

Focus on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

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Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are institutions established prior to 1964, whose principle mission was, and is, the education of African Americans. The history of HBCUs began prior to the Civil War. The earliest of these colleges (Cheyney University of Pennsylvania) was formed during the 1830s to counter the prevailing practice of limiting or prohibiting altogether the education of African Americans, most of whom were still slaves. After the Civil War, the Freedmen's Bureau established many HBCUs, including Howard University in Washington, DC. The National Land-Grant Colleges Act (Second Morrill Act) of 1890 facilitated the establishment of public land-grant HBCUs. For more than 150 years, HBCUs have provided access to higher education for many African American students. While the nation has struggled, often violently, to pursue the ideal of equal educational opportunity, these colleges and universities continue to be a critical force in American higher education, enriching a great tradition of educational choice and diversity in this century. HBCUs inspire and enhance opportunities for leadership and citizenship by mentoring and supporting students as well as providing remedial programs that address the educational need of their communities.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, in 1994 there were 103 HBCUs: Forty public 4-year colleges, 10 public 2-year colleges, 49-nine private 4-year colleges, and 4 private 2-year colleges. About 280,000 students attended these institutions. Overall enrollment at HBCUs rose by 26 percent between 1976 and 1994, but virtually all of the increase occurred between 1986 and 1994. Full time enrollment data in HBCUs shows that in 1994, of the total of 214,689 students enrolled, 188,845 were African American compared to 2,622 Hispanic, 1,472 Asian-American, and 329 American Indian/Alaska Native students. In 1994, more than one in four African American bachelor's degree recipients received their degree from HBCUs. Almost 82 percent of degrees awarded at 4-year HBCUs were at the bachelor's degree level, compared to 70 percent at all 4-year colleges. About 3 percent of all degrees awarded at all 4-year colleges were at the doctor's degree level compared to 1 percent of degrees awarded at 4-year HBCUs. In that same year, 52% of associate degrees, over 85% of bachelor degrees, 64% of master degrees and nearly 62% of doctoral degrees conferred by HBCUs were awarded to African American students.

In 1997-1998, degree production increased among the HBCUs at each degree level, but especially for post-baccalaureate degrees. Doctoral degrees awarded at HBCUs increased by nearly two-thirds between 1996-1997 (155) and 1997-1998 (260). HBCU degree production is increasing at all levels at a time when the enrollment capacity of these institutions remains relatively stable. Furthermore, the number of degrees awarded to African Americans at all other institutions is accelerating at an even greater rate.

Thousands have attended HBCUs, even though HBCUs represent only 3 percent of all institutions of higher education on the United States. Most HBCUs are small, have a relatively higher percentage of disadvantaged students, and lack resources. For instance, during the decade of 1980-90, although HBCUs comprised 12.7 percent of all U.S. institutions conducting research and development, they received about 1 percent of total academic research and development support awarded by the federal government. The United Negro College Fund, of which 41 private HBCUs are members, notes that the average tuition and fees in 1993 of its member institutions amounted to \$5,008 — that is less than half the average of private colleges nationally, and some 37 percent of UNCF students come from families with annual income of less than \$25,000. The financial picture at the HBCUs generally looks less robust than at other institutions, especially at private HBCUs. Some private HBCUs show difficulty in maintaining enrollments, funding, and staff resources comparable to other private institution. President Clinton's Fiscal Year 2001 budget request for federal higher education programs includes \$209 million for strengthening HBCUs, \$62.5 million for Hispanic Serving Institutions, and \$9 million for Tribal Colleges. This compares to the Year 2000 budget, which included \$179.7 million for HBCUs, \$42.2 million for Hispanic Serving Institutions, and \$6 million for Tribal Colleges and Universities.

Resources on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO)
8701 Georgia Avenue, Suite 200 Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
Telephone: (301) 650-2440 Fax: (301) 495-3306 www.nafeo.org

White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities
1990 K Street, NW 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20006
Phone: (202) 502-7900 Fax: (202) 502-7879
www.ed.gov/offices/ope/hbcu

Black Issues in Higher Education
10520 Warwick Avenue, Suite B-8, Fairfax, VA 22030
Phone: (800) 783-3199 Fax: (703) 385-1839, www.blackissues.com

American Council on Education
Office of Minority in Higher Education
One Dupont Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20036
Phone: (202) 939-9300 E-mail: omhe@ace.nche.edu

Minority On-line information Service(molis)
www.sciencewise.com/molis/selectinst.asp

United Negro College Fund
www.uncf.org

Howard University's Gateway to Historically Black Colleges and Universities
www.howard.edu/hbcu-Gateway/

Pope & Associates Historically Black Colleges and Universities Web Sites List
www.smart.net/~pope/hbculist.htm

PhDs Earned by U.S. Minorities in 1990, 1997 and 1998

	1990	1997	1998
African Americans	901	1,336	1,467
Hispanics	721	1,047	1,190
American Indians	97	166	189
Asian Americans	641	1,296	1,168
Whites	22,171	23,035	23,338

(Survey of Earned Doctorates, November 1999)

**National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education
List of HBCUs That Grant Degrees in Psychology**

Colleges/Universities	Highest Psychology Degree	Total Enrollment
Alabama A & M University PO Box 1357 Normal, AL 35762 Phone: (256) 851-5230 Fax: (256) 851-5244	Master's	3745
Alabama State University PO Box 271 Montgomery, AL 36101 Phone: (334) 229-6944 Fax: (334) 834-6861	Bachelor's	4519
Albany State University 504 College Drive Albany, GA 31705 Phone: (912) 430-2799 Fax: (912) 430-3836	Bachelor's	2823
Alcorn State College 1000 ASU Drive, #359 Lorman, MS 39096 Phone: (601) 877-6111 Fax: (601) 877-2975	Bachelor's	2533
Bennett College 900 East Washington Street Greensboro, NC 27401 Phone: (336) 370-8607 Fax: (336) 272-7143	Bachelor's	617
Bethune-Cookman College 640 Mary Macleod Bethune Boulevard Dayton Beach, FL 32114-3099 Phone: (904) 255-1401 Fax: (904) 257-7027	Bachelor's	2523
Bowie State University Jericho Park Road Bowie, MD 20715 Phone: (301) 464-6500 Fax: (301) 464-7814	Bachelor's	3157

Colleges/Universities	Highest Psychology Degree	Total Enrollment
Central State University 1400 Brush Row Road Wilberforce, OH 45384 Phone: (937) 376-6332 Fax: (937) 376-6138	Bachelor's	1027
Cheyney University Cheyney & Creek Roads Cheyney, PA 19319 Phone: (610) 399-2220 Fax: (610) 399-2415	Bachelor's	1072
Chicago State University 95 th at King Drive Chicago, IL 60628 Phone: (773) 995-2400 Fax: (773) 995-3849	Bachelor's	6545
Clark Atlanta University 240 James P. Brawley Fair Street, SW Atlanta, GA 30314 Phone: (404) 880-8500 Fax: (404) 880-8995	Bachelor's	4520
Coppin State University 2500 W. North Avenue Baltimore, MD 21216 Phone: (410) 383-5910 Fax: (410) 333-5369	Bachelor's	3044
Delaware State University 1200 N. Dupony Highway Dover, DE 19901 Phone: (301) 857-6001 Fax: (302) 857-6003	Bachelor's	3057
Dillard University 2601 Gentilly Boulevard New Orleans, LA 70122 Phone: (504) 286-4640 Fax: (504) 288-8663	Bachelor's	1550
Edward Waters College 1658 Kings Road Jacksonville, FL 32209 Phone: (904) 366-2500 Fax: (904) 366-2500	Bachelor's	482

Colleges/Universities	Highest Psychology Degree	Total Enrollment
Elizabeth City State University 1704 Weeksville Road Elizabeth City, NC 27909 Phone: (252) 335-3228 Fax: (252) 335-3731	Bachelor's	1937
Fayetteville State University 1200 Murchison Road Fayetteville, NC 28301-4298 Phone: (910) 486-1141 Fax: (910) 486-4732	Master's	3837
Fisk University 1000 17 th Avenue, North Nashville, TN 37208 Phone: (615) 328-8555 Fax: (615) 329-8576	Master's	700
Florida A&M University Tallahassee, FL 32307 Phone: (850) 599-3225 Fax: (850) 561-2152	Master's	9765
Florida Memorial College Miami, FL 33054 Phone: (305)-626-3604 Fax: (305) 626-3769	Bachelor's	1643
Fort Valley State College 1005 State University Drive Fort Valley, GA 31030 Phone: (912) 825-6315 Fax: (912) 825-6266	Bachelor's	2407
Grambling State University Main Street Grambling, LA 71245 Phone: (318) 274-6117 Fax: (318) 274-6172	Bachelor's	5370
Hampton University East Queen Street Hampton, VA 23668 Phone: (757) 727-5231 Fax: (757) 727-5746	Bachelor's	5325

Colleges/Universities	Highest Psychology Degree	Total Enrollment
Howard University 2400 6 th Street, NW Washington, DC 20059 Phone: (202) 806-2500 Fax: (202) 806-9243	Doctorate	6711
Jackson State University 1440 J. R. Lynch Street Jackson, MS 39217 Phone: (601) 968-2323 Fax: (601) 968-2948	Doctorate	5205
Kentucky State University 400 East Main Street Frankfort, KY 40601 Phone: (502) 227-6260 Fax: (502) 227-6490	Bachelor's	2203
Knoxville College 901 College Street Knoxville, TN 37921 Phone: (423) 524-6511 Fax: (423) 524-6603	Bachelor's	1999
Langston University PO Box 907 Langston, OK 73050 Phone: (405) 466-3201 Fax: (405) 466-3461	Bachelor's	3317
Lincoln University of Missouri Jefferson City, MO 65101 Phone: (573) 681-5042 Fax: (573) 681-6074	Bachelor's	2732
Lincoln University of Pennsylvania Lincoln University, PA 19352 Phone: (610) 932-8300 Fax: (610) 932-8316	Bachelor's	1544
Livingstone College 701 West Monroe Street Salisbury, NC 28144 Phone: (704) 797-1150 Fax: (704) 797-1217	Bachelor's	854

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<p>Morehouse College 830 Westview Drive, SW Atlanta, GA 30310 Phone: (404) 752-1500 Fax: (404) 752-5007</p>	Bachelor's	3000
<p>Morgan State University Cold Springs Lane & Hillen Road Baltimore, MD 21239-21251 Phone: (443) 885-3200 Fax: (410) 319-3107</p>	Bachelor's	5448
<p>Morris Brown College 643 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive NW Atlanta, GA 30314 Phone: (404) 220-0100 Fax: (404) 659-4315</p>	Bachelor's	2091
<p>Norfolk State University 2401 Corprew Avenue Norfolk, VA 23504 Phone: (757) 823-8670 Fax: (757) 823-2342</p>	Doctorate	6734
<p>North Carolina A&T University 1601 East Market Street Greenboro, NC 27411 Phone: (336) 334-7940 Fax: (336) 334-7082</p>	Bachelor's	6581
<p>North Carolina Central University 1801 Fayetteville Street Durham, NC 27707 Phone: (919) 560-6104 Fax: (919) 560-5014</p>	Maste's	4274
<p>Oakwood College Huntsville, AL 35896 Phone: (256) 726-7334 Fax: (256) 726-8335</p>	Bachelor's	1756
<p>Paine College 1235 15th Street Augusta, GA 30901 Phone: (706) 921-8232 Fax: (256) 726-8335/7123</p>	Bachelor's	852

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Philander Smith College 812 West 13 th Street Little Rock, AR 72202 Phone: (501) 370-5276 Fax: (501) 370-5315	Bachelor's	851
Prairie View A&M University PO Box 188 Prairie View, TX 77446-0188 Phone: (409) 857-2111/2112 Fax: (409) 857-3928	Bachelor's	4778
Saint Augustine's College 1315 Oakwood Avenue Raleigh, NC 27610-2298 Phone: (919) 516-4210 Fax: (919) 928-0817	Bachelor's	1639
Shaw University 118 East South Street Raleigh, NC 27601 Phone: (919) 546-8300 Fax: (919) 546-8301	Bachelor's	2327
Johnson C. Smith University 100 Beatties Ford Road Charlotte, NC 28216 Phone: (704) 378-1007 Fax: (704) 372-5746	Bachelor's	1357
Sojourner-Douglass College 500 North Carolina Street Baltimore, MD 21205 Phone: (410) 276-0306, ext. 222	Bachelor's	614
South Carolina State University 300 College Avenue, NE, Orangeburg, SC 29117 Phone: (803) 536-7013 Fax: (803) 533-3622	Bachelor's	4999
Southern University A&M College Baton Rouge, LA 70813 Phone: (972) 524-3341 Fax: (972) 563-7133	Bachelor's	9000

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Southern University at New Orleans New Orleans, LA 70813 Phone: (504) 286-5311 Fax: (504) 284-5500	Bachelor's	3726
Spelman College 350 Spelman Lane, SW Atlanta, GA 30314 Phone: (404) 223-1400 Fax: (404) 223-7523	Bachelor's	1937
Talladega College 627 West Battle Street Talladega, AL 35160 Phone: (256) 362-2752 Fax: (256) 362-2268	Bachelor's	650
Tennessee State University 3500 John Merritt Boulevard Nashville, TN 37209-1561 Phone: (615) 963-7401 Fax: (615) 963-7407	Doctorate	6929
Texas Southern University 3100 Cleburne Avenue Houston, TX 77004 Phone: (713) 313-7035 Fax: (713) 313-1092	Master's	5771
Tougaloo College 500 West County Line Road Tougaloo, MS 39174 Phone: (601) 977-7730 Fax: (601) 977-7739	Bachelor's	916
Tuskegee University Kresge Center Tuskegee, AL 36088 Phone: (334) 727-8501 Fax: (334) 727-5276	Bachelor's	2618
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff 1200 North University Pine Bluff, AR 71601 Phone: (870) 543-8471 Fax: (870) 543-8003	Bachelor's	2850

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University of the District of Columbia 4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20008 Phone: (202) 274-5100 Fax: (202) 274-5304	Master's	4465
University of the Virgin Islands Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas U.S. Virgin Islands 00802 Phone: (340) 693-1004 Fax: (340-693-1005)	Bachelor's	3999
Virginia State University PO Box 9001 Petersburg, VA 23806 Phone: (804) 524-5000	Master's	3,996
Virginia Union University 1500 North Lombardy Street Richmond, VA 23200 Phone: (804) 329-2112	Bachelor's	1,548
West Virginia State College PO Box 1000 Institute, WV 25112-1000 Phone: (800) 987-2112	Bachelor's	4,896
Wilberforce University PO Box 1001, 1055 North Bickett Road Wilberforce, OH 45384-1001 Phone: (513) 376-2911	Bachelor's	750
Winston-Salem State University 601 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive Winston-Salem, NC 27110 Phone: (336) 750-2000	Bachelor's	2,817
Xavier University One Drexel Drive New Orleans, LA 70125-1098 Phone: (504) 486-7411	Master's	3,304