Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity

Ten percent of black undergraduates attend for-profit institutions—more than twice the share of any other group enrolled in that sector.

- Fifty-six percent of Hispanic undergraduates are enrolled in public two-year colleges. Between 38% and 43% of black, white, Asian, and other students attend these institutions.
- Among undergraduates who are black, Hispanic, or members of smaller racial/ethnic groups, larger shares attend public two-year than public four-year institutions. White and Asian students are more likely to be enrolled at public four-year than public two-year institutions.
- The share of undergraduates who are white ranges from 42% in the for-profit sector to 65% at private nonprofit four-year institutions.

**ALSO IMPORTANT:**

- Racial differences in the sectors students are most likely to enroll in are partially a function of geography. For example, about three-quarters of Hispanic undergraduates—but only half of all undergraduates—live in states where the share of public college students enrolled in two-year institutions is above the national average. (Figure 22 and Governing.com, https://www.governing.com/gov-data/census/state-minority-population-data-estimates.html)