

2014 Catholic Education

The Catholic Church runs the largest network of private schools in the United States. Total Catholic elementary/middle and high school enrollment for the 2013-2014 academic year: **1,974,578.**ⁱ

- Elementary/middle schools: 5,399 schools educating 1,391,793 students
- High schools: 1,195 schools educating 582,785 students
- 6,594 total Catholic (elementary and high) schools in the United States

Other Religious Education

- Non-residential schools for disabled students: 50 schools educating 5,391 students
- Public school students receiving religious education:ⁱⁱ
 - Elementary /middle school students: 2,715,621
 - High School students: 640,585ⁱⁱⁱ

Did you know?

- 1,986 Catholic schools or 30.1% had waiting lists for admission for the 2013-2014 academic year.^{iv}
- Non-Catholic enrollment for the 2013-2014 academic year was 323,542 or 16.4% of the total enrollment.^v
- 31.3% of all Catholic high schools are single gender and 1.4% of all Catholic elementary schools are single gender.^{vi}
- 99.0 % of Catholic secondary school students graduate and 85.7% go on to college, compared to 39.5% of public school graduates.^{vii}
- Dioceses with the largest enrollments are: Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Brooklyn, St. Louis, Boston, and New Orleans.^{viii}
- During the academic year 2013-2014, 42 new Catholic schools opened and 133 schools closed or consolidated.^{ix}

Student Race and Ethnicity in 2011-2012

- 73.8% or 1,458,141 students enrolled in Catholic elementary/middle and secondary schools were Caucasian.^x
- 5% or 98,502 students enrolled in Catholic elementary/middle and secondary schools were Asian.^{xi}
- 7.6% or 150,352 students enrolled in Catholic elementary/middle and secondary schools were African American.^{xii}
- 5.6% or 109,771 students enrolled in Catholic elementary/middle and secondary schools were multiracial.^{xiii}
- 15% or 296,598 students enrolled in Catholic elementary/middle and secondary schools were Hispanic/Latino.^{xiv}

Tuition and Costs

- Based on the average public school cost of \$12,054 per student, Catholic schools provide nearly 24 billion dollars a year savings for U.S. taxpayers.^{xv}
- Tuition fees paid by families constitute a portion of the actual per pupil expenses.^{xvi}
- The average per pupil tuition in parish elementary schools is \$3,880, which is approximately 66.4 % of actual costs per pupil of \$5,387.^{xvii}
- About 93.9% of elementary schools provide some form of tuition assistance.^{xviii}
- The secondary school mean freshman tuition is \$9,622, which is about 81.6% of actual costs per pupil of \$11,790.^{xix}
- About 97% of secondary schools provide some form of tuition assistance.^{xx}
- The difference between the per pupil cost and the tuition charged is obtained in many ways, primarily through direct subsidy from parish, diocesan or religious congregation resources and from multi-faceted development programs and fundraising activities.^{xxi}

Staffing of Catholic Schools^{xxii}

There are 151,351 total full time equivalent teaching staff in Catholic elementary/middle and secondary schools. The student/teacher ratio is 13:1.

3.2% Religious:

- 3,221 or 2.2% Sisters
- 804 or 0.5% Clergy
- 800 or 0.5% Brothers

96.8% Lay

- 113,741 or 75.1% female lay
- 32,785 or 21.7% male lay

More information is available at the National Catholic Education Association at www.ncea.org.

Catholic Colleges and Universities^{xxiii}

- There are 233 colleges and universities educating more than 810,201 students.^{xxiv}
- About 65% of undergraduate students at Catholic colleges and universities self-identify as Catholic.
- The average tuition cost at Catholic colleges and universities for the 2011-2012 academic year was \$26,300.
- There are 16 Catholic two-year colleges with more than 5,100 students enrolled. The median enrollment is 492, and the average cost of tuition and fees is \$9,835.
- The first Catholic higher education institution in the United States was Georgetown University in Washington DC, founded by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 1789.
- The newest Catholic institution is Holy Spirit College in Atlanta, founded in 2010.
- Nearly 12.5% of the world's Catholic colleges and universities are located in the United States.
- There are approximately 1,861 Catholic colleges and universities worldwide.

In the United States, Catholic institutions of higher learning include:^{xxv}

- Medical schools: 5
- Law schools: 28

- Pharmacy schools: 9
- Colleges and universities that offer engineering programs: 41
- Institutions with doctoral programs in theology, religion and ministry: 16

More information is available at the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities at www.accunet.org.

ⁱ McDonald, Dale, PBVM, Ph.D. and Margaret Schultz, *Annual Statistical Report 2013-2014*, National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA), 2014.

ⁱⁱ The Official Catholic Directory 2014, General Summary.

ⁱⁱⁱ Ibid.

^{iv} National Catholic Educational Association, *Annual Statistics Report 2013 -2014*, p.18.

^v Ibid, p.22.

^{vi} Ibid, p.11.

^{vii} Ibid, p. 5.

^{viii} Ibid, p.15

^{ix} Ibid, p.12.

^x Ibid. p.21

^{xi} Ibid.

^{xii} Ibid.

^{xiii} Ibid.

^{xiv} Ibid. 9.22

^{xv} Ibid, p.18.

^{xvi} Ibid.

^{xvii} Ibid p.23

^{xviii} Ibid.

^{xix} Ibid.

^{xx} Ibid.

^{xxi} Ibid.

^{xxii} Ibid.

^{xxiii} Association of Catholic colleges and Universities, *Catholic Higher Education Frequently Asked Questions*, (accessed on 8/20/14) <http://www.accunet.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3797#Enrolled>

^{xxiv} The Official Catholic Directory 2014, General Summary.

^{xxv} Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, *Special Programs*,(accessed on 8/4/13.) <http://www.accunet.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3549>)