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**SUMMARY OF THE CSWE ANNUAL SURVEY OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAMS**

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# Quick Takes

THE ANNUAL SURVEY of Social Work Programs (Annual Survey) is a census of social work programs in the United States and its territories conducted by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) since 1952. Data collected in the Annual Survey are the primary source of information about social work students and graduates.

## Baccalaureate Programs in Social Work Highlights

- The majority of baccalaureate students were enrolled full-time in 2018. For the 463 baccalaureate programs responding to this question, **86.7% of the 58,733 enrolled baccalaureate students were full-time.** Baccalaureate programs had average enrollments of 127 students.
- Over the last 10 years, **total enrollment in baccalaureate programs has increased by 14.2% at institutions reporting data in both 2008 and 2018; however, enrollment declined by 5.3% in the last year and 1.4% over the last 5 years.** Enrollment of students taking courses part-time increased dramatically over the 5-year and 10-year periods, jumping up 9.7% and 20.7%, respectively. During the same periods, the number of accredited baccalaureate programs increased 1.0% over the last year, 6.7% over the last 5 years, and 12.5% over the last 10 years.
- Baccalaureate degrees were conferred on 20,133 students at the 486 baccalaureate programs that responded, an average of 41 per program. Degree conferrals outpaced enrollment over the periods studied, **with a 22.4% increase over the last 10 years, 15.6% increase over the last 5 years, and a 0.4% decrease over the last year.**

## Master's Programs in Social Work Highlights

- **More than a third of master's students were enrolled part-time in 2018.** Of the 240 master's programs responding to this question, 64.5% of the 67,084 enrolled master's students were full-time. Master's programs had average enrollments of 280 students.

- Master's enrollment and the number of master's programs has increased annually over the last 10 years, with **enrollment increasing 2.7% over the last year, 16.6% over the last 5 years, and 37.8% over the last 10 years.** During the same periods, the number of accredited master's programs increased at a slightly faster pace, 6.3% over the last year, 19.3% over the last 5 years, and 43.2% over the last 10 years.
- Master's degrees were conferred on 27,296 students at the 246 master's programs that responded, an average of 111 per program. **Degree conferrals increased at a pace consistent with enrollment over the periods studied,** with a 34.8% increase over the last 10 years; a 22.3% increase over the last 5 years, in line with the large increase in enrollment that occurred between 2008 and 2013; and a 1.6% increase over the last year.

## Practice Doctorate Programs in Social Work Highlights

- **Almost half of all enrolled practice doctorate students are enrolled part-time.** Of the 10 practice doctorate programs responding to this question, 55.1% of the 1,487 enrolled practice doctorate students were full-time, with 81.7% of all students actively taking coursework. Practice doctorate programs had average enrollments of 149 students.
- Enrollment in practice doctorate programs and the number of institutions offering practice doctorate programs continues to increase dramatically, year-over-year. Since 2015, the first year for which a large enough number of respondents exists, **enrollment has increased annually by 34.4% from 2017 to 2018, 50.3% from 2016 to 2017, and 67.2% from 2015 to 2016, whereas the number of programs has increased annually by 37.5%, 9.1%, and 41.7%, respectively.**
- Practice doctorate degrees were conferred on 119 students at the 13 practice doctorate programs that responded, an average of nine graduates per program. **Degree conferrals had remained relatively flat from 2015 to 2017 but increased by 47.8% from 2017 to 2018.**

- **Practice doctorate graduates are primarily going into nonacademic administrative positions (22.9% of graduates) and private clinical practice (17.7%);** however, tenure-track faculty positions at CSWE-accredited programs (15.6%) and nontenure-track faculty positions at CSWE-accredited programs (12.5%) are also first destinations.

## Doctoral Programs in Social Work Highlights

- **More than three-quarters of all PhD students are enrolled full-time.** Of the 63 PhD programs responding to this question, 78.2% of the 1,918 PhD students were full-time, with 52.3% of all students actively taking coursework. PhD programs had average enrollments of 30 students.
- **PhD enrollment increased from 2017 to 2018; however, enrollment declined for the rest of the 10-year period examined.** Enrollment was up 6.8% between 2017 and 2018 but dropped 18.7% both between 2013 and 2018 and between 2008 and 2018, with the largest drop (12.0%) occurring between 2014 and 2015. Over the same time period, the number of PhD programs has increased by 2.6%, 8.2%, and 12.9% over the last year, 5-years, and 10-years, respectively.
- PhD degrees were conferred on 303 students at the 66 PhD programs that responded, an average of five graduates per program. **Degree conferrals increased by 6.1% from 2017 to 2018 but have dropped by 2.5% since 2013 and by 9.5% since 2008.**

- **PhD graduates are primarily going into tenure-track faculty positions at CSWE-accredited programs (34.4% of graduates), nontenure-track faculty positions at CSWE-accredited institutions (13.2%),** nonacademic administrative positions (10.0%), academic administrative positions (8.6%), and postdoctoral fellowships (8.0%).

## Additional Highlights

- The prevalence of online education varies greatly between degrees. **Among practice doctorate programs, 75.0% offer at least part of the program online (41.7% entirely online) and 49.7% of master's programs offer at least part of the program online (22.4% entirely online).** In contrast, only 29.9% of baccalaureate programs offer at least some courses online (6.0% entirely online), and 15.7% of PhD programs have some online courses (3.2% entirely online).
- **By Carnegie Classification, Large Master's Colleges and Universities enroll the highest percentage of social work students (30.0%) and confer the highest percentage of social work degrees (31.7%).** Doctoral Universities with very high research activity enroll (24.5%) and confer (27.0%) the second highest percentages of social work students and degrees, respectively.
- **U.S. Department of Education recognized Minority Serving Institutions enroll 24.5% of all students, whereas 26.2% of all degrees are conferred at Minority Serving Institutions.**

# Introduction

THE ANNUAL SURVEY of Social Work Programs (Annual Survey) is a census of social work programs in the United States and its territories conducted by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) since 1952. Data collected in the Annual Survey are the primary source of information about social work students and graduates. In addition to advancing knowledge about social work education, the data are used to determine program membership dues for accredited baccalaureate and master's programs.

## Background

The 2018 Annual Survey comprised five survey sections that gathered data on baccalaureate programs, master's programs, practice doctoral programs (e.g., DSW), PhD programs, and the data products members need from CSWE to best perform their jobs; data from this final special section will be used only internally by CSWE and the Commission on Research. The program sections included items on program structure and offerings, enrollments, and degrees awarded. The 2018 survey was an abbreviated version of the survey administered in previous years and did not collect data on applications, first-time enrollment, or demographic information for enrolled students or graduates.

A new addition to the 2018 report is a trend analysis of enrollment and degrees conferred, by degree level, for periods of 1, 5, and 10 years. Trend data was calculated by comparing enrollment and degree conferral rates for programs that submitted data in both years of the comparison (i.e. submitted data in both 2017 and 2018 for the 1-year comparison)—data for

**TABLE 1. 2018 ANNUAL SURVEY RESPONSE RATE BY SURVEY SECTION**

	Invitations	Completed Responses	% Responding
<b>Baccalaureate</b>	523	486	92.9%
<b>Master's</b>	272	246	90.4%
<b>Practice Doctoral (DSW)</b>	17	13	76.5%
<b>Doctoral (PhD)</b>	79	64	81.0%

institutions that submitted data in only one of the years was excluded from the trend calculation. The trend calculation shows the percentage change in the category between the two identified years.

The survey was administered online through the Qualtrics survey platform. Invitations to the survey were sent to all CSWE-accredited social work programs and to doctoral social work programs housed at institutions with CSWE-accredited social work programs via e-mail on May 6, 2019. Data collection closed in July 2019. Response rates are found in Table 1. A full list of responding institutions can be found in Appendix A.

A copy of the complete survey instrument is available on the CSWE website ([www.cswe.org/Research-Statistics/Annual-Program-Study](http://www.cswe.org/Research-Statistics/Annual-Program-Study)). Address questions about this report or the Annual Survey to [research@cswe.org](mailto:research@cswe.org).

Respondents to the survey are required to respond to only a small percentage of items, most notably the number of degrees conferred, resulting in varied response rates per question. The data compiled in this report are based on self-reported data from the responding programs and institutions.

## Glossary

### ICONS



Enrollment



Degrees awarded



Debt



Online offerings

### CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATIONS

**R1:** Doctoral University—Very high research activity

**R2:** Doctoral University—High research activity

**R3:** Doctoral University—Moderate research activity

**M1:** Master’s College or University—Larger programs

**M2:** Master’s College or University—Medium program

**Bac/Div:** Baccalaureate College—Diverse Fields

Visit [carnegieclassifications.iu.edu](https://carnegieclassifications.iu.edu) for more information.

### MSI DESIGNATIONS

**MSI:** U.S. Department of Education recognized Minority Serving Institution

**Non-Ethnic:** Not a MSI

**AANAPISI:** Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution

**HSI:** Hispanic-Serving Institution

**HBCU:** Historically Black Colleges and University

**NASNTI:** Native American-Serving Nontribal Institution

**PBI:** Predominantly Black Institution

Visit the [U.S. Department of Education](https://www.ed.gov) site for more information.

# Baccalaureate Programs in Social Work

THE MAJORITY OF BACCALAUREATE IN SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS WERE ENROLLED FULL-TIME IN 2018.

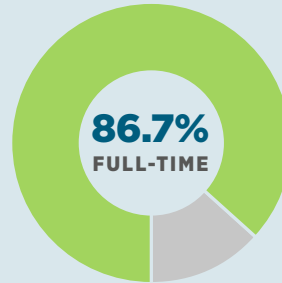
**58,733**

TOTAL  
NUMBER OF STUDENTS



**50,906**

FULL-TIME  
STUDENTS



**7,827**

PART-TIME  
STUDENTS



**127**

AVERAGE  
ENROLLMENT  
PER PROGRAM

RANGE OF  
RESPONSES  
12 TO 1,202



**463**

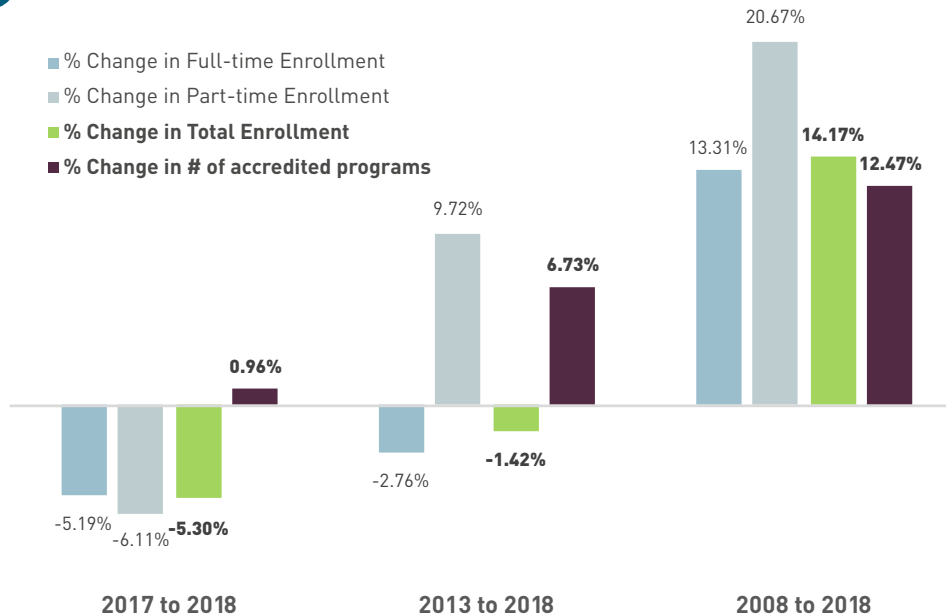
PROGRAMS  
RESPONDING

OVER THE LAST 10 years, total enrollment in Baccalaureate programs has increased at institutions reporting data in both 2008 and 2018, however, enrollment has declined in the last year and in the last 5 years.



## CHANGE IN BACCALAUREATE ENROLLMENT BY TIME PERIOD

- % Change in Full-time Enrollment
- % Change in Part-time Enrollment
- % Change in Total Enrollment
- % Change in # of accredited programs



## TOP 5 CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS OFFERED BY BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS BASED ON NUMBER OF PROGRAMS OFFERING CERTIFICATE

Rank	Certificate Program	# Programs
1	Child Advocacy or Child Protection or Child Welfare	52
2	Aging or Geriatrics or Gerontology	31
3	Addictions or Substance Abuse	27
4	School Social Work	16
5 (tie)	Cultural Competency, Diversity, or Bilingual Practice	6
5 (tie)	Health or Health Care	6

OVER 20,000 BACCALAUREATE DEGREES WERE CONFERRED IN 2017-18.

**20,133**

**TOTAL**  
NUMBER OF DEGREES  
CONFERRED



**41**

**AVERAGE**  
NUMBER OF DEGREES CONFERRED  
**RANGE OF RESPONSES**  
1 TO 354



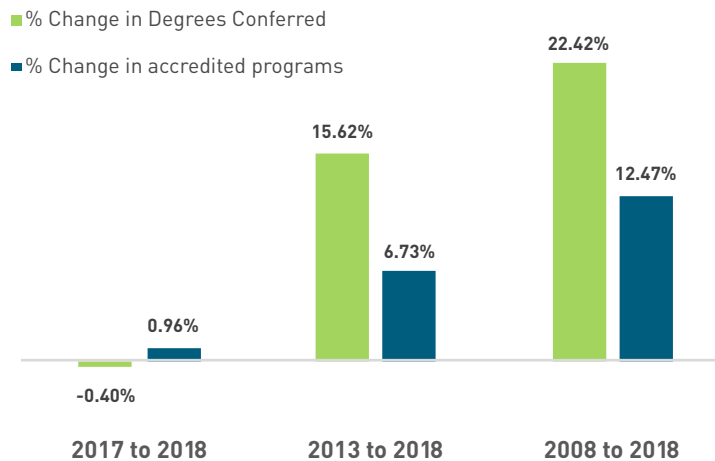
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**PROGRAMS**  
RESPONDING

ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS' DEGREE conferrals have positively outpaced enrollment over the time periods studied.



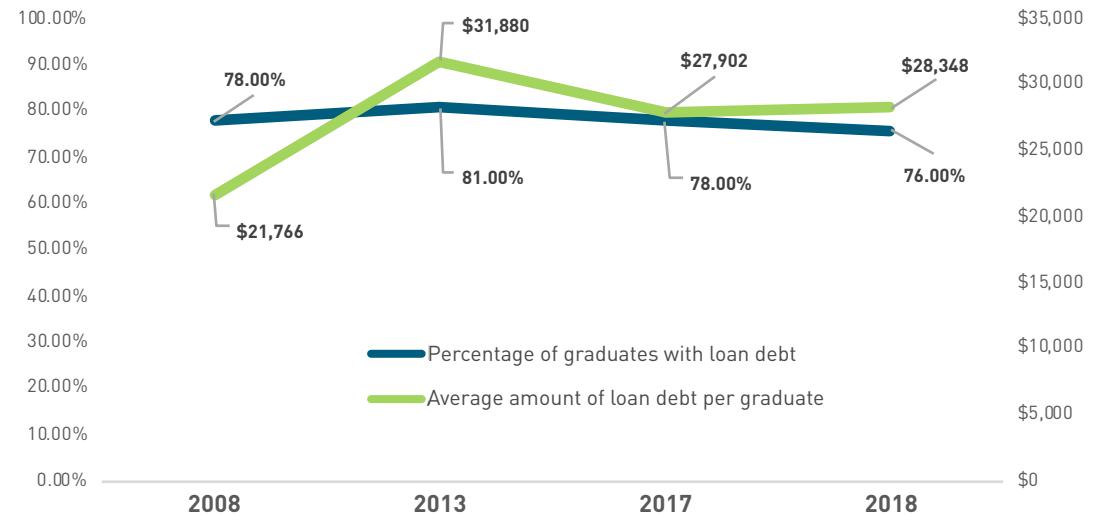
**PERCENT CHANGE IN BACCALAUREATE DEGREES CONFERRED AND NUMBER OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS BY TIME PERIOD**



BACCALAUREATE GRADUATES HAVE more student debt today than 10 years ago.



**AVERAGE LOAN DEBT AND PERCENTAGE OF GRADUATES WITH LOAN DEBT FOR BACCALAUREATE GRADUATES BY YEAR**





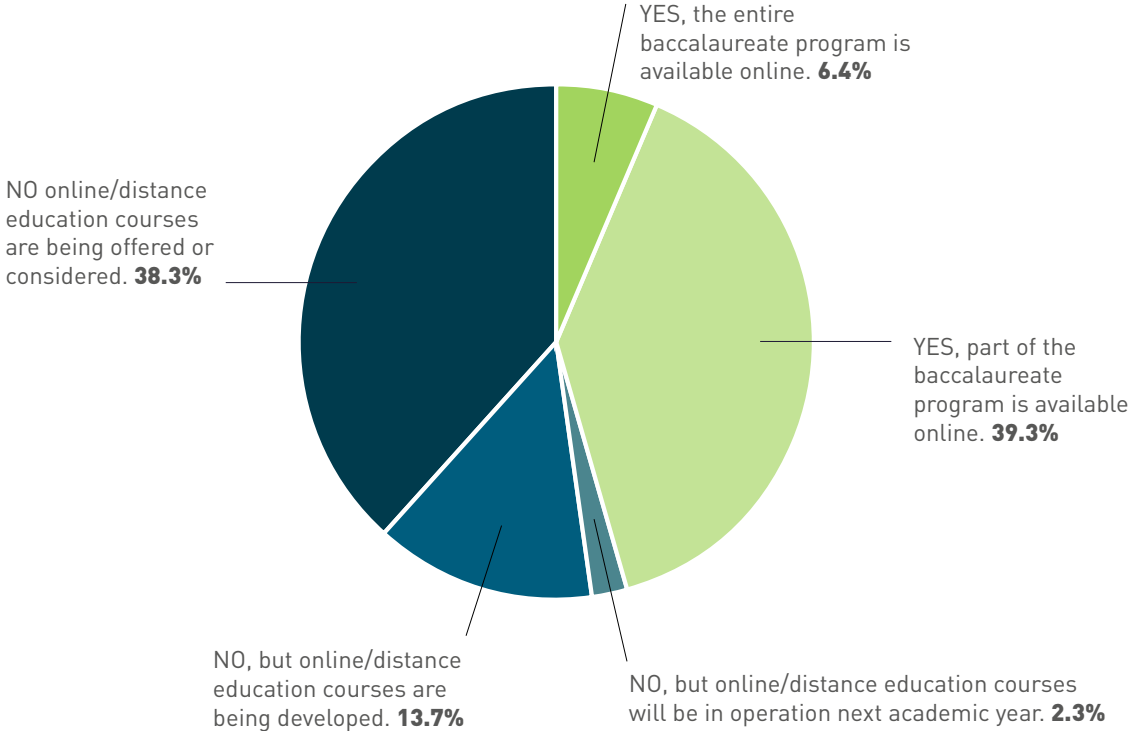
ALMOST HALF OF all Baccalaureate programs offer at least part of their degree program online.



**DO YOU OFFER AN ONLINE PROGRAM LEADING TO A BACCALAUREATE IN SOCIAL WORK DEGREE?**

Total # of Programs Responding: 481

Response	% Responding
<b>YES, the entire baccalaureate program is available online.</b>	6.4%
<b>YES, part of the baccalaureate program is available online.</b>	39.3%
<b>NO, but online/distance education courses will be in operation next academic year.</b>	2.3%
<b>NO, but online/distance education courses are being developed.</b>	13.7%
<b>NO online/distance education courses are being offered or considered.</b>	38.3%





### What types of institutions are Baccalaureate students choosing to enroll in?

The 58,733 students enrolled in Baccalaureate programs in 2017-18 were taking courses at the following types of institutions:

#### ENROLLMENT BY STATE: TOP 10

	% Bacc. Enroll
MI	5.9%
TX	5.5%
CA	5.3%
VA	5.1%
OH	4.9%
NY	4.9%
PA	4.7%
NC	3.9%
FL	3.8%
KY	3.5%

#### ENROLLMENT BY AUSPICE

	% Bacc. Enroll
Public	70.4%
Private-Religion Affiliated	23.9%
Private-Other	6.0%
For-profit	—

#### ENROLLMENT BY CARNEGIE CLASS: TOP 5

	% Bacc. Enroll
M1	37.9%
R2	12.9%
R1	11.3%
M2	10.7%
R3	10.5%

#### ENROLLMENT BY MSI STATUS

	% Bacc. Enroll
Non-Ethnic Total	74.7%
HSI Total	13.7%
HBCU Total	9.5%
AANAPISI Total	1.9%
NASNTI Total	0.5%
Women Serving Institution (included in above MSI status numbers)	0.8%



### What types of institutions are Baccalaureate graduates receiving their degrees from?

The 20,133 graduates from Baccalaureate programs in 2017-18 received their degree from the following types of institutions:

#### DEGREES CONFERRED BY STATE: TOP 10

	% of all Bacc.
NY	6.3%
MI	5.9%
CA	5.9%
TX	5.6%
OH	5.5%
NC	4.9%
FL	4.6%
IL	4.4%
PA	4.2%
IN	3.5%

#### DEGREES CONFERRED BY AUSPICE

	% of all Bacc.
Public	76.1%
Private-Religion Affiliated	18.9%
Private-Other	5.0%
For-profit	0.0%

#### DEGREES CONFERRED BY CARNEGIE CLASS: TOP 5

	% of all Bacc.
M1	38.8%
R2	17.1%
R1	12.7%
M2	9.9%
Bac/Div	7.4%

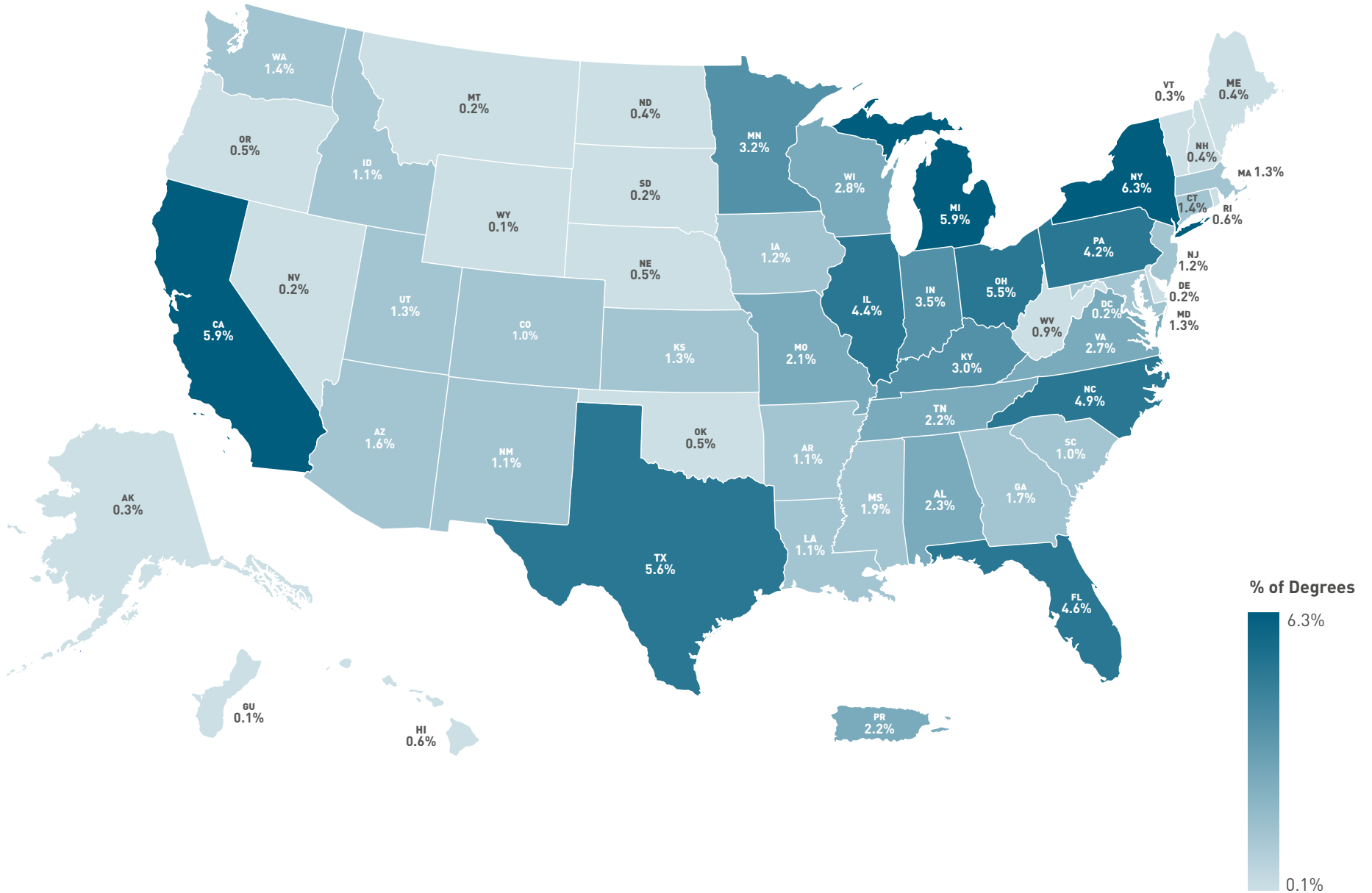
#### DEGREES CONFERRED BY MSI STATUS

	% of all Bacc.
Non-Ethnic Total	74.4%
HSI Total	16.9%
HBCU Total	6.1%
AANAPISI Total	3.1%
PBI Total	0.8%
NASNTI Total	0.5%
Women Serving Institution (included in above MSI status numbers)	0.6%



## BACHELOR'S DEGREES CONFERRED BY STATE IN THE 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

20,133 TOTAL



# Master's Programs in Social Work

OVER A THIRD OF MASTER'S IN SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS WERE ENROLLED PART-TIME IN 2018.

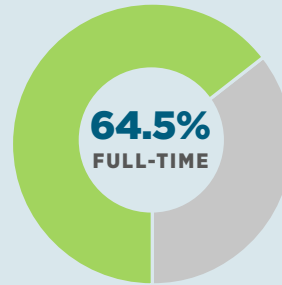
**67,084**

TOTAL  
NUMBER OF STUDENTS



**43,271**

FULL-TIME  
STUDENTS



**23,813**

PART-TIME  
STUDENTS



**280**

AVERAGE  
ENROLLMENT  
PER PROGRAM

RANGE OF  
RESPONSES  
25 TO 3,232



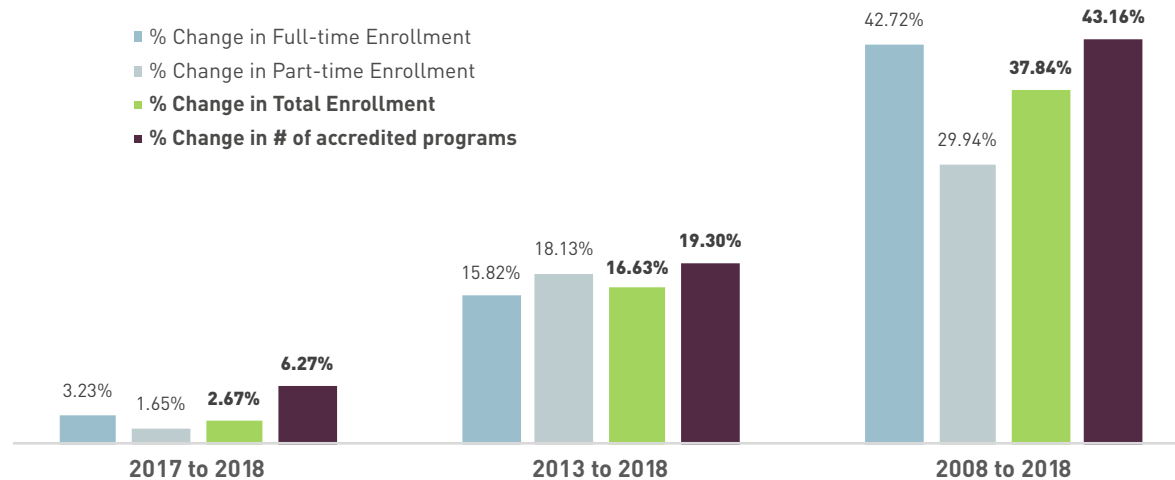
**240**

PROGRAMS  
RESPONDING

MASTER'S ENROLLMENT AND the number of Master's programs has increased annually over the last 10 years.



PERCENT CHANGE IN MASTER'S IN SOCIAL WORK ENROLLMENT AND NUMBER OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS BY TIME PERIOD



OVER 27,000 MASTER'S IN SOCIAL WORK DEGREES WERE CONFERRED IN 2017-18.

**27,296**

**TOTAL**  
NUMBER OF DEGREES  
CONFERRED



**111**

**AVERAGE**  
NUMBER OF DEGREES CONFERRED

**RANGE OF RESPONSES**  
0 TO 1,045



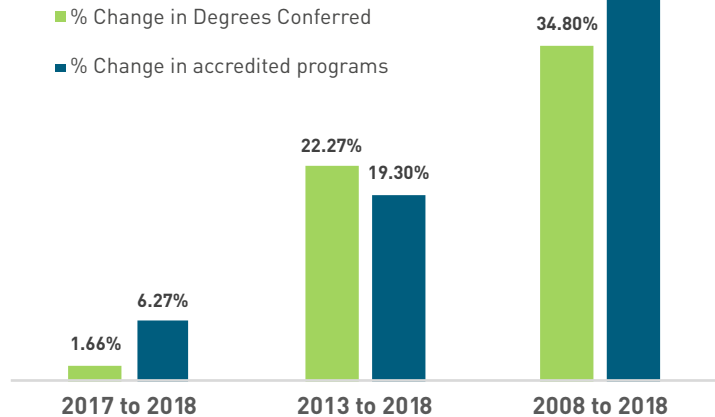
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**PROGRAMS**  
RESPONDING

ANNUALLY OVER THE last 10 years, more Master's degrees have been conferred year-over-year.



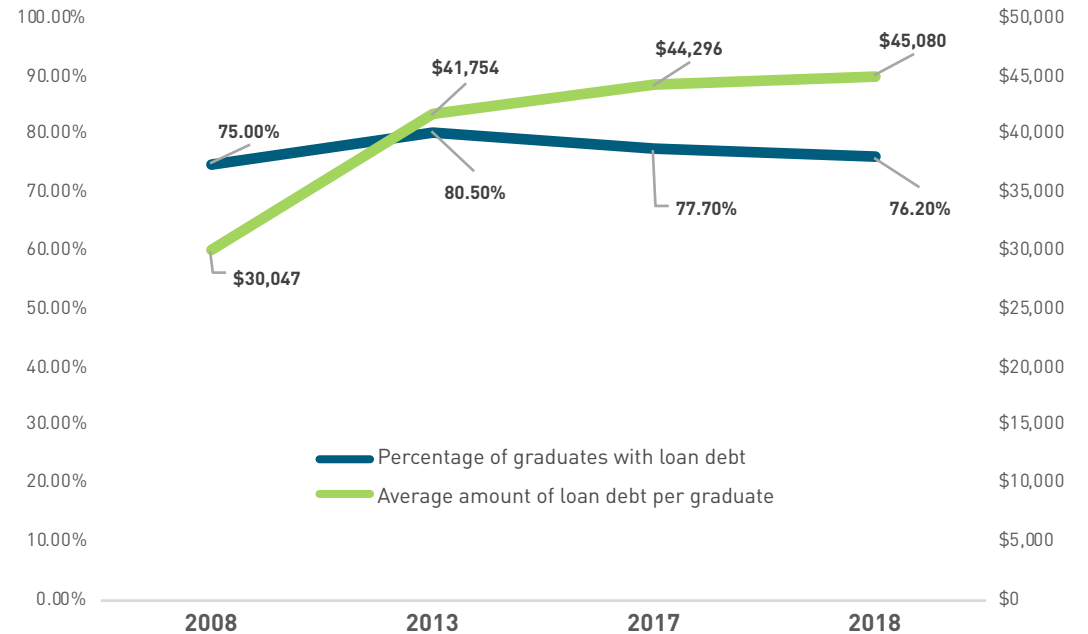
**PERCENT CHANGE IN MASTER'S DEGREES CONFERRED AND NUMBER OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS BY TIME PERIOD**








MASTER'S GRADUATES TODAY have, on average, 50% more debt than a graduate 10 years ago.



**AVERAGE LOAN DEBT AND PERCENTAGE OF GRADUATES WITH LOAN DEBT FOR MASTER'S GRADUATES BY YEAR**








**TOP 5 DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS OFFERED BY MASTER'S PROGRAMS** BASED ON NUMBER OF PROGRAMS OFFERING TYPE OF DUAL DEGREE

		Dual Degree Area	# of Programs Offering Dual Degree Type
1		Law	48
2		Public Health	47
3		Public Administration/ Public Policy	30
4		Business Administration	28
5		Divinity/Theology	24






**TOP 5 METHOD SPECIALIZATIONS OFFERED BY MASTER'S PROGRAMS** BASED ON NUMBER OF PROGRAMS OFFERING TYPE OF METHOD SPECIALIZATION

		Method Specialization	# of Programs Offering Method Specialization
1		Clinical or Direct Practice	116
2		Advanced Generalist	67
3		Community Development, Organization, or Planning	29
4		Administration	14
5		Policy Practice	8

**TOP 5 CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS OFFERED BY MASTER'S PROGRAMS** BASED ON NUMBER OF PROGRAMS OFFERING TYPE OF CERTIFICATE

		Certificate Program	# of Programs Offering Certificate
1		School Social Work	49
2		Aging or Geriatrics or Gerontology	41
3		Addictions or Substance Abuse	27
4		Child Advocacy or Child Protection or Child Welfare	21
5		Trauma	14

**TOP 5 FIELD OF PRACTICE SPECIALIZATIONS OFFERED BY MASTER'S PROGRAMS** BASED ON NUMBER OF PROGRAMS OFFERING TYPE OF FIELD OF PRACTICE SPECIALIZATION

		Field Specialization	# of Programs Offering Field of Practice Specialization
1		Children, Youth, and Families	70
2		Mental Health	43
3		Aging, Gerontology, or Multigenerational	42
4		School Social Work	33
5		Health	31

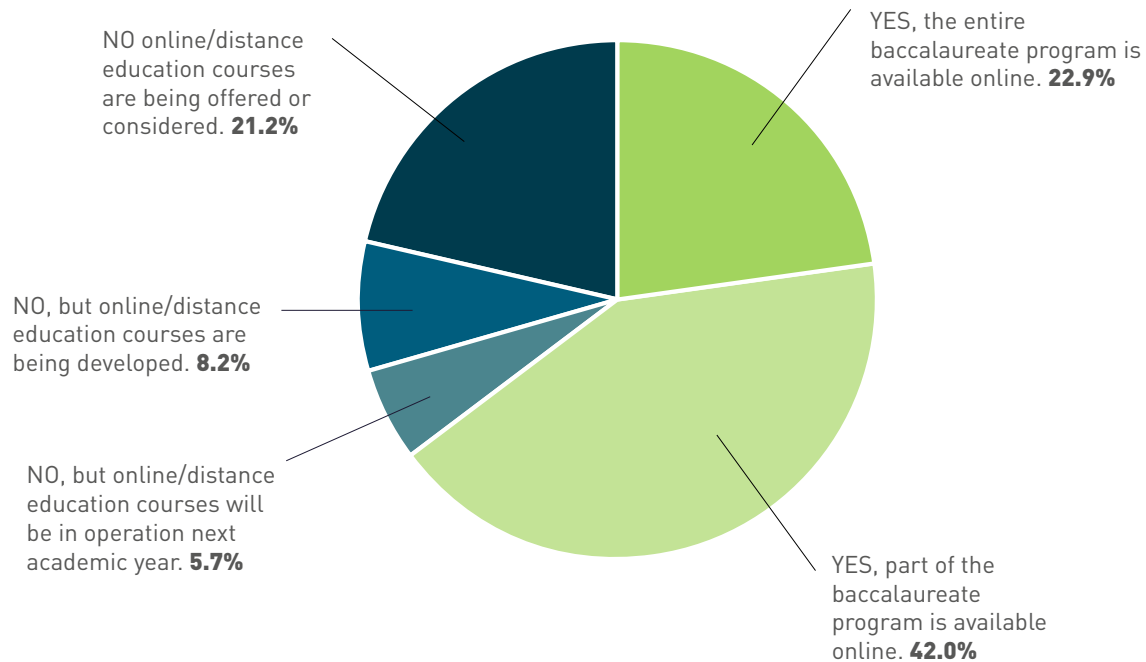
ALMOST TWO-THIRDS of Master's programs offer at least part of their program online.



**DO YOU OFFER AN ONLINE PROGRAM LEADING TO A MASTER'S IN SOCIAL WORK DEGREE?**

Total # of Programs Responding: 245

Response	% Responding
<b>YES, the entire master's program is available online.</b>	22.9%
<b>YES, part of the master's program is available online.</b>	42.0%
<b>NO, but online/distance education courses will be in operation next academic year.</b>	5.7%
<b>NO, but online/distance education courses are being developed.</b>	8.2%
<b>NO online/distance education courses are being offered or considered.</b>	21.2%





### What types of institutions are Master's students choosing to enroll in?

The 67,084 students enrolled in Master's programs in 2017-18 were taking courses at the following types of institutions:

#### ENROLLMENT BY STATE: TOP 10

	% of Master's Enroll
NY	11.0%
CA	9.7%
MN	7.4%
TX	6.0%
MA	5.5%
PA	5.3%
IL	5.3%
MI	4.7%
FL	3.6%
OH	3.0%

#### ENROLLMENT BY AUSPICE

	% of Master's Enroll
Public	57.5%
Private-Other	20.9%
Private-Religion Affiliated	15.6%
For-profit	6.0%

#### ENROLLMENT BY CARNEGIE CLASS: TOP 5

	% of Master's Enroll
R1	35.0%
M1	24.3%
R2	20.3%
R3	13.8%
M2	4.5%

#### ENROLLMENT BY MSI STATUS

	% of Master's Enroll
Non-Ethnic Total	78.1%
HSI Total	16.1%
AANAPISI Total	4.3%
HBCU Total	2.9%
PBI Total	0.3%
Women Serving Institution (included in above MSI status numbers)	0.4%



### What types of institutions are Master's graduates receiving their degrees from?

The 27,296 graduates from Master's programs in 2017-18 received their degree from the following types of institutions:

#### DEGREES CONFERRED BY STATE: TOP 10

	% of all Master's
NY	11.5%
CA	10.5%
TX	6.5%
MI	5.5%
IL	5.5%
PA	5.0%
MA	4.9%
FL	3.3%
OH	3.1%
MN	2.8%

#### DEGREES CONFERRED BY AUSPICE

	% of all Master's
Public	62.5%
Private-Other	21.2%
Private-Religion Affiliated	15.2%
For-profit	1.1%

#### DEGREES CONFERRED BY CARNEGIE CLASS: TOP 5

	% of all Master's
R1	37.1%
M1	26.8%
R2	20.7%
R3	8.9%
M2	4.4%

#### DEGREES CONFERRED BY MSI STATUS

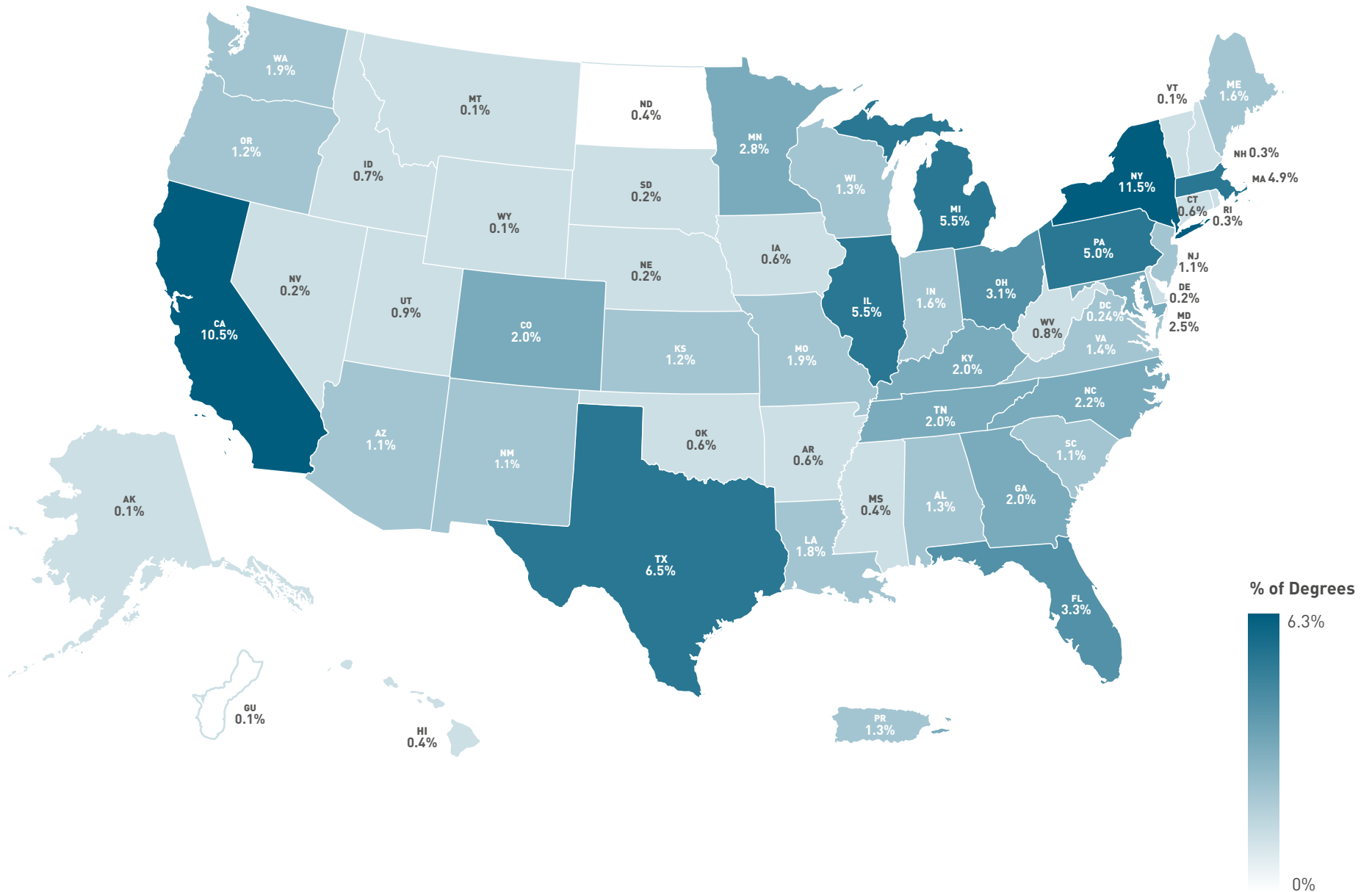
	% of all Master's
Non-Ethnic Total	76.5%
HSI Total	16.5%
AANAPISI Total	5.2%
HBCU Total	3.4%
PBI Total	0.6%
Women Serving Institution (included in above MSI status numbers)	0.5%





## MASTER'S DEGREES CONFERRED BY STATE IN THE 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

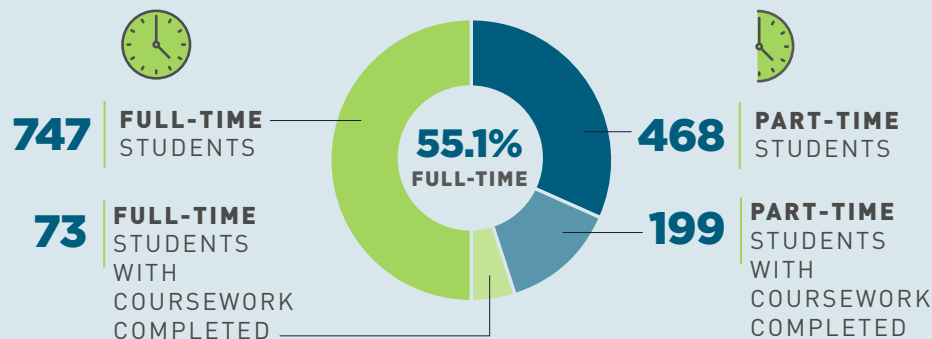
27,296 TOTAL



# Practice Doctoral Programs

ALMOST HALF OF ALL ENROLLED PRACTICE DOCTORATE STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED PART-TIME.

**1,487**  
TOTAL  
NUMBER OF STUDENTS



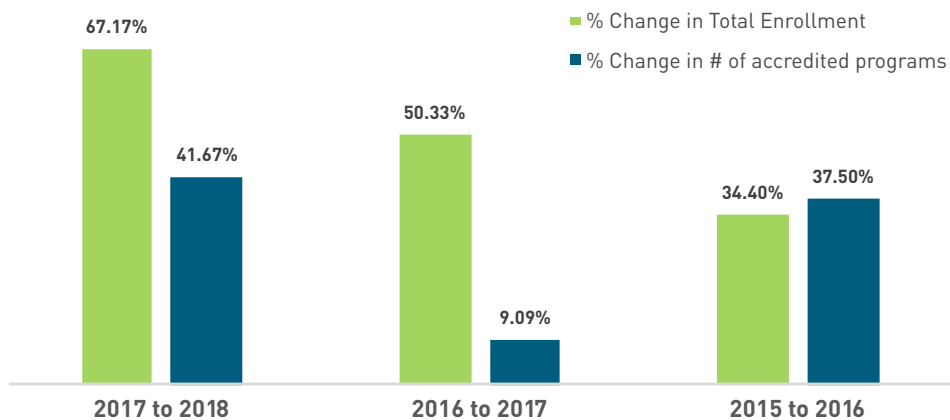
**149**  
AVERAGE  
ENROLLMENT  
PER PROGRAM  
RANGE OF  
RESPONSES  
0 TO 535

**10**  
PROGRAMS  
RESPONDING

ENROLLMENT IN PRACTICE doctorate programs continues to increase dramatically, year-over-year.



## PERCENT CHANGE IN PRACTICE DOCTORATE ENROLLMENT AND NUMBER OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS BY TIME PERIOD




For years prior to 2015, N is too small to report. No data on practice doctorates was collected prior to 2014.

## TOP 5 AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR 2017-18 PRACTICE DOCTORATE GRADUATES

Rank	Area of Employment	# Graduates in Category	Avg Graduates in Category
1	Nonacademic administrative position	22	4.4
2	Unknown	22	3.7
3	Private clinical practice	17	4.3
4	Tenure-track faculty position in a CSWE-accredited program	15	2.5
5	Non-tenure-track faculty position in a CSWE-accredited program	12	2.4

OVER 100 PRACTICE DOCTORATE DEGREES WERE AWARDED DURING THE 2017-18 ACADEMIC YEAR.

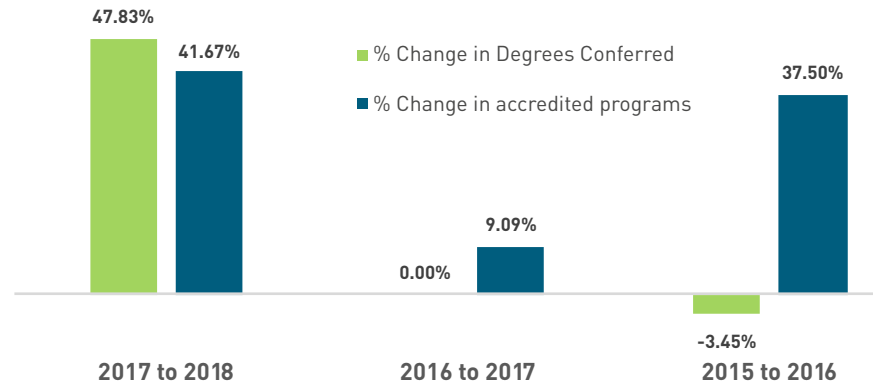
**119**  
**TOTAL**  
 NUMBER OF  
 DEGREES CONFERRED

  
**9**  
**AVERAGE**  
 NUMBER OF DEGREES CONFERRED  
**RANGE OF RESPONSES**  
 0 TO 24

  
**13**  
**PROGRAMS**  
 RESPONDING



**PERCENT CHANGE IN PRACTICE DOCTORATE DEGREES CONFERRED AND NUMBER OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS BY TIME PERIOD**



For years prior to 2015, N is too small to report. No data on practice doctorates was collected prior to 2014.



No graduate debt is reported as the N in all years is too small to report.

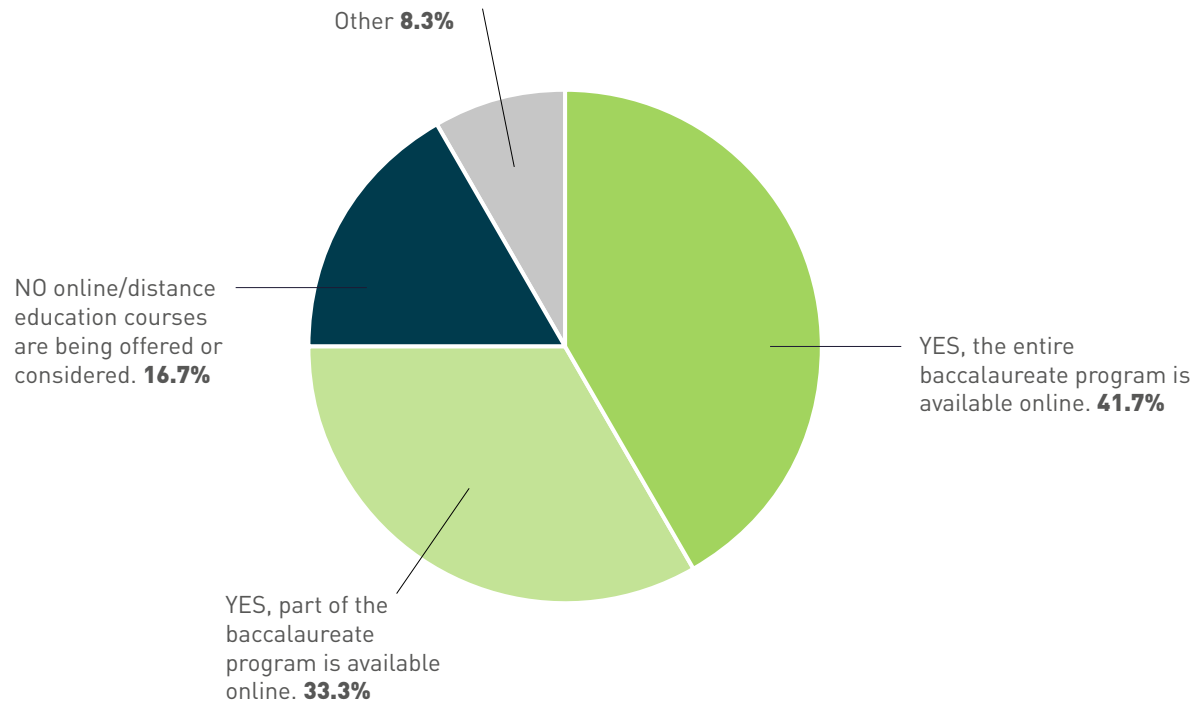
THREE-QUARTERS OF all practice doctorate programs offer their coursework online.



**DO YOU OFFER AN ONLINE PROGRAM LEADING TO A PRACTICE DOCTORAL SOCIAL WORK DEGREE?**

Total # of Programs Responding: 12

Response	% of Programs
<b>YES, the entire program is available online.</b>	41.7%
<b>YES, part of the program is available online.</b>	33.3%
<b>NO, but online/distance education courses will be in operation next academic year.</b>	0.0%
<b>NO online/distance education courses are being offered or considered.</b>	16.7%
<b>Other</b>	8.3%





**What types of institutions are practice doctorate students choosing to enroll in?**

The 1,487 students enrolled in practice doctoral programs in 2017-18 were taking courses at the following types of institutions:

**ENROLLMENT BY STATE: TOP 10**

N is too small to report.

**ENROLLMENT BY AUSPICE**

	% of Prac. Doc. Enroll
For-profit	56.1%
Private-Other	31.5%
Private-Religion Affiliated	6.9%
Public	5.5%

**ENROLLMENT BY CARNEGIE CLASS**

	% of Prac. Doc. Enroll
R3	56.1%
R1	27.7%
M1	14.5%

**ENROLLMENT BY MSI STATUS**

	% of Prac. Doc. Enroll
Non-Ethnic Total	94.6%



**What types of institutions are practice doctorate graduates receiving their degrees from?**

The 119 graduates from practice doctorate programs in 2017-18 received their degree from the following types of institutions:

**DEGREES CONFERRED BY STATE: TOP 10**

N is too small to report.

**DEGREES CONFERRED BY AUSPICE**

	% of all Prac. Doc.
For-profit	28.6%
Private-Other	43.7%
Private-Religion Affiliated	16.8%
Public	10.9%

**DEGREES CONFERRED BY CARNEGIE CLASS**

	% of all Prac. Doc.
R1	39.5%
M1	31.9%
R3	28.6%

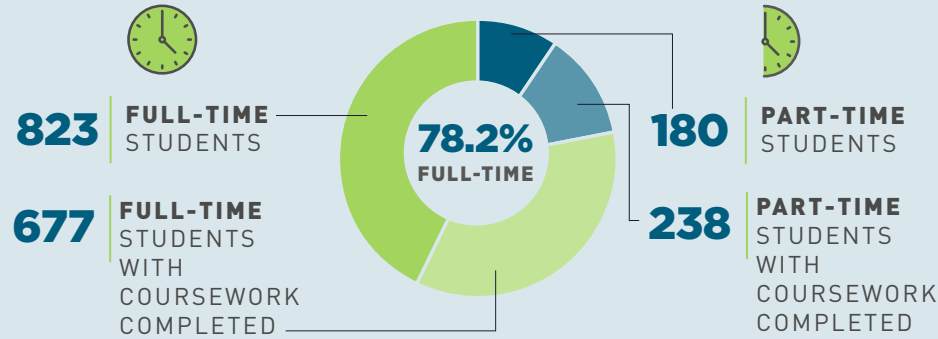
**DEGREES CONFERRED BY MSI STATUS**

	% of all Prac. Doc.
Non-Ethnic Total	95.0%

# Doctoral Programs in Social Work

OVER THREE-QUARTERS OF ALL ENROLLED PhD STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED FULL-TIME.

**1,918**  
TOTAL  
NUMBER OF STUDENTS



**30**  
AVERAGE  
ENROLLMENT  
PER PROGRAM

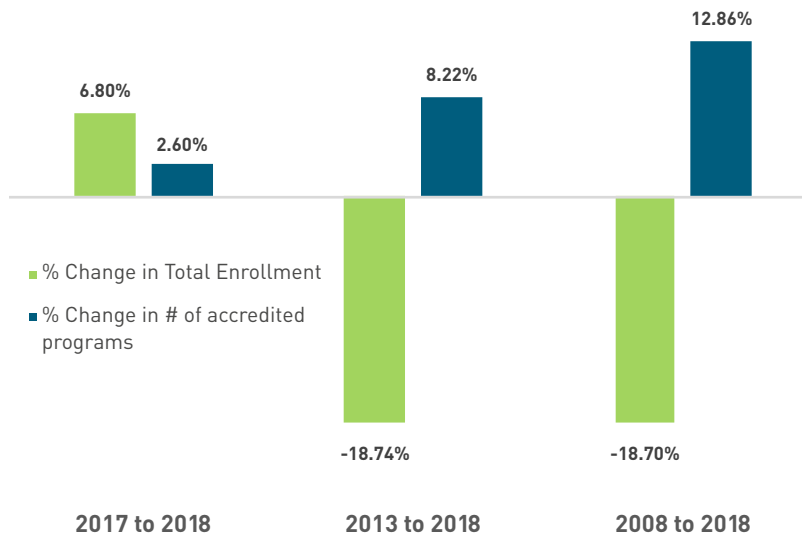
**RANGE OF  
RESPONSES**  
2 TO 127

**63**  
PROGRAMS  
RESPONDING

PhD ENROLLMENT DID increase from 2017 to 2018, however, enrollment has declined for the rest of the 10 year period examined.



## PERCENT CHANGE IN PhD ENROLLMENT AND NUMBER OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS BY TIME PERIOD



## TOP 5 AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR 2017-18 PhD GRADUATES

Rank	Area of Employment	# Graduates in Category	Avg Graduates in Category
1	Tenure-track faculty position in a CSWE-accredited program	120	2.1
2	Non-tenure-track faculty position in a CSWE-accredited program	46	0.8
3	Nonacademic administrative position	35	0.6
4	Academic administrative position	30	0.5
5	Postdoctoral fellow	28	0.5

OVER 300 PhD DEGREES WERE CONFERRED IN 2018.

**303**  
**TOTAL**  
 NUMBER OF DEGREES  
 CONFERRED

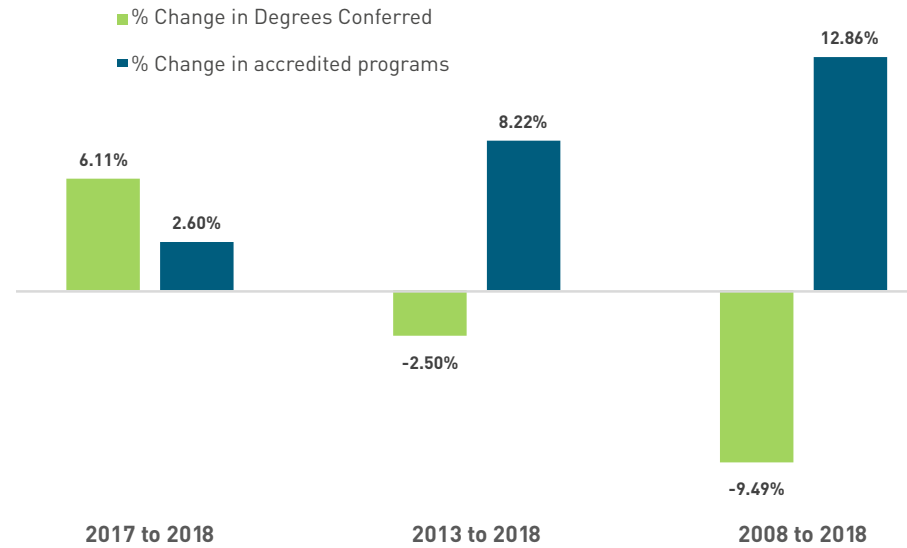
  
**5**  
**AVERAGE**  
 NUMBER OF DEGREES CONFERRED  
**RANGE OF RESPONSES**  
 0 TO 13

  
**66**  
**PROGRAMS**  
 RESPONDING

PhD DEGREE CONFERRALS increased from 2017 to 2018, but declined over the last 5 and 10 year periods.



**PERCENT CHANGE IN PhD DEGREES CONFERRED AND NUMBER OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS BY TIME PERIOD**



Loan debt data not reported due to inconsistencies with submitted year-over-year data.

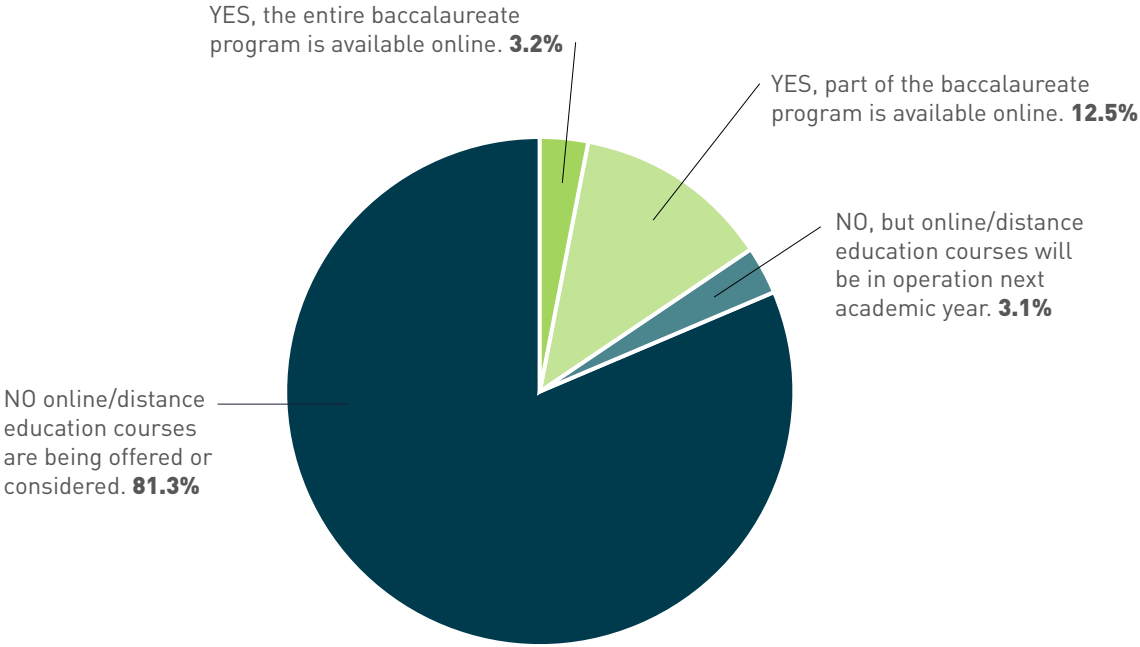
OVER 81% OF PhD programs do not offer any online courses.



**DO YOU OFFER AN ONLINE PROGRAM LEADING TO A PhD SOCIAL WORK DEGREE?**

Total # of Programs Responding: 64

Response	% of Programs
<b>YES, the entire program is available online.</b>	3.2
<b>YES, part of the program is available online.</b>	12.5%
<b>NO, but online/distance education courses will be in operation next academic year.</b>	3.1%
<b>NO online/distance education courses are being offered or considered.</b>	81.3%







### What types of institutions are PhD students choosing to enroll in?

The 1,918 students enrolled in PhD programs in 2017-18 were taking courses at the following types of institutions:

#### ENROLLMENT BY STATE: TOP 5

	% of PhD Enroll
NY	21.3%
IL	7.8%
MI	5.6%
TX	5.5%
CA	5.1%

#### ENROLLMENT BY AUSPICE

	% of PhD Enroll
Public	56.0%
Private-Religion Affiliated	22.4%
Private-Other	21.6%
For-profit	0.0%

#### ENROLLMENT BY CARNEGIE CLASS

	% of PhD Enroll
R1	59.8%
R2	28.6%
R3	9.0%

#### ENROLLMENT BY MSI STATUS

	% of PhD Enroll
Non-Ethnic Total	81.4%
HBCU Total	9.5%
AANAPISI Total	6.1%
HSI Total	5.1%



### What types of institutions are practice doctorate graduates receiving their degrees from?

The 303 graduates from PhD programs in 2017-18 received their degree from the following types of institutions:

#### DEGREES CONFERRED BY STATE: TOP 5

	% of all PhD
NY	16.2%
TX	9.2%
MO	9.2%
IL	6.3%
MA	5.9%

#### DEGREES CONFERRED BY AUSPICE

	% of all PhD
Public	68.0%
Private-Other	20.5%
Private-Religion Affiliated	11.6%
For-profit	—

#### DEGREES CONFERRED BY CARNEGIE CLASS

	% of all PhD
R1	69.0%
R2	21.1%
R3	6.3%

#### DEGREES CONFERRED BY MSI STATUS

	% of all PhD
Non-Ethnic Total	81.8%
AANAPISI Total	7.3%
HSI Total	6.6%
HBCU Total	5.3%

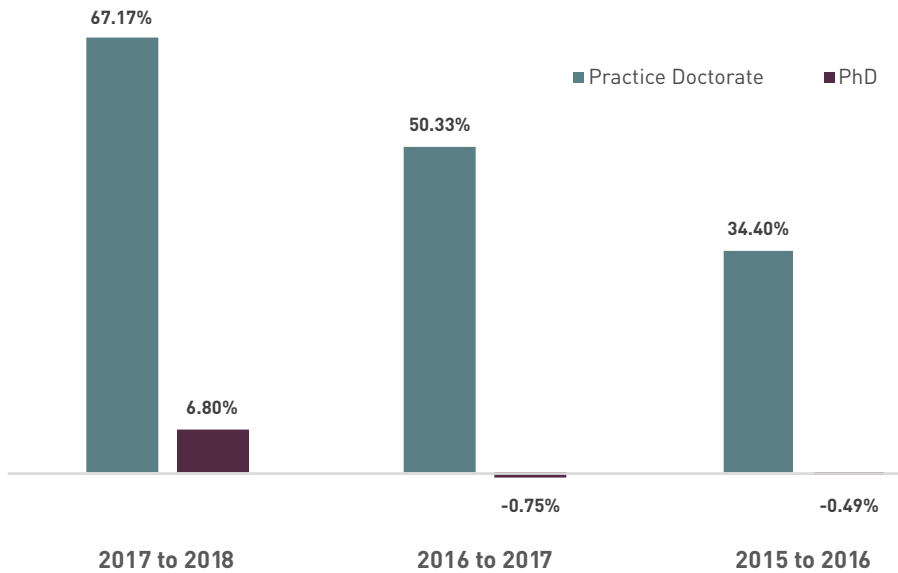
# Trends in Doctoral Education

INCREASES IN ENROLLMENT in practice doctorate programs has annually outpaced enrollment in PhD programs since 2015.

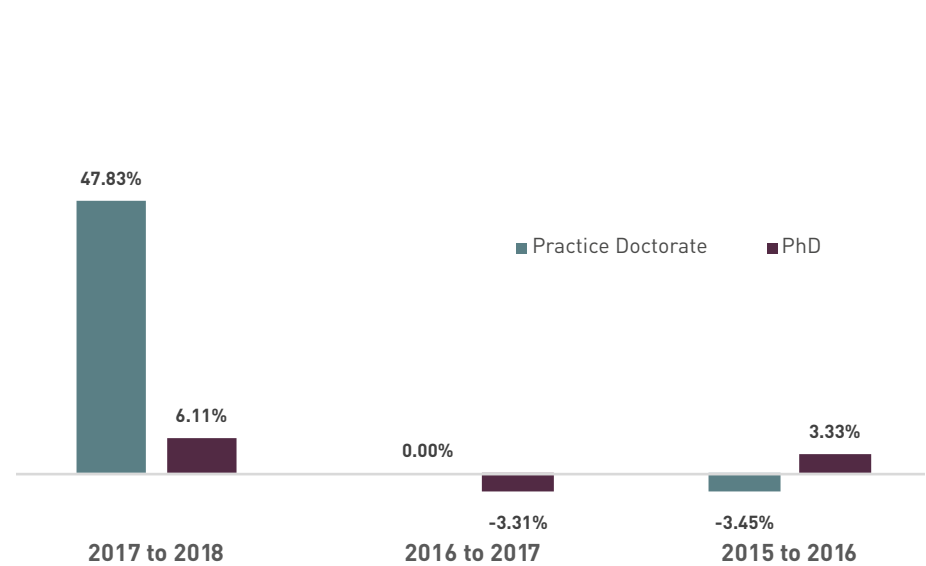
AFTER REMAINING RELATIVELY flat from 2015 to 2017, the number of practice doctorate degrees increased dramatically from 2017 to 2018 while PhD degree conferrals remained relatively flat.



**PERCENT CHANGE IN ENROLLMENT AND NUMBER OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS BY TIME PERIOD**



**IN PhD DEGREES CONFERRED AND NUMBER OF PROGRAMS BY TIME PERIOD**



# Trends in Social Work Education Across Program Level

ENROLLMENT IN MASTER'S programs has grown the most out of any program offered over the last 10 years.

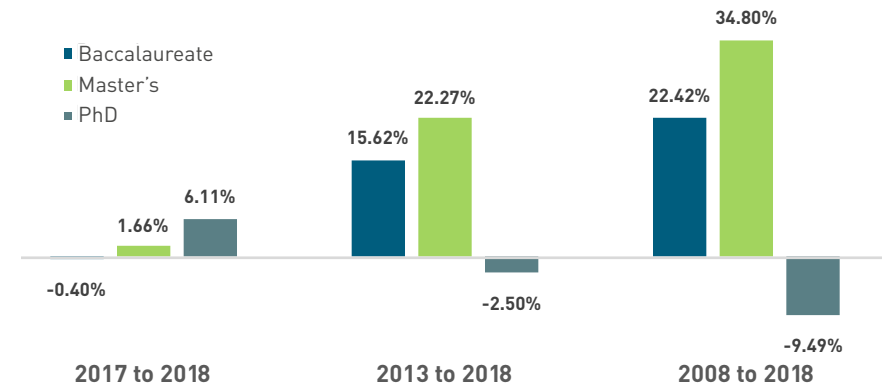
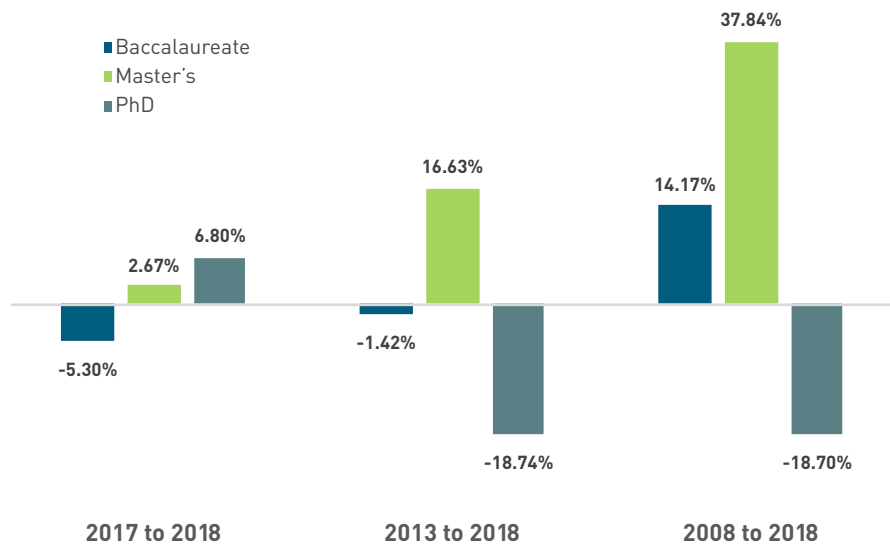
MASTER'S DEGREE CONFERRALS have increased by over one-third over the last 10 years.



**PERCENT CHANGE IN ENROLLMENT AND NUMBER OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS BY TIME PERIOD**



**PERCENT CHANGE IN DEGREES CONFERRED AND NUMBER OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS BY TIME PERIOD**





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