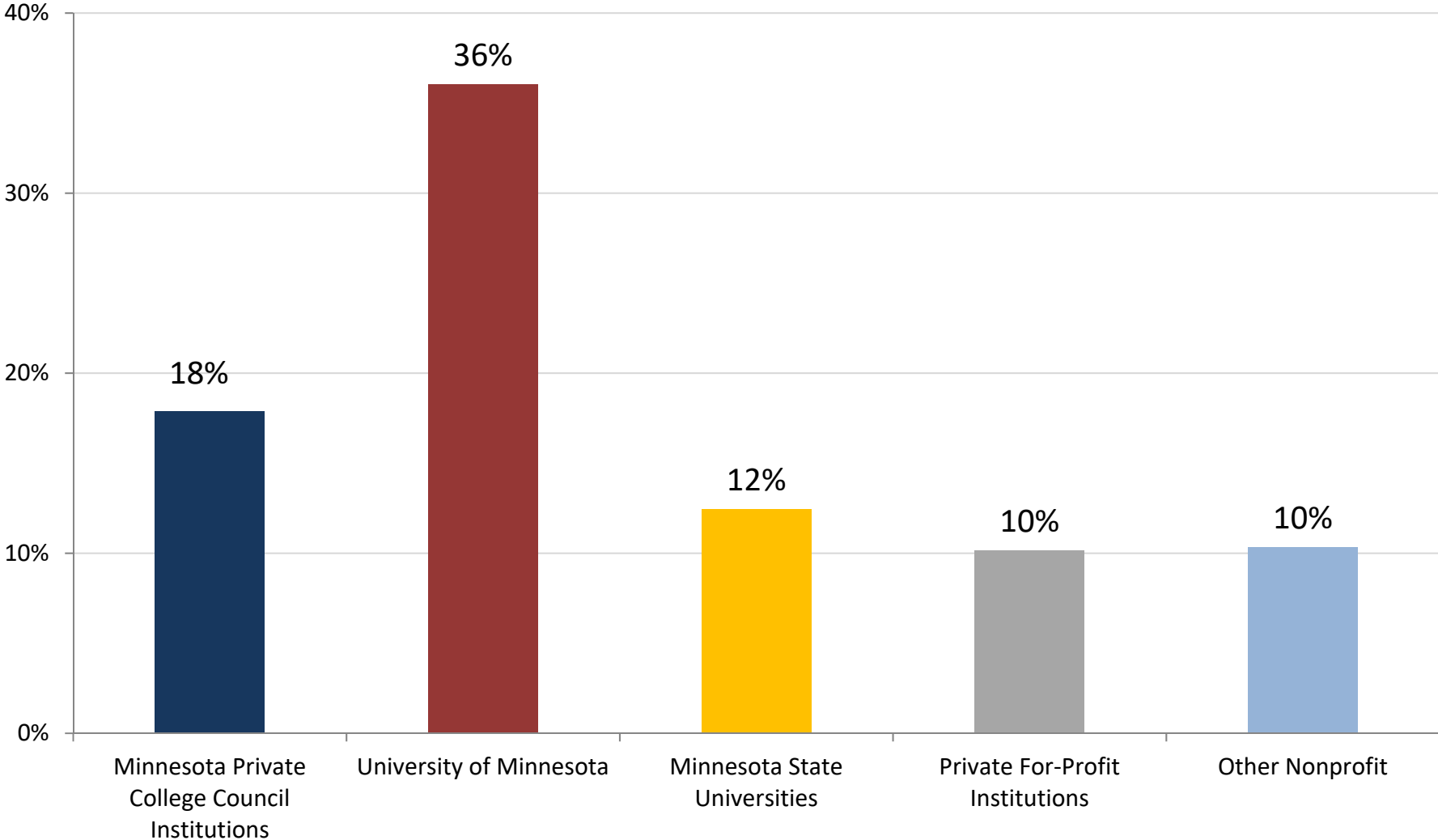


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