# Bethel University 2011-12 All Year Student Enrollment 

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## Enrollment:

A total of 6,532 unduplicated students registered for classes at Bethel University during the 2011-12 academic year (fall 2011 through summer 2012) a slight decrease in overall enrollment from the prior year. Despite this decrease in overall enrollment, the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) once again set a new record for all-year enrollment at 3,067 students, the fourth consecutive year of record enrollment.

However, significant decreases were experienced in the College of Adult and Professional Studies (CAPS), Bethel Seminary Saint Paul (BSSP), and Bethel Seminary of the East (BSOE). CAPS enrollment was down six percent from the previous year's record, still the second highest enrollment in its history, while BSSP and BSOE have experienced declines in each of the past four years and were each down by more than 11 percent in 2011-12.

The Graduate School (GS) and Bethel Seminary San Diego (BSSD) remained relatively flat in 2011-12, falling just short of their record enrollments from the previous year.

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| College of Arts \& Sciences (CAS) | 2,943 | 2,932 | $\mathbf{2 , 9 5 5}$ | 3,009 | 3,043 | 3,067 | $0.8 \%$ |
| College of Adult \& Professional Studies <br> (CAPS) | 856 | 876 | 911 | 909 | 986 | 929 | $-5.8 \%$ |
| Graduate School (GS) | 1,052 | 1,187 | 1,257 | 1,275 | 1,424 | 1,423 | $-0.1 \%$ |
| Bethel Seminary St. Paul (BSSP) | 958 | 920 | 958 | 942 | 870 | 770 | $-11.5 \%$ |
| Bethel Seminary San Diego (BSSD) | 299 | 268 | 285 | 268 | 305 | 303 | $-0.7 \%$ |
| Bethel Seminary of the East (BSOE) | 132 | 155 | 163 | 158 | 106 | 93 | $-12.3 \%$ |
| DUPLICATED TOTAL | 6,240 | 6,338 | 6,529 | 6,561 | 6,734 | 6,585 | $-2.2 \%$ |
| Unduplicated Total | 6,131 | 6,266 | 6,440 | 6,457 | 6,635 | 6,532 | $-1.6 \%$ |



Fifty-three students were enrolled in more than one school, as follows:

- 5 students in CAS and CAPS
- 3 students in CAS and GS
- 2 students in CAS and BSSP
- 39 students in CAPS and GS
- 1 student in CAPS and BSSP
- 1 student in GS and BSSD
- 2 students in BSSP and BSSD

Total duplicated enrollment at Bethel University for 2011-12 was 6,585. (This counts each student once for each school in which they were enrolled.)

## Gender:

Overall, the percent of females inched up to $59 \%$ of Bethel's total student population, a very small change from prior years (usually between $57 \%$ and $58 \%$ female). The small decrease in the percentage of male students is likely related to lower enrollments in the seminaries, which have historically enrolled more male than female students.


## Age:

CAS continues to maintain a median age of 20, with about $96 \%$ of students being under the age of 25 . In contrast, ages at BSOE have steadily increased year after year, reaching a record median age of 49.5 in 2010-11 before settling back to 47 for 2011-12. While the median age at BSSD has not changed much over time (hovering around 36 years old), the population density has become increasingly bimodal, with increasing numbers of students below age 35 and above age 45 but few students in between. The other schools continued to maintain medians in the mid-thirties as usual, with GS continuing to be the youngest of Bethel's adult populations with a median age of 34 years old.


## Race/Ethnicity:

The percent of students of color at all Bethel schools increased again in 2011-12 to a new high of 14.9\% of students with a known race/ethnicity (excluding non-resident aliens). This increase is likely a combination of factors, including an actual increase of enrollment for these students, but this increase may also reflect new federal reporting guidelines.*


While the percentage of students of color varies, widely by school, significant increases in students of color were observed in CAS, CAPS, BSSD, and BSOE. BSSP was the only school that saw a decline in students of color, falling for the second straight year.

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## Credit Levels:

Median credit levels increased in CAPS, GS, BSSP, and BSSD and remained flat in CAS and BSOE. These increases in credit density did not increase overall registered credits in the university, as these increases were offset by lower enrollment for the university overall. Students registered for a total of 135,010 semester credit hours for 2011-12, nearly flat with the previous year. ${ }^{+}$


## Marital Status:

In schools which record marital status for the majority of their students (CAS and the seminaries), there was little change in marital status from prior years. About $95 \%$ of CAS students are single, while about $65 \%$ of students in the seminary are married. As has historically been the case, marital status has not been asked of many CAPS and GS students, leaving about $65 \%$ at an unknown status.

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## State and Country:

In 2011-12 Bethel University enrolled students from 49 states (all except West Virginia), the District of Columbia, and 23 foreign countries. The state with the largest contingent of Bethel students continues to be Minnesota (over 77\% of all enrollment, down slightly from the prior year), followed by California (5\%), Wisconsin (4\%), Illinois (2\%), and lowa (2\%), with similar percentages to prior years in these states.


## Denomination:

The percentage of Bethel University students affiliated with Converge Worldwide dropped one percent from the prior year to $16.6 \%$, continuing 5 years of the downward trend from $25 \%$ in 2007-08. CAS and BSSP have a varied mix of denominations with about one third of students identifying with a Baptist denomination. Fifty-two percent of all BSOE students identify themselves as a part of a Baptist denomination, down from $59 \%$ the prior year. Over one third of all BSSD students identify themselves as non-denominational, a slight increase from the previous two years. All of these schools saw some increase in non-denominational students since 2009-10. ${ }^{\ddagger}$

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## Note:

Additional data and graphs for all of the above categories, including longitudinal data back to the 2003-04 academic year, is in a separate Excel document, available upon request.

Appendix - Data Detail for 2011-12:

|  | CAS | CAPS | GS | BSSP | BSSD | BSOE | TOTAL |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOTAL Enrollment | 3067 | 929 | 1423 | 770 | 303 | 93 | 6585 |  |
| TOTAL Enrollment Unduplicated |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6532 |  |


| GENDER | CAS | CAPS | GS | BSSP | BSSD | BSOE | TOTAL |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Female | 1835 | 647 | 930 | 299 | 132 | 40 | 3883 |
| Percent of Total | $59.83 \%$ | $69.64 \%$ | $65.35 \%$ | $38.83 \%$ | $43.56 \%$ | $43.01 \%$ | $58.97 \%$ |
| Male | 1232 | 282 | 493 | 471 | 171 | 53 | 2702 |
| Percent of Total | $40.17 \%$ | $30.36 \%$ | $34.65 \%$ | $61.17 \%$ | $56.44 \%$ | $56.99 \%$ | $41.03 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL | 3067 | 929 | 1423 | 770 | 303 | 93 | 6585 |


| MARITALSTATUS | CAS | CAPS | GS | BSSP | BSSD | BSOE | TOTAL |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Single | 2896 | 71 | 149 | 210 | 125 | 18 | 3469 | $71.6 \%$ |
| Married | 147 | 132 | 321 | 500 | 164 | 52 | 1316 | $27.2 \%$ |
| Divorced/Separated | 3 | 4 | 16 | 15 | 8 | 6 | 52 | $1.1 \%$ |
| Widowed | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | $0.1 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL Known | 3046 | 207 | 487 | 726 | 299 | 77 | 4842 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unknown | 21 | 722 | 936 | 44 | 4 | 16 | 1743 |  |


| AGE (as of Jan 1, 2010) | CAS | CAPS | GS | BSSP | BSSD | BSOE | TOTAL |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mean | 20.52 | 38.62 | 36.31 | 38.20 | 39.92 | 46.30 | 29.99 |  |
| Median | 20 | 38 | 34 | 36 | 36.5 | 47 | 25 |  |
| Under 25 | 2936 | 46 | 108 | 67 | 29 | 1 | 3187 | 48.7\% |
| 25-34 | 82 | 308 | 603 | 297 | 112 | 16 | 1418 | 21.7\% |
| 35-44 | 29 | 311 | 369 | 168 | 46 | 23 | 946 | 14.5\% |
| 45-54 | 12 | 205 | 243 | 149 | 61 | 27 | 697 | 10.7\% |
| 55 and over | 6 | 49 | 77 | 87 | 50 | 26 | 295 | 4.5\% |
| TOTAL Known age | 3065 | 919 | 1400 | 768 | 298 | 93 | 6543 |  |
| Unknown | 2 | 10 | 23 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 42 |  |


| DENOMINATION | CAS | CAPS | GS | BSSP | BSSD | BSOE | TOTAL |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Converge Worldwide (BGC) | 484 | 24 | 86 | 120 | 24 | 9 | 747 | 16.6\% |
| Other Baptist (sub total) | 327 | $15^{\circ}$ | 24 | 106 | 34 | 33 | 539 | 12.0\% |
| American | 32 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 54 | 1.2\% |
| Conservative | 4 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 11 | 29 | 0.6\% |
| G.A.R.B | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0.1\% |
| Independent | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 21 | 0.5\% |
| North American | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 0.2\% |
| Other | 276 | 9 | 10 | 61 | 10 | 9 | 375 | 8.3\% |
| Southern | 10 | 1 | 4 | 18 | 13 | 1 | 47 | 1.0\% |
| Assembly of God | 84 | 5 | 9 | 30 | 11 | 2 | 141 | 3.1\% |
| Catholic | 140 | 25 | 62 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 236 | 5.2\% |
| Christian \& Missionary Alliance | 86 | 2 | 17 | 27 | 2 | 0 | 134 | 3.0\% |
| Covenant | 147 | 5 | 30 | 58 | 2 | 1 | 243 | 5.4\% |
| Evangelical Free | 343 | 10 | 26 | 60 | 7 | 3 | 449 | 10.0\% |
| Lutheran | 455 | 37 | 65 | 60 | 3 | 2 | 622 | 13.8\% |
| Mennonite | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0.1\% |
| Methodist | 46 | 5 | 12 | 16 | 3 | 3 | 85 | 1.9\% |
| Non-Denominational** | 414 | 17 | 15 | 98 | 96 | 14 | 654 | 14.5\% |
| Presbyterian | 59 | 2 | 5 | 25 | 26 | 0 | 117 | 2.6\% |
| Other Protestant | 264 | 25 | 51 | 106 | 66 | 14 | 526 | 11.7\% |
| Jewish | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.0\% |
| Buddhist | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.0\% |
| TOTAL Known Denomination | 2851 | 172 | 405 | 715 | 277 | 81 | 4501 |  |
| Unknown | 216 | 757 | 1018 | 55 | 26 | 12 | 2084 |  |


| RACE/ETHNICITY*** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hispanic/Latino | 47 | 18 | 34 | 16 | 25 | 2 | 142 | 2.2\% |
| American Indian / Alaska Native | 7 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 18 | 0.3\% |
| Asian | 71 | 28 | 31 | 22 | 55 | 5 | 212 | 3.3\% |
| Black / African-American | 90 | 166 | 74 | 56 | 29 | 33 | 448 | 7.0\% |
| Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 0.1\% |
| Two or More Races | 75 | 16 | 15 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 122 | 1.9\% |
| Non-Resident Alien | 12 | 4 | 17 | 16 | 1 | 0 | 50 | 0.8\% |
| Sub-Total | 305 | 237 | 175 | 123 | 116 | 44 | 1000 | 15.6\% |
| White | 2750 | 661 | 1171 | 621 | 180 | 41 | 5424 | 84.4\% |
| TOTAL Known Ethnicity | 3055 | 898 | 1346 | 744 | 296 | 85 | 6424 |  |
| Percent of Color/International | 10.0\% | 26.4\% | 13.0\% | 16.5\% | 39.2\% | 51.8\% | 15.6\% |  |
| Unknown | 12 | 31 | 77 | 26 | 7 | 8 | 161 |  |


| ENROLLMENT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total Registered Semester Credits <br> for Year (Quarter Credits converted <br> to Semester Credits) | 90313 | 15243 | 14786 | 10398 | 3341 | 929 | 135010 |
| Median Credit Load |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Avg. per enrolled student | 29.53 | 16.46 | 11.59 | 14.83 | 13.47 | 10.68 | 20.67 |


| Number of students who registered for: |  |  |  |  |  |  | Duplicated | Unduplicated |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 32 or more semester credits | 1714 | 17 | 12 | 14 | 11 | 0 | 1768 | 1773 |
| 24-31 | 786 | 182 | 26 | 93 | 24 | 3 | 1114 | 1115 |
| 16-23 | 189 | 350 | 383 | 274 | 61 | 24 | 1281 | 1282 |
| 8-15 | 217 | 200 | 353 | 183 | 88 | 30 | 1071 | 1075 |
| 4-7 | 113 | 99 | 233 | 102 | 37 | 18 | 602 | 575 |
| 1-3 | 37 | 78 | 269 | 34 | 26 | 12 | 456 | 426 |
| 0 | 11 | 3 | 147 | 70 | 56 | 6 | 293 | 286 |
| TOTAL | 3067 | 929 | 1423 | 770 | 303 | 93 | 6585 | 6532 |

** Non-Denominational was formerly reported as "Other Protestant."
*** For 2010-2011, Bethel converted to the new federal standards for reporting race/ethnicity. However, due to incomplete data for some schools, the numbers above reflect the new race/ethnicity data when available and use the old race ethnicity if no new data exists. This standard has been continued for 2011-12.

| STATE | CAS | CAPS | GS | BSSP | BSSD | BSOE | TOTAL |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alabama |  |  | 1 | 3 |  |  | 4 | 0.1\% |
| Alaska | 4 |  | 3 | 2 |  |  | 9 | 0.1\% |
| Arizona | 8 |  | 3 | 3 | 1 |  | 15 | 0.2\% |
| Arkansas | 1 |  | 1 | 5 |  |  | 7 | 0.1\% |
| California | 16 | 2 | 5 | 19 | 287 |  | 329 | 5.0\% |
| Colorado | 31 |  | 7 | 4 |  |  | 42 | 0.6\% |
| Connecticut | 4 |  | 2 | 5 |  | 17 | 28 | 0.4\% |
| D.C. |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 2 | 0.0\% |
| Delaware |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  | 2 | 0.0\% |
| Florida | 5 | 1 | 4 | 2 |  |  | 12 | 0.2\% |
| Georgia | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 |  |  | 10 | 0.2\% |
| Hawaii |  |  | 1 | 2 | 1 |  | 4 | 0.1\% |
| Idaho | 3 |  |  | 3 |  |  | 6 | 0.1\% |
| Illinois | 103 |  | 5 | 20 |  |  | 128 | 1.9\% |
| Indiana | 4 |  | 2 | 7 |  |  | 13 | 0.2\% |
| Iowa | 89 |  | 7 | 26 |  |  | 122 | 1.9\% |
| Kansas | 4 |  | 1 | 3 |  |  | 8 | 0.1\% |
| Kentucky | 2 |  | 1 |  |  |  | 3 | 0.0\% |
| Louisiana | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |  | 2 | 0.0\% |
| Maine | 2 |  |  | 1 |  | 2 | 5 | 0.1\% |
| Maryland |  |  | 2 | 4 |  | 21 | 27 | 0.4\% |
| Massachusetts | 4 |  | 3 | 4 |  | 28 | 39 | 0.6\% |
| Michigan | 15 |  | 2 | 6 |  |  | 23 | 0.3\% |
| Minnesota | 2426 | 903 | 1243 | 508 | 1 |  | 5081 | 77.2\% |
| Mississippi |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  | 2 | 0.0\% |
| Missouri | 5 |  | 3 | 7 |  |  | 15 | 0.2\% |
| Montana | 6 |  |  | 4 |  |  | 10 | 0.2\% |
| Nebraska | 5 |  | 1 | 3 |  |  | 9 | 0.1\% |
| Nevada |  | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  | 3 | 0.0\% |
| New Hampshire | 3 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 5 | 0.1\% |
| New Jersey | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 |  | 3 | 14 | 0.2\% |
| New Mexico |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 | 0.0\% |
| New York | 3 |  | 1 | 9 |  | 10 | 23 | 0.3\% |
| North Carolina | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 |  |  | 8 | 0.1\% |
| North Dakota | 18 |  | 3 | 4 |  |  | 25 | 0.4\% |
| Ohio | 6 |  | 3 | 2 |  |  | 11 | 0.2\% |
| Oklahoma | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |  | 2 | 0.0\% |
| Oregon | 6 |  | 2 |  | 4 |  | 12 | 0.2\% |
| Pennsylvania | 12 |  | 1 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 29 | 0.4\% |
| Rhode Island | 1 |  |  | 1 |  | 1 | 3 | 0.0\% |
| South Carolina |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 | 0.0\% |
| South Dakota | 49 |  | 3 | 5 |  |  | 57 | 0.9\% |
| Tennessee | 2 |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 0.0\% |
| Texas | 11 |  | 5 | 9 | 4 |  | 29 | 0.4\% |
| Utah |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 | 0.0\% |
| Vermont | 2 |  | 1 |  |  |  | 3 | 0.0\% |
| Virginia | 1 |  | 3 | 7 |  | 2 | 13 | 0.2\% |
| Washington | 14 |  | 4 | 4 |  |  | 22 | 0.3\% |
| West Virginia |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wisconsin | 173 | 14 | 35 | 39 |  |  | 261 | 4.0\% |
| Wyoming |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 | 0.0\% |
| Sub-total, US | 3050 | 924 | 1372 | 743 | 301 | 93 | 6483 | 98.5\% |
| Foreign Address* | 5 | 1 | 34 | 11 | 1 |  | 52 | 0.8\% |
| International (Visa) | 12 | 4 | 17 | 16 | 1 |  | 50 | 0.8\% |
| TOTAL Known | $3067{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 929 | 1423 | 770 | 303 | 93 | 6585 | 100.0\% |


| Total Number of States | 39 | 8 | 41 | 40 | 7 | 10 | 49 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | addresses are included in appropriate state or territory above.



| TOTAL COUNTRIES: | 6 | 14 | 3 | 11 | 8 | 19 | 11 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 40 |
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[^0]:    * Starting in 2010-11, federal requirements adjusted the way institutions ask about and record race/ethnicity, correcting a prior underrepresentation of Hispanics/Latinos and allowing students to identify themselves as more than one race (now reported as "two or more races"). Due to the transition from the old reporting standards to the new race/ethnicity guidelines, the figures for $2010-2011$ and 2011-12 use a combination of new and old race/ethnicity standards. The new race/ethnicity data has been used when available, but old data has been used if no new data is exists.

[^1]:    ${ }^{\dagger}$ Note: for comparison purposes, quarter credit hours in the seminary have been converted to semester equivalents.

[^2]:    ${ }^{\ddagger}$ Denominational data for CAPS and GS continues to be unreliable as is it is not asked of the majority of students, so it is not included in the above summary.

[^3]:    The Left-hand (Visa) columns indicate students who are not US citizens and have visas to be in the US for a temporary time period (includes Visa statuses of F-1, B-2, J-2, etc.)
    The Right-hand (Other) columns indicate students who are not US citizens but are permanent residents, presumed permanent residents, or other eligible non-citizens (such as refugees). This column also includes US citizens who have a foreign address (this would include many M.K.'s)

