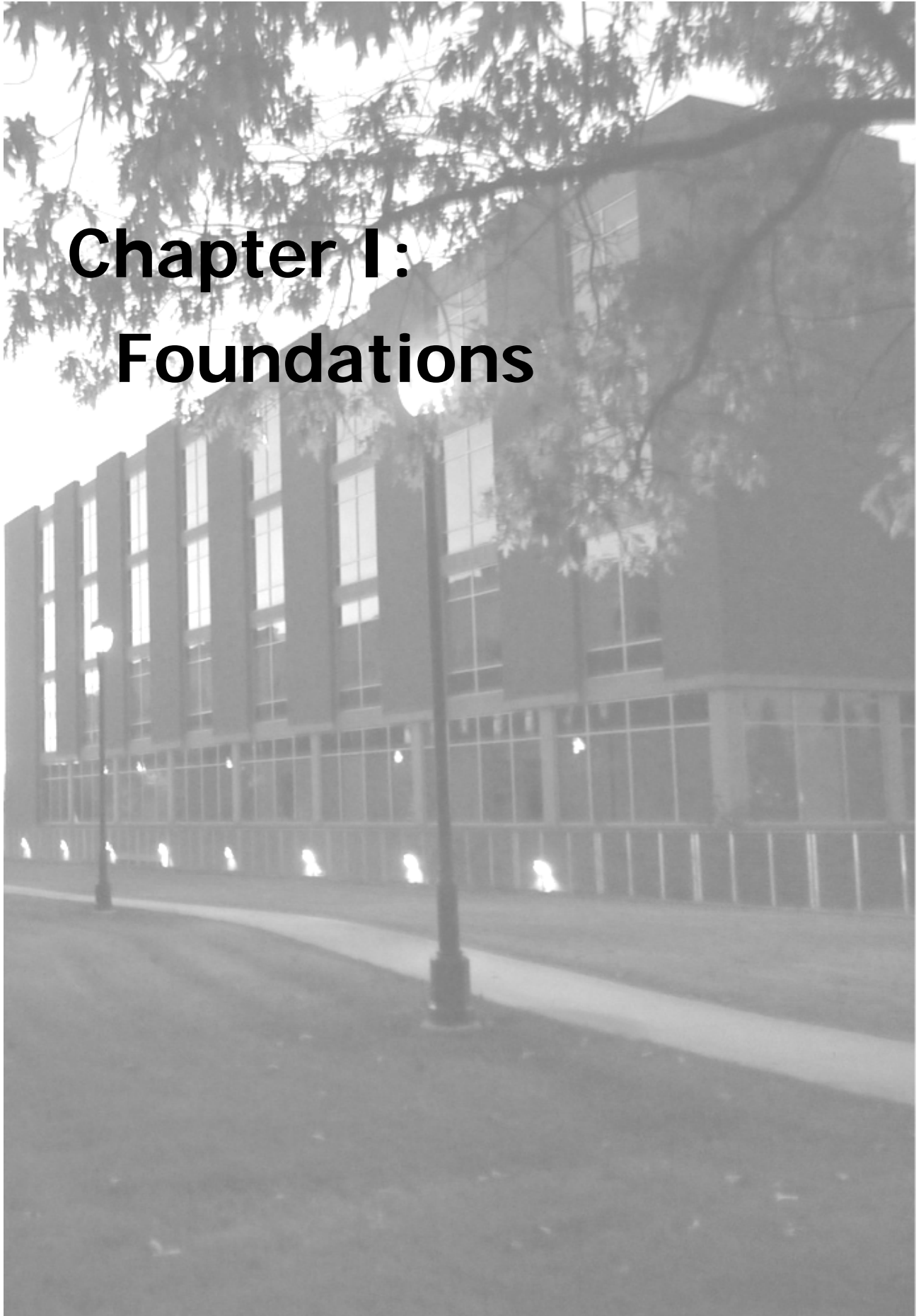


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A diverse mix of public, private institutions

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
 - 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 specific institutions are available on the Higher Education Coordinating Board website at www.hecb.wa.gov/links/index.asp.

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

Enrollments include all funding sources	Primary Location	Fall 2009 enrollment (headcounts)		
		Under-graduates	Graduate/ Professional	Total
University of Washington	Seattle	32,718	13,225	45,943
University of Washington Bothell	Bothell	2,407	518	2,925
University of Washington Tacoma	Tacoma	2,528	542	3,070
Washington State University Pullman	Pullman	21,726	4,375	26,101
Washington State University Spokane	Spokane	774	575	1,349
Washington State University Tri-Cities	Tri-Cities	1,202	303	1,505
Washington State University Vancouver	Vancouver	2,446	535	2,981
Central Washington University	Ellensburg	10,765	592	11,357
Eastern Washington University	Cheney	9,919	1,381	11,300
The Evergreen State College	Olympia	4,551	340	4,891
Western Washington University	Bellingham	13,396	1,179	14,575
Total: Public Four-Year		102,432	23,565	125,997

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 (U.S. Department of Education), fall 2009, for all institutions except WSU Spokane, Tri-Cities, and Vancouver. Data for those institutions are from OFM, Higher Education Enrollment Reports, fall 2009.

Community and Technical Colleges

Washington has 34 public community and technical colleges that grant certificates and associate degrees. Students enroll in community and technical colleges for various purposes, including academic programs, workforce training, basic skills, and home and family life enrichment.

The two-year schools are governed by 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.

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)

Enrollments include all funding sources	Primary Location	Fall 2009 enrollment (headcount)
Bates Technical College	Tacoma	6,399
Bellevue College	Bellevue	19,399
Bellingham Technical College	Bellingham	3,581
Big Bend Community College	Moses Lake	2,813
Cascadia Community College	Bothell	3,238
Centralia College	Centralia	4,486
Clark College	Vancouver	16,406
Clover Park Technical College	Tacoma	7,316
Columbia Basin College	Pasco	7,824
Edmonds Community College	Lynnwood	12,732
Everett Community College	Everett	11,638
Grays Harbor College	Aberdeen	3,459
Green River Community College	Auburn	10,543
Highline Community College	Des Moines	10,828
Lake Washington Technical College	Kirkland	5,612
Lower Columbia College	Longview	5,234
Olympic College	Bremerton	8,440
Peninsula College	Port Angeles	4,480
Pierce College Fort Steilacoom	Fort Steilacoom	10,392
Pierce College Puyallup	Puyallup	3,985
Renton Technical College	Renton	6,204
Seattle Central Community College	Seattle	10,563
North Seattle Community College	Seattle	8,869
South Seattle Community College	Seattle	8,660
Seattle Vocational Institute	Seattle	546
Shoreline Community College	Shoreline	7,769
Skagit Valley Community College	Mount Vernon	6,806
South Puget Sound Community College	Olympia	6,918
Spokane Community College	Spokane	8,110
Spokane Falls Community College	Spokane	13,454
Tacoma Community College	Tacoma	8,509
Walla Walla Community College	Walla Walla	6,567
Wenatchee Valley College	Wenatchee	4,239
Whatcom Community College	Bellingham	6,880
Yakima Valley Community College	Yakima	6,435
Total: Community and Technical Colleges		269,334

Notes: Enrollments include 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 2009.

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 may also 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/autheval/daa/listofcolleges.asp#4year.

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.

Private Degree-Granting Institutions

Institution	Primary Location	Fall 2009 enrollment (headcount)
Antioch University	Seattle	996
Argosy University	Seattle	487
Art Institute of Seattle	Seattle	2,282
Bainbridge Graduate Institute	Bainbridge	169
Bastyr University	Kenmore	917
City University of Seattle	Seattle	3,204
Cornish College of the Arts	Seattle	794
DeVry University-Washington	Federal Way	1,003
DigiPen Institute of Technology	Redmond	890
Faith Evangelical College and Seminary	Tacoma	197
Gonzaga University	Spokane	7,633
Heritage University	Toppenish	1,115
International Academy of Design and Technology	Seattle	482
ITT Technical Institute-Everett	Everett	506
ITT Technical Institute-Seattle	Seattle	593
ITT Technical Institute-Spokane Valley	Spokane	495
Mars Hill Graduate School	Bothell	273
Northwest College of Art	Poulsbo	104
Northwest University	Kirkland	1,383
Pacific Lutheran University	Tacoma	3,581
Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences	Yakima	149
Saint Martin's University	Lacey	1,672
Seattle Institute of Oriental Medicine	Seattle	36
Seattle Pacific University	Seattle	4,000
Seattle University	Seattle	7,751
Trinity Lutheran College	Issaquah	113
University of Phoenix-Western Washington Campus	Seattle	685
University of Puget Sound	Tacoma	2,879
Walla Walla University	College Place	1,808
Whitman College	Walla Walla	1,515
Whitworth University	Spokane	2,781
Total: Private Four-Year Institutions		50,493

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (U.S. Department of Education), fall 2009. Institutions for which state enrollment data was unavailable are not included in this table.

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 at levels below the associate degree level are licensed by the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board. Data on these independent schools are not included in this report. Information on these institutions can be found at the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board website www.wtb.wa.gov.

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

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Research institutions									
UW Main campus	33,863	34,065	33,487	33,383	33,155	33,497	33,858	35,326	35,974
UW Bothell	1,228	1,236	1,250	1,344	1,200	1,368	1,565	1,922	2,340
UW Tacoma	1,556	1,662	1,579	1,630	1,667	1,782	2,103	2,481	2,629
UW total	36,647	36,963	36,316	36,357	36,022	36,647	37,526	39,729	40,943
WSU Pullman-Spokane	18,174	18,458	18,602	19,146	19,267	18,898	19,586	20,198	20,615
WSU Tri-Cities	631	627	677	672	691	695	849	957	1,081
WSU Vancouver	1,150	1,226	1,263	1,339	1,367	1,684	1,899	2,161	2,296
WSU total	19,955	20,311	20,542	21,157	21,325	21,277	22,334	23,316	23,992
Comprehensive									
CWU	7,672	8,106	8,657	8,885	9,057	9,204	8,931	9,082	9,673
EWU	8,421	8,700	8,956	9,126	9,281	9,189	9,111	9,287	9,486
TESC	4,009	4,054	4,099	4,120	4,131	4,114	4,269	4,470	4,596
WWU	11,265	11,377	11,505	11,713	11,755	11,784	12,140	12,408	12,475
Four-year total	87,969	89,511	90,075	91,358	91,571	92,215	94,310	98,292	101,165
Community and Technical Colleges									
2-year or Less Programs	133,962	139,753	138,241	131,489	130,933	132,316	136,422	147,560	160,179
Baccalaureate Programs	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	90	143	246
CTC total	133,962	139,753	138,241	131,489	130,933	132,316	136,512	147,703	160,425
2- & 4-year Partnerships Contracted Programs	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	30	211	296	353
Public total	221,931	229,264	228,316	222,847	222,504	224,561	231,033	246,291	248,719

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

Numbers may not always sum to totals due to rounding.

Sources: Office of Financial Management, Higher Education Enrollment Statistics, and budget driver reports (as of September 2010).