There are more than 1,700 private, nonprofit colleges and universities in the U.S., enrolling over 5 million students in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. There is a private, nonprofit college or university in 391 of 435 congressional districts. One of four students attending a four-year college or university is enrolled at a private, nonprofit college or institution.

Private, nonprofit colleges and universities vary in type and scope: 27% are baccalaureate institutions; 25% are master’s colleges; 16% are Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Minority Serving Institutions or Tribal Colleges; 26% participate in the Title III Strengthening Institutions Program; 17% are faith-related; 11% focus on health and medicine; 7% are research universities; and 9% have another special focus (work colleges, women’s colleges, schools of art, music, technology).

The median enrollment of four-year private, nonprofit institutions is 1,348 students, ranging from 14 to more than 100,000 students; 332 of the 1,700 private, nonprofit colleges and universities have fewer than 250 students.

**PRIVATE, NONPROFIT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITIES ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS (2018-2019)**

- **3.4 MILLION JOBS** supported and sustained
- **$77.6 BILLION** generated in local, state & federal tax revenue
- **1.1 MILLION** graduates annually
- **1+ MILLION PEOPLE** directly employed in private, nonprofit higher education
- **$2.8 BILLION** in combined impact of charitable giving and volunteerism
- **$591.5 BILLION** in economic impact
OVER THE COURSE OF THEIR 40-YEAR CAREERS
THE 584,000 BACHELOR’S DEGREE RECIPIENTS IN 2019 AT PRIVATE, NONPROFIT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WILL

HAVE EARNINGS TOTALING $3.1 TRILLION

SUPPORT AND SUSTAIN A CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF 17.4 MILLION JOBS

GENERATE $382 BILLION IN TAX REVENUE AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL

PRIVATE, NONPROFIT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
ENROLL AND GRADUATE STUDENTS OF ALL BACKGROUNDS

GRADUATION RATE

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Eighty-four percent of students who received a bachelor’s degree from a four-year private college were able to complete it in four years, compared to 70% of graduates at state institutions.

Private, nonprofit colleges and universities enroll similar percentages of Pell recipients (38%) as public institutions (40%).

Private, nonprofit colleges and universities enroll a greater percentage of students 25 years and older (22%) than four-year public colleges (19%).

BACHELOR’S DEGREE COMPLETED IN 4 YEARS
84% PRIVATE, NONPROFIT COLLEGE STUDENTS
70% FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC COLLEGE STUDENTS

PELL GRANT RECIPIENTS
38% PRIVATE, NONPROFIT COLLEGE STUDENTS
40% FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC COLLEGE STUDENTS

STUDENTS 25 YEARS AND OLDER
22% PRIVATE, NONPROFIT COLLEGE STUDENTS
19% FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC COLLEGE STUDENTS
Private, nonprofit colleges and universities enroll similar percentages of students from underrepresented groups and by gender and age as do four-year public colleges.

### Private, Nonprofit Colleges and Universities

**Price, Institutional Aid and Endowments**

Adjusted for inflation, the 2020–21 average net tuition and fees at private, nonprofit colleges and universities ($15,990) is comparable to the average net tuition and fees seen prior to the 2007–08 recession ($15,830).

The average debt among all bachelor’s degree recipients who borrowed and attended private, nonprofit institutions in 2018–19 was $33,700, compared to $27,000 for bachelor’s degree recipients at public institutions.

Seventy-four percent of all grant aid awarded to full-time students at four-year private colleges comes via scholarships and grants directly from institutional resources; only 31% of grant aid at four-year public institutions comes from institutional sources.

Across all four-year private, nonprofit institutions in FY 2017–18, the median endowment was $35.6 million, versus $35.4 million that supports public four-year institutions.