# Bethel University 2017-18 All Year Student Enrollment 

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## Enrollment:

A total of 5,462 unduplicated students registered for classes at Bethel University during the 2017-18 academic year (fall 2017 through summer 2018), an increase in enrollment of $0.4 \%$ from the prior year's enrollment. The minor increase was due to the small increase in enrollment experienced by the College of Adult and Professional Studies (CAPS, up 6.6\%), the St. Paul seminary location (BSSP, up 13.9\%), and the San Diego seminary location (BSSD, up 1.9\%). In contrast, the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS, down 1.4\%) and the Graduate School (GS, down 1.6\%) saw a slight decrease in enrollment.

College in the Schools (CIS) enrollment has increased over the past few years although the total enrollment dropped during the 2017-18 year. Given that these students are not a part of the CAS population (they are taught by high school teachers in high schools for Bethel credit), they continue to be reported separately from CAS enrollment figures.

| Bethel University All-Year Enrollment | 12-13 | 13-14 | 14-15 | 15-16 | 16-17 | 17-18 | 1 year Change |
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| College of Arts \& Sciences (CAS) | 2,925 | 2,753 | 2,748 | 2,691 | 2,711 | 2,673 | -1.4\% |
| College of Adult \& Professional Studies (CAPS) | 915 | 887 | 681 | 639 | 542 | 578 | 6.6\% |
| Graduate School (GS) | 1,673 | 1,762 | 1,712 | 1,651 | 1,582 | 1,558 | -1.6\% |
| Bethel Seminary St. Paul (BSSP) | 694 | 605 | 563 | 478 | 438 | 499 | 13.9\% |
| Bethel Seminary San Diego (BSSD) | 270 | 264 | 239 | 240 | 216 | 220 | 1.9\% |
| Bethel Seminary of the East (BSOE) | 124 | 93 | - | - | - | - | 100.0\% |
| DUPLICATED TOTAL | 6,601 | 6,364 | 5,943 | 5,699 | 5,491 | 5,528 | 0.7\% |
| Unduplicated Total | 6,531 | 6,295 | 5,885 | 5,644 | 5,440 | 5,462 | 0.4\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| College in the Schools (CIS; formerly included in CAS above) | 106 | 147 | 148 | 162 | 156 | 127 | -18.6\% |
| DUPLICATED TOTAL (with CIS) | 6,707 | 6,511 | 6,089 | 5,861 | 5,647 | 5,655 | 0.1\% |
| Unduplicated Total (with CIS) | 6,637 | 6,442 | 6,033 | 5,806 | 5,575 | 5,589 | 0.3\% |
| BUILD |  |  |  | 12 | 21 | 27 | 28.6\% |

Sixty-six students were enrolled in more than one school, as follows. These students could be enrolled concurrently in more than one school (e.g. "dual enrollment") or sequentially (e.g. finish an undergraduate degree in the fall, and continue to graduate school in the spring).

- 29 students in CAPS and GS
- 18 students in CAS and GS
- 12 students in CAS and CAPS
- 3 students in CAS and BSSP
- 2 students in BSSP and BSSD
- 2 students in GS and BSSP

Total duplicated enrollment at Bethel University for 2017-18 was 5,528. (This counts each student once for each school in which they were enrolled).


## Gender:

Gender balance for 2017-18 was 60.6\% female, down slightly from $61.3 \%$ female the year before. While CAS, CAPS and GS remained relatively stable in terms of gender balance, BSSP females decreased from $34.2 \%$ of the population to $32.2 \%$, while BSSD females experienced a marginal increase from $46.3 \%$ of the population to 46.4\%.


## Age:

CAS continues to maintain a median age of 20, with about $95 \%$ of students being under the age of 25 . Median ages for the remainder of the schools are in the mid to upper 30's. At a median age of 35 (up from 34 in the previous year), GS is the site with the youngest population after CAS.


## Race/Ethnicity:

The percent of students of color at all Bethel schools increased in 2017-18 to a new high of 20.6\% of students with a known race/ethnicity (excluding non-resident aliens). This is the tenth straight year of incremental increases in this percentage.


The overall increase in racial and ethnic diversity at the university (excluding non-resident aliens) was driven by increases in CAS (up from 13.9\% to 15.8\%), CAPS (up from 31.4\% to 32.4\%), BSSP (up from 20.5\% to 24.8\%), and BSSD (up from 46.5\% to 50.5\%). CAS diversity displayed another significant increase, growing from 13.9\% to $15.8 \%$ largely attributed to the continuation of the ActSix program and the strong retention of its participants.


## Credit Levels:

Total registered credits for the entire university fell 1.0\% from the prior year. CAPS experienced a 6.6\% increase in enrollment, but experienced a slight decrease of 15.6 to 15.4 in the average credit level per student. In CAS, the decrease in registered credits was driven primarily by a marginally decreased enrollment, with average credits per student remaining stable. BSSP's median credit level remained at 12 and the overall enrollment was $13.9 \%$ higher than the previous year. BSSD saw the median credit levels per student fall from 14.0 to 12.0. The average per enrolled student marginally decreased from 13.4 to 13.1. There was an increase in overall credits at the seminary due to the increase in enrollment at both BSSP and BSSD, even though the average number of credits per student decreased.


Please note that zero credit students are most often SMEP (music) students in CAS and either master's thesis or doctrinal dissertation continuation students in GS, BSSP and BSSD.

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## State and Country:

In 2017-18, Bethel University enrolled students from 47 states (all except Maine, Utah, Vermont, and D.C.), and 37 foreign countries. The state with the largest contingent of Bethel students continues to be Minnesota (76\% of all enrollment), followed by California (4.6\%), Wisconsin (4.3\%), Iowa (1.8\%), and Illinois (1.6\%), with similar percentages to prior years in these states.


## Marital Status:

Marital status is no longer thoroughly collected and recorded for a majority of Bethel University students with increasing unknown statuses in CAS, CAPS and GS. Detail can be found in the appendix of this report.

## Denomination:

The percentage of Bethel University students affiliated with Converge Worldwide continued to drop, from 10.5\% to $10.1 \%$ in 2017-18. This continues a 10-year trend downward from nearly $25 \%$ in 2007-08. Some of the drop may be attributed to the fact students do not necessarily know the denomination of the church they attend. Affiliation with Lutheran and Catholic denominations has now surpassed that of Converge Worldwide, with $18.6 \%$ identifying as Lutheran and $11.0 \%$ identifying as Catholic.

## 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 2017-18:

|  | CAS | CAPS | GS | BSSP | BSSD | TOTAL |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL Enrollment | 2673 | 578 | 1558 | 499 | 220 | 5528 |  |
| TOTAL Enrollment <br> Unduplicated |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


|  | CAS <br> GENDER |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Female | CAPS | GS | BSSP | BSSD | TOTAL |  |
| Percent of Total | $61.28 \%$ | $66.26 \%$ | $69.64 \%$ | $36.27 \%$ | $46.36 \%$ | $61.31 \%$ |
| Male | 1035 | 195 | 473 | 318 | 118 | 2139 |
| Percent of Total | $38.72 \%$ | $33.74 \%$ | $30.36 \%$ | $63.73 \%$ | $53.64 \%$ | $38.69 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL | $\mathbf{2 6 7 3}$ | $\mathbf{5 7 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 5 8}$ | $\mathbf{4 9 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 5 2 8}$ |


| MARITAL STATUS | CAS <br> (minus CIS) | CAPS | GS | BSSP | BSSD | TOTAL |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Single | 318 | 33 | 153 | 68 | 78 | 650 | 49.2\% |
| Married | 55 | 33 | 235 | 208 | 116 | 647 | 48.9\% |
| Divorced/Separated | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 13 | 24 | 1.8\% |
| Widowed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.1\% |
| TOTAL Known | 374 | 68 | 389 | 284 | 207 | 1322 |  |
| Unknown | 2299 | 510 | 1169 | 215 | 13 | 4206 |  |


| AGE (as of Jan 1, 2018) | CAS (minus CIS) | CAPS | GS | BSSP | BSSD | TOTAL |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mean | 20.7 | 36.6 | 36.2 | 38.8 | 39.0 | 29.8 |  |
| Median | 20 | 35 | 35 | 37 | 36 | 25 |  |
| Under 25 | 2542 | 77 | 153 | 43 | 9 | 2824 | 51.2\% |
| 25-34 | 90 | 187 | 614 | 159 | 90 | 1140 | 20.7\% |
| 35-44 | 18 | 175 | 457 | 151 | 53 | 854 | 15.5\% |
| 45-54 | 7 | 108 | 245 | 89 | 44 | 493 | 8.9\% |
| 55 and over | 13 | 31 | 80 | 57 | 24 | 205 | 3.7\% |
| TOTAL Known age | 2670 | 578 | 1549 | 499 | 220 | 5516 |  |
| Unknown | 3 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 12 |  |


| DENOMINATION | CAS | CAPS | GS | BSSP | BSSD | TOTAL |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Converge Worldwide (BGC) | 199 | 10 | 66 | 73 | 11 | 359 | 10.1\% |
| Other Baptist (sub total) | 280 | 36 | 69 | 45 | 8 | 438 | 12.4\% |
| American | 111 | 12 | 24 | 18 | 1 | 166 | 4.7\% |
| Conservative | 46 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 61 | 1.7\% |
| G.A.R.B | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0\% |
| Independent | 50 | 9 | 17 | 11 | 1 | 88 | 2.5\% |
| North American | 33 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 42 | 1.2\% |
| Other | 39 | 4 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 59 | 1.7\% |
| Southern | 1 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 21 | 0.6\% |
| Assembly of God | 120 | 25 | 41 | 22 | 8 | 216 | 6.1\% |
| Catholic | 165 | 50 | 170 | 1 | 3 | 389 | 11.0\% |
|  <br> Missionary Alliance | 43 | 6 | 24 | 22 | 3 | 98 | 2.8\% |
| Covenant | 114 | 13 | 39 | 28 | 4 | 198 | 5.6\% |
| Evangelical Free | 254 | 30 | 63 | 29 | 6 | 382 | 10.8\% |
| Lutheran | 330 | 57 | 221 | 45 | 7 | 660 | 18.6\% |
| Mennonite | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0.1\% |
| Methodist | 27 | 13 | 28 | 11 | 3 | 82 | 2.3\% |
| Non-Denominational | 84 | 2 | 25 | 30 | 85 | 226 | 6.4\% |
| Presbyterian | 21 | 9 | 17 | 10 | 27 | 84 | 2.4\% |
| Other Protestant | 177 | 40 | 100 | 55 | 37 | 409 | 11.5\% |
| Jewish | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Buddhist | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| TOTAL Known Denomination | 1816 | 291 | 864 | 373 | 202 | 3546 |  |
| Unknown | 857 | 287 | 694 | 126 | 18 | 1982 |  |


| RACE/ETHNICITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| Hispanic/Latino | 123 | 28 | 54 | 12 | 26 | 243 |



| Wisconsin Wyoming | $\begin{array}{r} 142 \\ 1 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5.3 \% \\ & 0.0 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 20 \\ 1 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3.5 \% \\ & 0.2 \% \end{aligned}$ | 43 | 2.8\% | 33 | 6.6\% | 1 | 0.5\% | $\begin{array}{r} 239 \\ 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4.3 \% \\ & 0.0 \% \end{aligned}$ |
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| Sub-total, US | 2656 | 99.4\% | 574 | 99.3\% | 1442 | 92.6\% | 485 | 97.2\% | 217 | 98.6\% | 5374 | 97.2\% |
| Military - Europe |  |  |  |  | 1 | 0.1\% |  |  |  |  | 1 | 0.0\% |
| Military - Pacific |  |  |  |  | 1 | 0.1\% | 1 | 0.2\% |  |  | 2 | 0.0\% |
| Foreign Address* | 2 | 0.1\% | 3 | 0.5\% | 92 | 5.9\% | 6 | 1.2\% |  |  | 103 | 1.9\% |
| International (Visa) | 15 | 0.6\% | 1 | 0.2\% | 22 | 1.4\% | 7 | 1.4\% | 3 | 1.4\% | 48 | 0.9\% |
| TOTAL Known | 2673 | 100.0\% | 578 | 100.0\% | 1558 | 100.0\% | 499 | 100.0\% | 220 | 100.0\% | 5528 | 100.0\% |


| Total Number of States | 32 | 27 | 36 | 41 | 12 | 47 |
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|  | Visa | Other | Visa | Other | Visa | Other | Visa | Other | Visa | Other | Visa | Other |  |
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| Country | CAS |  | CAPS |  | GS |  | BSSP |  | BSSD |  | TOTAL |  | Combined TOTAL |
| American Samoa |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Argentina |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Australia |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Austria |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Bahamas |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Brazil |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |
| Cambodia |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Canada |  |  |  |  | 1 | 2 |  |  | 0 |  | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Cayman Islands | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |
| China | 1 |  |  |  |  | 7 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 7 | 8 |
| Colombia |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Cook Islands |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Egypt |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Ethiopia |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| France |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Gambia |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Germany |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |  | 2 | 2 |
| Ghana |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | 3 |
| Great Britain |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Greece |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Hong Kong |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| India |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Indonesia |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 2 |
| Italy |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 2 |
| Japan |  | 1 |  | 1 |  | 2 |  |  |  | 0 |  | 4 | 4 |
| Jordan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Kazakhstan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Kenya |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |  | 2 |  | 2 |
| Liberia | 1 |  |  | 2 | 1 | 2 |  | 3 |  |  | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| Malaysia |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Mexico |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 0 |  | 2 | 2 |
| Moldova | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |
| Myanmar |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Nepal |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| New Zealand |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Nicaragua |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Nigeria |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |  | 0 |  | 2 |  | 2 |
| North Korea |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Pakistan |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Paraguay |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Philippines |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |  | 2 | 2 |



| Country Count: | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 29 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 31 | 37 |
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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)


[^0]:    * Note: for comparison purposes, quarter credits used prior to 2013-14 in the seminary have been converted to semester equivalents.

