

Bethel University 2016-17 All Year Student Enrollment

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Enrollment:

A total of 5,440 unduplicated students registered for classes at Bethel University during the 2016-17 academic year (fall 2016 through summer 2017), a decrease in enrollment of nearly 4% from the prior year's enrollment. This decrease was experienced across nearly all areas of the university, including the College of Adult and Professional Studies (CAPS, down 15.2%), Graduate School (GS, down 4.1%), the St. Paul seminary location (BSSP, down 8.4%), and the San Diego seminary location (BSSD, down 10%). In contrast, the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS, up 0.7%) saw a slight increase in enrollment.

College in the Schools (CIS) enrollment has increased over the past few years although the total enrollment dipped slightly during the 2016-17 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.

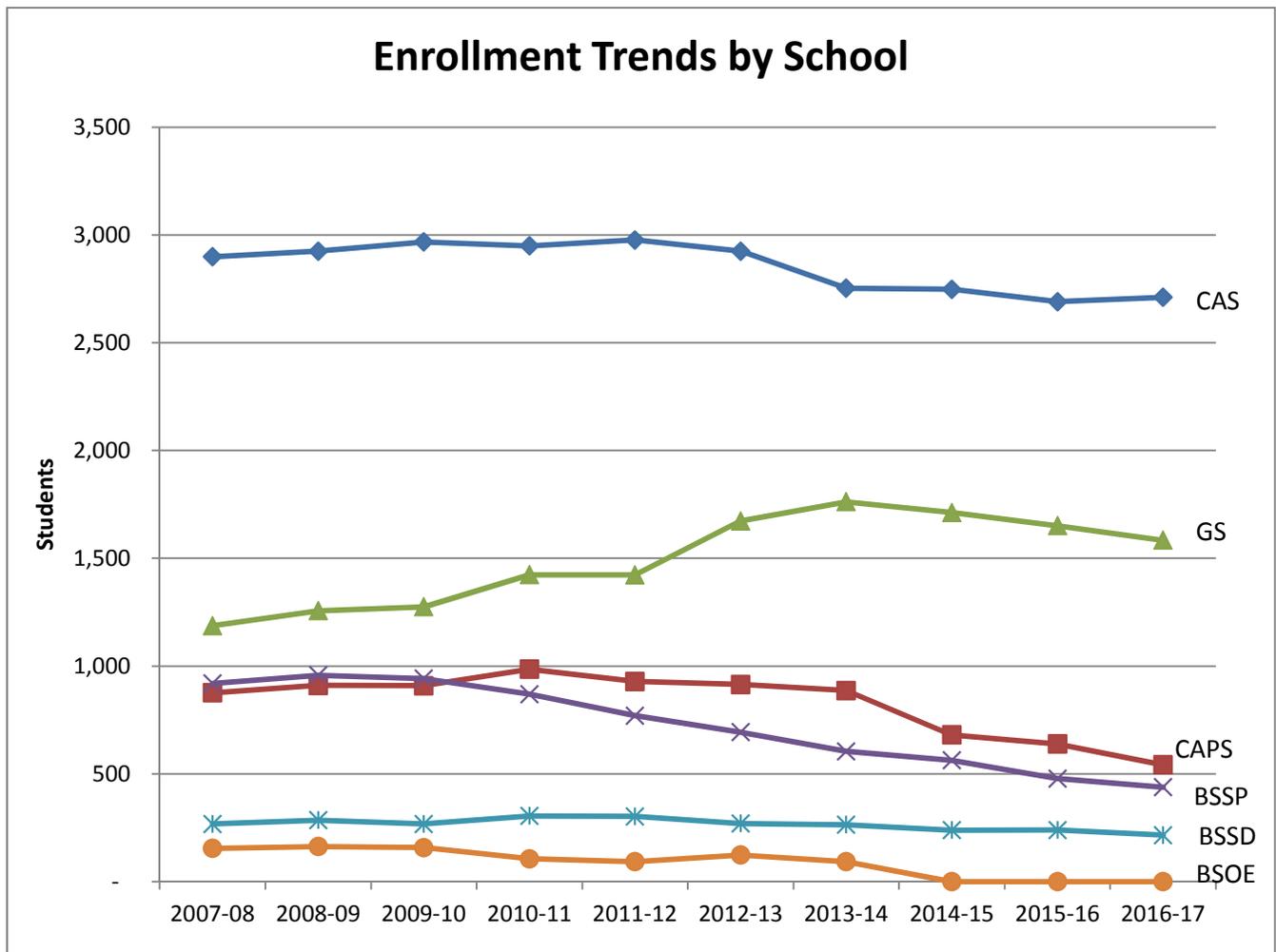
Bethel University All-Year Enrollment	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	1 year Change
College of Arts & Sciences (CAS)	2,977	2,925	2,753	2,748	2,691	2,711	0.7%
College of Adult & Professional Studies (CAPS)	929	915	887	681	639	542	-15.2%
Graduate School (GS)	1,423	1,673	1,762	1,712	1,651	1,582	-4.1%
Bethel Seminary St. Paul (BSSP)	770	694	605	563	478	438	-8.4%
Bethel Seminary San Diego (BSSD)	303	270	264	239	240	216	-10.0%
Bethel Seminary of the East (BSOE)	93	124	93	-	-	-	100.0%
DUPLICATED TOTAL	6,495	6,601	6,364	5,943	5,699	5,491	-3.6%
Unduplicated Total	6,442	6,531	6,295	5,885	5,644	5,440	-3.6%

College in the Schools (CIS; formerly included in CAS above)	90	106	147	148	162	156	-3.7%
DUPLICATED TOTAL (with CIS)	6,585	6,707	6,511	6,089	5,861	5,647	-3.7%
Unduplicated Total (with CIS)	6,532	6,637	6,442	6,033	5,806	5,575	-4.0%
BUILD					12	21	75.0%

Fifty-one 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).

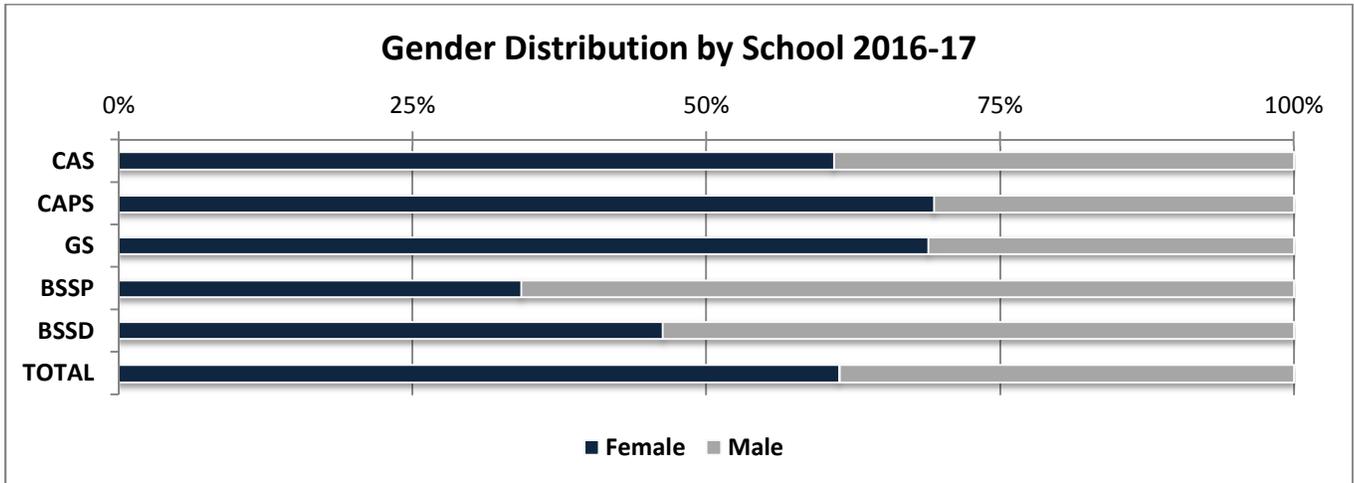
- 20 students in CAPS and GS
- 14 students in CAS and GS
- 9 students in CAS and CAPS
- 3 students in BSSP and BSSD
- 2 students in CAPS and BSSP
- 1 student in CAS and BSSP
- 1 student in GS and BSSP
- 1 student in CAS, CAPS, and GS

Total duplicated enrollment at Bethel University for 2016-17 was 5,491. (This counts each student once for each school in which they were enrolled).



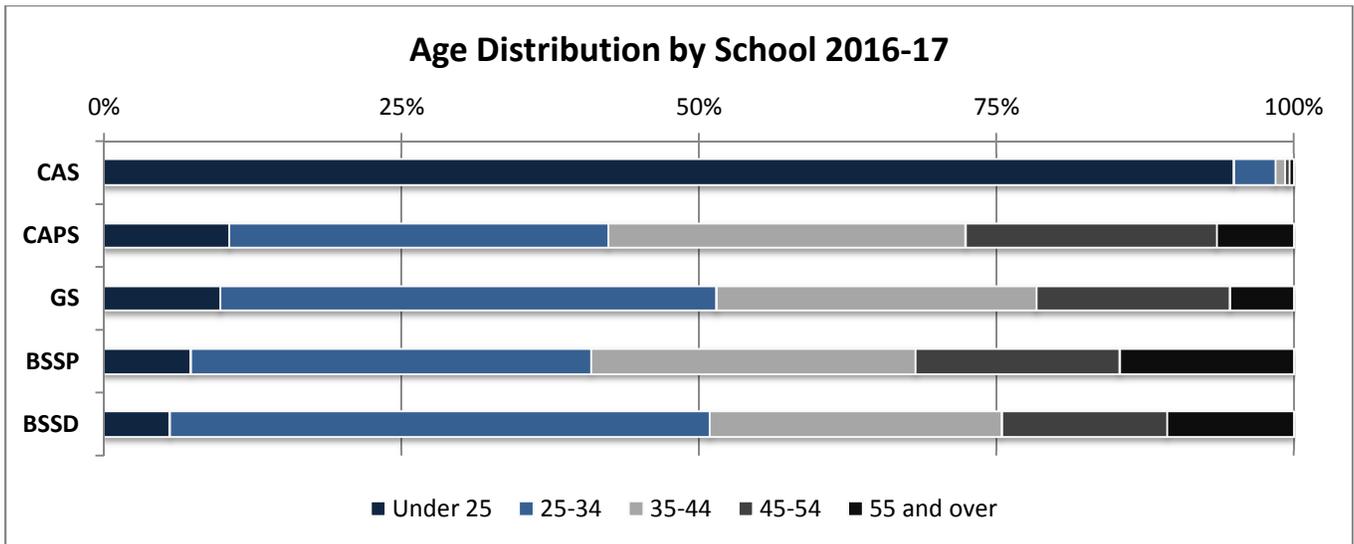
Gender:

Gender balance for 2016-17 was 61.3% female, up slightly from 61.2% female the year before. While CAS, CAPS and GS remained relatively stable in terms of gender balance, BSSP females increased from 33.5% of the population to 34.2%, while BSSD females experienced a marginal decrease from 46.7% of the population to 46.3%.



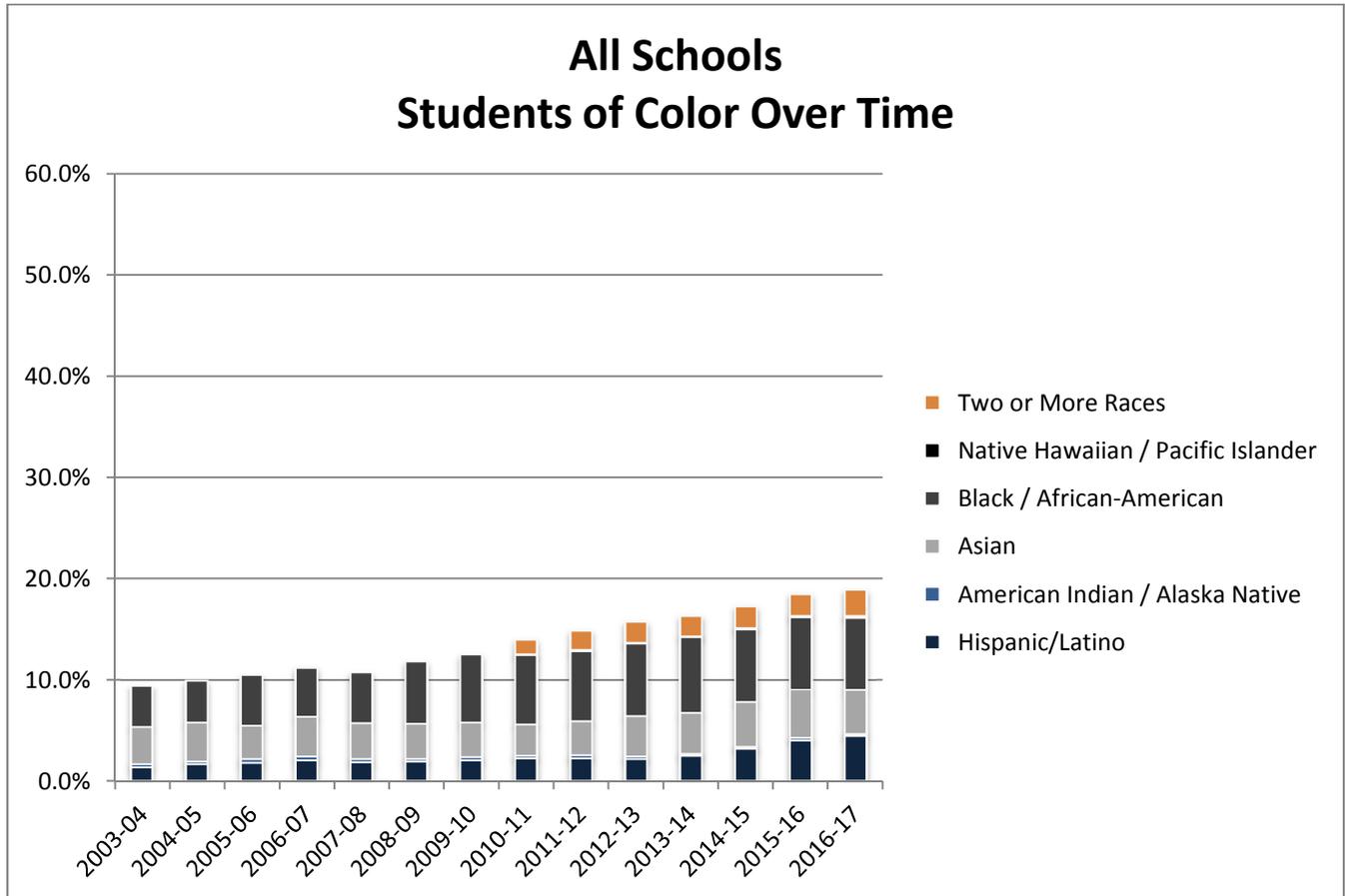
Age:

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 34, GS and BSSD continue to be the two sites with the youngest population after CAS.

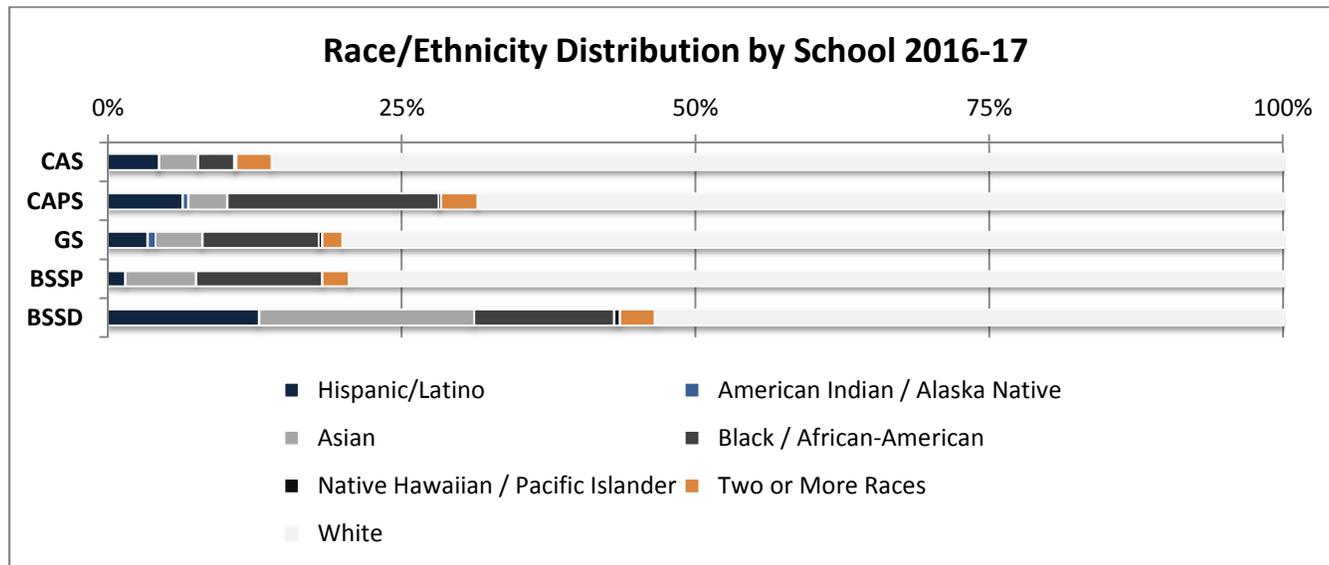


Race/Ethnicity:

The percent of students of color at all Bethel schools increased in 2016-17 to a new high of 18.9% of students with a known race/ethnicity (excluding non-resident aliens). This is the ninth straight year of incremental increases in this percentage.

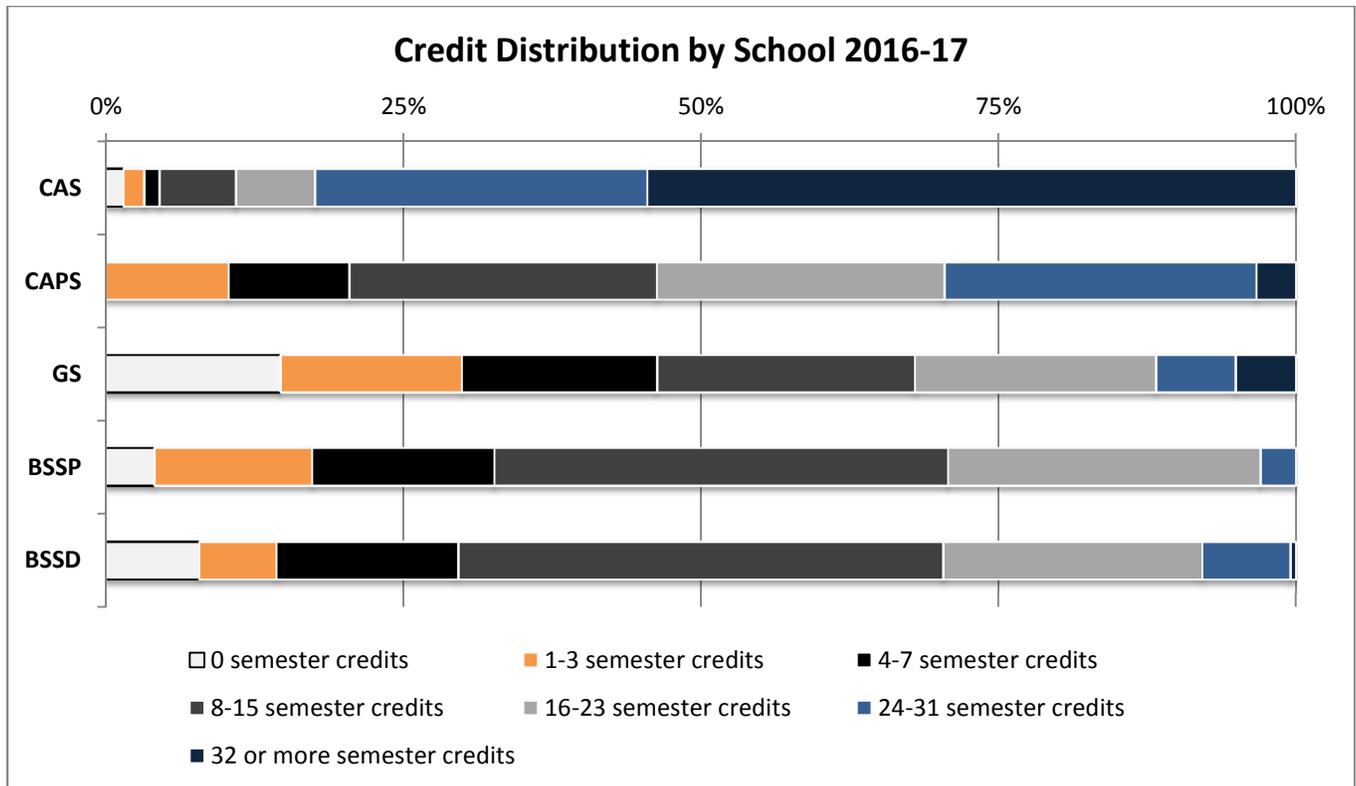


The overall increase in racial and ethnic diversity at the university (excluding non-resident aliens) was driven by increases in CAS (up from 12.9% to 13.9%), and GS (up from 18.9% to 20.0%). CAS diversity displayed another significant increase, growing from 12.9% to 13.9% largely attributed to the launch of the ActSix program.



Credit Levels:

Total registered credits for the entire university fell 3.0% from the prior year. GS saw decreases in total registered credits but also saw the average credit level per student marginally increase from 13.7 to 13.8. CAPS experienced a 15% decrease in enrollment, but experienced a slight increase of 15.5 to 15.6 in the average credit level per student. In CAS, the increase in registered credits was driven primarily by a marginally increased enrollment, with average credits per student remaining stable. BSSP's median credit level remained at 12 and the overall enrollment was 8.4% lower than the previous year. BSSD saw both median credit levels per student and the average per enrolled student stay the same.* The decrease in overall credits at the seminary is due to the decrease in enrollment at both BSSP and BSSD.

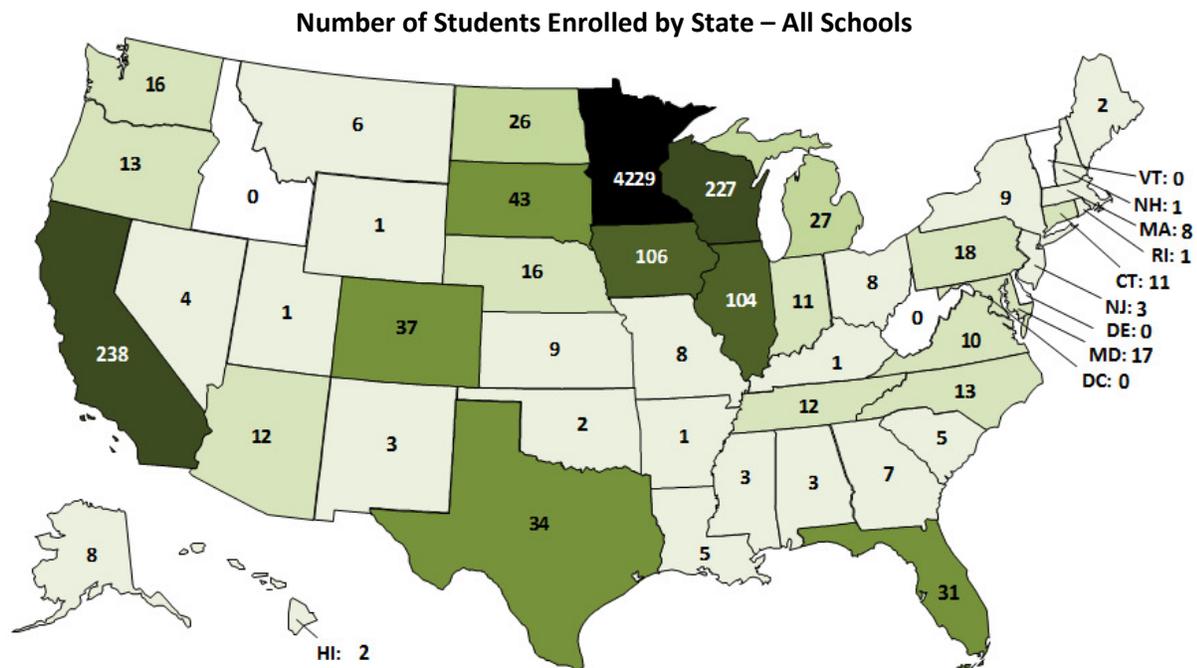


Please note that zero credit students are most often SMEP (music) students in CAS and either master's thesis or doctrinal dissertation continuation students in GS, BSSP and BSSD.

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

State and Country:

In 2016-17, Bethel University enrolled students from 46 states (all except Delaware, Idaho, Vermont, West Virginia and D.C.), and 24 foreign countries. The state with the largest contingent of Bethel students continues to be Minnesota (77% of all enrollment), followed by California (4.3%), Wisconsin (4.1%), Illinois (1.9%), 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 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 11.7% to 10.5% in 2016-17. This continues a 9-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 17.0% 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 2016-17:

	CAS	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	TOTAL	
TOTAL Enrollment	2711	542	1584	438	216	5491	
TOTAL Enrollment Unduplicated						5440	

GENDER	CAS (minus CIS)	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	TOTAL	
Female	1650	376	1091	150	100	3367	
Percent of Total	60.86%	69.37%	68.88%	34.25%	46.30%	61.32%	
Male	1061	166	493	288	116	2124	
Percent of Total	39.14%	30.63%	31.12%	65.75%	53.70%	38.68%	
TOTAL	2711	542	1584	438	216	5491	

MARITAL STATUS	CAS (minus CIS)	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	TOTAL	
Single	577	30	164	79	73	923	55.4%
Married	64	45	226	253	123	711	42.7%
Divorced/Separated	2	3	4	10	11	30	1.8%
Widowed	0	0	1	0	1	2	0.1%
TOTAL Known	643	78	395	342	208	1666	
Unknown	2068	464	1189	96	8	3825	

AGE (as of Jan 1, 2017)	CAS (minus CIS)	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	TOTAL	
Mean	20.7	37.4	36.0	39.6	37.6	29.8	
Median	20	36	34	37	34	25	
Under 25	2571	57	155	32	12	2827	51.6%
25-34	95	172	659	147	98	1171	21.4%
35-44	22	162	425	119	53	781	14.2%
45-54	10	114	257	75	30	486	8.9%
55 and over	10	35	85	64	23	217	4.0%
TOTAL Known age	2708	540	1581	437	216	5482	
Unknown	3	2	3	1	0	9	

DENOMINATION	CAS	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	TOTAL	
Converge Worldwide (BGC)	214	14	68	84	17	397	10.5%
Other Baptist (sub-total)	290	42	71	38	12	453	12.0%
American	103	11	22	11	4	151	4.0%
Conservative	37	5	6	5	0	53	1.4%
G.A.R.B	1	0	0	0	1	2	0.1%
Independent	40	13	20	6	1	80	2.1%
North American	36	6	3	4	0	49	1.3%
Other	66	4	11	4	2	87	2.3%
Southern	7	3	9	8	4	31	0.8%
Assembly of God	106	23	45	24	9	207	5.5%
Catholic	166	53	172	0	0	391	10.4%
Christian & Missionary Alliance	51	8	24	23	3	109	2.9%
Covenant	118	9	31	23	3	184	4.9%
Evangelical Free	279	25	57	24	5	390	10.3%
Lutheran	329	50	221	37	4	641	17.0%
Mennonite	4	0	1	2	0	7	0.2%
Methodist	28	6	26	11	4	75	2.0%
Non-Denominational	175	6	23	34	83	321	8.5%
Presbyterian	30	7	18	8	19	82	2.2%
Other Protestant	231	46	125	62	46	510	13.5%
Jewish	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%
Buddhist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL Known Denomination	2023	289	882	370	205	3769	
Unknown	688	253	702	68	11	1722	

RACE/ETHNICITY	CAS	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	TOTAL	
Hispanic/Latino	113	27	45	6	26	217	4.4%
American Indian / Alaska Native	1	2	9	0	0	12	0.2%
Asian	85	14	53	24	37	213	4.3%
Black / African-American	80	76	131	43	24	354	7.1%
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	4	1	4	0	1	10	0.2%
Two or More Races	78	13	23	9	6	129	2.6%
Non-Resident Alien	9	1	21	6	3	40	0.8%
Sub-Total	370	134	286	88	97	975	19.6%
White	2228	290	1062	318	108	4006	80.4%
TOTAL Known Ethnicity	2598	424	1348	406	205	4981	
Percent of Color/International	14.2%	31.6%	21.2%	21.7%	47.3%	19.6%	
Unknown	113	118	236	32	11	510	

ENROLLMENT	CAS	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	TOTAL	
Total Registered Semester Credits for Year (Quarter Credits converted to Semester Credits)	79721	8482	18157	4987	2662	114009	
Median Credit Load	32	15	12	12	14	19	
Avg. per enrolled student	29.9	15.6	13.5	11.9	13.4	20.0	

Number of students who registered for:	CAS	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	Duplicated	Unduplicated
32 or more semester credits	1477	18	80	0	1	1576	1562
24-31	757	142	106	13	16	1034	1021
16-23	180	131	321	115	47	794	781
8-15	174	140	343	167	88	912	904
4-7	35	55	260	67	33	450	447
1-3	47	56	241	58	14	416	415
0	41	0	233	18	17	309	310
TOTAL	2711	542	1584	438	216	5491	5440

STATE	CAS		CAPS		GS		BSSP		BSSD		TOTAL	
Alabama					1	0.1%	2	0.5%			3	0.1%
Alaska	5	0.2%			1	0.1%	1	0.2%			8	0.1%
Arizona	7	0.3%	1	0.2%	4	0.3%	1	0.2%			12	0.2%
Arkansas							1	0.2%			1	0.0%
California	11	0.4%	2	0.4%	14	0.9%	18	4.1%	193	89.4%	238	4.3%
Colorado	30	1.1%			6	0.4%	1	0.2%			37	0.7%
Connecticut	1	0.0%			1	0.1%	8	1.8%	1	0.5%	11	0.2%
D.C.												
Delaware												
Florida	8	0.3%	3	0.6%	13	0.8%	7	1.6%			31	0.6%
Georgia	1	0.0%	1	0.2%	2	0.1%	3	0.7%			7	0.1%
Hawaii					1	0.1%	1	0.2%			2	0.0%
Idaho												
Illinois	80	3.0%	2	0.4%	9	0.6%	13	3.0%			104	1.9%
Indiana	5	0.2%	2	0.4%	2	0.1%	2	0.5%			11	0.2%
Iowa	72	2.7%	2	0.4%	10	0.6%	21	4.8%	1	0.5%	106	1.9%
Kansas	4	0.1%			4	0.3%			1	0.5%	9	0.2%
Kentucky			1	0.2%							1	0.0%
Louisiana	2	0.1%	1	0.2%	2	0.1%					5	0.1%
Maine							2	0.5%			2	0.0%
Maryland	6	0.2%	1	0.2%	1	0.1%	7	1.6%	2	0.9%	17	0.3%
Massachusetts	2	0.1%			1	0.1%	4	0.9%	1	0.5%	8	0.1%
Michigan	10	0.4%	2	0.4%	7	0.4%	8	1.8%			27	0.5%
Minnesota	2220	81.9%	479	88.4%	1284	81.1%	244	55.7%	2	0.9%	4229	77.0%
Mississippi			3	0.6%							3	0.1%
Missouri	5	0.2%	1	0.2%	2	0.1%					8	0.1%
Montana	3	0.1%	1	0.2%	1	0.1%	1	0.2%			6	0.1%
Nebraska	7	0.3%	1	0.2%	1	0.1%	7	1.6%			16	0.3%
Nevada					3	0.2%	1	0.2%			4	0.1%
New Hampshire					1	0.1%					1	0.0%
New Jersey	1	0.0%			1	0.1%	1	0.2%			3	0.1%
New Mexico					1	0.1%	2	0.5%			3	0.1%
New York	2	0.1%	1	0.2%	4	0.3%	2	0.5%			9	0.2%
North Carolina			3	0.6%	7	0.4%	3	0.7%			13	0.2%
North Dakota	8	0.3%	2	0.4%	10	0.6%	6	1.4%			26	0.5%
Ohio	2	0.1%	1	0.2%	3	0.2%	2	0.5%			8	0.1%
Oklahoma	1	0.0%	1	0.2%							2	0.0%
Oregon	4	0.1%	2	0.4%	4	0.3%	3	0.7%			13	0.2%
Pennsylvania	4	0.1%	1	0.2%	7	0.4%	5	1.1%	1	0.5%	18	0.3%
Rhode Island							1	0.2%			1	0.0%
South Carolina	1	0.0%			2	0.1%	1	0.2%	1	0.5%	5	0.1%
South Dakota	33	1.2%	1	0.2%	7	0.4%	2	0.5%			43	0.8%
Tennessee	1	0.0%	3	0.6%	4	0.3%	3	0.7%	1	0.5%	12	0.2%
Texas	9	0.3%	3	0.6%	11	0.7%	6	1.4%	5	2.3%	34	0.6%
Utah	1	0.0%									1	0.0%
Vermont												
Virginia	2	0.1%	1	0.2%	2	0.1%	2	0.5%	3	1.4%	10	0.2%
Washington	13	0.5%			2	0.1%	1	0.2%			16	0.3%
West Virginia												
Wisconsin	129	4.8%	17	3.1%	47	3.0%	33	7.5%	1	0.5%	227	4.1%
Wyoming			1	0.2%							1	0.0%
Sub-total, US	2690	99.2%	540	99.6%	1483	93.6%	426	97.3%	213	98.6%	5352	97.5%
Military - Europe	2	0.1%			2	0.1%					4	0.1%
Military - Pacific							1	0.2%			1	0.0%
Foreign Address*	10	0.4%	1	0.2%	78	4.9%	5	1.1%			94	1.7%
International (Visa)	9	0.3%	1	0.2%	21	1.3%	6	1.4%	3	1.4%	40	0.7%
TOTAL Known	2711	100.0%	542	100.0%	1584	100.0%	438	100.0%	216	100.0%	5491	100.0%

Total Number of States	34	29	38	37	13	46
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*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	TOTAL						
American Samoa													0
Argentina				1							1		1
Australia													0
Brazil			1								1		1
Canada		2			2	4	1		0	0	3	6	9
China													0
Colombia		1				1				0		2	2
Cook Islands													0
Egypt						1						1	1
Ethiopia													0
France		1								0		1	1
Gambia						1						1	1
Ghana						2	1				1	2	3
Greece						1						1	1
Hong Kong													0
India						1	1				1	1	2
Indonesia						2						2	2
Italy						2						2	2
Japan		1				6				0		7	7
Jordan													0
Kazakhstan													0
Kenya		2			2			1		0	2	3	5
Liberia				1		3		3			2	7	7
Malaysia													0
Mexico		1				1				0		2	2
Moldova													0
Myanmar						1						1	1
Nepal													0
New Zealand					1						1		1
Nicaragua													0
Nigeria									0				0
North Korea													0
Paraguay													0
Philippines													0
Qatar													0
Saudi Arabia						2						2	2
Sierra Leone													0
Singapore	1				1	4					2	4	6
South Africa													0
South Korea													0
Spain													0
Sweden													0
Switzerland						1						1	1
Taiwan													0
Tanzania, United Republic													0
Thailand							1				1		1
Uganda		1				26				0	1	27	27
Ukraine													0
United Arab Emirates						2						2	2
United Republic of Tanzania													0
Venezuela													0
Vietnam													0
TOTALS	1	9	0	1	7	62	4	4	0	0	12	76	88
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Country Count:	1	7	0	1	5	19	4	2	0	0	8	21	24
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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)