About Private, Nonprofit Colleges

Institutions 1,700+
Students 5.2 Million

Private, Nonprofit Colleges by Classification, 2019-20

- Baccalaureate Colleges: 26%
- Master's Colleges & Universities: 22%
- Faith-Related Institutions: 17%
- Doctoral Universities: 11%
- Medical & Health Professions: 10%
- Associate's Colleges: 5%
- Art, Music & Design Schools: 3%
- Professional Focus Schools: 3%
- Other Special Focus Schools: 2%

Private, Nonprofit Colleges by Region, 2019-20

- Far West: 261
- Great Lakes: 271
- Mid-Atlantic: 396
- New England: 141
- Plains: 175
- Southeast: 364
- Southwest: 105

Private, Nonprofit Colleges by Location and Size, 2019-20

- Less than 2,000 Students: 32%
- 2,000-4,999 Students: 12%
- 5,000+ Students: 9%

Median Endowment, FY 2020

- 4-Year Private, Nonprofit: 37.1M
- 4-Year Public: 37.7M

4-Year Private, Nonprofit College Endowment Distribution, FY 2020

- < $25 Million: 41%
- $25-$99 Million: 31%
- $100-$499 Million: 19%
- $500 Million +: 9%

Number of Private, Nonprofit College Employees, Fall 2020

- Full-time: 843,003
- Part-time: 284,752