About Private, Nonprofit Colleges

Institutions
1,700+

Students
5.2 Million

Private, Nonprofit Colleges by Classification, 2020-21
- Baccalaureate Colleges: 26%
- Master's Colleges & Universities: 23%
- Faith-Related Institutions: 15%
- Doctoral Universities: 13%
- Medical & Health Professions: 9%
- Associate's Colleges: 6%
- Art, Music & Design Schools: 3%
- Professional Focus Schools: 3%
- Other Special Focus Schools: 2%

Private, Nonprofit Colleges by Location and Size, 2020-21
- Full-time: 843,003
- Part-time: 284,752

Private, Nonprofit Colleges by Region, 2020-21
- Far West: 255
- Great Lakes: 267
- Mid-Atlantic: 393
- New England: 139
- Plains: 172
- Southeast: 365
- Southwest: 104

Private, Nonprofit Colleges by Location, Fall 2020
- City: 32%
- Suburb: 18%
- Town: 9%
- Rural: 6%

Median Endowment, FY 2020
- 4-Year Private, Nonprofit: 37.1M
- 4-Year Public: 37.7M

Number of Private, Nonprofit College Employees, Fall 2020
- Full-time: 843,003
- Part-time: 284,752