There are more than 1,700 private, nonprofit colleges and universities in the U.S., enrolling more than 5.2 million students in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. There is a private, nonprofit college or university in 393 of the 435 congressional districts. Of students attending a four-year college or university, one of four is enrolled at a private, nonprofit college or institution. The median enrollment of four-year private, nonprofit institutions is 1,255 students and one out of five has fewer than 250 students.

Provides significant economic, social, and cultural contributions.

Over the course of a forty-year career, the 584,000 students who received a bachelor’s degree from a private, nonprofit college in 2019 will:

- Earn $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.

Enrolls and graduates students from all backgrounds.

### Graduation Rates

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Data from Academic Year 2021-22
Enrolls similar percentages of students from underrepresented groups as do four-year public colleges and universities.

### Enrolls and graduates students from all backgrounds (continued).

**Bachelor's Degree Completed in 4 Years**
- **4-Year Private, Nonprofit College Students**: 84%
- **4-Year Public College Students**: 70%

**Pell Grant Recipients**
- **4-Year Private, Nonprofit College Students**: 38%
- **4-Year Public College Students**: 40%

**Undergraduates 25 Years and Older**
- **4-Year Private, Nonprofit College Students**: 22%
- **4-Year Public College Students**: 16%

### Is affordable and attainable.

**Average Net Tuition and Fees Declined Over the Last Decade**
- **(in 2023 dollars)**
  - **2013-14**: $18,010
  - **2023-24**: $15,910

**Average Debt Among Bachelor Degree Recipients Who Borrowed**
- **Private, Nonprofit College Students**: $33,600
- **4-Year Public College Students**: $27,400

**Median Endowment**
- **4-Year Private, Nonprofit Colleges**: $42.2M
- **4-Year Public Colleges**: $42.4M

**Share of Grant Aid from Institutional Resources**
- **4-Year Private, Nonprofit Colleges**: 75%
- **4-Year Public Colleges**: 32%

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