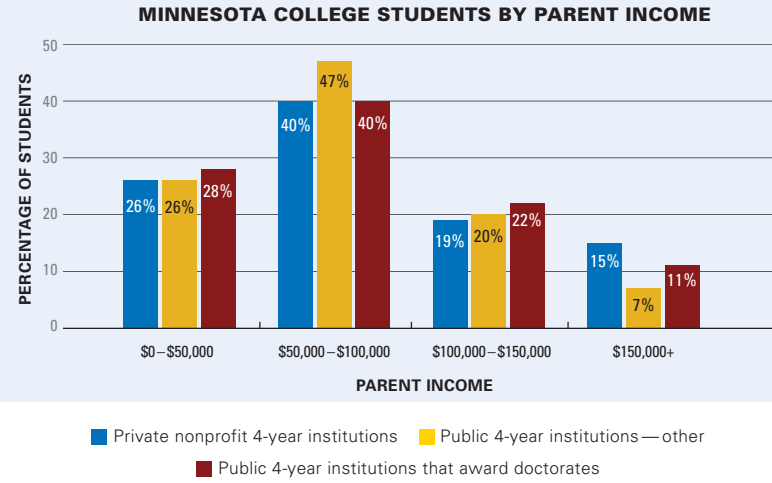


Who attends our schools?

- 59,095 students (42,694 undergraduate and 16,401 graduate) attend our 17 institutions.
- Private college students come from every income bracket.



- Our students come from many backgrounds—12% are students of color, which mirrors Minnesota’s demographic make-up.

 **WEB EXTRA:** Resources for diverse students are available at www.mnprivatecolleges.org/diversity

- More than 13,000 of our students come from other states and countries.

Where about one-third of Minnesota undergrads earn their degrees.

Augsburg College

Carleton College

Concordia University, St. Paul

Macalester College

St. Catherine University

Bethany Lutheran College

College of Saint Benedict

Gustavus Adolphus College
 Minneapolis College of Art and Design

St. Olaf College

College of St. Scholastica

Saint John’s University

Bethel University

Concordia College, Moorhead

Hamline University

Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota

University of St. Thomas

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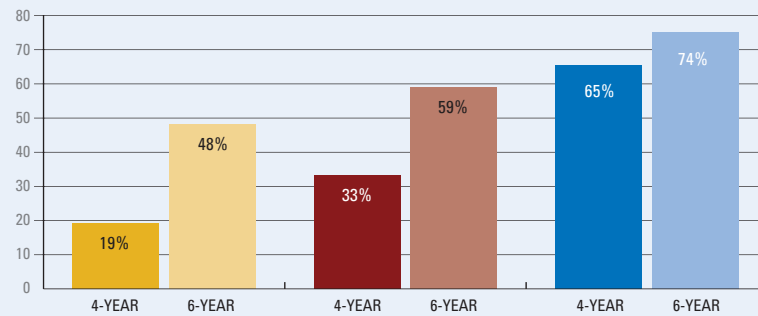


COVER: Current students and recent graduates who have received Minnesota Private College Fund scholarships.

Why choose us?

- Pursue the majors and degrees you want—we award about one-third of four-year degrees in Minnesota. Search out programs that interest you, visit www.mnprivatecolleges.org/majors.
- Be challenged in the classroom by professors, not teaching assistants.
 - The average student / faculty ratio of our institutions is 13:1
 - Most classes have fewer than 20 students
- Experience the value of a liberal arts education—participate in class discussions and research projects in an array of disciplines and develop key skills that are sought out by employers in many industries.
- Be part of a community that fits you, whether it has 600 or 6,000 undergraduate students.
- Study abroad—several of our colleges are nationally recognized for sending students abroad for global education experiences.
- Prepare for the workforce or graduate school—3 out of 4 of our graduates go immediately into full-time employment, while many others pursue graduate level programs.
- Graduate on time—65% of students graduate in four years—the best rate in Minnesota.

GRADUATION RATES OF MINNESOTA INSTITUTIONS



Percentage of Students Completing a Bachelor's Degree for Full-time, First-time Undergraduates who Began a Program in 2000

■ Minnesota State Colleges and Universities ■ University of Minnesota ■ Minnesota's Private Colleges

How much does it cost?

College isn't free, but it can be much more affordable than you may think. In 2009-2010 the average tuition and fees of our 17 institutions is \$29,506. (With room and board added, the comprehensive charges average \$37,200.) However, these numbers do not reflect what the average student actually pays.

Did you know:

- Thanks to financial aid, the average amount that families actually pay for tuition is considerably less than the posted price—about half.*
- 94% of students receive financial aid—91% receive grants and scholarships that don't have to be paid back.
- 26% of our students come from families with incomes less than \$50,000 (about the same proportion as MnSCU and the University of Minnesota).

There are a number of options available to help students pay for college:

- Institutional aid from the college you choose to attend—our colleges award more than \$288 million in institutional grants and scholarships
- Grants from federal and state governments
- Low-interest loans
- Work study
- Private scholarships

To qualify for financial aid, you must apply for it. Check out www.fafsa.ed.gov for information on the must-do application form you'll need to fill out for government and institutional aid.

Keep your options open. Private and public colleges alike will vary in the types of aid offered to their students. To find out what your financial aid package might be at a particular college, you first have to apply to that school. Meanwhile, talk to admissions counselors about the types of aid you might qualify for.



WEB EXTRA: For a complete resource on affording a Minnesota Private College education, visit www.mnprivatecolleges.org/paying/afford—including each institution's current tuition and fees.

97% of our alumni say the amount they and their families paid for college was worth it.

*In 2007-08, the average amount families paid for tuition was 53% of the posted price

Visit campus

To schedule a campus visit, contact admissions offices directly. Contact information is available at www.mnprivatecolleges.org/colleges.

- Observe a class.
- Take a tour and visit residence halls, the library, recreation facilities and other places where students hang out.
- Talk to admissions counselors and ask questions.



WEB EXTRA: Suggested questions to ask on your campus visit are available at www.mnprivatecolleges.org/choosing/questions.php

- Meet with a financial aid officer.
- Stay overnight in a residence hall.

Looking for a quick introduction to several colleges in a short amount of time?

Check out Minnesota Private College Week, June 21–25, 2010. For more information, visit www.mnprivatecolleges.org/mpcw

Visit us online

www.mnprivatecolleges.org—click on “Prospective Students”

- Profiles and links for all 17 colleges
- Complete information on financial aid
- Full list of majors and degrees
- Information on college preparation
- Listing of tuition and fees
- Links to helpful resources

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