



World  
Higher Education  
Database



# WHED

COUNTRY UPDATE

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## United States of America

*Discover updated statistics  
and institutions*





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*The IAU WHED Team has just finished updating the list of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the United States of America. The team verified and listed degrees, fields of study, and accreditation status for all 2568 institutions listed in the database. The US is the country in the WHED with the highest number of institutions in the world.*



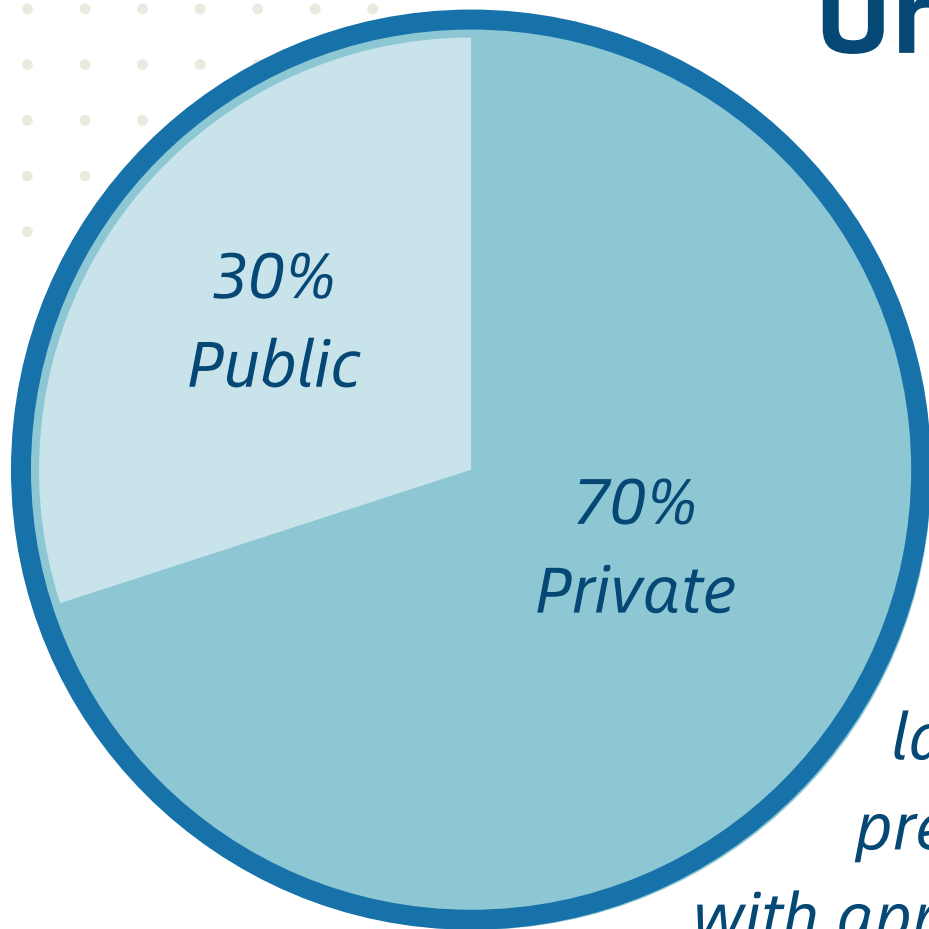
Total HEIs  
Updated:



**2568**

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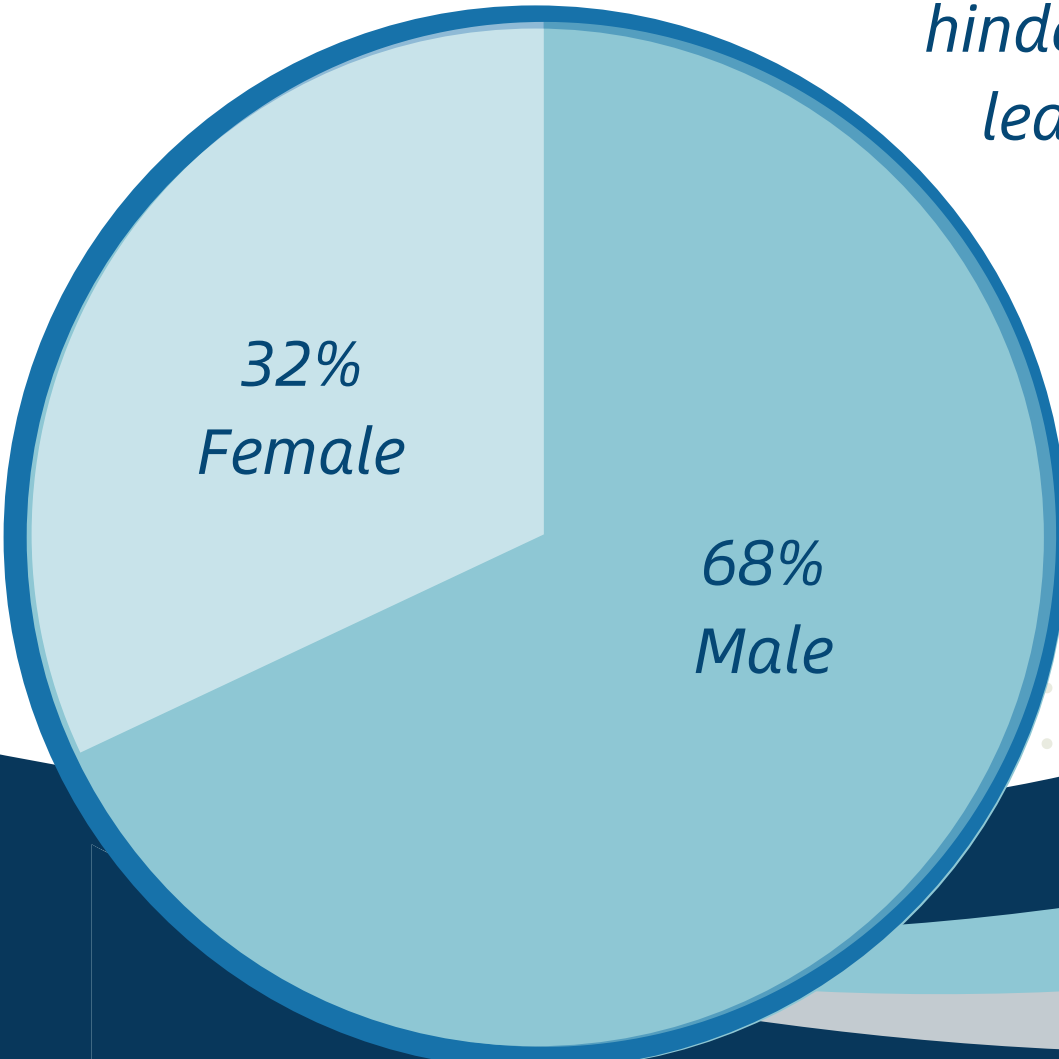
## Funding Type

*The latest WHED update of HEIs in the US indicates that the national landscape of higher education consists predominately of private institutions, with approximately 70% of institutions relying primarily on private sources for financial support. This significant reliance on private funding underscores the diverse array of educational models and funding structures present in the country, ranging from private research universities and liberal arts colleges to public institutions.*

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*In the United States, leadership in higher education remains largely dominated by men, with 68% of institutional heads being male. Despite progress in gender equality efforts, this statistic highlights the persistent underrepresentation of women in top leadership positions within academia. Barriers such as implicit bias, mentorship gaps, and systemic challenges continue to hinder non-male advancement to leadership roles.*



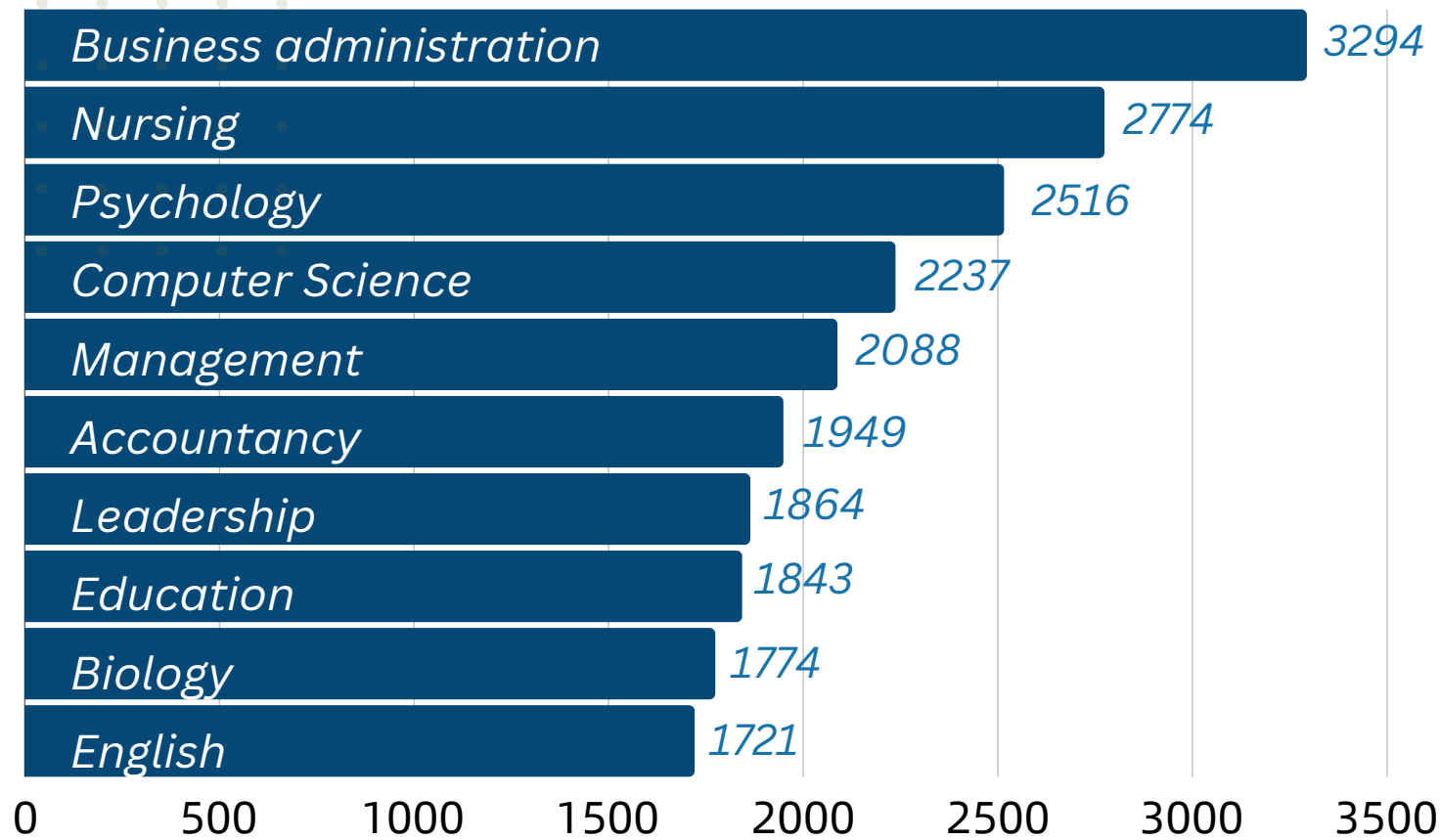
32%  
Female

68%  
Male

## Gender & Leadership

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## Fields of Study

*The above fields of study are the most common programmes offered by higher education institutions in the US. For an institution in the US to be listed in the WHED, it must be recognised, offer at minimum a Bachelor's degree, and have had at least three graduated cohorts.*





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### About

*The World Higher Education Database (WHED) is developed and maintained by the International Association of Universities (IAU), in partnership with UNESCO. The WHED contains information on over 21000 HEIs in 190+ countries.*