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Indicator 38

Racial/Ethnic Concentration in Higher Education

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In 2007, White students accounted for 64 percent of college student enrollment. In that year, 13 percent of college students were Black, 11 percent were Hispanic, 7 percent were Asian/Pacific Islander, 1 percent were American Indian/Alaska Native, and 3 percent were nonresident aliens.

This indicator examines the fall 2007 racial/ethnic distribution of students in the 4,339 public and private (both not-for-profit and for-profit) 2- and 4-year degree-granting institutions. Overall, 64 percent of college students were White; 13 percent were Black; 11 percent were Hispanic; 7 percent were Asian/Pacific Islander; 1 percent were American Indian/Alaska Native; and 3 percent were nonresident alien students (see table A-38-1). Compared with the percentages of Black students in all institutions, the percentages of Black students at public and not-for-profit 2-year institutions were higher (14 and 19 percent, respectively). Similarly, the percentage of Hispanic students at public 2-year institutions (16 percent) was higher than the percentages of Hispanic students at all institutions. The percentage of students at for-profit institutions who were White (53 percent) was lower than the percentages of students who were White at public and not-for-profit 2- and 4-year institutions (from 61 to 70 percent). In contrast, the percentage of students at for-profit institutions who were Black (26 percent) was higher than the percentages of students who were Black at public and not-for-profit 2- and 4-year institutions (from 11 to 19 percent).

About 7 percent of all college students attended the 396 institutions in which 75 percent or more of the students were Black, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, or American Indian/Alaska Native. This group of institutions comprised 8 percent of the enrollment at public 2-year colleges and 6 percent of the enrollment at public 4-year institutions. A higher percentage of students at not-for-profit 2-year institutions were enrolled in these institutions than the percentage of students at not-for-profit 4-year institutions (15 vs. 3 percent). At for-profit (2- and 4-year) institutions, the percentage of students at such colleges was 10 percent. Compared with other racial/ethnic groups, a relatively high percentage of Hispanic

and Black students (21 and 20 percent, respectively) attended these institutions. The comparable percentages were 11 percent for American Indian/Alaska Native students, 9 percent for Asian/Pacific Islander students, and 1 percent for White students.

Examining the concentration of specific racial/ethnic groups provides a more detailed snapshot of the racial/ethnic composition of the institutions students attend. In 2007, some 52 percent of White students attended institutions where more than 75 percent of the enrollment was White (see table A-38-2). Compared with students in other racial/ethnic groups, a relatively high percentage of Black students (13 percent) attended colleges where they constituted 75 percent or more of the enrollment. Some of these institutions were historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs), which are institutions established prior to 1964 with the primary mission of educating Black Americans. In fall 2006, about 11 percent of Black students attended an HBCU. Compared with Black students, a smaller percentage of Hispanic students (6 percent) attended colleges where they constituted 75 percent or more of the enrollment in 2007. Despite their small percentage of the overall population, in 2007, about 8 percent of American Indian/Alaska Native students attended colleges where they made up 75 percent or more of the total enrollment. With few exceptions, most of these institutions were tribal colleges, which are institutions that are tribally controlled and located on reservations.



For more information: *Tables A-38-1 and A-38-2; Indicator 26*

Glossary: *Nonresident alien, Postsecondary education institution*

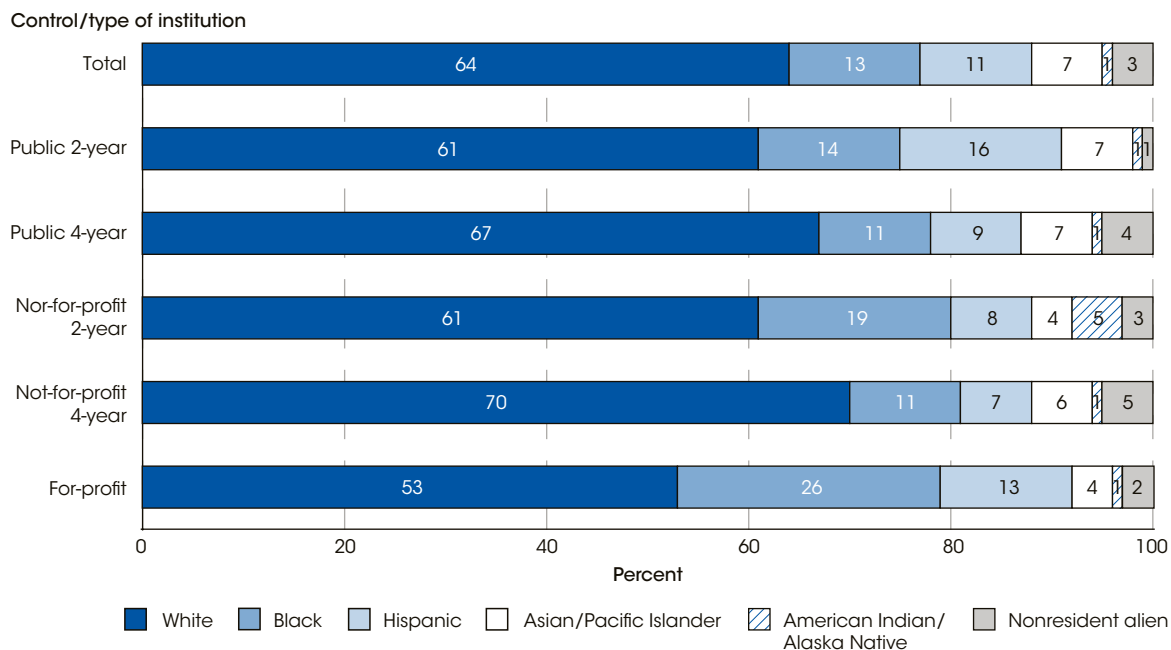
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Technical Notes

This indicator includes information for institutions that grant associate's or higher degrees and participate in Title IV federal financial aid programs. The percentage of Black students enrolled in HBCUs in fall 2006 was derived from data in the *Digest of Education Statistics, 2008* (NCES 2009-020), tables 226 and 241. For the

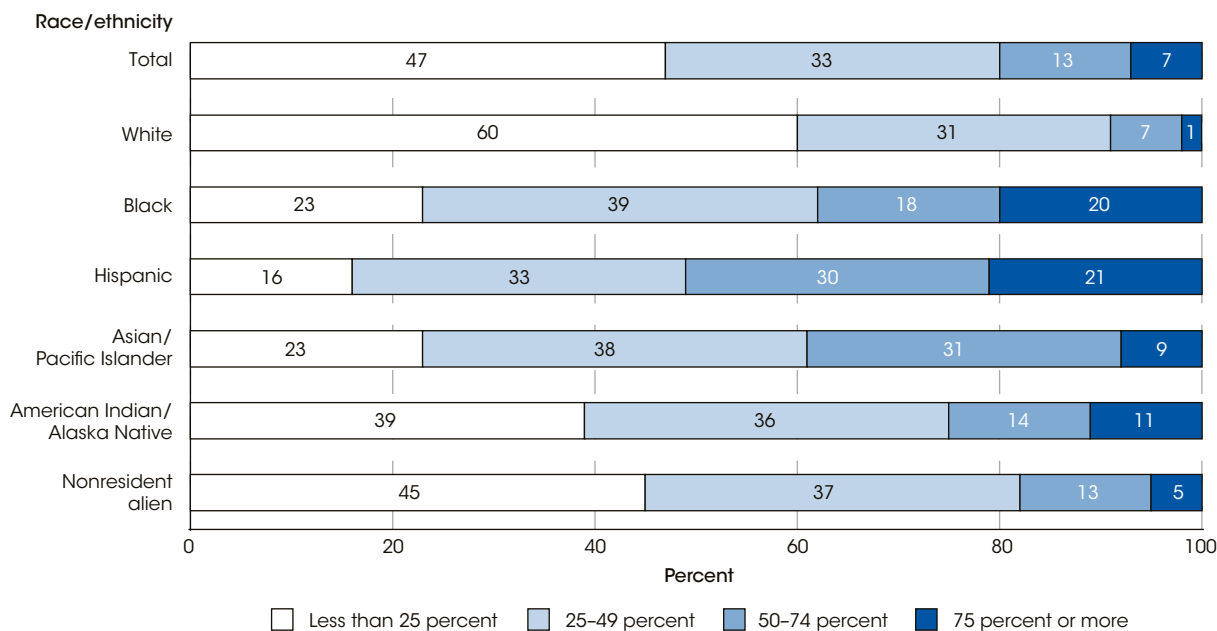
number of institutions in which 75 percent or more of students were Black, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, or American Indian/Alaska Native, see NCES 2009-020, table 230. Race categories exclude persons of Hispanic ethnicity. For more information on race/ethnicity, see *supplemental note 1*.

Figure 38-1. Percentage distribution of fall enrollment in degree-granting institutions, by race/ethnicity and control and type of institution: Academic year 2007



NOTE: Private institutions are presented as three categories: not-for-profit 2-year; not-for-profit 4-year; and for-profit (including both 2- and 4-year) institutions. Nonresident aliens are persons who are not citizens of the United States and who are in this country on a temporary basis and do not have the right to remain indefinitely. Nonresident aliens are shown separately because information about their race/ethnicity is not available. Race categories exclude persons of Hispanic ethnicity. For more information on race/ethnicity, see *supplemental note 1*. For more information on the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), see *supplemental note 3*. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding. SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2007 Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), Spring 2008.

Figure 38-2. Percentage distribution of fall enrollment in degree-granting institutions, by percent combined enrollment of Black, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, or American Indian/Alaska Native students at institution and race/ethnicity: Academic year 2007



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Table A-38-1. Percentage distribution of fall enrollment in degree-granting institutions, by percent combined enrollment of Black, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaska Native students at institution, control and type of institution, and race/ethnicity: Academic year 2007

Control and type of institution and race/ethnicity	Total enrollment	Percentage distribution	Combined Black, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaska Native enrollment				
			Total	Less than 25 percent	25-49 percent	50-74 percent	75 percent or more
Total	18,248,128	100.0	100.0	47.2	33.1	13.1	6.6
White	11,756,236	64.4	100.0	60.3	31.2	7.3	1.2
Black	2,383,351	13.1	100.0	23.3	38.5	18.1	20.1
Hispanic	2,076,156	11.4	100.0	15.9	33.2	30.3	20.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,217,910	6.7	100.0	22.6	37.7	30.8	8.8
American Indian/Alaska Native	190,001	1.0	100.0	39.5	35.8	13.8	10.9
Nonresident alien	624,474	3.4	100.0	44.7	37.2	13.1	4.9
Public total							
Total	13,490,780	100.0	100.0	47.5	30.5	14.8	7.2
White	8,640,255	64.0	100.0	61.3	29.1	8.2	1.3
Black	1,667,616	12.4	100.0	24.9	37.0	17.7	20.4
Hispanic	1,685,439	12.5	100.0	14.6	30.4	32.4	22.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	942,520	7.0	100.0	21.0	31.6	37.0	10.4
American Indian/Alaska Native	153,272	1.1	100.0	40.7	34.5	14.6	10.2
Nonresident alien	401,678	3.0	100.0	47.2	28.5	17.6	6.7
Public 2-year							
Total	6,324,119	100.0	100.0	35.5	35.0	21.0	8.4
White	3,826,687	60.5	100.0	49.9	35.8	12.4	2.0
Black	865,936	13.7	100.0	17.2	40.0	27.5	15.3
Hispanic	1,016,826	16.1	100.0	9.5	30.3	38.5	21.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	444,058	7.0	100.0	11.4	29.7	40.2	18.7
American Indian/Alaska Native	76,760	1.2	100.0	31.5	37.4	16.2	14.9
Nonresident alien	93,852	1.5	100.0	19.1	34.6	34.1	12.2
Public 4-year							
Total	7,166,661	100.0	100.0	58.1	26.5	9.3	6.2
White	4,813,568	67.2	100.0	70.5	23.8	4.8	0.8
Black	801,680	11.2	100.0	33.1	33.7	7.2	25.9
Hispanic	668,613	9.3	100.0	22.5	30.6	23.2	23.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	498,462	7.0	100.0	29.5	33.4	34.1	3.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	76,512	1.1	100.0	49.9	31.6	12.9	5.5
Nonresident alien	307,826	4.3	100.0	55.8	26.7	12.6	5.0

See notes at end of table.

Table A-38-1. Percentage distribution of fall enrollment in degree-granting institutions, by percent combined enrollment of Black, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaska Native students at institution, control and type of institution, and race/ethnicity: Academic year 2007—Continued

Control and type of institution and race/ethnicity	Total enrollment	Percentage distribution	Combined Black, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaska Native enrollment				
			Total	Less than 25 percent	25-49 percent	50-74 percent	75 percent or more
Private not-for-profit total							
Total	3,571,150	100.0	100.0	57.2	35.7	3.9	3.1
White	2,481,920	69.5	100.0	67.1	30.6	2.1	0.3
Black	410,014	11.5	100.0	31.4	38.4	9.5	20.6
Hispanic	235,267	6.6	100.0	33.0	49.0	13.1	4.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	226,500	6.3	100.0	32.6	60.6	5.2	1.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	23,701	0.7	100.0	47.3	30.0	4.6	18.1
Nonresident alien	193,748	5.4	100.0	45.2	51.2	2.4	1.2
Private not-for-profit 2-year							
Total	33,486	100.0	100.0	46.4	24.1	14.5	15.0
White	20,551	61.4	100.0	62.7	25.0	9.6	2.6
Black	6,303	18.8	100.0	15.2	29.0	31.5	24.3
Hispanic	2,514	7.5	100.0	23.7	23.7	23.0	29.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,367	4.1	100.0	21.5	19.2	18.4	40.8
American Indian/Alaska Native	1,794	5.4	100.0	5.7	2.4	1.1	90.9
Nonresident alien	957	2.9	100.0	74.0	20.6	5.1	0.3
Private not-for-profit 4-year							
Total	3,537,664	100.0	100.0	57.3	35.8	3.8	3.0
White	2,461,369	69.6	100.0	67.1	30.6	2.0	0.2
Black	403,711	11.4	100.0	31.7	38.5	9.2	20.6
Hispanic	232,753	6.6	100.0	33.1	49.3	13.0	4.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	225,133	6.4	100.0	32.7	60.9	5.2	1.3
American Indian/Alaska Native	21,907	0.6	100.0	50.7	32.3	4.9	12.1
Nonresident alien	192,791	5.4	100.0	45.1	51.3	2.4	1.2
Private for-profit total							
Total	1,186,198	100.0	100.0	13.1	54.8	22.5	9.6
White	634,061	53.5	100.0	20.4	62.3	14.9	2.4
Black	305,721	25.8	100.0	4.2	46.9	31.2	17.7
Hispanic	155,450	13.1	100.0	4.4	39.2	33.6	22.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	48,890	4.1	100.0	6.9	49.0	30.8	13.3
American Indian/Alaska Native	13,028	1.1	100.0	11.4	62.1	21.0	5.5
Nonresident alien	29,048	2.4	100.0	7.3	64.9	22.6	5.2

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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2007 Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), Spring 2008.

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Table A-38-2. Percentage distribution of fall enrollment in degree-granting institutions of each racial/ethnic group, by control of institution: Academic year 2007

Concentration of racial/ethnic group, by percentage of total enrollment	Fall enrollment				Percentage distribution			
	Total	Public	Not-for-profit	For-profit	Total	Public	Not-for-profit	For-profit
White enrollment, by percentage White								
Total	11,756,236	8,640,255	2,481,920	634,061	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 10.0 percent	27,964	23,904	2,034	2,026	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3
10.0 to 24.9 percent	166,825	144,671	5,592	16,562	1.4	1.7	0.2	2.6
25.0 to 49.9 percent	1,066,837	830,734	131,142	104,961	9.1	9.6	5.3	16.6
50.0 to 74.9 percent	4,324,906	2,940,151	994,988	389,767	36.8	34.0	40.1	61.5
75.0 percent or more	6,169,704	4,700,795	1,348,164	120,745	52.5	54.4	54.3	19.0
Black enrollment, by percentage Black								
Total	2,383,351	1,667,616	410,014	305,721	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 10.0 percent	535,820	398,466	126,292	11,062	22.5	23.9	30.8	3.6
10.0 to 24.9 percent	788,337	556,419	129,017	102,901	33.1	33.4	31.5	33.7
25.0 to 49.9 percent	560,297	392,237	65,295	102,765	23.5	23.5	15.9	33.6
50.0 to 74.9 percent	186,583	101,612	15,684	69,287	7.8	6.1	3.8	22.7
75.0 percent or more	312,314	218,882	73,726	19,706	13.1	13.1	18.0	6.4
Hispanic enrollment, by percentage Hispanic								
Total	2,076,156	1,685,439	235,267	155,450	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 10.0 percent	451,600	283,068	123,224	45,308	21.8	16.8	52.4	29.1
10.0 to 24.9 percent	592,407	476,599	80,729	35,079	28.5	28.3	34.3	22.6
25.0 to 49.9 percent	666,132	595,878	19,866	50,388	32.1	35.4	8.4	32.4
50.0 to 74.9 percent	245,386	218,036	8,069	19,281	11.8	12.9	3.4	12.4
75.0 percent or more	120,631	111,858	3,379	5,394	5.8	6.6	1.4	3.5
Asian/Pacific Islander enrollment, by percentage Asian/Pacific Islander								
Total	1,217,910	942,520	226,500	48,890	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 10.0 percent	475,088	351,944	92,867	30,277	39.0	37.3	41.0	61.9
10.0 to 24.9 percent	457,095	327,387	115,850	13,858	37.5	34.7	51.1	28.3
25.0 to 49.9 percent	242,569	224,830	15,229	2,510	19.9	23.9	6.7	5.1
50.0 to 74.9 percent	27,355	24,474	2,185	696	2.2	2.6	1.0	1.4
75.0 percent or more	15,803	13,885	369	1,549	1.3	1.5	0.2	3.2
American Indian/Alaska Native enrollment, by percentage American Indian/Alaska Native								
Total	190,001	153,272	23,701	13,028	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 10.0 percent	146,666	116,054	19,032	11,580	77.2	75.7	80.3	88.9
10.0 to 24.9 percent	12,336	10,888	255	1,193	6.5	7.1	1.1	9.2
25.0 to 49.9 percent	10,751	10,336	329	86	5.7	6.7	1.4	0.7
50.0 to 74.9 percent	5,804	5,016	788	0	3.1	3.3	3.3	0.0
75.0 percent or more	14,444	10,978	3,297	169	7.6	7.2	13.9	1.3

NOTE: Race categories exclude persons of Hispanic ethnicity. For more information on race/ethnicity, see *supplemental note 1*. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.

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