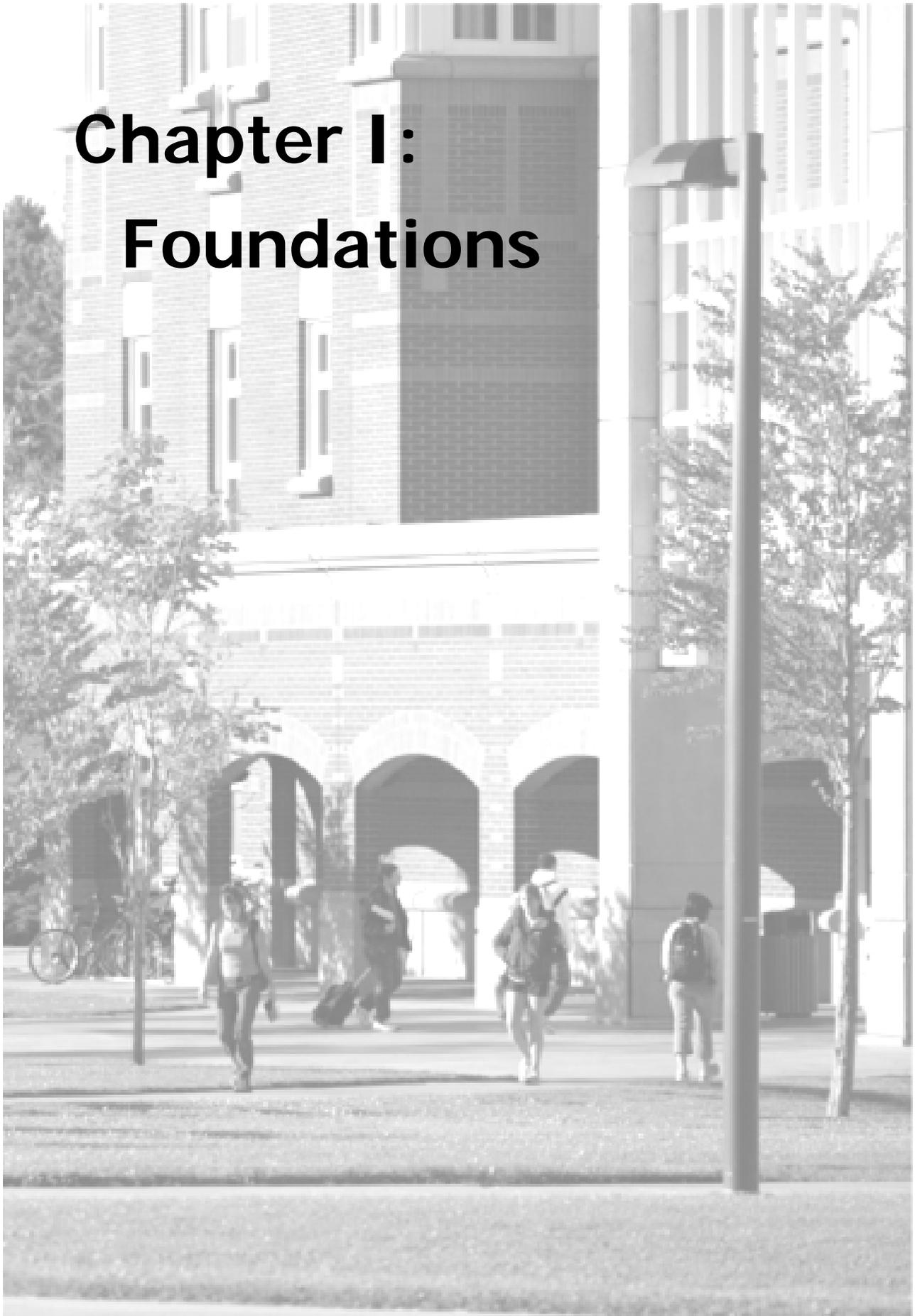


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A diverse mix of public and private institutions

Washington has a wide array of educational institutions beyond the high school level. Among two- and four-year degree-granting institutions, public colleges and universities account for the majority of enrollments, but private institutions also make a significant contribution to the diversity of Washington's higher education system.¹

Public four-year colleges and universities

Washington provides six public baccalaureate institutions. Each is governed by a board of regents or trustees who are appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate.

Four-year institutions are divided into two types: research and comprehensive. The research universities offer baccalaureate and graduate programs, including doctoral and professional degrees. Comprehensive institutions offer baccalaureate and master's level programs.

The research universities operate five branch campuses that produce a growing number of baccalaureate degrees. There also are 10 university centers (operated jointly by two- and four-year institutions or on a stand-alone basis), numerous teaching sites, and a vigorous online learning environment.

Research Institutions

- **University of Washington** (Seattle)
Branch campuses:
 - University of Washington Bothell
 - University of Washington Tacoma
- **Washington State University** (Pullman)
Branch campuses:
 - Washington State University Tri-Cities
 - Washington State University Vancouver*Other campuses:*
 - Washington State University Spokane²

Comprehensive Institutions

- **Central Washington University** (Ellensburg)
- **Eastern Washington University** (Cheney)
- **The Evergreen State College** (Olympia)
- **Western Washington University** (Bellingham)

¹ Links to institutions are available on the Higher Education Coordinating Board website at www.hecb.wa.gov/AboutOurSystem/InstitutionList.

² In 2004, the Legislature removed the "branch" designation for Washington State University Spokane. Today it is classified as an urban, research campus rather than a branch campus.

Public Four-Year College and University Enrollments

Institutions	Primary Location	Fall 2010 Enrollment (headcounts)		
		Under-graduates	Graduate/ Professional	Total
University of Washington	Seattle	29,307	13,144	42,451
University of Washington Bothell	Bothell	2,747	526	3,273
University of Washington Tacoma	Tacoma	2,756	575	3,331
Washington State University Pullman	Pullman	15,380	2,852	18,232
Washington State University Spokane	Spokane	603	608	1,211
Washington State University Tri-Cities	Tri-Cities	1,193	343	1,536
Washington State University Vancouver	Vancouver	2,564	535	3,099
Central Washington University	Ellensburg	11,052	562	11,614
Eastern Washington University	Cheney	10,218	1,316	11,534
The Evergreen State College	Olympia	4,489	344	4,833
Western Washington University	Bellingham	13,809	1,170	14,979
Total: Public Four-Year		94,118	21,975	116,093

Notes: Enrollments include both state-supported and non-state-supported students. In 2004, the Legislature removed the "branch" designation for Washington State University Spokane.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), National Center for Education Statistics, fall 2010, for all institutions except WSU Spokane, Tri-Cities, and Vancouver. Data for those institutions are from Washington State University, Facts and Figures 2010-11. Retrieved from <http://facts-figures.wsu.edu/pdfs/101factsfigures.pdf>.

Community and Technical Colleges

Washington has 34 public community and technical colleges that grant certificates and associate degrees. These two-year schools are governed by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges in addition to institutional boards of trustees appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate.

Associate degrees usually require two years of full-time coursework. In addition, since mid-2006, the HECB has approved eight applied baccalaureate programs at seven community colleges. Applied baccalaureate programs provide pathways for students holding technical associate degrees to earn bachelor's degrees in fields where industry, community, and student demand exists. Students enroll in community and technical colleges for various purposes, including academic programs, workforce training, basic skills, and home and family life enrichment.

Washington also is home to a federally funded public institution — Northwest Indian College near Bellingham, which offers two- and four-year degrees and certificates.

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Public Two-Year Community and Technical Colleges

(29 community colleges, 5 technical colleges, 1 vocational institute)

Public Institution	Primary Location	Fall 2010 enrollment (headcount)
Bates Technical College	Tacoma	5,571
Bellevue College	Bellevue	19,865
Bellingham Technical College	Bellingham	3,991
Big Bend Community College	Moses Lake	2,728
Cascadia Community College	Bothell	3,379
Centralia College	Centralia	4,599
Clark College	Vancouver	16,054
Clover Park Technical College	Tacoma	7,356
Columbia Basin College	Pasco	7,765
Edmonds Community College	Lynnwood	13,225
Everett Community College	Everett	12,000
Grays Harbor College	Aberdeen	3,456
Green River Community College	Auburn	11,136
Highline Community College	Des Moines	10,473
Lake Washington Technical College	Kirkland	5,660
Lower Columbia College	Longview	5,192
Olympic College	Bremerton	8,733
Peninsula College	Port Angeles	4,545
Pierce College Fort Steilacoom	Fort Steilacoom	10,194
Pierce College Puyallup	Puyallup	4,067
Renton Technical College	Renton	6,046
Seattle Central Community College	Seattle	10,364
North Seattle Community College	Seattle	9,035
South Seattle Community College	Seattle	8,238
Seattle Vocational Institute*	Seattle	539
Shoreline Community College	Shoreline	7,174
Skagit Valley Community College	Mount Vernon	6,606
South Puget Sound Community College	Olympia	6,803
Spokane Community College	Spokane	7,684
Spokane Falls Community College	Spokane	13,489
Tacoma Community College	Tacoma	9,897
Walla Walla Community College	Walla Walla	6,795
Wenatchee Valley College	Wenatchee	4,503
Whatcom Community College	Bellingham	7,209
Yakima Valley Community College	Yakima	6,202
Total: Community and Technical Colleges		270,573

*Seattle Vocational Institute is a member of the Seattle Community Colleges District.

Notes: Enrollments include all funding sources – both state-supported and non-state-supported students. Spokane Institute of Extended Learning student headcounts are reported in Spokane Falls' totals.

Source: State Board of Community and Technical Colleges, "Enrollment and Staffing Report," fall 2010. Retrieved from http://www.sbctc.edu/college/studentsvcs/2enrol_10.pdf.

Exempt institutions

Washington law requires the HECB to review and authorize degree-granting institutions operating in the state to protect citizens from fraudulent and deceptive higher education practices. About 130 institutions do not require extensive review and authorization. These are known as ‘exempt’ institutions.

The exempt institutions include:

- **Public institutions.**
- **Long-standing private institutions.** These include the 10 institutions that belong to the Independent Colleges of Washington (ICW)³.
- **Schools that exclusively offer religious training.** Institutions are required to submit a report every two years.
- **Conditionally exempt institutions** that offer degree programs or courses exclusively to federal employees at a military base or other federal site. The HECB may review the exemption every two years.
- **Conditional waiver institutions** with very limited educational offerings. They also may be reviewed by the HECB every two years.

Authorized institutions

There are 68 degree-granting institutions authorized by the HECB to operate in Washington:

- **31 not-for-profit**
- **29 for-profit**
- **8 out-of-state public**

These institutions offer limited programs and degrees at various locations around the state. Many are chartered in other states and some in other countries. They must renew their authorization every two years.

For a complete list of all authorized and exempt institutions operating in Washington, go to www.hecb.wa.gov/AboutOurSystem/InstitutionList.

Private Career Schools

A number of private career institutions—many focused on workforce development and job training—offer coursework and programs within Washington. Massage therapy and nursing are two examples, but there are many others. Private career schools that offer programs below the associate degree level are licensed by the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTECB). Data and information on these independent schools are not included in this report but can be found on the WTECB website at www.wtb.wa.gov.

³ Gonzaga University, Heritage University, Pacific Lutheran University, Saint Martin’s University, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle University, University of Puget Sound, Walla Walla University, Whitman College, Whitworth University.

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Private Degree-Granting Institutions

Institution	Primary Location	Fall 2010 enrollment (headcount)
Antioch University	Seattle	994
Argosy University	Seattle	543
Art Institute of Seattle	Seattle	2,245
Bainbridge Graduate Institute	Bainbridge	197
Bastyr University	Kenmore	970
City University of Seattle	Seattle	2,644
Cornish College of the Arts	Seattle	836
DeVry University-Washington	Federal Way	1,278
DigiPen Institute of Technology	Redmond	966
Faith Evangelical College and Seminary	Tacoma	235
Gonzaga University	Spokane	7,738
Heritage University	Toppenish	1,254
International Academy of Design and Technology	Seattle	519
ITT Technical Institute-Everett	Everett	549
ITT Technical Institute-Seattle	Seattle	755
ITT Technical Institute-Spokane Valley	Spokane	494
Mars Hill Graduate School	Bothell	265
Northwest College of Art	Poulsbo	100
Northwest University	Kirkland	1,422
Pacific Lutheran University	Tacoma	3,543
Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences	Yakima	224
Saint Martin's University	Lacey	1,811
Seattle Institute of Oriental Medicine	Seattle	39
Seattle Pacific University	Seattle	4,117
Seattle University	Seattle	7,817
Trinity Lutheran College	Issaquah	159
University of Phoenix-Western Washington Campus	Seattle	868
University of Puget Sound	Tacoma	2,823
Walla Walla University	College Place	1,791
Whitman College	Walla Walla	1,555
Whitworth University	Spokane	2,989
Total: Private Four-Year Institutions		51,740

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), National Center for Education Statistics, fall 2010. Institutions for which state enrollment data was unavailable are not included in this table.

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Actual Average Annual FTEs: State-Supported Public Four-Year Institutions and Community and Technical Colleges

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Research institutions									
UW Main campus	34,065	33,487	33,383	33,155	33,497	33,858	35,326	35,974	36,712
UW Bothell	1,236	1,250	1,344	1,200	1,368	1,565	1,922	2,340	2,707
UW Tacoma	1,662	1,579	1,630	1,667	1,782	2,103	2,481	2,629	2,884
UW total	36,963	36,316	36,357	36,022	36,647	37,526	39,729	40,943	42,303
WSU Main Campus	17,830	17,975	17,954	19,267	18,898	19,586	20,198	20,615	20,691
WSU Spokane	628	627	1,192						
WSU Tri-Cities	627	677	672	667	662	849	957	1,081	1,128
WSU Vancouver	1,226	1,263	1,339	1,367	1,684	1,899	2,161	2,296	2,414
WSU total	20,311	20,542	21,157	21,301	21,244	22,334	23,316	23,992	24,233
Comprehensive Institutions									
CWU	8,106	8,657	8,885	9,057	9,204	8,931	9,082	9,673	9,832
EWU	8,700	8,956	9,126	9,281	9,189	9,111	9,287	9,486	9,640
TESC	4,054	4,099	4,120	4,131	4,114	4,269	4,470	4,596	4,559
WWU	11,377	11,505	11,713	11,755	11,784	12,140	12,408	12,475	12,647
Four-year total	89,511	90,075	91,358	91,547	92,182	94,311	98,292	101,165	103,214
Community and Technical Colleges									
2-year or Less Programs	139,753	138,242	131,365	130,933	132,316	136,422	147,560	160,179	161,529
Baccalaureate Programs	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	90	143	246	323
CTC total	139,753	138,242	131,365	130,933	132,316	136,512	147,703	160,425	161,852
2- & 4-year Partnerships Contracted Programs	n/a	n/a	489	n/a	30	211	295	353	476
Public total	229,264	228,317	222,847	222,480	224,528	231,034	246,290	261,943	265,542

Notes: Center and off-campus enrollments are included in institutional figures, with the exception of two-year and four-year partnership contracted programs beginning in 2006-07.

- Office of Financial Management combines WSU-Spokane with WSU Main campus for 2005-06 forward.
- Numbers may not always sum to totals due to rounding.

Source: Office of Financial Management, Budget Driver Reports retrieved from ofm.wa.gov/hied/bd/historical/historical_bd_reports.pdf.