

National Enrollment Landscape

National Student Clearinghouse Current Term Enrollment Estimates:

- Overall enrollment declined 2.5 percent nationally in fall 2020 and declined 2.7 percent in fall 2021, roughly twice the rate of enrollment decline reported in fall 2019
- Undergraduate enrollment declined 3.6 percent in fall 2020 while graduate enrollment increased
- The public 2-year sector saw the largest percent declines of any sector in fall 2020 and spring 2021
- Enrollment change by sector:

Sector	Fall 2019 to Fall 2020	Spring 2020 to Spring 2021	Fall 2020 to Fall 2021
Public 2-Year	-10.1%	-9.5%	-3.4%
Public 4-Year	0.2%	-0.6%	-3.0%
Private Non-Profit 4-Year	-0.1%	-0.8%	-1.6%
Private For-Profit 4-Year	5.3%	-1.5%	-9.3%
All Sectors	-2.5%	-3.5%	-2.7%

Source: National Student Clearinghouse Current Term Enrollment Estimates, Fall 2020, Spring 2021 and Fall 2021

Minnesota Enrollment Landscape

- Enrollment decline in fall 2020 for Minnesota State 2-year colleges (-5.3%) was smaller than public 2-years nationally (-10.1%)
- All sectors saw declines in fall 2020 except Private For-Profit Online Only
- Declines across all sectors in fall 2021 except the University of Minnesota Twin Cities

Changes in Fall Unduplicated Headcount, Minnesota, All Student Levels
2017 to 2020

	Fall 2020	% change 2017 to 2018	% change 2018 to 2019	% change 2019 to 2020
Minnesota State 2-Year Colleges	108082	-0.8%	-1.6%	-5.3%
Minnesota State 4-Year Universities	58598	-3.2%	-3.0%	-2.6%
University of Minnesota 4-Year	71662	-3.6%	2.1%	-1.8%
Private Non-Profit	67035	1.7%	-1.5%	-2.0%
Private For-Profit	7409	-23.0%	5.9%	-2.2%
Private For-Profit Online Only*	92838	1.9%	-0.5%	3.5%
Tribal Colleges**	247	6.9%	12.4%	-11.8%

*Capella University and Walden University

**Excludes Leech Lake Tribal College

Source: Minnesota Office of Higher Education Enrollment Database

Enrollment Changes As Reported By Institutions
For Purposes of State Grant - 2021

System	Fall 2021 As Reported
Minnesota State Colleges	-7.3%
Minnesota State Universities	-6.2%
University of Minnesota Twin Cities	1.30%
University of Minnesota Crookston, Duluth & Morris	-4.05%
Private Non-Profit	-3.6%
Private For-Profit	-6.0%

Source: Minnesota Office of Higher Education State Grant Projections, February 2022

Statewide FAFSA Goal

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Increase FAFSA filing by 5 percentage points per year for the next five years while closing gaps in filing by student race/ethnicity



53%

of high school students filing the FAFSA for the Class of 2022

Current FAFSA Rate:

33%
(as of Feb. 28, 2022)



<1% decrease from this time last year

Large disparities exist by student race/ethnicity

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