

# Bethel University 2015-16 All Year Student Enrollment

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## Enrollment:

A total of 5,644 unduplicated students registered for classes at Bethel University during the 2015-16 academic year (fall 2015 through summer 2016) a decrease in enrollment of 4% from the prior year's enrollment. This decrease was experienced across nearly all areas of the university, including the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS, down 2%), College of Adult and Professional Studies (CAPS, down 6%), Graduate School (GS, down nearly 4%) and the St. Paul seminary location (BSSP, down 15%). In contrast, the San Diego seminary location saw a slight increase in enrollment (BSSD, up 0.4%).

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.

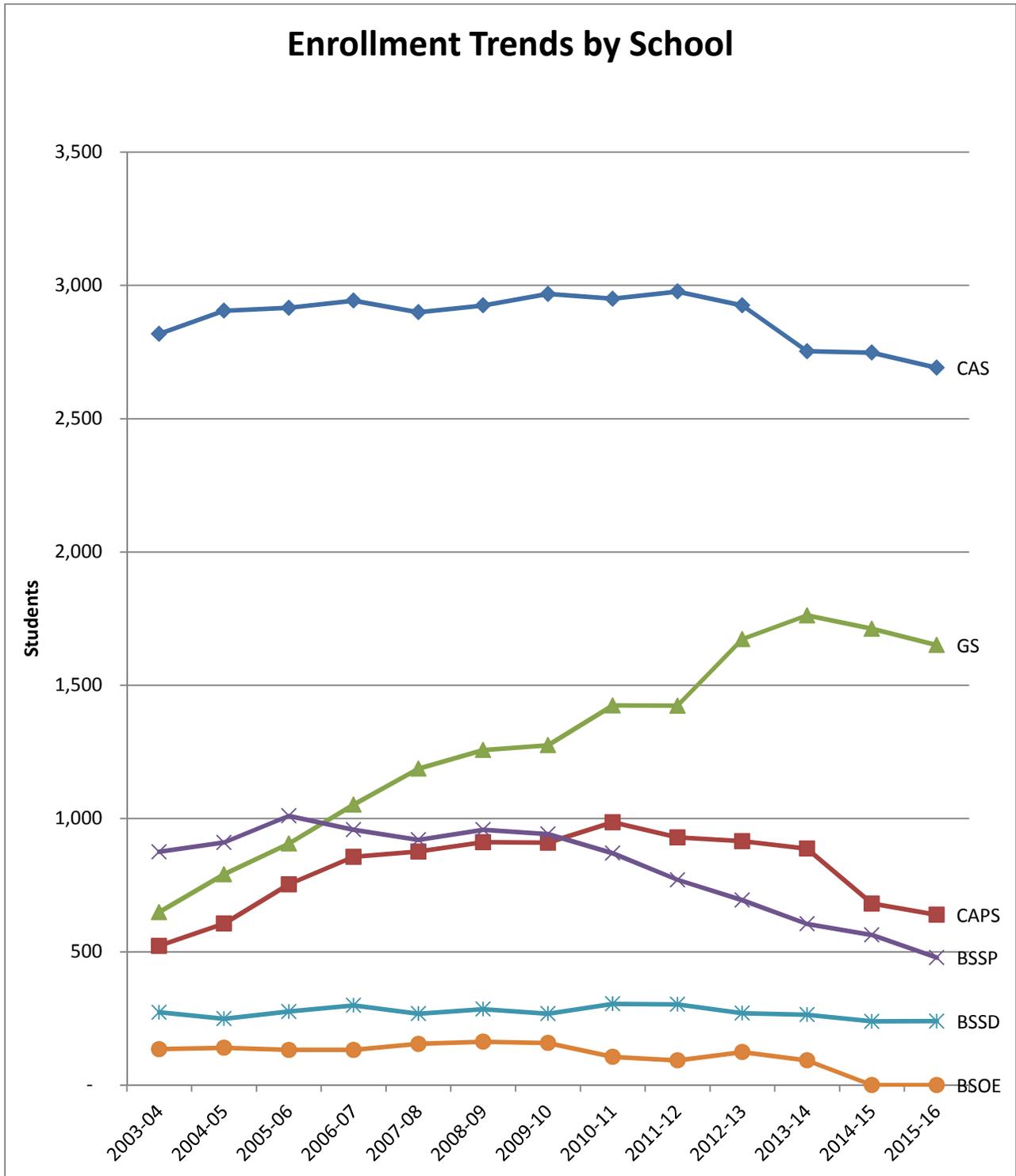
<b>Bethel University All-Year Enrollment</b>	<b>10-11</b>	<b>11-12</b>	<b>12-13</b>	<b>13-14</b>	<b>14-15</b>	<b>15-16</b>	<b>1 year Change</b>
College of Arts & Sciences (CAS)	2,950	2,977	2,925	2,753	2,748	2,691	-2.1%
College of Adult & Professional Studies (CAPS)	986	929	915	887	681	639	-6.2%
Graduate School (GS)	1,424	1,423	1,673	1,762	1,712	1,651	-3.6%
Bethel Seminary St. Paul (BSSP)	870	770	694	605	563	478	-15.1%
Bethel Seminary San Diego (BSSD)	305	303	270	264	239	240	0.4%
Bethel Seminary of the East (BSOE)	106	93	124	93	-	-	100.0%
DUPLICATED TOTAL	6,641	6,495	6,601	6,364	5,943	5,699	-4.1%
Unduplicated Total	6,542	6,442	6,531	6,295	5,885	5,644	-4.1%

College in the Schools (CIS; formerly included in CAS above)	93	90	106	147	148	162	9.5%
DUPLICATED TOTAL (with CIS)	6,734	6,585	6,707	6,511	6,089	5,861	-3.8%
Unduplicated Total (with CIS)	6,635	6,532	6,637	6,442	6,033	5,806	-3.8%
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Fifty-seven 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).

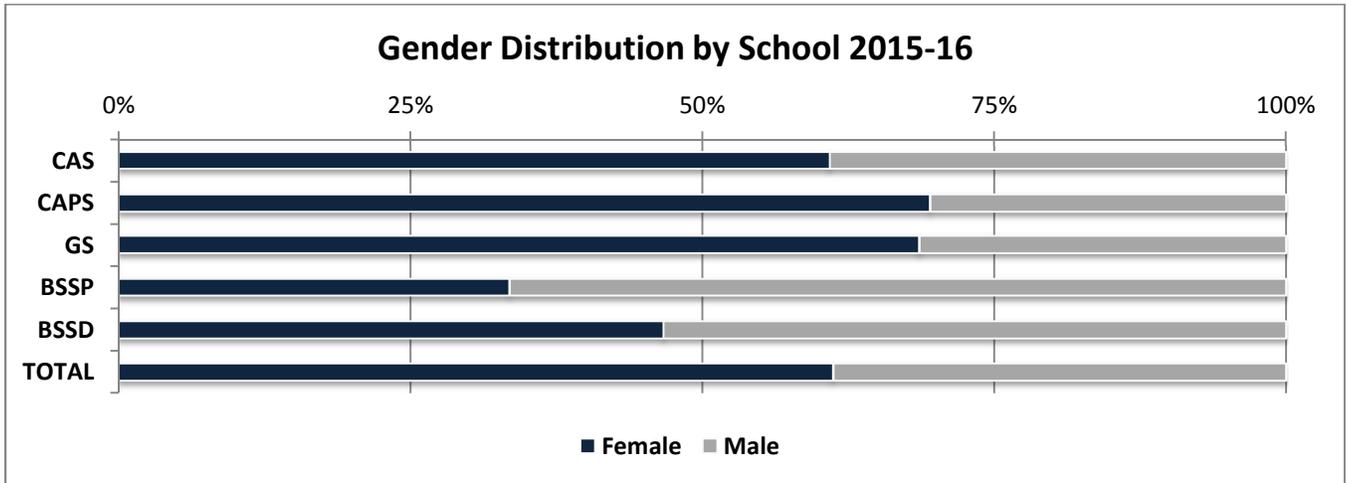
- 36 students in CAPS and GS
- 15 students in CAS and GS
- 3 students in CAS and CAPS
- 2 students in GS and BSSP
- 1 student in CAPS and BSSP

Total duplicated enrollment at Bethel University for 2015-16 was 5,699. (This counts each student once for each school in which they were enrolled).



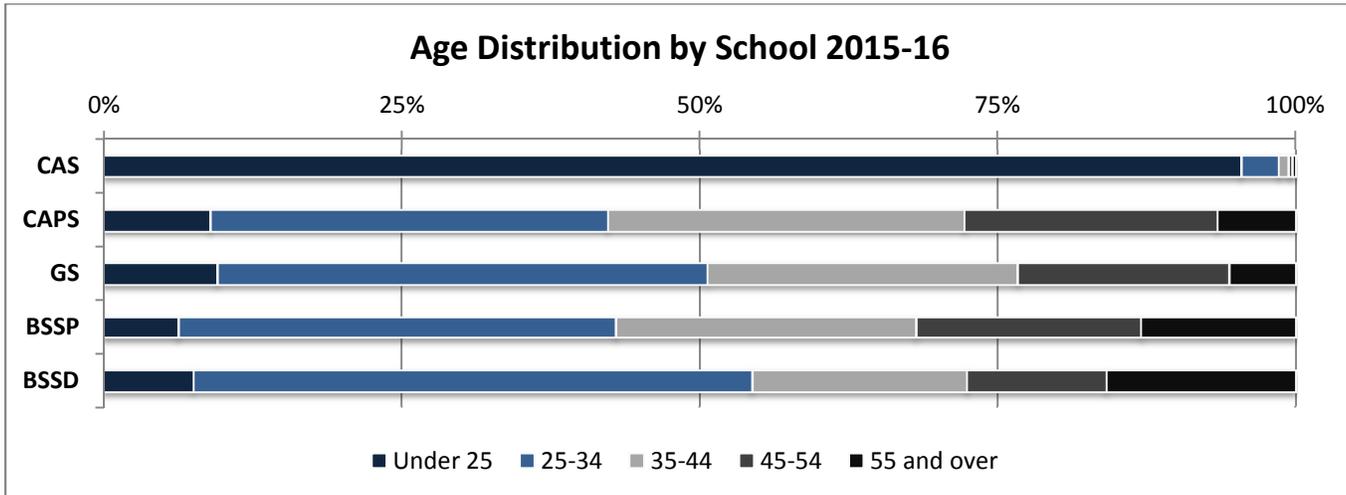
**Gender:**

Gender balance for 2015-16 changed to 61.2% female, up from 60.6% female the year before. While CAS and CAPS remained relatively stable in terms of gender balance, GS females increased from 66.9% of the population to 68.6%, BSSD females continued to increase from 42.3% of the population to 46.7% and BSSP females continued to decline from 34.6% of the population to 33.5%.



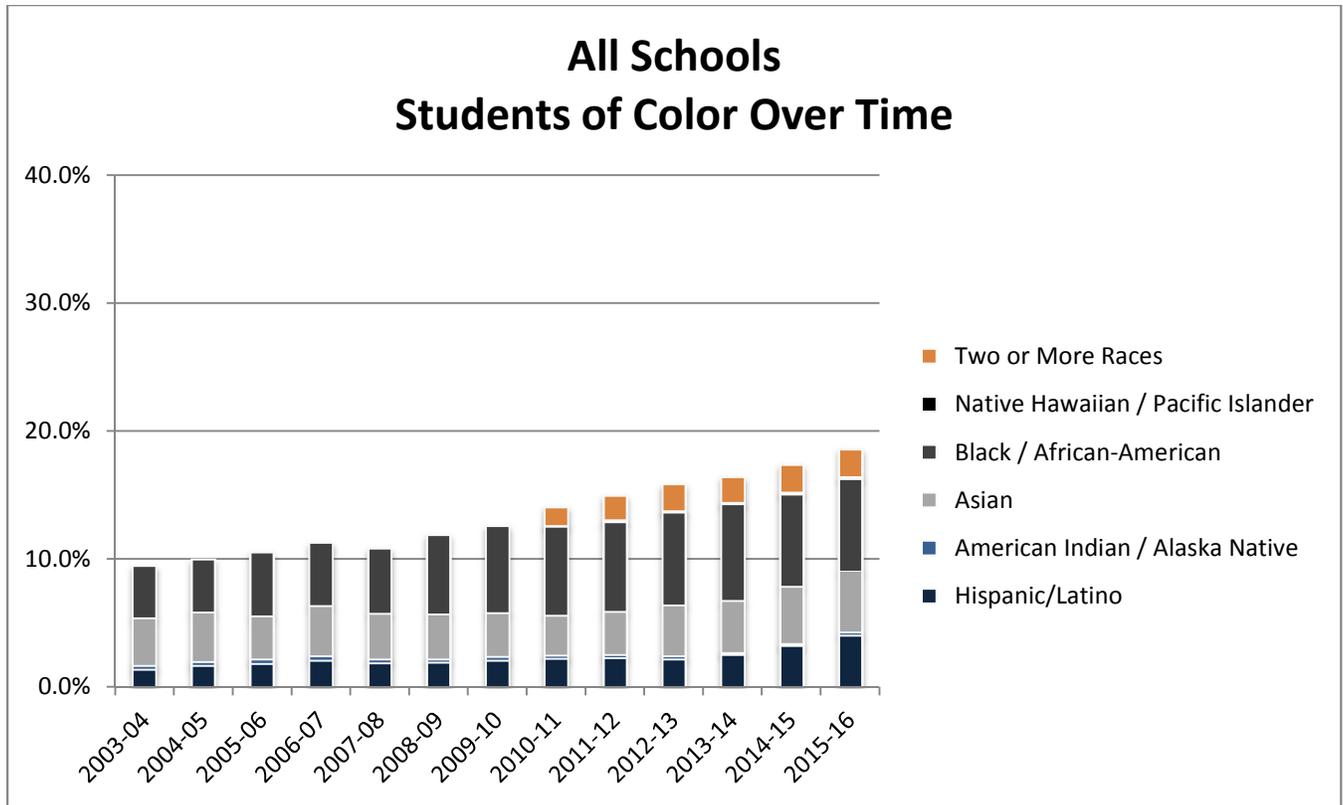
**Age:**

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. The median at BSSD shifted up to 34 from 33, making it and GS the two sites with the second youngest population after CAS.

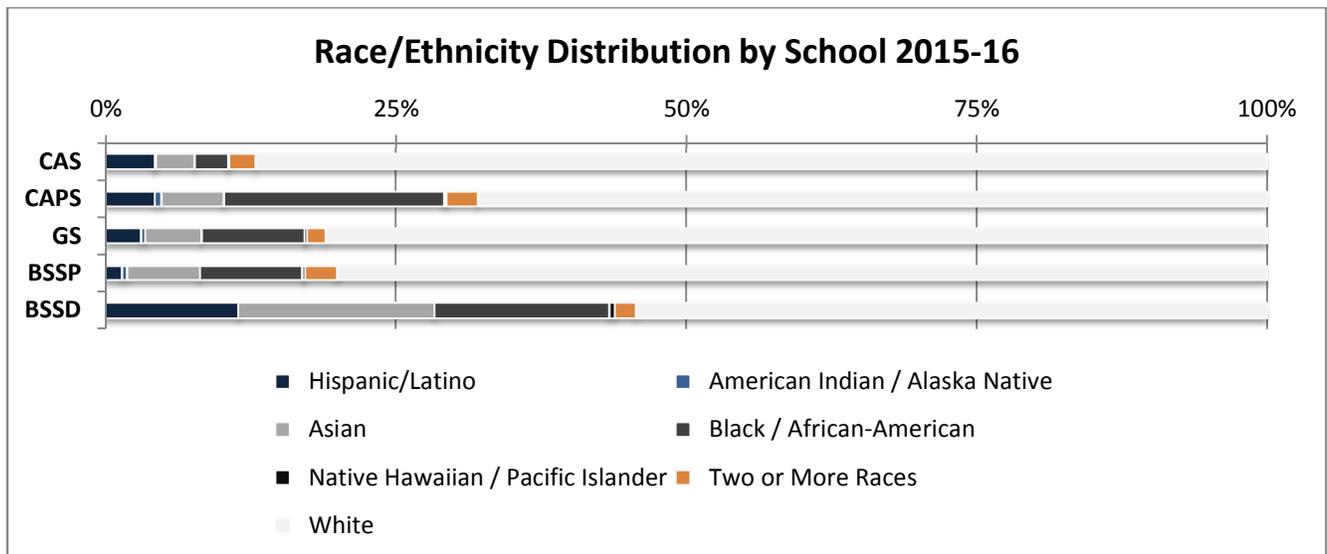


## Race/Ethnicity:

The percent of students of color at all Bethel schools increased in 2015-16 to a new high of 18.5% of students with a known race/ethnicity (excluding non-resident aliens). This is the eighth straight year of incremental increases in this percentage.

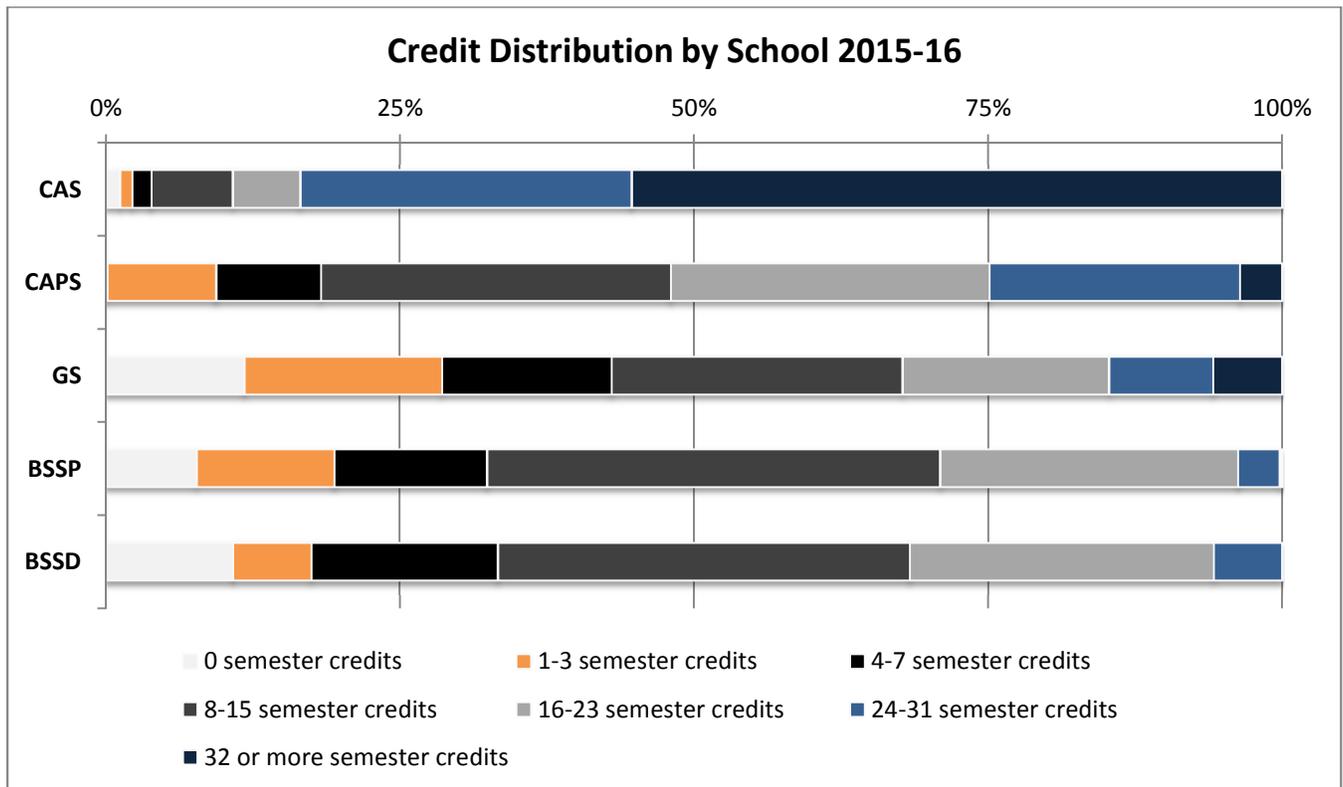


The overall increase in racial and ethnic diversity at the university (excluding non-resident aliens) was driven by increases in BSSD (up from 43.6% to 45.7%), and GS (up from 17.5% to 18.9%). CAS diversity displayed a significant increase, growing from 10.6% to 12.9% largely attributed to the launch of the ActSix program.



## Credit Levels:

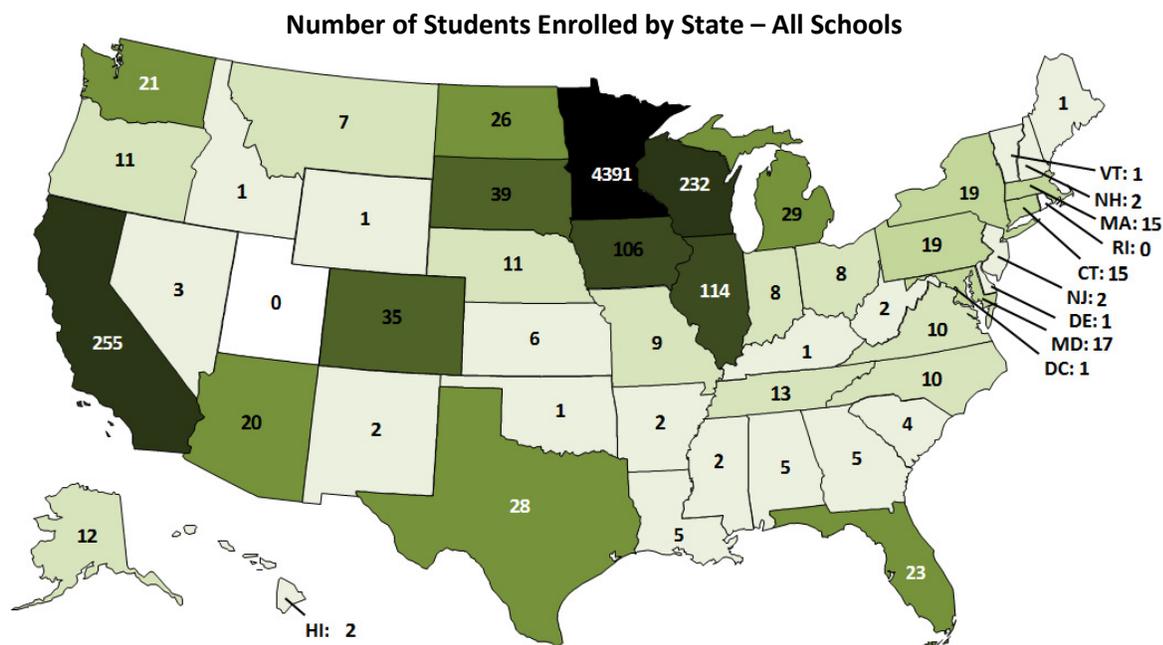
Total registered credits for the entire university fell 4.0% from the prior year. GS saw increases in total registered credits and also saw the average credit level per student marginally increase from 13.7 to 13.8, while the other schools saw declines. CAPS experienced a 6% decrease in enrollment, as well as a decrease of 16.6 to 15.5 in the average credit level per student. In CAS, the decline in registered credits was driven primarily by lower enrollment, with average credits per student remaining stable. BSSP's median credit level decreased from 13 to 12 and the overall enrollment was 15.1% lower than the previous year. BSSD saw median credit levels per student increase from 12 to 14 and the average per enrolled student increased slightly from 13.1 to 13.4.\* The decrease in overall credits at the seminary is due to the decrease in enrollment at BSSP.



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

## State and Country:

In 2015-16, Bethel University enrolled students from 48 states (all except Rhode Island and Utah), the District of Columbia, and 42 foreign countries. The state with the largest contingent of Bethel students continues to be Minnesota (77% of all enrollment), followed by California (4.5%), Wisconsin (4.1%), Illinois (2.0%), and Iowa (1.9%), 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 continued to drop, from 12.8% to 11.7% in 2015-16. This continues an 8-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 denominations has now surpassed that of Converge Worldwide, with 16.1% 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 2015-16:

	CAS	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	TOTAL	
<b>TOTAL Enrollment</b>	<b>2691</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>1651</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>5699</b>	
<b>TOTAL Enrollment Unduplicated</b>						<b>5656</b>	

<b>GENDER</b>	<b>CAS (minus CIS)</b>	<b>CAPS</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>BSSP</b>	<b>BSSD</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	
Female	1639	444	1132	160	112	3487	
Percent of Total	60.91%	69.48%	68.56%	33.47%	46.67%	61.19%	
Male	1052	195	519	318	128	2212	
Percent of Total	39.09%	30.52%	31.44%	66.53%	53.33%	38.81%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2691</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>1651</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>5699</b>	

<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>	<b>CAS (minus CIS)</b>	<b>CAPS</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>BSSP</b>	<b>BSSD</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	
Single	1019	52	169	90	88	1418	63.2%
Married	69	59	251	286	132	797	35.5%
Divorced/Separated	1	5	8	4	9	27	1.2%
Widowed	0	0	1	0	2	3	0.1%
<b>TOTAL Known</b>	<b>1089</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>2245</b>	
Unknown	1602	523	1222	98	9	3454	

<b>AGE (as of Jan 1, 2016)</b>	<b>CAS (minus CIS)</b>	<b>CAPS</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>BSSP</b>	<b>BSSD</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	
Mean	20.6	37.7	36.3	39.1	38.0	29.8	
Median	20	36	34	37	34	25	
Under 25	2565	57	157	30	18	2827	49.7%
25-34	84	212	676	175	112	1259	22.1%
35-44	22	190	428	120	43	803	14.1%
45-54	9	135	292	90	28	554	9.7%
55 and over	8	42	92	62	38	242	4.3%
<b>TOTAL Known age</b>	<b>2688</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>1645</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>5685</b>	
Unknown	3	3	6	1	1	14	

DENOMINATION	CAS	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	TOTAL	
Converge Worldwide (BGC)	268	24	101	78	16	487	11.7%
Other Baptist (sub total)	304	48	73	44	20	489	11.7%
American	96	18	21	13	4	152	3.6%
Conservative	39	8	5	7	0	59	1.4%
G.A.R.B	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.0%
Independent	35	10	17	9	2	73	1.7%
North American	28	3	4	5	0	40	1.0%
Other	94	5	15	6	6	126	3.0%
Southern	11	4	11	4	8	38	0.9%
Assembly of God	96	23	45	25	11	200	4.8%
Catholic	154	59	187	2	1	403	9.6%
Christian & Missionary Alliance	62	8	26	26	4	126	3.0%
Covenant	125	10	29	27	3	194	4.6%
Evangelical Free	310	27	64	25	10	436	10.4%
Lutheran	360	64	204	40	5	673	16.1%
Mennonite	5	0	1	4	0	10	0.2%
Methodist	36	10	32	15	4	97	2.3%
Non-Denominational	259	15	20	35	82	411	9.8%
Presbyterian	36	4	16	13	21	90	2.2%
Other Protestant	243	53	137	75	51	559	13.4%
Jewish	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.0%
Buddhist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL Known Denomination</b>	<b>2260</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>4177</b>	
Unknown	431	294	716	69	12	1522	

RACE/ETHNICITY	CAS	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	TOTAL	
Hispanic/Latino	108	22	42	6	25	203	3.9%
American Indian / Alaska Native	2	3	5	2	0	12	0.2%
Asian	86	28	67	27	37	245	4.7%
Black / African-American	74	99	122	38	33	366	7.1%
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	2	1	3	1	1	8	0.2%
Two or More Races	58	14	22	12	4	110	2.1%
Non-Resident Alien	13	0	36	12	4	65	1.3%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	343	167	297	98	104	1009	19.5%
White	2227	354	1117	345	119	4162	80.5%
<b>TOTAL Known Ethnicity</b>	<b>2570</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>1414</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>5171</b>	
Percent of Color/International	13.3%	32.1%	21.0%	22.1%	46.6%	19.5%	
Unknown	121	118	237	35	17	528	

ENROLLMENT	CAS	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	TOTAL	
<b>Total Registered Semester Credits for Year</b> (Quarter Credits converted to Semester Credits)	79630	9874	20134	5404	2877	117918	
<b>Median Credit Load</b>	32	15	12	12	14	19	
<b>Avg. per enrolled student</b>	30.0	15.5	13.8	12.3	13.4	20.0	

Number of students who registered for:	CAS	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	TOTAL Duplicated	TOTAL Unduplicated
32 or more semester credits	1488	23	97	1	0	1609	1595
24-31	758	136	146	17	14	1071	1054
16-23	154	173	290	121	62	800	786
8-15	186	190	408	184	84	1052	1040
4-7	44	57	238	62	38	439	439
1-3	28	59	277	56	16	436	436
0	33	1	195	37	26	292	306
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2691</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>1651</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>5699</b>	<b>5656</b>

STATE	CAS		CAPS		GS		BSSP		BSSD		TOTAL	
Alabama					2	0.1%	3	0.6%			5	0.1%
Alaska	8	0.3%	1	0.2%	1	0.1%	2	0.4%			12	0.2%
Arizona	5	0.2%	3	0.5%	11	0.7%	1	0.2%			20	0.4%
Arkansas			1	0.2%			1	0.2%			2	0.0%
California	20	0.7%	1	0.2%	9	0.5%	8	1.7%	217	90.4%	255	4.5%
Colorado	23	0.9%			7	0.4%	5	1.0%			35	0.6%
Connecticut	1	0.0%			2	0.1%	11	2.3%	1	0.4%	15	0.3%
D.C.			1	0.2%							1	0.0%
Delaware					1	0.1%					1	0.0%
Florida	8	0.3%	2	0.3%	5	0.3%	8	1.7%			23	0.4%
Georgia			1	0.2%	3	0.2%	1	0.2%			5	0.1%
Hawaii					1	0.1%	1	0.2%			2	0.0%
Idaho							1	0.2%			1	0.0%
Illinois	87	3.2%			11	0.7%	16	3.3%			114	2.0%
Indiana	2	0.1%	1	0.2%	2	0.1%	3	0.6%			8	0.1%
Iowa	72	2.7%	3	0.5%	9	0.5%	21	4.4%	1	0.4%	106	1.9%
Kansas	4	0.1%			1	0.1%			1	0.4%	6	0.1%
Kentucky							1	0.2%			1	0.0%
Louisiana	2	0.1%	1	0.2%	1	0.1%			1	0.4%	5	0.1%
Maine							1	0.2%			1	0.0%
Maryland	4	0.1%			2	0.1%	9	1.9%	2	0.8%	17	0.3%
Massachusetts	2	0.1%	1	0.2%	2	0.1%	9	1.9%	1	0.4%	15	0.3%
Michigan	10	0.4%	3	0.5%	7	0.4%	9	1.9%			29	0.5%
Minnesota	2193	81.5%	585	91.5%	1344	81.4%	269	56.3%			4391	77.0%
Mississippi	1	0.0%			1	0.1%					2	0.0%
Missouri	6	0.2%			2	0.1%	1	0.2%			9	0.2%
Montana	4	0.1%	1	0.2%	1	0.1%	1	0.2%			7	0.1%
Nebraska	6	0.2%					5	1.0%			11	0.2%
Nevada			1	0.2%	1	0.1%	1	0.2%			3	0.1%
New Hampshire					1	0.1%	1	0.2%			2	0.0%
New Jersey					2	0.1%					2	0.0%
New Mexico	1	0.0%			1	0.1%					2	0.0%
New York	4	0.1%	1	0.2%	10	0.6%	4	0.8%			19	0.3%
North Carolina	1	0.0%	1	0.2%	8	0.5%					10	0.2%
North Dakota	11	0.4%	1	0.2%	9	0.5%	5	1.0%			26	0.5%
Ohio	3	0.1%			3	0.2%	2	0.4%			8	0.1%
Oklahoma							1	0.2%			1	0.0%
Oregon	5	0.2%	1	0.2%	3	0.2%	2	0.4%			11	0.2%
Pennsylvania	6	0.2%			5	0.3%	7	1.5%	1	0.4%	19	0.3%
Rhode Island												
South Carolina					1	0.1%	1	0.2%	2	0.8%	4	0.1%
South Dakota	31	1.2%			5	0.3%	3	0.6%			39	0.7%
Tennessee	1	0.0%	1	0.2%	6	0.4%	5	1.0%			13	0.2%
Texas	6	0.2%	1	0.2%	9	0.5%	6	1.3%	6	2.5%	28	0.5%
Utah												
Vermont	1	0.0%									1	0.0%
Virginia	2	0.1%			3	0.2%	4	0.8%	1	0.4%	10	0.2%
Washington	15	0.6%	2	0.3%	2	0.1%	2	0.4%			21	0.4%
West Virginia					1	0.1%			1	0.4%	2	0.0%
Wisconsin	126	4.7%	25	3.9%	46	2.8%	34	7.1%	1	0.4%	232	4.1%
Wyoming	1	0.0%									1	0.0%
Sub-total, US	2672	99.3%	639	100.0%	1541	93.3%	465	97.3%	236	98.3%	5553	97.4%
Military - Europe	2	0.1%			2	0.1%					4	0.1%
Military - Pacific					1	0.1%					1	0.0%
Foreign Address*	4	0.1%			71	4.3%	1	0.2%			76	1.3%
International (Visa)	13	0.5%			36	2.2%	12	2.5%	4	1.7%	65	1.1%
<b>TOTAL Known</b>	<b>2691</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1651</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5699</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Total Number of States</b>	<b>34</b>		<b>22</b>		<b>40</b>		<b>38</b>		<b>13</b>		<b>48</b>	

\*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	Visa	Other	Combined TOTAL
	CAS		CAPS		GS		BSSP		BSSD		TOTAL		
American Samoa							1				1		1
Argentina					1						1		1
Australia							1				1		1
Brazil					1	1					1	1	2
Canada		2				9	4			1	4	12	16
China					2	12					2	12	14
Colombia		1								0		1	1
Cook Islands													0
Egypt						3						3	3
Ethiopia						1						1	1
France						1						1	1
Gambia						1						1	1
Ghana						2	1				1	2	3
Greece						1						1	1
Hong Kong													0
India					1	1	1				2	1	3
Indonesia						1						1	1
Italy						1						1	1
Japan						4						4	4
Jordan						2						2	2
Kazakhstan													0
Kenya					2	1					2	1	3
Liberia		1		2		1		1		0		5	5
Malaysia						1						1	1
Mexico		1								0		1	1
Moldova		1								0		1	1
Myanmar						1						1	1
Nepal													0
New Zealand					1						1		1
Nicaragua						1						1	1
Nigeria					1		1						2
North Korea						1						1	1
Paraguay													0
Philippines													0
Qatar													0
Saudi Arabia						2						2	2
Sierra Leone				1								1	1
Singapore	1					7		1			1	8	9
South Africa					1						1		1
South Korea	1					2	1				2	2	4
Spain		1										1	1
Sweden													0
Switzerland						2						2	2
Taiwan						2						2	2
Tanzania, United Republic						1						1	1
Thailand							1				1		1
Uganda		1				27				0		28	28
Ukraine				1								1	1
United Arab Emirates		1				2				0		3	3
United Republic of Tanzania								1				1	1
United States Of America												1	1
Venezuela		1								0		1	1
Vietnam													0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>131</b>
											<b>57</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>159</b>

Country Count:	2	9	0	3	7	29	8	3	0	1	14	37	42
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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)