

Bethel University 2022-23 All Year Student Enrollment

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Enrollment:

A total of 4,533 unduplicated students registered for classes at Bethel University during the 2022-23 academic year (fall 2022 through summer 2023), a decrease in enrollment of 3.7% from the prior year's enrollment. The decrease was due to decreases in enrollment experienced by the College of Adult and Professional Studies (CAPS, down 13.2%), the Graduate School (GS, down 8.1%), and the St. Paul seminary (BSSP, down 11.3%). In contrast, the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS, up 4.2%) experienced an increase in enrollment due to the expanded PSEO program, as well as increased recruitment efforts.

College in the Schools (CIS) enrollment has fluctuated between 147 and 185 over the last 8 years and increased to 388 during the 2021-22 academic year. During the 2022-23 academic year, CIS enrollment experienced a decrease to 346 (-10.8%). 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.

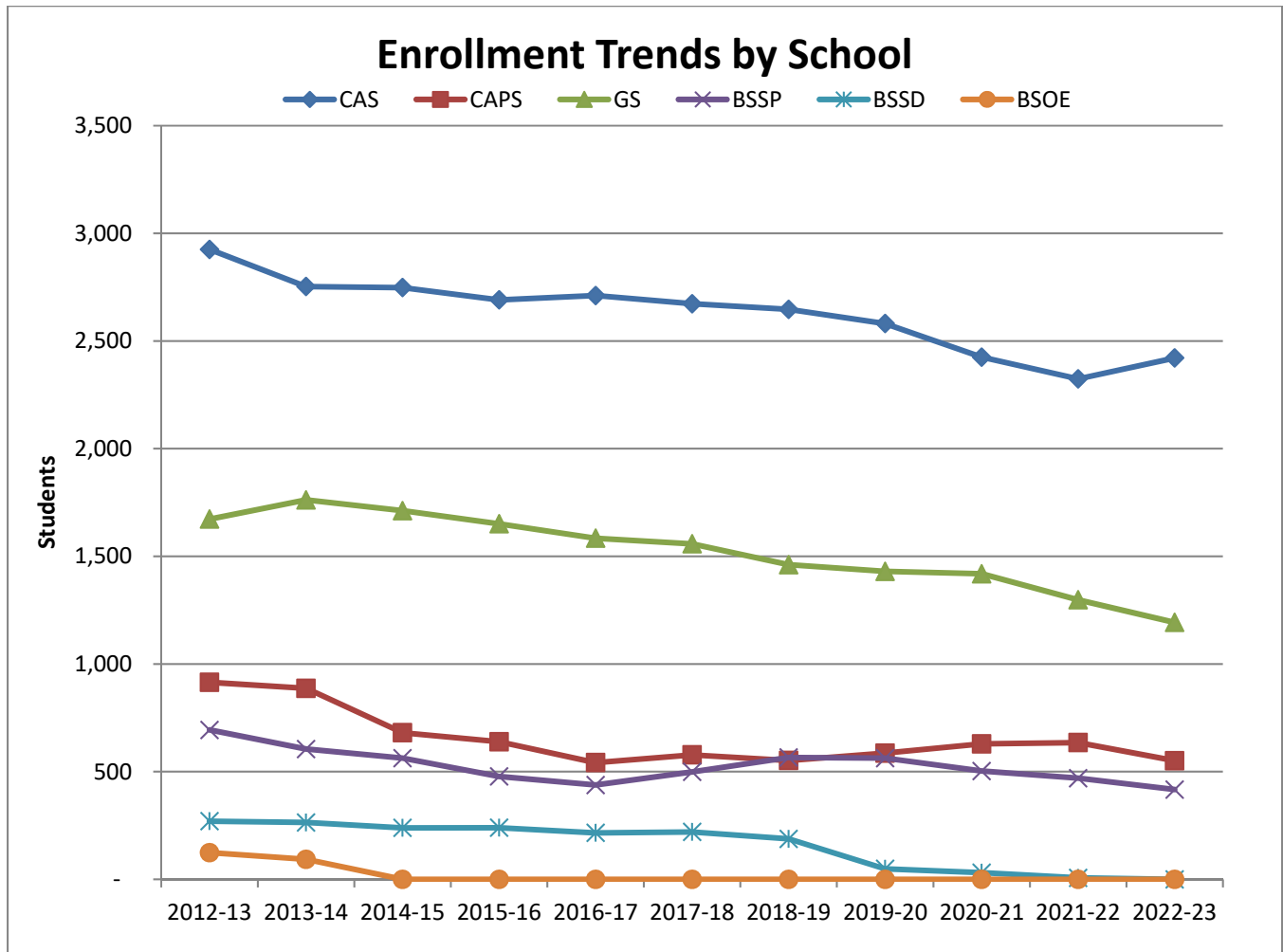
Bethel University All-Year Enrollment	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	1 year % Change
College of Arts & Sciences (CAS)	2,673	2,647	2,581	2,425	2,324	2,421	4.2%
College of Adult & Professional Studies (CAPS)	578	552	586	629	635	551	-13.2%
Graduate School (GS)	1,558	1,461	1,430	1,419	1,298	1,193	-8.1%
Bethel Seminary St. Paul (BSSP)	499	566	563	503	470	417	-11.3%
Bethel Seminary San Diego (BSSD)	220	188	49	31	7	-	-100.0%
Bethel Seminary of the East (BSOE)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DUPLICATED TOTAL	5,528	5,414	5,209	5,007	4,734	4,582	-3.2%
Unduplicated Total	5,462	5,325	5,151	4,966	4,707	4,533	-3.7%

College in the Schools (CIS; formerly included in CAS above)	127	134	185	183	388	346	-10.8%
DUPLICATED TOTAL (with CIS)	5,655	5,548	5,394	5,190	5,095	4,928	-3.3%
Unduplicated Total (with CIS)	5,562	5,459	5,336	5,149	5,068	4,830	-4.7%
BUILD	27	28	30	24	28	24	-14.3%

Forty-nine 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). This metric has declined during the pandemic.

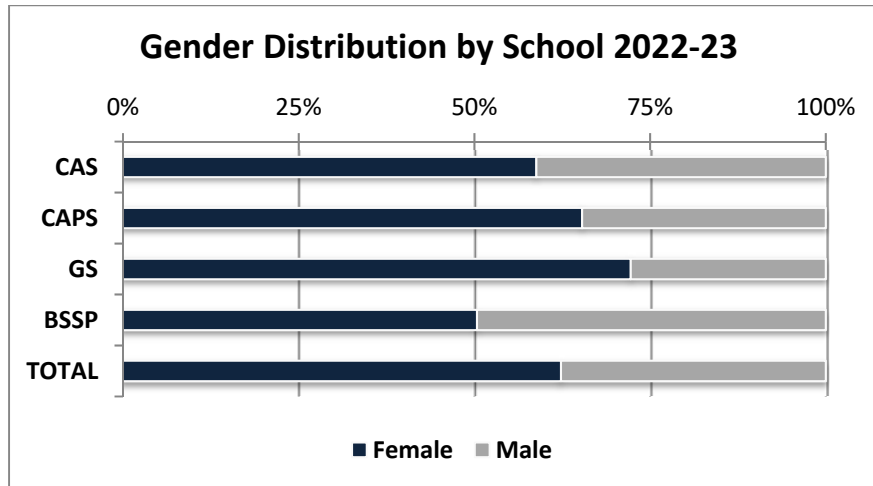
- 18 students in CAPS and GS
- 24 students in CAS and CAPS
- 4 students in CAS and GS
- 2 students in CAPS, BSSP
- 1 student in GS, BSSP

Total duplicated enrollment at Bethel University for 2022-23 was 4,582. (This counts each student once for each school in which they were enrolled).



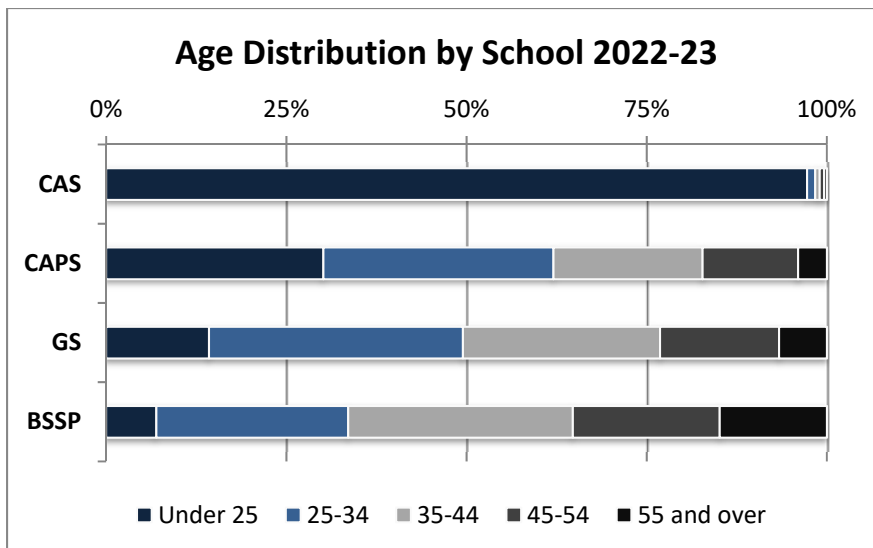
Gender:

Gender balance for 2022-23 was 62.3% female, down slightly from the 63.0% female the year before. While CAS showed a slight decrease from 59.0% to 58.8%, in female enrollment, CAPS and GS showed larger decreases in the percentage of enrolled females. In contrast, BSSP displayed a large increase in enrolled females from 47.2% to 49.6%.



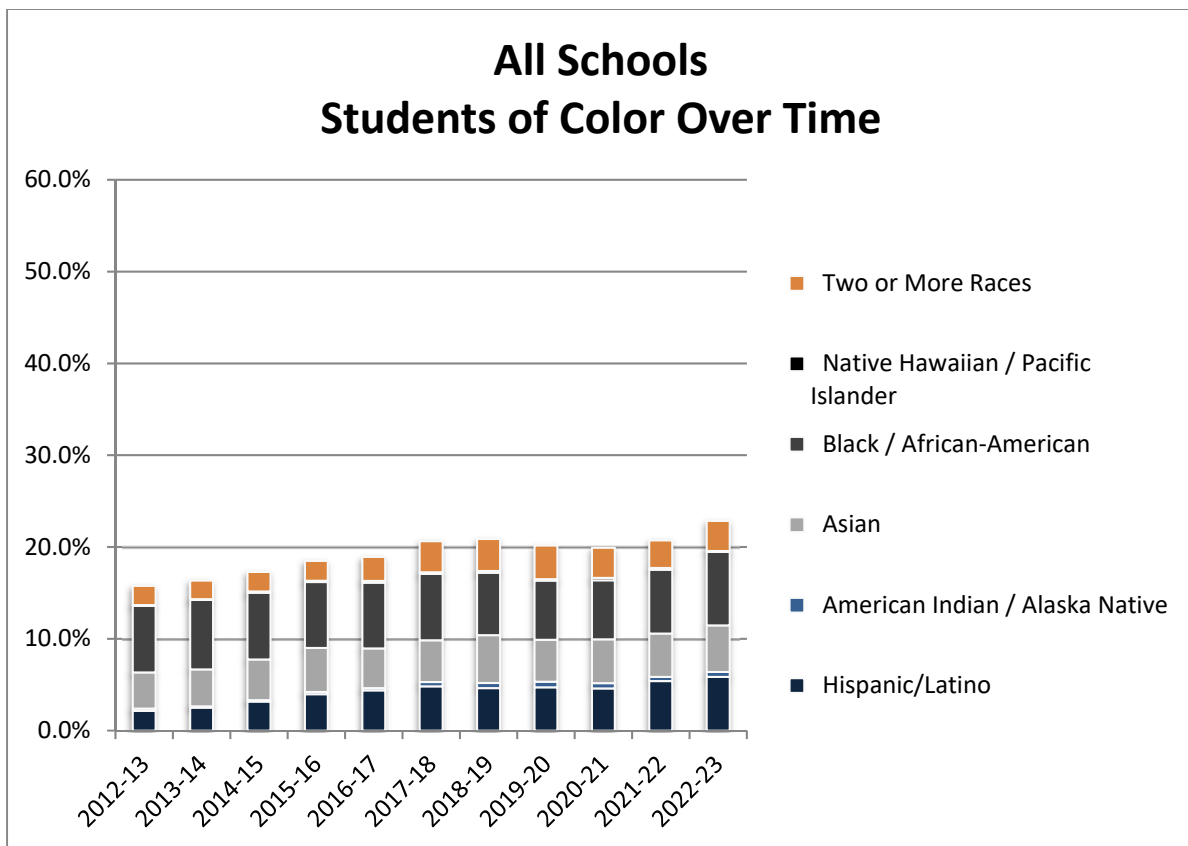
Age:

CAS continues to maintain a median age of 20, with 97% of students aged under 25. Median ages for the remainder of the schools are in the 30's and early 40's. At a median age of 30 (up from 28 in the previous year), CAPS remains the site with the youngest population after CAS.

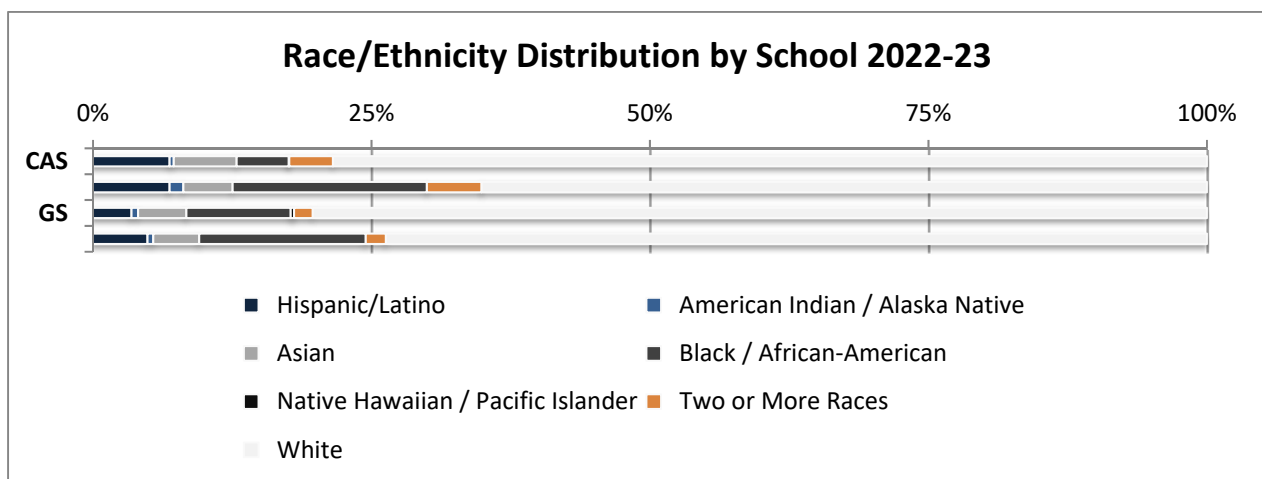


Race/Ethnicity:

The percent of students of color at all Bethel schools increased from 20.7% in 2021-22 to 22.8% of students with a known race/ethnicity (excluding non-resident aliens) in 2022-23.

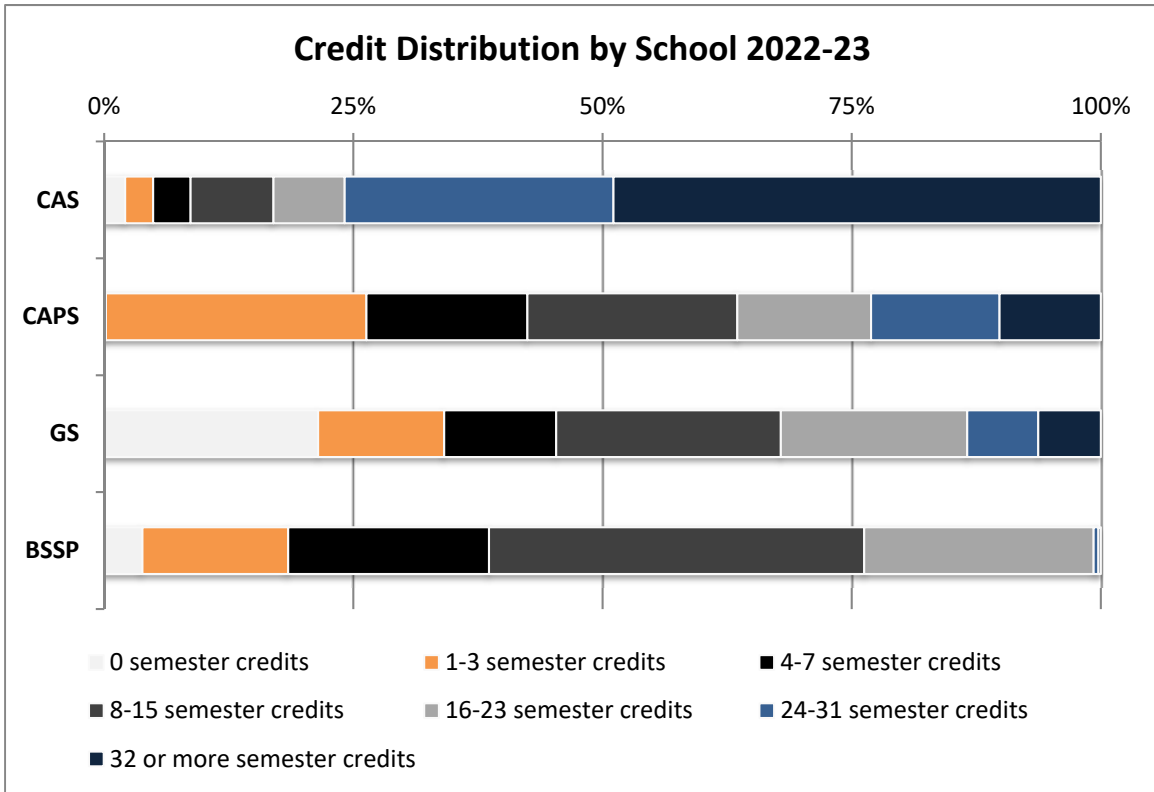


The overall increase in racial and ethnic diversity at the university (excluding non-resident aliens) was driven by increases in CAPS (up from 32.9% to 34.9%) and GS (up from 17.9% to 19.7%). CAS diversity displayed another increase, growing from 18.1% to 21.5% largely attributed to the continuation of the ActSix program, the strong retention of its participants as well as an increased focus on overall enrollment of students of color.



Credit Levels:

Total registered credits for the entire university fell 2% from the prior year. In CAS, the 1% increase in registered credits was driven primarily by an increase in PSEO student enrollment. CAPS experienced a 27% decrease in credits. GS experienced a 4% decrease in credits and BSSP's overall registered credits were 12% lower than the previous year. The decrease in credits in CAPS, GS and Seminary were due to lower overall enrollment.

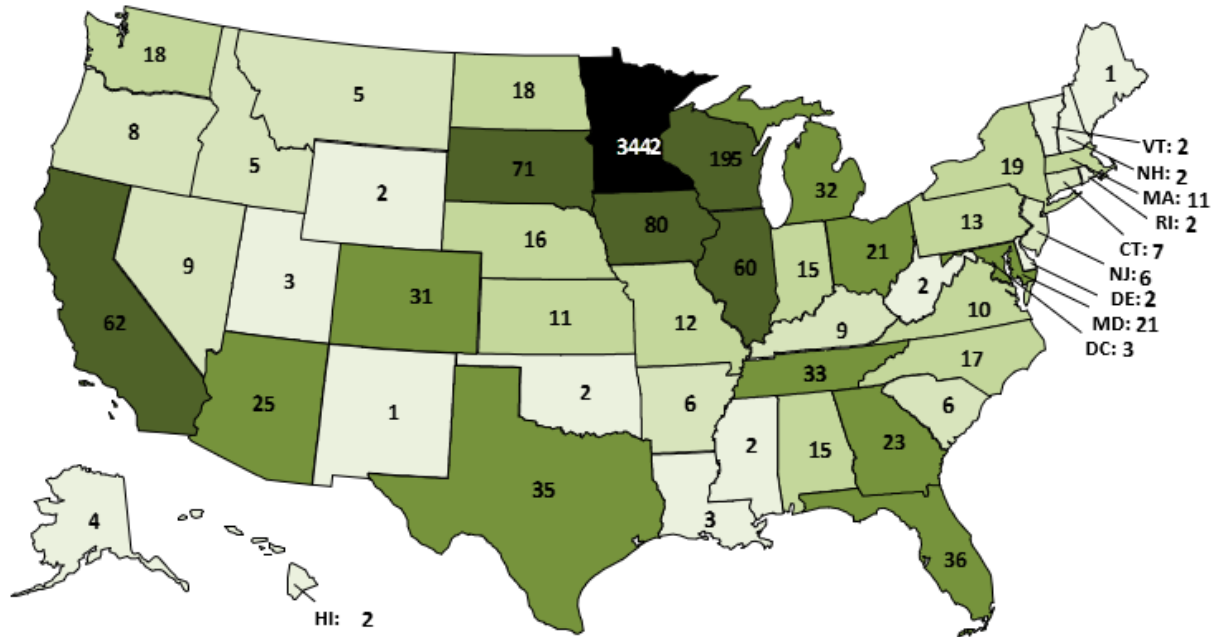


Please note that zero credit students are most often SMEP (music) students in CAS and either master's thesis or doctoral dissertation continuation students in GS and BSSP.

State and Country:

In 2022-23, Bethel University enrolled students from all 50 states and 32 foreign countries. The state with the largest contingent of Bethel students continues to be Minnesota (75.1% of all enrollment), followed by Wisconsin (4.3%), Iowa (1.7%), South Dakota (1.5%), California (1.4%) and Illinois (1.3%) with similar percentages to prior years in these states.

Number of Students Enrolled by State – All Schools



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:

Currently less than 20% of Bethel University students report a denomination. The percentage of Bethel University students who reported an affiliation with Converge Worldwide among those who reported any denomination at all, increased from 10.6% in 2021-22 to 11.2% in 2022-23. While there has been a 10-year trend downward from nearly 25% in 2007-08, there is some evidence we have reached a plateau, however, the lack of students reporting denomination impacts the comparison. Some of the drop in reporting may be attributed to the fact students do not necessarily know the denomination of the church they attend. Affiliation with Lutheran and Catholic denominations have surpassed that of Converge Worldwide, with 17.7% identifying as Lutheran and 10.3% identifying as Catholic. The total number of students who identify as "Baptist" is 24.7%.

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 2022-23:

	CAS	CAPS	GS	BSSP	TOTAL	
TOTAL Enrollment	2421	551	1193	417	4582	
TOTAL Enrollment Unduplicated					4533	

GENDER	CAS (minus CIS)	CAPS	GS	BSSP	TOTAL	
Female	1424	360	862	210	2856	
Percent of Total	58.82%	65.34%	72.25%	50.36%	62.33%	
Male	997	191	331	207	1726	
Percent of Total	41.18%	34.66%	27.75%	49.64%	37.67%	
TOTAL	2421	551	1193	417	4582	

MARITAL STATUS	CAS (minus CIS)	CAPS	GS	BSSP	TOTAL	
Single	54	8	57	35	154	36.8%
Married	29	21	130	71	251	60.0%
Divorced/Separated	1	2	5	2	10	2.4%
Widowed	0	0	1	2	3	0.7%
TOTAL Known	84	31	193	110	418	
Unknown	2337	520	1000	307	4164	

AGE (as of Jan 1, 2023)	CAS (minus CIS)	CAPS	GS	BSSP	TOTAL	
Mean	20.1	32.7	36.2	40.9	29.8	
Median	20	30	35	40	25	
Under 25	2339	166	170	29	2704	59.2%
25-34	27	176	420	111	734	16.1%
35-44	15	114	326	130	585	12.8%
45-54	15	73	197	85	370	8.1%
55 and over	9	22	79	62	172	3.8%
TOTAL Known age	2405	551	1192	417	4565	
Unknown	16	0	1	0	17	

DENOMINATION	CAS	CAPS	GS	BSSP	TOTAL	
Converge Worldwide (BGC)	21	4	24	42	91	11.2%
Other Baptist (sub total)	24	12	25	49	110	13.5%
American	10	5	7	5	27	3.3%
Conservative	2	1	3	2	8	1.0%
G.A.R.B	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Independent	6	1	4	6	17	2.1%
North American	1	3	1	4	9	1.1%
Other	0	2	6	26	34	4.2%
Southern	5	0	4	6	15	1.8%
Assembly of God	18	6	21	17	62	7.6%
Catholic	25	5	47	7	84	10.3%
Christian & Missionary Alliance	5	3	9	6	23	2.8%
Covenant	13	2	15	16	46	5.7%
Evangelical Free	33	5	15	18	71	8.7%
Lutheran	55	7	54	28	144	17.7%
Mennonite	0	0	2	0	2	0.2%
Methodist	6	1	6	6	19	2.3%
Non-Denominational	2	3	7	30	42	5.2%
Presbyterian	5	2	8	11	26	3.2%
Other Protestant	18	10	34	30	92	11.3%
Jewish	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Buddhist	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL Known Denominatio	225	60	267	260	812	
Unknown	2196	491	926	157	3770	

RACE/ETHNICITY						
Hispanic/Latino	163	28	35	19	245	5.8%
American Indian / Alaska Native	9	5	6	2	22	0.5%
Asian	134	18	44	16	212	5.0%
Black / African-American	111	71	95	58	335	7.9%
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	1	0	3	0	4	0.1%
Two or More Races	93	20	17	7	137	3.2%
Non-Resident Alien	6	1	20	10	37	0.9%
Sub-Total	517	143	220	112	992	23.5%
White	1862	265	814	286	3227	76.5%
TOTAL Known Ethnicity	2379	408	1034	398	4219	
Percent of Color/International	21.7%	35.0%	21.3%	28.1%	23.5%	
Unknown	42	143	159	19	363	

ENROLLMENT					
Total Registered Semester Credits for Year (Quarter Credits converted to Semester	66806	6873	14015	4348	92042
Median Credit Load	31	9	13	10	19
Avg. per enrolled student	28.2	12.5	15.0	10.8	20.0

Number of students who registered for:					Duplicated	Unduplicated
32 or more semester credits	1184	56	75	1	1316	1295
24-31	653	71	85	2	811	804
16-23	173	74	223	96	566	559
8-15	201	116	269	157	743	731
4-7	91	89	134	84	398	397
1-3	68	144	151	61	424	423
0	51	1	256	16	324	324
TOTAL	2421	551	1193	417	4582	4533

STATE	CAS		CAPS		GS		BSSP		TOTAL	
Alabama	3	0.1%	10	1.8%			2	0.5%	15	0.3%
Alaska	2	0.1%					2	0.5%	4	0.1%
Arizona	3	0.4%	2	0.4%	5	0.4%	3	2.2%	25	0.5%
Arkansas			3	0.5%	2	0.2%	1	0.2%	6	0.1%
California	13	0.5%	4	0.7%	13	1.1%	32	7.7%	62	1.4%
Colorado	26	1.1%			3	0.3%	2	0.5%	31	0.7%
Connecticut	1	0.0%	2	0.4%	2	0.2%	2	0.5%	7	0.2%
D.C.					1	0.1%	2	0.5%	3	0.1%
Delaware			2	0.4%					2	0.0%
Florida	11	0.5%	3	1.6%	12	1.0%	4	1.0%	36	0.8%
Georgia	4	0.2%	6	1.1%	8	0.7%	5	1.2%	23	0.5%
Hawaii	1	0.0%					1	0.2%	2	0.0%
Idaho	1	0.0%	1	0.2%	1	0.1%	2	0.5%	5	0.1%
Illinois	35	1.4%	11	2.0%	6	0.5%	8	1.9%	60	1.3%
Indiana	3	0.1%	2	0.4%	2	0.2%	8	1.9%	15	0.3%
Iowa	39	1.6%	6	1.1%	15	1.3%	20	4.8%	80	1.7%
Kansas	3	0.1%	3	0.5%	3	0.3%	2	0.5%	11	0.2%
Kentucky			5	0.3%	2	0.2%	2	0.5%	9	0.2%
Louisiana					3	0.3%			3	0.1%
Maine							1	0.2%	1	0.0%
Maryland	3	0.1%	2	0.4%	13	1.1%	3	0.7%	21	0.5%
Massachusetts	2	0.1%	3	0.5%	3	0.3%	3	0.7%	11	0.2%
Michigan	12	0.5%	4	0.7%	7	0.6%	9	2.2%	32	0.7%
Minnesota	2031	83.9%	354	64.2%	871	73.0%	186	44.6%	3442	75.1%
Mississippi			1	0.2%			1	0.2%	2	0.0%
Missouri	4	0.2%	2	0.4%	3	0.3%	3	0.7%	12	0.3%
Montana	3	0.1%			1	0.1%	1	0.2%	5	0.1%
Nebraska	8	0.3%	3	0.5%	2	0.2%	3	0.7%	16	0.3%
Nevada	3	0.1%	1	0.2%	2	0.2%	3	0.7%	9	0.2%
New Hampshire	1	0.0%					1	0.2%	2	0.0%
New Jersey			3	0.5%	3	0.3%			6	0.1%
New Mexico					1	0.1%			1	0.0%
New York	1	0.0%	4	0.7%	9	0.8%	5	1.2%	19	0.4%
North Carolina	1	0.0%	8	1.5%	3	0.3%	5	1.2%	17	0.4%
North Dakota	11	0.5%			2	0.2%	5	1.2%	18	0.4%
Ohio	4	0.2%	8	1.5%	2	0.2%	7	1.7%	21	0.5%
Oklahoma			1	0.2%			1	0.2%	2	0.0%
Oregon	3	0.1%	3	0.5%	1	0.1%	1	0.2%	8	0.2%
Pennsylvania	3	0.1%	1	0.2%	4	0.3%	5	1.2%	13	0.3%
Rhode Island					1	0.1%	1	0.2%	2	0.0%
South Carolina	2	0.1%	1	0.2%	1	0.1%	2	0.5%	6	0.1%
South Dakota	31	1.3%	28	5.1%	6	0.5%	6	1.4%	71	1.5%
Tennessee	4	0.2%	15	2.7%	8	0.7%	6	1.4%	33	0.7%
Texas	8	0.3%	5	0.9%	10	0.8%	12	2.9%	35	0.8%
Utah	2	0.1%	1	0.2%					3	0.1%
Vermont					1	0.1%	1	0.2%	2	0.0%
Virginia	1	0.0%	1	0.2%	2	0.2%	6	1.4%	10	0.2%
Washington	6	0.2%	4	0.7%	6	0.5%	2	0.5%	18	0.4%
West Virginia			1	0.2%	1	0.1%			2	0.0%
Wisconsin	118	4.9%	17	3.1%	40	3.4%	20	4.8%	195	4.3%
Wyoming	1	0.0%	1	0.2%					2	0.0%
Sub-total, US	2414	99.7%	538	97.6%	1081	90.6%	403	96.6%	4436	96.8%
Military - Europe					1	0.1%	2	0.5%	3	0.1%
Military - Pacific										
Puerto Rico										
Foreign Address*	1	0.0%	12	2.2%	31	7.6%	2	0.5%	106	2.3%
International (Visa)	6	0.2%	1	0.2%	20	1.7%	10	2.4%	37	0.8%
TOTAL Known	2421	100.0%	551	100.0%	1193	100.0%	417	100.0%	4582	100.0%
<i>Total Number of States</i>	<i>38</i>		<i>39</i>		<i>40</i>		<i>43</i>		<i>50</i>	

* Foreign Address includes only US citizens and permanent residents who do not have a US address. US citizens and permanent residents with US addresses are included in appropriate state or territory above.

Country	Visa	Other	Visa	Other	Visa	Other	Visa	Other	Visa	Other	Combined TOTAL
	CAS		CAPS		GS		BSSP		TOTAL		
Albania								1		1	2
American Samoa											0
Argentina											0
Australia											0
Austria											0
Bahamas					1				1		1
Belize											0
Brazil											0
Cambodia	1								1		1
Canada	2		9		1	4			3	13	16
Cayman Islands											0
China					4	2			4	2	6
Colombia											0
Democratic Republic of Congo	1								1		1
Cook Islands											0
Cote D'Ivoire					1				1		1
Egypt					1				1		1
El Salvador							1		1		1
Ethiopia											0
France			1							1	1
Gambia											0
Germany			1							1	1
Ghana											0
Great Britain											0
Greece						1				1	1
Hong Kong											0
India						1	1		1	1	2
Indonesia			1							1	1
Italy											0
Japan					1	1	1		2	1	3
Jordan											0
Kazakhstan											0
Kenya							2		2		2
Liberia											0
Malaysia							2		2		2
Mexico											0
Moldova											0
Montenegro								1		1	2
Myanmar						1				1	1
Nepal											0
Netherlands											0

New Zealand											0
Nicaragua											0
Nigeria				5				5			5
North Korea											0
Norway					1				1		1
Pakistan				1				1			1
Paraguay											0
Philippines											0
Portugal											0
Qatar											0
Russia	1								1		1
Saudi Arabia					1				1		1
Sierra Leone											0
Singapore					3				3		3
South Africa					1				1		1
South Korea							1		1		1
Spain											0
Sweden											0
Switzerland											0
Taiwan				1	1			1	1		2
Tanzania, United Republic											0
Thailand							1		1		1
Turkey											0
Uganda						73			73		73
Ukraine											0
United Arab Emirates					1				1		1
United Republic of Tanzania											0
Venezuela											0
Vietnam											0
Zaire											0
Zimbabwe							1		1		1
TOTALS	4	1	0	12	16	91	10	2	30	106	138
							Unduplicated Totals:				138

Country Count:	3	1	0	4	9	13	8	2	18	19	32
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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)