



MSU DENVER 2025-26 Fast Facts

Metropolitan State University of Denver is Colorado's third-largest institution of higher education, offering affordable, career-focused programs in the heart of downtown Denver. A comprehensive, student-centered public university, MSU Denver provides flexible learning options and connects learners of all ages and backgrounds to exceptional teaching, real-world experience and meaningful opportunities — preparing graduates to be changemakers who strengthen Colorado's economy.

COLORADO'S CHANGEMAKERS

Fall 2025 undergraduate unless otherwise noted

18,336

Total Students

17,111

Undergraduate

1,225

Graduate



Higher Education Excellence and Distinction Award
12th consecutive year



Seal of Excelencia
Only Colorado institution to earn this Hispanic-servingness distinction



96%

16,387

Colorado residents



14%

Increase in first-time, full-time student retention since 2018



9%

Increase in undergraduate enrollment over the past three years



57%

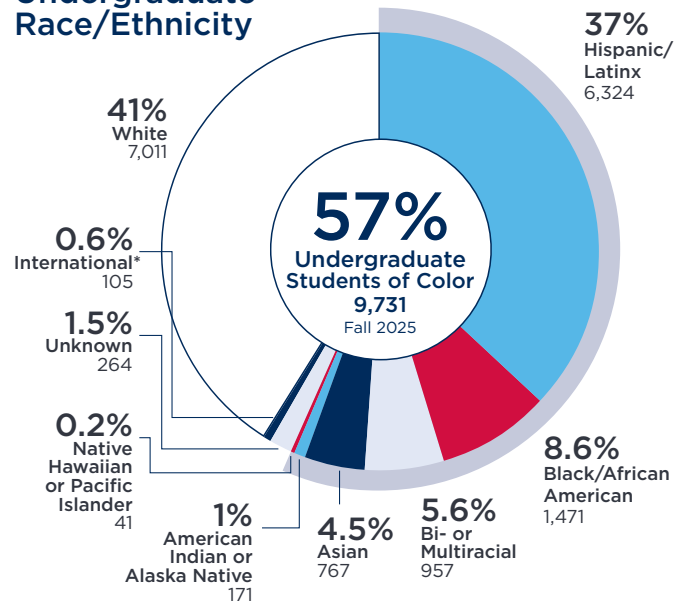
9,707

First generation to attend college



One of the Top 100 Colleges for Vets in the U.S.

Undergraduate Race/Ethnicity



Average Age



24 yrs

Undergraduate students

33 yrs

Graduate students

STUDENT-CENTERED ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



104

Undergraduate majors, including 28 fully online



10

Graduate degree programs



58

Career-advancing credentials (graduate and undergraduate)



100%

Of classes taught by experienced, expert faculty



66%

Of undergraduates enrolled in at least one online course



33%

Of all courses are online or hybrid

AFFORDABILITY THAT OPENS DOORS

Academic year 2024-25 undergraduate students

\$2,428

Average annual out-of-pocket cost** of tuition and fees for in-state, full-time undergraduates



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31%

Of students pay no tuition thanks to grants and scholarships

45%

Of Roadrunners graduate debt free

50%

Of the national average student loan debt at graduation



59%

Of students receive scholarships or grants, totaling more than \$97 million



\$2.3M

Saved by students since 2023 through Tuition Lock, which guarantees the same tuition rate for four years.



1,656

High school students are getting a head start on college through dual and concurrent enrollment programs

*International students are not included in the total undergraduate students of color.

**Tuition and fees, after scholarships and grants. Does not include housing, books, loans or work-study.

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CAREER-CONNECTED COLORADO IMPACT

115,305
Total Graduates
118,379
Degrees Awarded



Recognized by the Colorado Department of Higher Education as a **Career-Connected Campus** for linking classroom learning to Colorado's workforce needs



#1
For social mobility in Colorado, helping students turn education into opportunity



77%
87,061
Alumni living and working in Colorado



91%
Of surveyed graduates are employed, in graduate school, or serving in the military within six months of graduation



52%
Of undergraduate students participate in at least one career development program

Sources:

- CollegeNET's Social Mobility Index
- Colorado Department of Higher Education
- Military Times 2025
- MSU Denver Alumni Association Annual Report
- MSU Denver Fall 2025-26 Census
- MSU Denver Foundation Annual Report
- MSU Denver Office of Strategic Initiatives and Analytics
- Niche.com
- Parker Strategy Group economic contribution analysis
- U.S. Career Institute
- U.S. Census Bureau

All data as of January 2026

Top Alumni Career Paths



- Education
- Information Technology Services
- Hospital and Health Care
- Financial Services
- Accounting



College graduates in Colorado earn an average of **\$30,888 more** annually than high school-only graduates.



\$954M
Generated in annual economic impact



\$11.52
Generated for every \$1 invested by the state

VIBRANT CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Located a convenient distance from

150,000+
downtown Denver jobs



#17
Best College Locations in the U.S. and **#1 in Colorado**

~100
Student organizations spanning club sports, Greek life, careers and hobbies



\$15M+
Raised in 2025 from **5,246** donors



Coming fall 2027: Summit House, MSU Denver's first University-owned residence hall with 550+ beds, dining, retail and a career center

3,577

Total Employees

42%
Faculty
1,504

27%
Professional Staff
959

31%
Student Employees
1,114

ROADRUNNERS ATHLETICS

14
Teams

competing in the NCAA Division II Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference



5
NCAA Division II team national championships, **2 individual** national champions



46
Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference championships

CHANGEMAKERS WANTED



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