Bethel University 2018-19 All Year Student Enrollment

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Enrollment:

A total of 5,325 unduplicated students registered for classes at Bethel University during the 2018-19 academic year (fall 2018 through summer 2019), a decrease in enrollment of 2.5% from the prior year's enrollment. The decrease was due to the announcement of the closure of the San Diego seminary location (BSSD, down 14.5%), as well as, decreases in enrollment experienced by the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS, down 1.0%), the College of Adult and Professional Studies (CAPS, down 4.5%), and the Graduate School (GS, down 6.2%). In contrast, the St. Paul seminary location (BSSP, up 13.4%) experienced an increase in enrollment due to the transfer of San Diego seminary online students to St. Paul, as well as, increased recruitment efforts.

College in the Schools (CIS) enrollment has fluctuated between 127 and 162 over the last 7 years and is currently 134. 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.

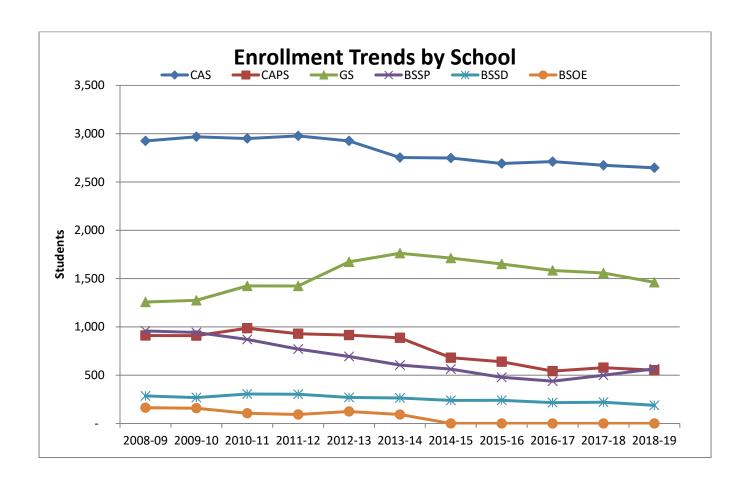
Bethel University All-Year Enrollment	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	1 year Change
College of Arts & Sciences (CAS)	2,753	2,748	2,691	2,711	2,673	2,647	-1.0%
College of Adult & Professional Studies (CAPS)	887	681	639	542	578	552	-4.5%
Graduate School (GS)	1,762	1,712	1,651	1,582	1,558	1,461	-6.2%
Bethel Seminary St. Paul (BSSP)	605	563	478	438	499	566	13.4%
Bethel Seminary San Diego (BSSD)	264	239	240	216	220	188	-14.5%
Bethel Seminary of the East (BSOE)	93	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
DUPLICATED TOTAL	6,364	5,943	5,699	5,491	5,528	5,414	-2.1%
Unduplicated Total	6,295	5,885	5,644	5,440	5,462	5,325	-2.5%

College in the Schools (CIS; formerly included in CAS above)	147	148	162	156	127	134	5.5%
DUPLICATED TOTAL (with CIS)	6,511	6,089	5,861	5,647	5,655	5,548	-1.9%
Unduplicated Total (with CIS)	6,442	6,033	5,806	5,575	5,589	5,459	-1.9%
BUILD			12	21	27	28	3.7%

Eighty-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).

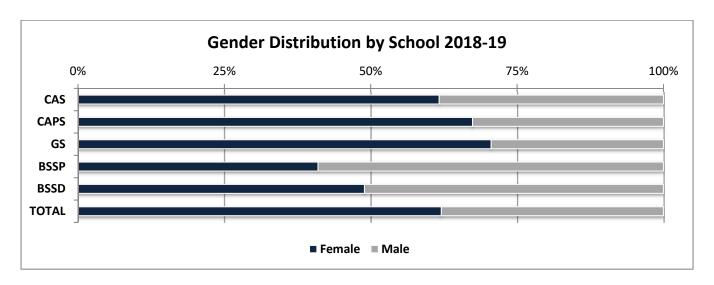
- 41 students in BSSP and BSSD
- 18 students in CAPS and GS
- 17 students in CAS and GS
- 4 students in CAS and CAPS
- 4 students in CAPS and BSSP
- 3 students in CAS and BSSP
- 2 students in GS and BSSP

Total duplicated enrollment at Bethel University for 2018-19 was 5,414. (This counts each student once for each school in which they were enrolled).



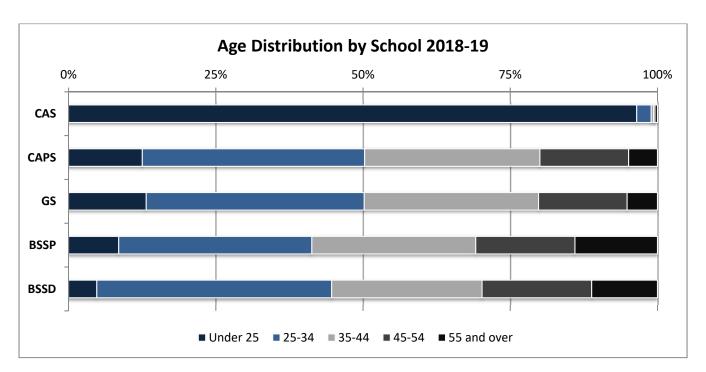
Gender:

Gender balance for 2018-19 was 62.1% female, up from 60.6% female the year before. While CAS, CAPS and GS showed small increases in the number of enrolled females, BSSP females experienced a large increase from 32.2% of the population to 41.0%, while BSSD females experienced a smaller increase from 46.4% of the population to 48.9%.



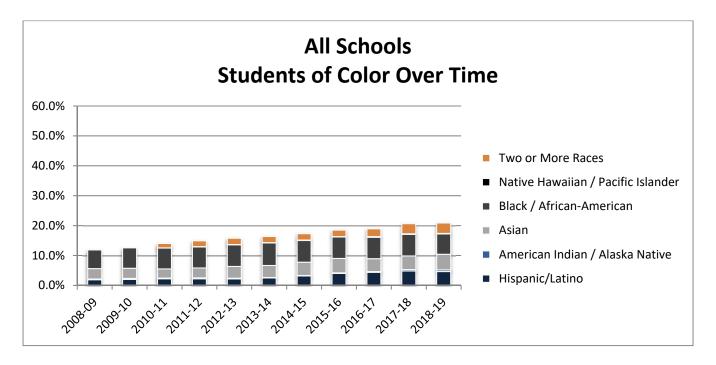
Age:

CAS continues to maintain a median age of 20, with about 97% 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 (down from 35 in the previous year), GS is the site with the youngest population after CAS.

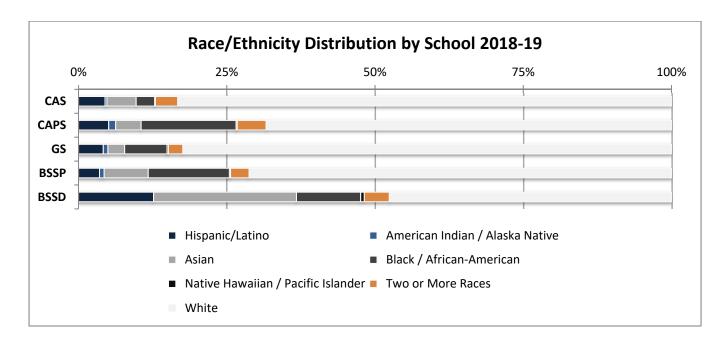


Race/Ethnicity:

The percent of students of color at all Bethel schools increased in 2018-19 to a new high of 20.9% of students with a known race/ethnicity (excluding non-resident aliens). This is the eleventh straight year of incremental increases in this percentage.

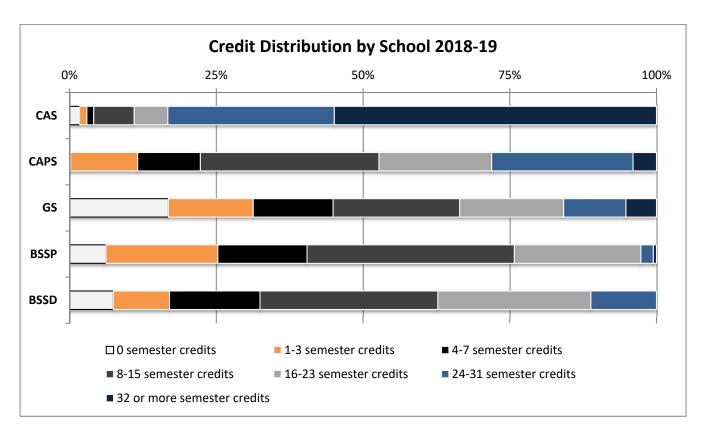


The overall increase in racial and ethnic diversity at the university (excluding non-resident aliens) was driven by increases in CAS (up from 15.8% to 16.7%), BSSP (up from 24.8% to 28.8%), and BSSD (up from 50.5% to 52.4%). CAS diversity displayed another increase, growing from 15.8% to 16.7% largely attributed to the continuation of the ActSix program and the strong retention of its participants.



Credit Levels:

Total registered credits for the entire university fell 1.0% from the prior year. CAPS experienced a 4.7% decrease in credits after experiencing a 6.6% increase in credits the previous year. In CAS, the decrease in registered credits was driven primarily by a marginally decreased enrollment, with average credits per student remaining stable. BSSP's median credit level decreased to 9 from 12 and the overall registered credits were 1.9% higher than the previous year. BSSD saw the median credit levels per student remain at 12.0. The average per enrolled student marginally decreased from 13.1 to 12.9.* There was a decrease in overall credits at the seminary due to the decrease in enrollment at BSSD, even though the average number of credits per student increased.

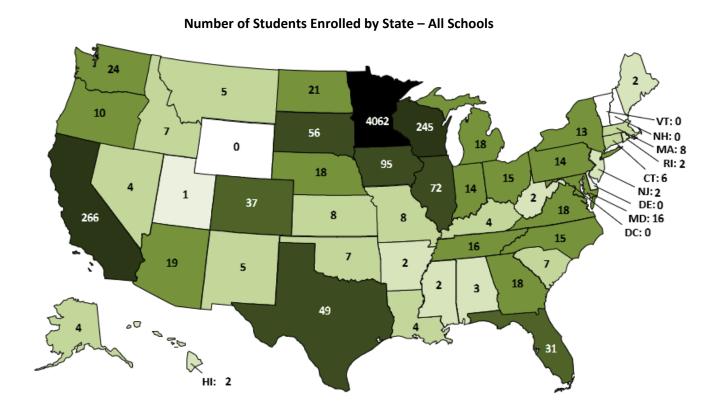


Please note that zero credit students are most often SMEP (music) students in CAS and either master's thesis or doctrinal dissertation continuation students in GS, BSSP and BSSD.

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

State and Country:

In 2018-19, Bethel University enrolled students from 47 states (all except New Hampshire, Vermont, Wyoming and D.C.), and 22 foreign countries. The state with the largest contingent of Bethel students continues to be Minnesota (75% of all enrollment), followed by California (4.9%), Wisconsin (4.5%), lowa (1.8%), and Illinois (1.3%), 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 remained similar to 2017-18, increasing from 10.1% to 10.5% in 2018-19. While there has been a 10-year trend downward from nearly 25% in 2007-08, there is evidence we have reached a plateau. 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 and Catholic denominations has now surpassed that of Converge Worldwide, with 19.0% identifying as Lutheran and 11.1% identifying as Catholic. However, the total number of students who identify as "Baptist" is 23.5%.

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 2018-19:

	CAS	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	TOTAL	
TOTAL Enrollment	2647	552	1461	566	188	5414	
TOTAL Enrollment							
Unduplicated						5325	

	CAS						
GENDER	(minus CIS)	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	TOTAL	
Female	1633	372	1031	232	92	3360	
Percent of Total	61.69%	67.39%	70.57%	40.99%	48.94%	62.06%	
Male	1014	180	430	334	96	2054	
Percent of Total	38.31%	32.61%	29.43%	59.01%	51.06%	37.94%	
TOTAL	2647	552	1461	566	188	5414	

	CAS						
MARITAL STATUS	(minus CIS)	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	TOTAL	
Single	207	35	127	77	55	501	44.3%
Married	60	41	232	186	86	605	53.5%
Divorced/Separated	2	2	6	6	7	23	2.0%
Widowed	0	0	0	1	1	2	0.2%
TOTAL Known	269	78	365	270	149	1131	
Unknown	2378	474	1096	296	39	4283	

	CAS						
AGE (as of Jan 1, 2019)	(minus CIS)	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	TOTAL	
Mean	20.5	35.8	35.7	39.3	38.7	29.8	
Median	20	34	34	37	37	25	
Under 25	2548	69	192	48	9	2866	53.1%
25-34	65	208	539	185	75	1072	19.9%
35-44	11	164	431	157	48	811	15.0%
45-54	6	83	219	95	35	438	8.1%
55 and over	11	27	75	79	21	213	3.9%
TOTAL Known age	2641	551	1456	564	188	5400	
Unknown	6	1	5	2	0	14	

DENOMINATION	CAS	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	TOTAL	
Converge Worldwide (BGC)	161	14	63	74	9	321	10.5%
Other Baptist (sub total)	256	38	59	38	11	402	13.1%
American	99	12	23	16	4	154	5.0%
Conservative	52	6	7	2	0	67	2.2%
G.A.R.B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Independent	51	7	12	10	1	81	2.6%
North American	41	7	2	1	0	51	1.7%
Other	11	4	10	3	2	30	1.0%
Southern	2	2	5	6	4	19	0.6%
Assembly of God	119	18	38	25	6	206	6.7%
Catholic	172	28	134	3	3		11.1%
Christian & Missionary Alliance	38	5	30	19	4		3.1%
Covenant	113	10	36	28	3		6.2%
Evangelical Free	213	22	61	33	6	335	10.9%
Lutheran	317	44	178	38	5		19.0%
Mennonite	1	0	2	1	0		0.1%
Methodist	26	9	21	10	0		2.2%
Non-Denominational	22	9	21	46	62	160	5.2%
Presbyterian Other Protestant	19 111	9	12	15	17	72 204	2.3%
Other Protestant	111	26	80	49	28		9.6%
Jewish Buddhist	0	0	0	0	0		0.0%
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TOTAL Known Denomination Unknown	1079	232 320	735 726	379 187	154 34		
OHKHOWH	1079	320	720	107	54	2340	
RACE/ETHNICITY							
Hispanic/Latino	114	26	53	18	21	232	4.6%
American Indian / Alaska Native	8	6	10	4	0		0.5%
Asian	126	22	36	38	40		5.1%
Black / African-American	80	82	91	70	18		6.7%
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	3	1	3	1	1		0.2%
Two or More Races	96	25	31	16	7	175	3.4%
Non-Resident Alien	20	4	31	12	12	79	1.6%
Sub-Total	447	166	255	159	99	1126	22.1%
White	2127	350	1050	364	79	3970	77.9%
TOTAL Known Ethnicity	2574	516	1305	523	178	5096	
Percent of Color/International	17.4%	32.2%	19.5%	30.4%	55.6%	22.1%	
Unknown	73	36	156	43	10	318	
ENROLLMENT							
Total Registered Semester Credits							
for Year (Quarter Credits converted	78214	8473	17335	5369	2245	111636	
to Semester Credits)	78214	8473	1/333	3303	2243	111030	
Median Credit Load	32	15	12	9	12	19	
Avg. per enrolled student	30.1	15.4	14.3	10.1	12.9		
Number of students who registered for	or:					Duplicated	Unduplicated
32 or more semester credits	1453	22	76	3	0	1554	1540
24-31	751	133	155	12	21	1072	1055
16-23	152	106	259	122	49	688	665
8-15	182	168	315	200	57	922	895
4-7	31	59	199	86	29	404	398
1-3	33	63	211	108	18	433	432
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TOTAL	2647	552	1461	566	188	5414	5325

STATE	CAS		CAPS		GS		BSSP		BSSD		TOTAL	
Alabama					1	0.1%	2	0.4%			3	0.1%
Alaska	4	0.2%		1	7		7	ľ	,		4	0.1%
Arizona	7	0.3%	1	0.2%	5	0.3%	6	1.1%	7		19	0.4%
Arkansas			1	0.2%	1	0.1%			,		2	0.0%
California	13	0.5%	8	1.4%	10	0.7%	71	12.5%	164	87.2%	266	4.9%
Colorado	24	0.9%	1	0.2%	8	0.5%	4	0.7%	7		37	0.7%
Connecticut	1	0.0%	2	0.4%			3	0.5%			6	0.1%
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Delaware					1	0.1%			<u> </u>		1	0.0%
Florida	9	0.3%	2	0.4%	10	0.7%	10	1.8%	_		31	0.6%
Georgia	3	0.1%	6	1.1%	5	0.3%	4	0.7%			18	0.3%
Hawaii			1	0.2%	,		1	0.2%			2	0.0%
Idaho	1	0.0%			2	0.1%	3	0.5%	1	0.5%	7	0.1%
Illinois	45	1.7%	2	0.4%	10	0.7%	15	2.7%			72	1.3%
Indiana	1	0.0%	2	0.4%	2	0.1%	9	1.6%			14	0.3%
Iowa	60	2.3%	3	0.5%	10	0.7%	21	3.7%	1	0.5%	95	1.8%
Kansas	3	0.1%	3	0.5%	1	0.1%	1	0.2%	_		8	0.1%
Kentucky	1	0.0%	1	0.2%	1	0.1%			1	0.5%	4	0.1%
Louisiana	1	0.0%	2	0.4%			1	0.2%			4	0.1%
Maine					_		2	0.4%	_		2	0.0%
Maryland	5	0.2%	1	0.2%	4	0.3%	5	0.9%	1	0.5%	16	0.3%
Massachusetts	2	0.1%	1	0.2%	2	0.1%	2	0.4%	1	0.5%	8	0.1%
Michigan	6	0.2%	_	0.5%	4	0.3%	5	0.9%	•		18	0.3%
Minnesota	2189	82.7%	443	80.3%	1168	79.9%	262	46.3%			4062	75.0%
Mississippi	1	0.0%	1	0.2%					-		2	0.0%
Missouri	2	0.1%	2	0.4%	3	0.2%	1	0.2%	•		8	0.1%
Montana	3	0.1%			1	0.1%	1	0.2%			5	0.1%
Nebraska	11	0.4%	2	0.4%	1	0.1%	4	0.7%			18	0.3%
Nevada			1	0.2%	2	0.1%	1	0.2%	•		4	0.1%
New Hampshire									•			
New Jersey					1	0.1%	1	0.2%	•		2	0.0%
New Mexico	1	0.0%	1	0.2%	•		3	0.5%	•		5	0.1%
New York	4	0.2%			3	0.2%	6	1.1%	•		13	0.2%
North Carolina	1	0.0%	5	0.9%	4	0.3%	5	0.9%	•		15	0.3%
North Dakota	9	0.3%	-		4	0.3%	8	1.4%	,		21	0.4%
Ohio	1	0.0%	4	0.7%	2	0.1%	8	1.4%			15	0.3%
Oklahoma	2	0.1%	-	0.7%	1	0.1%			•		7	0.1%
Oregon	2	0.1%	-	0.2%	3	0.2%	4	0.7%	,		10	0.2%
Pennsylvania	4	0.2%	1	0.2%	4	0.3%	5	0.9%			14	0.3%
Rhode Island					1	0.1%	1	0.2%	•		2	0.0%
South Carolina	1	0.0%	_	0.2%	1	0.1%	-	0.5%	1	0.5%	7	0.1%
South Dakota	36	1.4%		0.4%	14	1.0%		0.7%	,		56	1.0%
Tennessee			7	1.3%	6	0.4%	3	0.5%	,		16	0.3%
Texas	17	0.6%	8	1.4%	9	0.6%	10	1.8%	5	2.7%	49	0.9%
Utah							1	0.2%			1	0.0%
Vermont					_	^	_					
Virginia	2	0.1%		2	8	0.5%	8	1.4%		0.50/	18	0.3%
Washington	10	0.4%	2	0.4%	3	0.2%	8	1.4%	1	0.5%	24	0.4%
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Wisconsin	144	5.4%	22	4.0%	44	3.0%	35	6.2%			245	4.5%
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Foreign Address*	1	0.0%		0.2%	68	4.7%	5	0.9%			75	1.4%
International (Visa)	20	0.8%	4	0.7%	31	2.1%	12	2.1%	12	6.4%	79	1.5%
TOTAL Known	2647	100.0%	552	100.0%	1461	100.0%	566	100.0%	188	100.0%	5414	100.0%
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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.

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Argentina						1						1	1
Australia													О
Austria						1						1	1
Bahamas													О
Brazil													0
Cambodia													О
Canada					2	2	1	1	О		3	3	6
Cayman Islands	1										1		1
China	2				1	2					3	2	5
Colombia													О
Cook Islands													О
Egypt					1						1		1
Ethiopia													О
France													0
Gambia						1						1	1
Germany						1						1	1
Ghana						_						_	0
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Hong Kong													0
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Japan						3						3	3
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Kazakhstan													О
Kenya							1				1		1
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North Korea													О
Pakistan													О
Paraguay													О
Philippines													О
Qatar													0
Saudi Arabia													0
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United Arab Emirates			I		2				I		2		2
United Republic of Tanzania													О
Venezuela													О
Vietnam						1						1	1
TOTALS	7	1	О	2	16	68	4	4	О	О	27	75	102
											57	102	159
Country Count:	5	1	0	1	8	15	4	2	0	0	12	15	22

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)