



# Catholic Colleges and Universities: An Institutional Overview

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## Comparisons of Catholic Colleges and Universities and Campuses not Associated with the Church

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# The Data

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- Data were collected by the Department of Education's Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).
- Compares 215 Catholic colleges and universities to public and other private colleges and universities.\*
- Data are from the 2005-2006 school year.

\*Some Catholic colleges and universities do not report data to the IPEDS system. For a full list of IPEDS reporting institutions, click [here](#). The data presented here do not include seminaries.



# Four-Year and Above Colleges and Universities

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- There are more than 686,000\* students enrolled at Catholic four-year and above colleges and universities.
- Average student enrollment is 3,450.
- The largest enrollment is [DePaul University](#), Chicago, IL with 21,970 students.

\*All data are the arithmetic mean; no weighting factors have been used.



# Acceptance and Enrollment Rates

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- Catholic four-year and above institutions have, on average, higher acceptance rates for applicants. Around 72% of applicants to Catholic colleges and universities are accepted, compared to 69% at public institutions, 68% for private non-profit institutions, and 67% for private for-profit institutions.
- Catholic four-year and above institutions have, on average, lower enrollment rates for accepted applicants. While 37% of applicants accepted to Catholic colleges and universities enroll, 49% of accepted applicants enroll at public institutions, 49% at private non-profit institutions, and 81% at private for-profit institutions.



# Tuition and Fees

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- Catholic colleges and universities have slightly higher average tuition and fees than private non-profit colleges and universities (\$19,468 compared to \$16,181, respectively).
- Tuition and fees range from \$6,010 to \$32,024 per year for Catholic colleges and universities.



# Research Institutions

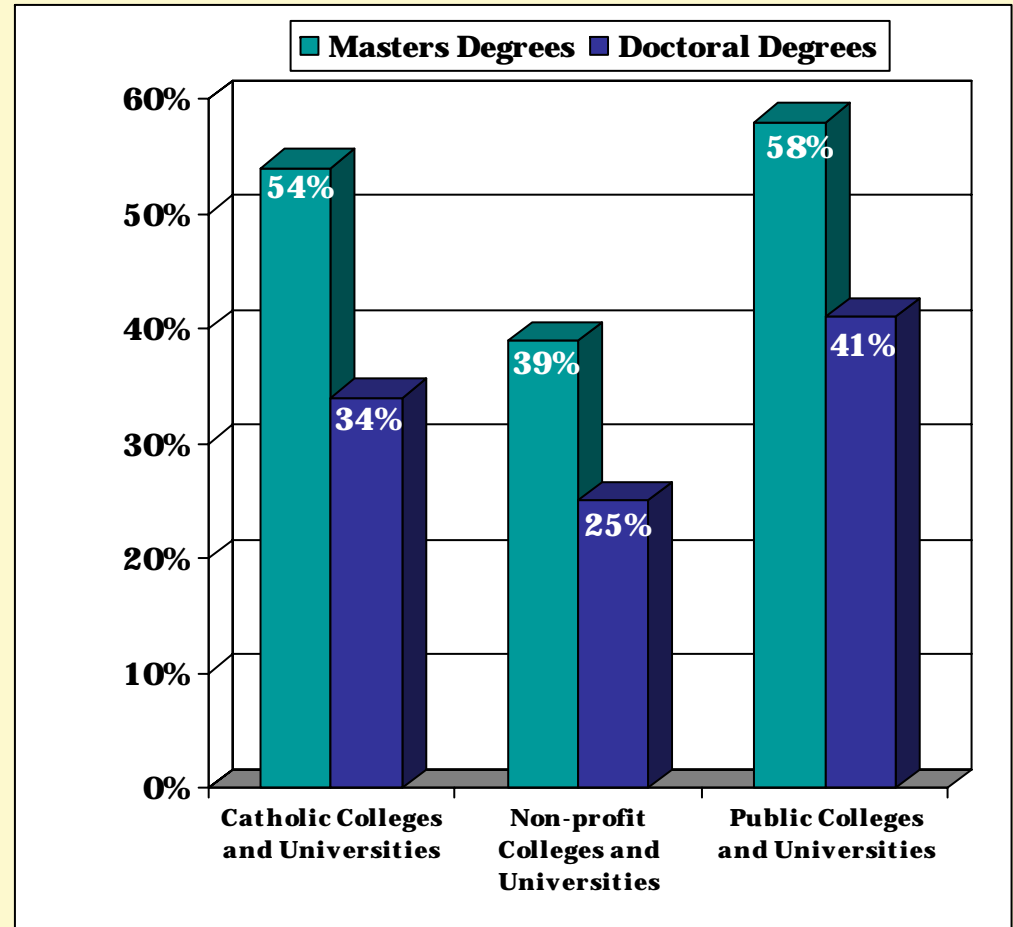
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- Nine Catholic colleges and universities (4%) are classified as very high or high research activity institutions using the Carnegie Foundation Classification System:
  - [Georgetown University](#), Washington, D.C.
  - [University of Notre Dame](#), Notre Dame, IN
  - [Boston College](#), Chestnut Hill, MA
  - [The Catholic University of America](#), Washington, DC
  - [Fordham University](#), New York, NY
  - [Loyola University Chicago](#), Chicago, IL
  - [Marquette University](#), Milwaukee, WI
  - [Saint Louis University](#), St. Louis, MO
  - [University of Dayton](#), Dayton, OH



# Degrees Awarded

- The percentage of Catholic colleges and universities awarding Masters and Doctoral degrees is almost equal to that of public colleges and universities.
- Catholic colleges and universities award Masters and Doctoral degrees at higher rates than private non-profit colleges and universities.





# Two-year Colleges

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- There are more than 5,100 students enrolled at Catholic two-year colleges.
- Average student enrollment is 516 students.
- The largest enrollment is [Manor College](#), Jenkintown, PA with 865 students.



# Tuition and Fees

- Catholic two-year colleges have on average higher tuition and fees than public two-year colleges, but are about the same as non-profit private two-year colleges.
- Catholic two-year colleges have on average lower tuition than for-profit private two-year colleges.

