



Community College Baccalaureates (CCB) by Race and Ethnicity

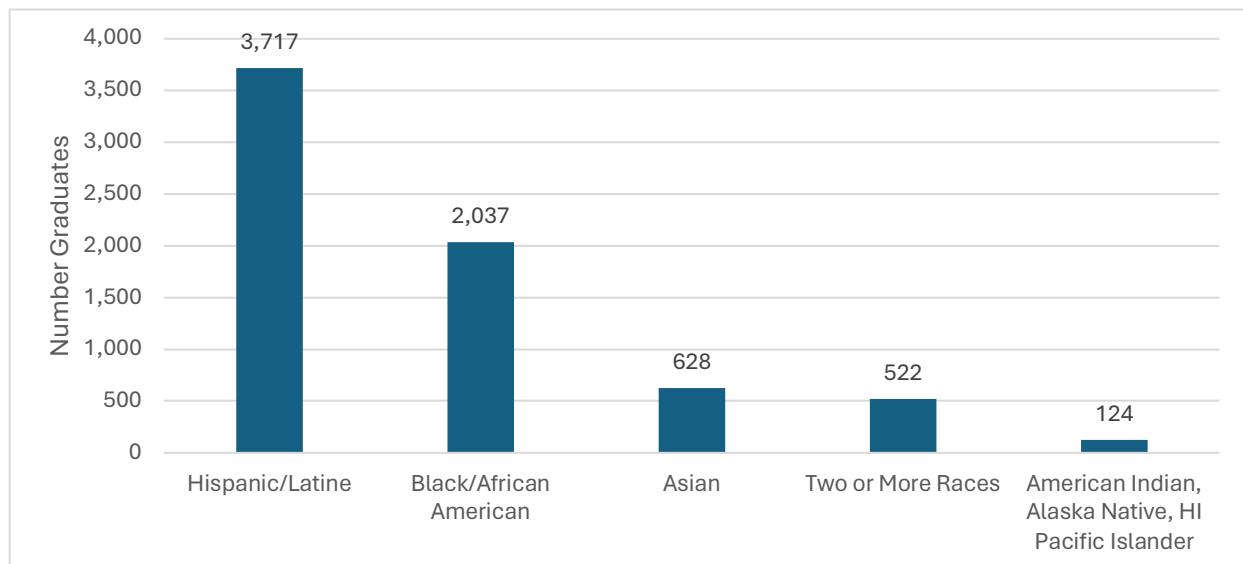
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This CCB Data Note shows Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) make up about half of the nation’s community colleges offering bachelor’s degrees in the United States and similarly, about half of CCB graduates identify with racially minoritized racial and ethnic groups.^{1, 2}

Of the 187 higher education institutions approved to confer community college baccalaureates (CCB) in 2023, 94 were MSIs, and 93 were predominantly White institutions, says [the report](#) from the [Community College Baccalaureate Association](#) (CCBA) and its research partner Bragg & Associates. Just over three-quarters of those MSIs are classified as Hispanic-serving institutions [HSIs], where full-time equivalent Hispanic students comprise at least 25% of undergraduate enrollment. Another 13% of the MSIs enroll students associated with multiple groups (such as Black and Hispanic students) and another 8% are recognized as Asian American and Pacific Islander-serving institutions, the report says.

The racial composition of CCB graduates in 2021-22 resembled the institutional classification, with about half from non-White race/ethnic groups, the researchers add. Of the 7,028 graduates of color, 52% were Hispanic/Latine, 29% were Black/African American, 9% were Asian and 7% were of two or more races. About 4% of CCB graduates are international students, the report notes (see Figure 1).

Figure 1. Number of Racially Minoritized CCB Graduates by Racial Group



CCBA also examined from which CCB programs students of color graduated. Business is the largest major program category for all groups except Asian graduates, with a higher percentage of Black/African

¹For a description of the methods used to identify associate-dominant colleges in the U.S. that are counted as CCB degree-conferring colleges, see CCBA & Bragg & Associates, Inc. (2024). Watch them grow: The evolution of community college baccalaureate degrees in the United States. This Data Note adds four colleges to the total count of CCB colleges as of December 31, 2023, reaching a total of 191 CCB colleges as of this brief’s publication date.

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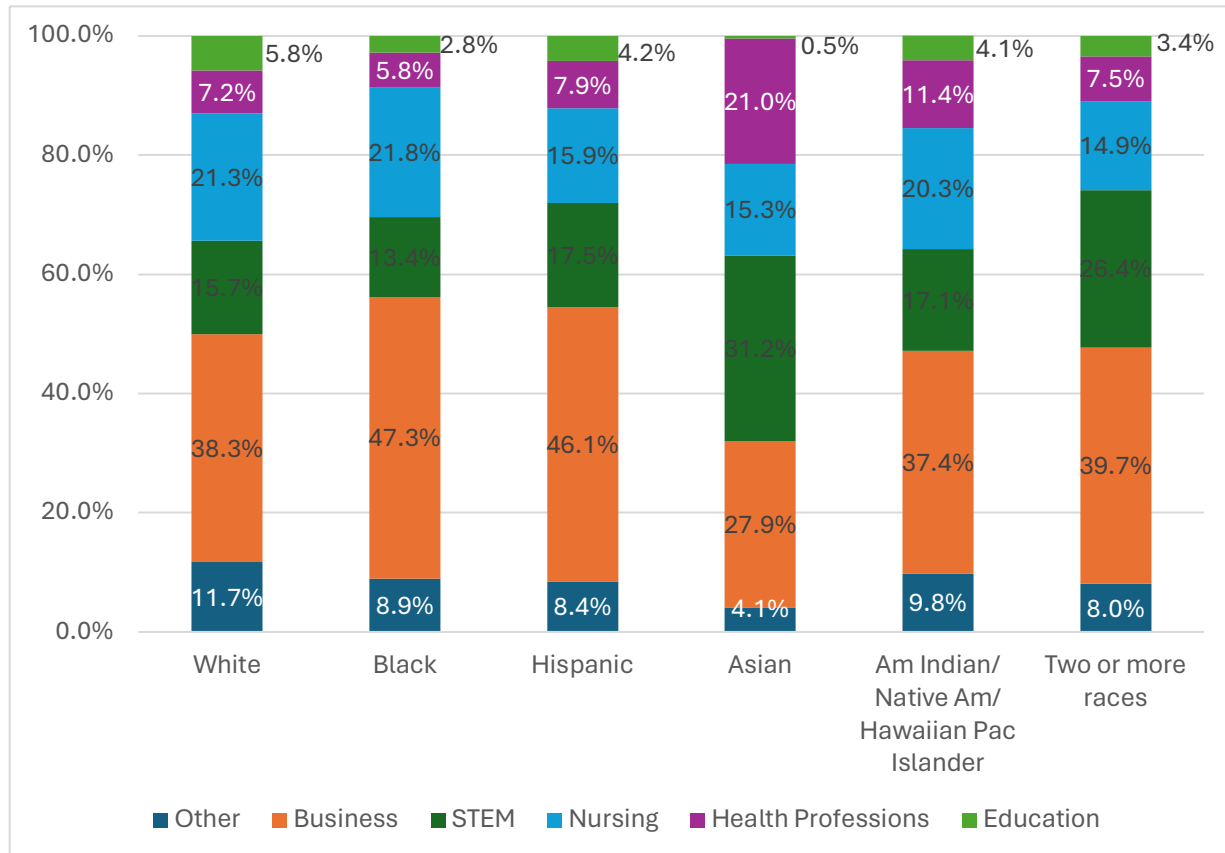


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American and Hispanic/Latine graduates (see Figure 2). More than 20% of White, Black/African American and American Indian/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander graduates were in nursing, the report shows.

Figure 2. Distribution of CCB Graduates by Racial Group and Major Program Category



The *Watch Them Grow* report concludes colleges offering CCB degrees are graduating racially minoritized CCB students at the same rate or higher than among community college graduates generally. Given the stated goal of CCB degree programs to address [systemic inequities](#) in baccalaureate access and attainment, this finding is noteworthy. For its part, CCBA and Bragg & Associates will continue to conduct this national inventory on a biannual basis to provide an accurate and timely estimate of access to CCB degrees for racially minoritized students across the United States.

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