Metropolitan State University

St. Paul, Minneapolis
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Revenue per student

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<td>State appropriation</td>
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<td>Tuition</td>
<td>$4,430</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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Total number of students served

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<td>Total state appropriation</td>
<td>$18.5 million</td>
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<td>Total number of students served</td>
<td>9,021</td>
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Source: Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. State appropriation is base funding, and tuition is undergraduate resident rate for full-time students enrolled in 30 credits over two semesters. Total number students served is unduplicated headcount, FY2010.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system is an Equal Opportunity employer and educator.

**Distinctive characteristics:**
- Metropolitan State serves more than 10,000 adult learners, 95 percent of whom are transfer students. Metropolitan State’s enrollments have grown steadily in recent years, including an 8 percent growth in the past year.
- The university has among the highest retention and graduation rates among the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities as well as the highest professional exam pass rate of any of the system’s universities.
- Metropolitan State is the most diverse public university in Minnesota and in the Upper Midwest, with 30 percent of its students coming from underrepresented populations. In recent years, Metropolitan State has closed the gap between the graduation rates of Metropolitan State’s underrepresented students and majority students.
- The university is a national pioneer in academic innovations to serve adult learners, including online degree programs, highly flexible individualized baccalaureate majors, and an array of majors that incorporate community-based learning and engaged citizenship.

**Impact of funding cuts on the college during the last three years:**
- Faculty and support staffing levels have not kept up with enrollment growth. Consequently, students are experiencing more closed classes, more part-time instructors and greater delays in student services.
- Plans to increase instructional capacity in math and science, accounting, urban education and nursing have been scaled back or delayed due to a freeze on new faculty positions.

**With funding at the requested level, Metropolitan State University projects the following outcomes:**
- Keep tuition increases at or under 5 percent, while maintaining instruction, academic support and student support services at current levels.

- Expansion of online education to meet growing demand by students and employers.
- Continued capacity to serve working adults, returning veterans and underrepresented populations in the Twin Cities metropolitan region.

**How Metropolitan State University is helping Minnesota’s economy:**
- Metropolitan State produces a high return on investment for the state of Minnesota; 90 percent of students reside in the Twin Cities metropolitan area, and 85 percent of alumni remain in Minnesota after graduation.
- Metropolitan State is among the most affordable universities in Minnesota and enables students to complete their education without incurring excessive student loans or personal debt.
- Metropolitan State is an exceptionally transfer-friendly university. The university has more than 400 articulation agreements with other institutions, the option for credit for their prior learning and highly flexible individualized degree programs. These enable students to finish their degrees and move ahead in the workplace efficiently and cost effectively.
- Metropolitan State is adept at developing innovative programs to meet emerging needs of business, industry, and the professions, including new academic programs developed especially for Travelers Insurance, Schwan Co., Minnesota Society of CPAs, U.S. Peace Corps, St. Paul Fire Department, Minneapolis and St. Paul public school districts, and public health networks.

**A local leader’s perspective:**

“I want to see Metropolitan State continue its mission in serving students who, for one reason or another, were not able to complete their degrees in a ‘traditional way’ and to continue the positive spirit that the university instills in its students... I have loved being a ‘lifelong’ learner and I want to encourage others to do the same. Being associated with Metropolitan State University has enhanced that experience.”

Joe Commers, president
The Commers Company, St. Paul, Minn.