

AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

**Undergraduate Enrollment in Political Science Courses, 2010-11**

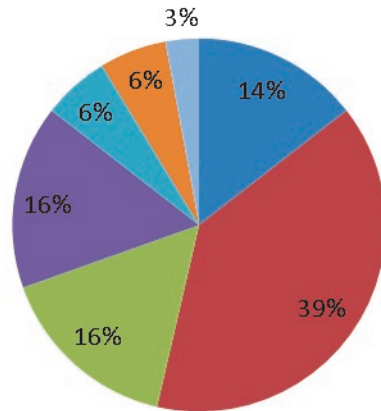
Summary: Data from 212 departments in 2010–11 suggests that BA programs have greater variation in their enrollment than MA and PhD programs, and that private undergraduate programs have lower enrollment than public undergraduate programs. The private-public distinction appears less meaningful for undergraduate enrollment in graduate programs, the majority of which have enrollments over 2,000 in their political science courses.

About the Data: The following graphs and table present undergraduate enrollment data (seats filled) from the 2010–11 APSA Departmental Survey. The 2010–11 APSA Departmental Survey was administered to 1419 departments of political science and public administration at 4-year colleges and universities in the United States. The response rate was 22% (n=312) for all programs. Departments offering a BA as the highest degree had an 18% (n=183) response rate; departments offering an MA as the highest degree had a 29% (n=47) response rate; and, departments offering a PhD as the highest degree had a 32% (n=82) response rate.

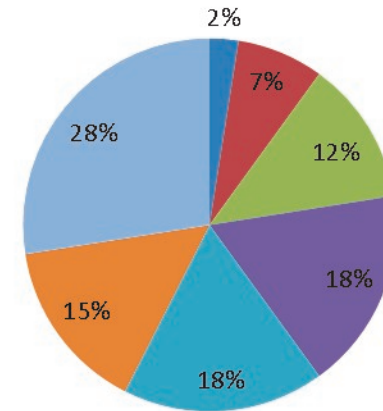
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**Political Science Enrollment, by Highest Degree Offered, by Private or Public Institution, 2010-11**  
 Source: APSA Departmental Survey 2010-11

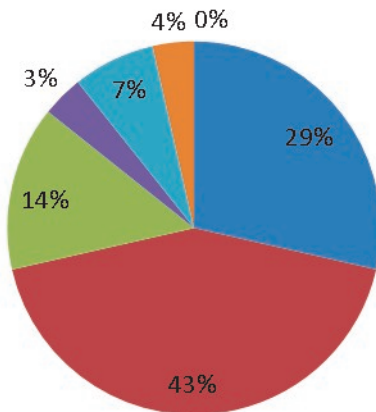
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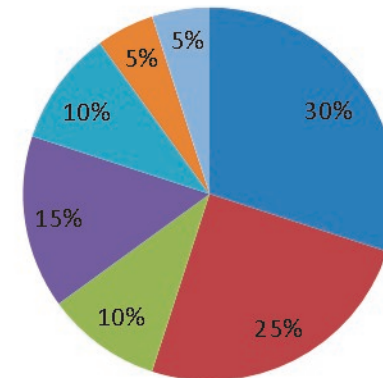
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**BA Social Science & Combined Private**



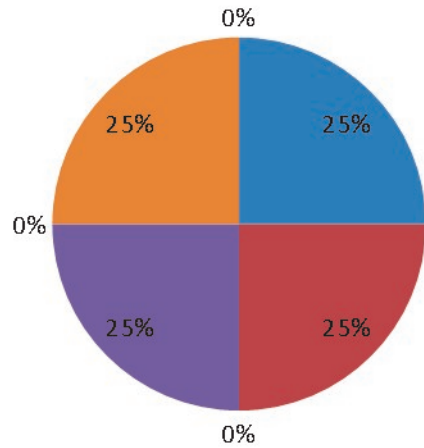
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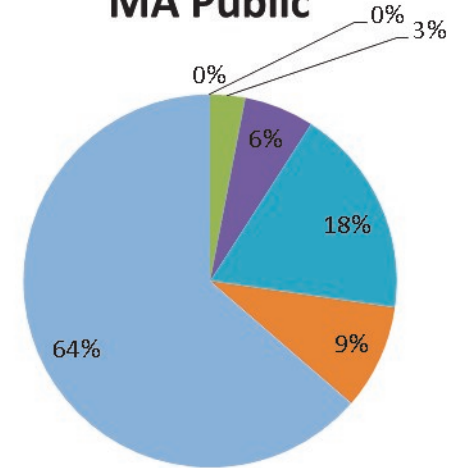
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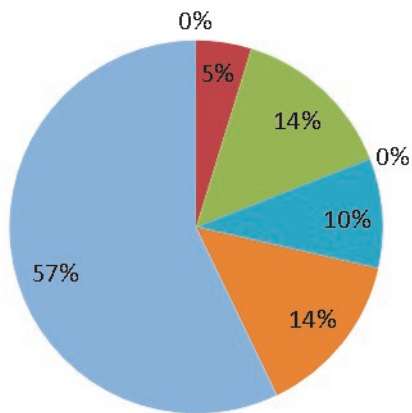
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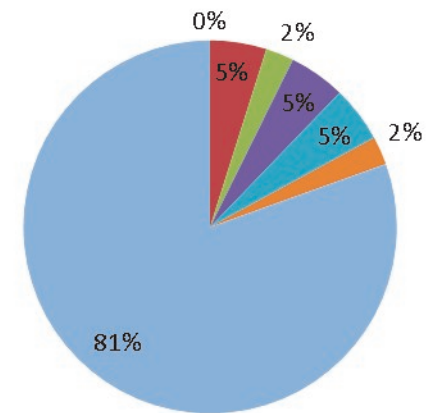
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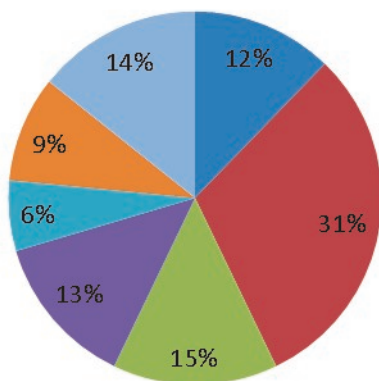
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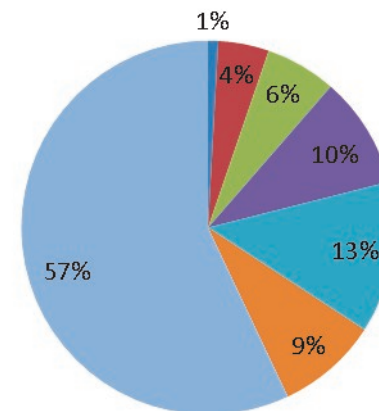
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**Total Private**



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Highest Degree Offered			Enrollment (Seats Filled)							Total
			<200	200-500	501-750	751-1,000	1,001-1,500	1,500-2,000	>2,000	
BA Political Science	Private	N	10	27	11	11	4	4	2	69
		%	14%	39%	16%	16%	6%	6%	3%	100%
	Public	N	1	3	5	7	7	6	11	40
		%	3%	8%	13%	18%	18%	15%	28%	100%
BA Social Science & Combined	Private	N	8	12	4	1	2	1	0	28
		%	29%	43%	14%	4%	7%	4%	0%	100%
	Public	N	6	5	2	3	2	1	1	20
		%	30%	25%	10%	15%	10%	5%	5%	100%
MA	Private	N	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	8
		%	25%	25%	0%	25%	0%	25%	0%	100%
	Public	N	0	0	1	2	6	3	21	33
		%	0%	0%	3%	6%	18%	9%	64%	100%
PhD	Private	N	0	1	3	0	2	3	12	21
		%	0%	5%	14%	0%	10%	14%	57%	100%
	Public	N	0	2	1	2	2	1	33	41
		%	0%	5%	2%	5%	5%	2%	80%	100%
Total	Private	N	12	30	14	13	6	9	14	98
		%	12%	31%	14%	13%	6%	9%	14%	100%
	Public	N	1	5	7	11	15	10	65	114
		%	1%	4%	6%	10%	13%	9%	57%	100%