# **Bethel University 2013-14 All Year Student Enrollment**

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## **Enrollment:**

A total of 6,295 unduplicated students registered for classes at Bethel University during the 2013-14 academic year (fall 2013 through summer 2014) a decrease in enrollment of over 3% from the prior year's record enrollment. This decrease was experienced in most areas of the university, including the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS, down nearly 6%), College of Adult and Professional Studies (CAPS, down 3%), and the three seminary locations (BSSP, BSSD, and BSOE, down over 11%). Bethel's Graduate School (GS), however, continued to increase its enrollment from the prior year, with a gain of over 5%.

College in the Schools (CIS) enrollment has continued to increase over the past few years, causing a reevaluation of how these numbers will be reported. 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 have now been removed from the CAS enrollment figures and are reported separately.

Bethel University All-Year Enrollment	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	1 year change
College of Arts & Sciences (CAS)	2,899	2,925	2,968	2,950	2,925	2,753	-5.9%
College of Adult & Professional Studies (CAPS)	911	909	986	929	915	887	-3.1%
Graduate School (GS)	1,257	1,275	1,424	1,423	1,673	1,762	5.3%
Bethel Seminary St. Paul (BSSP)	958	942	870	770	694	605	-12.8%
Bethel Seminary San Diego (BSSD)	285	268	305	303	270	264	-2.2%
Bethel Seminary of the East (BSOE)	163	158	106	93	124	93	-25.0%
DUPLICATED TOTAL	6,499	6,520	6,641	6,495	6,601	6,364	-3.6%
Unduplicated Total	6,410	6,416	6,542	6,442	6,531	6,295	-3.6%

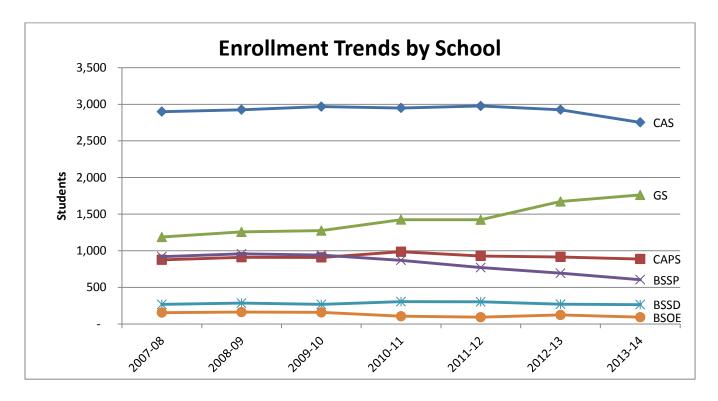
College in the Schools (CIS; formerly included in CAS above)	30	41	93	90	106	147	38.7%
DUPLICATED TOTAL (with CIS)	6,529	6,561	6,734	6,585	6,707	6,511	-2.9%
Unduplicated Total (with CIS)	6,440	6,457	6,635	6,532	6,637	6,442	-2.9%

Sixty-eight 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).

- 5 students in BSSP and BSOE
- 1 student in BSSP and BSSD
- 44 students in CAPS and GS
- 2 students in GS and BSSP

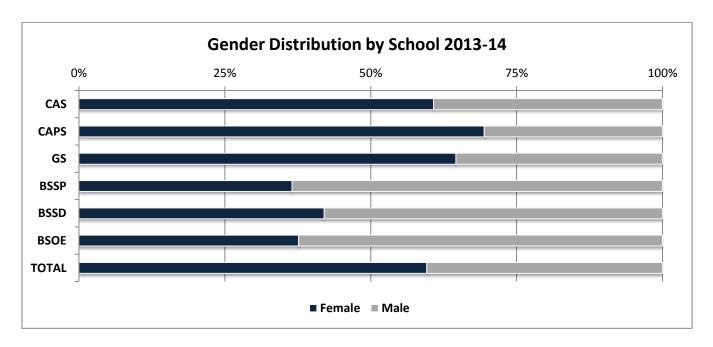
- 4 students in CAS and CAPS
- 1 student in CAS, CAPS, and GS
- 11 students in CAS and GS

Total duplicated enrollment at Bethel University for 2013-14 was 6,364 (This counts each student once for each school in which they were enrolled).



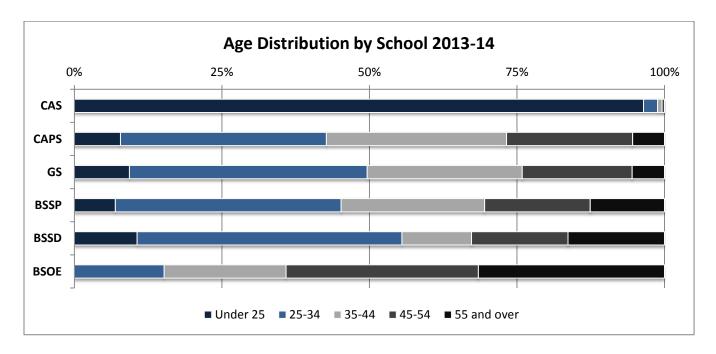
# Gender:

Gender balance for 2013-14 remained flat at 59.6% female, the same percentage as the prior year. While most schools remained relatively stable in terms of gender balance, BSSP females declined from 40.6% of the population to 36.5%.



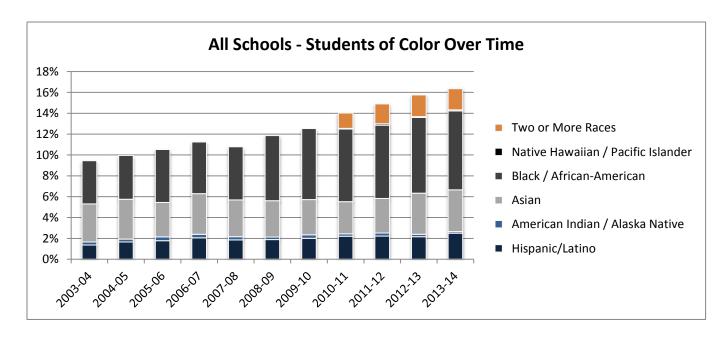
# Age:

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 remain disproportionately high, with 64% of students age 45 or older. Median ages for the remainder of the schools remain in the mid-30's, with the median at BSSD at 33, making it the site with the second youngest population after CAS.

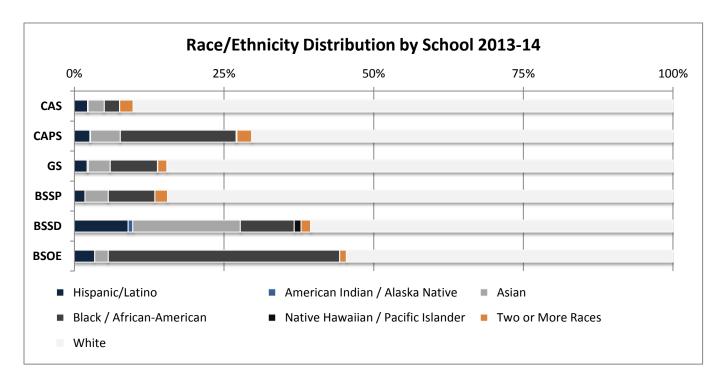


# Race/Ethnicity:

The percent of students of color at all Bethel schools increased in 2013-14 to a new high of 16.4% of students with a known race/ethnicity (excluding non-resident aliens). This is the sixth straight year of incremental increases in this percentage.



The overall increase in racial and ethnic diversity at the university was driven primarily by increases in GS (up 1 percentage point to 15.5%) and CAPS (up 3 percentage points to 29.6%). CAS diversity was relatively flat, inching up slightly to 9.8%. The three seminary locations saw decreases in the percentage of students of color for 2013-14.



# **Credit Levels**\*:

Total registered credits for the entire university fell nearly 4% from the prior year. GS saw increases in total registered credits, while the other schools faced declines. In CAS, the decline was driven primarily by lower enrollment, with average credits per student increasing, but overall credits decreasing with fewer students enrolled.

BSSP saw median credit levels per student decrease significantly, from 16 semester credits (i.e. 24 quarter credits) to 12 semester credits. This is the lowest median semester credit value reported for BSSP since it has been tracked on this report over the past 8 years. BSSD's median semester credit level decreased from 13.3 to 12, and BSOE from 10.7 to 8, but the declines in BSSD and BSOE are still in line with historical credit levels at these schools. Combined with a lower headcount overall in the seminary, these reduced credit loads per student created a significant reduction in overall credits in these locations.

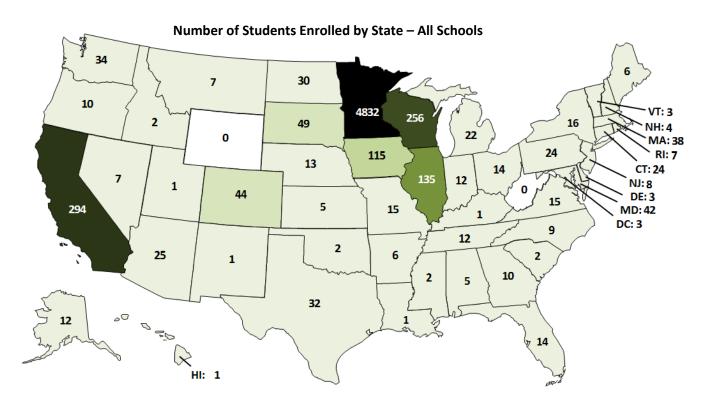
Note: The change in student behavior to take fewer credits in 2013-14 in the seminary locations may be related to a change in calendar for 2013-14, in which the seminary moved from a quarter system to a semester system. Along with this change in terms, the definition of a "full-time" student shifted from 8 quarter credits per term (24 total quarter credits for fall, winter, and spring, excluding summer; equivalent to 16 semester credits) to be 6 semester credits per term (12 total semester credits, fall and spring, excluding interim and summer).

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Note: For comparison purposes, quarter credits in the seminary have been converted to semester equivalents.

# **State and Country:**

In 2013-14, Bethel University enrolled students from 48 states (all except West Virginia and Wyoming), the District of Columbia, and 32 foreign countries. The state with the largest contingent of Bethel students continues to be Minnesota (76% of all enrollment), followed by California (5%), Wisconsin (4%), Illinois (2%), and Iowa (2%), 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 many unknown statuses in CAPS and GS, and an increasing number of unknowns in CAS. Detail can be found in the appendix of this report.

#### **Denomination:**

The percentage of Bethel University students affiliated with Converge Worldwide dropped nearly two percentage points from the prior year, from 15.4% to 13.7% in 2013-14. This continues a 6-year trend downward from nearly 25% in 2007-08. Affiliation with Lutheran denominations has now exceeded that of Converge Worldwide, with 15.2% identifying as Lutheran.

## 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 2013-14:

	CAS	CAPS	GS	GS BSSP		BSOE	TOTAL	
TOTAL Enrollment	2753	887	1762	605	264	93	6364	
TOTAL Enrollment								
Unduplicated							6295	

GENDER	CAS	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	BSOE	TOTAL	
Female	1673	616	1138	221	111	35	3794	
Percent of Total	60.77%	69.45%	64.59%	36.53%	42.05%	37.63%	59.62%	
Male	1080	271	624	384	153	58	2570	
Percent of Total	39.23%	30.55%	35.41%	63.47%	57.95%	62.37%	40.38%	
TOTAL	2753	887	1762	605	264	93	6364	

MARITAL STATUS	CAS	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	BSOE	TOTAL	
Single	2086	61	166	123	97	12	2545	69.4%
Married	107	95	306	372	146	39	1065	29.1%
Divorced/Separated	4	10	16	8	11	3	52	1.4%
Widowed	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	0.1%
TOTAL Known	2197	166	490	503	255	54	3665	
Unknown	556	721	1272	102	9	39	2699	

AGE (as of Jan 1, 2013)	CAS	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	BSOE	TOTAL	
Mean	20.41	37.82	36.54	38.78	38.59	47.96	29.82	
Median	20	37	35	36	33	49	25	
Under 25	2652	68	162	42	28	0	2952	46.7%
25-34	66	304	699	231	118	14	1432	22.7%
35-44	21	266	456	147	31	19	940	14.9%
45-54	10	186	323	108	43	30	700	11.1%
55 and over	1	47	95	76	43	29	291	4.6%
TOTAL Known age	2750	871	1735	604	263	92	6315	
Unknown	3	16	27	1	1	1	49	

Other Daptist (sub total)	313	30	,,	- 00		30	303	11.7 /0
American	56	25	24	9	6	10	130	2.6%
Conservative	23	6	5	10	0	9	53	1.1%
G.A.R.B	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0.1%
Independent	22	8	16	8	2	9	65	1.3%
North American	11	3	5	5	2	0	26	0.5%
Other	189	10	13	25	4	5	246	5.0%
Southern	18	4	14	11	10	3	60	1.2%
Assembly of God	86	29	34	31	10	1	191	3.8%
Catholic	133	73	175	3	10	0	385	7.8%
Christian & Missionary Alliance	83	11	19	27	3	0	143	2.9%
Covenant	138	9	30	44	4	3	228	4.6%
Evangelical Free	325	30	68	44 45	7	3	478	9.6%
Lutheran				43		2		
	400	107	202		1		754	15.2%
Mennonite	2	0	1	3	0	0	6	0.1%
Methodist	42	16	32	13	4	1	108	2.2%
Non-Denominational	391	22	29	58	88	12	600	12.1%
Presbyterian	44	4	12	24	20	0	104	2.1%
Other Protestant	285	96	158	90	52	17	698	14.1%
Jewish	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.1%
Buddhist	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.0%
TOTAL Known Denomination	2614	490	981	549	243	86	4963	
Unknown	139	397	781	56	21	7	1401	
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RACE/ETHNICITY								
Hispanic/Latino	60	22	35	10	23	3	153	2.5%
American Indian / Alaska Native	3	1	3	0	2	0	9	0.1%
Asian	74	42	60	22	46	2	246	4.0%
Black / African-American	69	164	129	44	23	34	463	7.5%
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	1	1	1	0	3	0	6	0.1%
Two or More Races	61	21	25	12	4	1	124	2.0%
Non-Resident Alien	9	9	42	20	6	0	86	1.4%
Sub-Total	277	260	295	108	107	40	1087	17.5%
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White	2462	596	1383	477	155		5121	82.5%
TOTAL Known Ethnicity	2739	856	1678	585	262	88	6208	
Percent of Color/International	10.1%	30.4%	17.6%	18.5%	40.8%	45.5%	17.5%	
Unknown	14	31	84	20	2	5	156	
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ENROLLMENT								
Total Registered Semester Credits								
for Year (Quarter Credits converted	83208	15121	19570	7049	2832	833	128612	
to Semester Credits)								
Median Credit Load	33	18	12	12.0	12.0	8.3	19	
Avg. per enrolled student	30.2	17.1	12.6	12.4	12.6	9.3	20.0	
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Number of students who registered f	or:						Duplicated	Unduplicated
32 or more semester credits	1604	36	43	0	0	0	1683	1681
24-31	725	229	99	20	17	1	1083	1078
16-23	170	271	376	159	58	12	1046	1078
8-15	186	202	490	237	86	36	1237	1208
4-7	29	89	254	88	42	20		520
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1-5	3/	59	292	66	21	21	496	494
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DENOMINATION

Converge Worldwide (BGC)

Other Baptist (sub total)

CAS

363

319

CAPS

36

56

GS

144

77

BSSP

101

68

BSSD

26

27

BSOE

11

36

TOTAL

681

583

13.7%

11.7%

STATE	CAS	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	BSOE	TOTAL	
Alabama			1	4			5	0.1%
Alaska	8		2	2			12	0.2%
Arizona	6	4	14	1			25	0.4%
Arkansas			1	5			6	0.1%
California	20	5	17	13	239		294	4.6%
Colorado	26		11	6		1	44	0.7%
Connecticut	1	1	1	5		16	24	0.4%
D.C.			1			2	3	0.0%
Delaware			2	1			3	0.0%
Florida	2	2	6	4			14	0.2%
Georgia	2	1	4	2	1		10	0.2%
Hawaii				1			1	0.0%
Idaho				2			2	0.0%
Illinois	98	1	20	16			135	2.1%
Indiana	1		5	6			12	0.2%
Iowa	81		12	21	1		115	1.8%
Kansas	2		1	2			5	0.1%
Kentucky		1					1	0.0%
Louisiana	1						1	0.0%
Maine	1		1	1		3	6	0.1%
Maryland	4		_	8		30	42	0.7%
Massachusetts	2		4	5	2	25	38	0.6%
Michigan	10		4	8	-	23	22	0.3%
Minnesota	2184	827	1445	375	1		4832	75.9%
Mississippi	1	027	1	3,3			2	0.0%
Missouri	7	2	4	2			15	0.0%
Montana	4	2	2	1			7	0.2%
Nebraska	10	1		2			13	0.1%
Nevada	2	1	3	1			7	0.2%
New Hampshire	1	1	1	1		2	4	0.1%
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New Jersey	2			2			8	
New Mexico New York	4		1 6	2		3	16	0.0%
	4			3	1	3		0.3%
North Carolina	4.5	2	8	6	1		9	0.1%
North Dakota	15	3	6	6	2		30	0.5%
Ohio	4		6	2	2		14	0.2%
Oklahoma	1		2	1			2	0.0%
Oregon	7		2	•	1	2	10	0.2%
Pennsylvania	8		4	8	1	3	24	0.4%
Rhode Island	1			1		5	7	0.1%
South Carolina			2				2	0.0%
South Dakota	40		8	1			49	0.8%
Tennessee	1		5	6			12	0.2%
Texas	8	3	7	8	6		32	0.5%
Utah				1			1	0.0%
Vermont	2		1				3	0.0%
Virginia	3	1	3	6		2	15	0.2%
Washington	20	1	4	6	3		34	0.5%
West Virginia								
Wisconsin	149	23	47	36		1	256	4.0%
Wyoming				<u>.                                      </u>				
Sub-total, US	2739	877	1677	581	258	93	6225	97.8%
Foreign Address*	5	1	43	4			53	0.8%
International (Visa)	9	9	42	20	6		86	1.4%
TOTAL Known	2753	887	1762	605	264	93	6364	100.0%
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<sup>\*</sup>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.

**Total Number of States** 

	Visa	Other	Visa	Other	Visa	Other									
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American Samoa							1						1		1
Argentina						1								1	1
Belarus		1												1	1
Brazil					2								2		2
Cameroon		1					1						1	1	2
Canada		5		1		5	5	1					5	12	17
China					4	2		1					4	3	7
Ecuador						1								1	1
Ethiopia							1						1		1
France			1		1								2		2
Gambia						1								1	1
Germany		1				_								1	1
Ghana		_		1		3	1						1	4	5
Great Britain				_			1						1	·	1
Guatemala		1					1		1				1	1	2
Honduras	1					1							_	1	1
Hong Kong						5			1	1			1	6	7
India					5	3	2		1	1			7	O	7
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Kenya	1		1		2	1		1					4	2	6
Liberia		6		3	_	1								10	10
Malaysia					1								1		1
Mexico		1												1	1
Moldova				1										1	1
Nepal					1								1		1
Netherlands						1	1						1	1	2
New Zealand					1								1		1
Nigeria	1				1	1	1						3	1	4
Norway						1								1	1
Philippines									1			1	1	1	2
Russia	1												1		1
Sierra Leone				1										1	1
Singapore	1				1	2		1					2	3	5
South Africa	1				1		1						3		3
South Korea	1					2	1						2	2	4
Spain						1								1	1
Sweden							1						1		1
Switzerland								1						1	1
Taiwan						2								2	2
Thailand			1			1			1				2	1	3
Tunisia		1												1	1
Turkey						1								1	1
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Ukraine				1			1						1	1	2
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United States Of America								1						1	1
Venezuela		1			2	1							2	2	4
Vietnam		1												1	1
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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)