



## Demographic Data

### FRL

2016: 50%  
2017: 64%  
2018: 55%  
2019: 58%  
2020/2021: 50%  
2022: 50%

### First-Generation

2016: 41%  
2017: 48%  
2018: 52%  
2019: 51%  
2020/2021: 50%  
2022: 50%

### Gender

2016: 64% F/36% M  
2017: 67% F/33% M  
2018: 66% F/33% M  
2019: 62% F/38% M  
2020/2021: 75% F/25% M  
2022: 73% F 27% M

### Race/Ethnicity

2016: 8% Asian/1% American Indian/17% Black/28% Hispanic/46% White  
2017: 11% Asian/2% American Indian/9% Black/49% Hispanic/29% White  
2018: 29% Asian/14% Black/31% Hispanic/2% Middle Eastern/3% Pacific Islander/5% American Indian/39% White  
2019: 23% Asian/12% black/26% Hispanic/1% Middle Eastern/38% White  
2020/2021: 17% Asian/12% Black/20% Hispanic/1% Middle Eastern/2% Mixed Race/48% White  
2022: 29% Asian/7% Hispanic/5% Middle Eastern/19% Mixed Race/40% White

### Geography

2016: 25% Rural/75% Urban/Suburban  
2017: 20% Rural/80% Urban/Suburban  
2018: 20% Rural/80% Urban/Suburban

2019: 19% Rural/81% Urban/Suburban  
2020/2021: 22% Rural/78% Urban/Suburban  
2022: 23% Rural/77% Urban/Suburban



**COSLI Post-Secondary Data**

<b>Total Alumni:</b>	421
<b>Graduated from High School:</b>	331
<b>Still in High School:</b>	90
<b>Four-year College In-State:</b>	191
<i>(Graduated or Attending)</i>	
<b>Four-year College Out of State:</b>	79
<b>Partner State Enrollment:</b>	2
<b>International Travel Gap Year:</b>	1
<b>Associates Degree In-State:</b>	8
<b>Grad School In-State:</b>	5
<b>Grad School Out of State:</b>	1 (Harvard)
<b>Trade School In-State:</b>	3
<b>Workforce In-State:</b>	5
<b>Workforce Out of State:</b>	1
<b>Unknown:</b>	30
<b>Known In-State:</b>	63%
<b>Known Out of State:</b>	28%
<b>Unknown:</b>	9%

**Out of state colleges being attended:**

Yale	Middlebury
Harvard	Tufts
Stanford	Sanford
Cornell University	University of Arizona
American University	Georgetown
Durham (England)	Wesleyan
Shenandoah University	Duke
Trinity	
George Washington University	
Howard	
University of Nebraska South Dakota School of Mines	



## Testimonials

I enjoyed and am thankful for the individuals that I met, friends that I have formed lasting relationships with, while also forming connections with those that have a “higher” understanding of the current state of our world. I do however, think that discussion should be implemented more aspects COSLI and administration should be more receptive to criticism and should be exempt from those discussion or views/facilitators.

It opened up so many doors for my career and my dreams. The network of people I met is priceless and I know I have a community no matter where I am.

COSLI was truly one of the best experiences of my life. I got to go with others who had the same passion and drive that I did. I learned how to think, and was challenged every day! I found my voice.

I was amongst the first group of COSLI students. Not the first to attend the summer session at CU Denver, but the group that strove to promote the legislation that currently helps fund COSLI. I had the amazing opportunity to meet state senators and representatives; I got to step foot in the state capitol; I was afforded the privilege of receiving talks ranging from community activism to Colorado's rich history. I learned that a firm handshake is crucial to a first impression, and if you leave a voicemail, make sure you leave your name and number (at minimum). But more importantly, I saw the way Celeste Archer fought for this experience. The way she fought for us and our education. She did not know us, nor the future students that would partake in this program. And yet, she worked tirelessly towards procuring funding for COSLI. It was incredible, to say the least, to spend time with her and the other students I met through this program. I could go on endlessly about my experience, the people I met and the things they taught me, but I will conclude with one word to describe my experience: inspiring.

I was a member of the program in 2019, when we were housed at DU. I was involved in the small musical ensemble, and was part of the Montana business group.

COSLI has given me lifelong friendships, valuable life skills, and helped me understand new ways to approach challenges.

Changed my life, became a leader, and truly discovered myself.

My experience was incredibly eye opening. Not only did I come with my own beliefs and opinions but I left with a deeper understanding of those ideas and new ideas/perspectives that I hadn't heard much of or understood. COSLI taught me how to be a better citizen of our state, a person who has respect for all religions or political beliefs, a hardworking and responsible young adult and so much more that I could list. I love my 2022 COSI fam and wish everyone the best!

It was the greatest experience ever. I learned so much about the world and community I didn't know about. I also made some great connections and some amazing friends.

COSLI changed my life and my world perspective. I am who I am today because of it. The community is closer than anything I've been a part of, and everyone involved is absolutely wonderful.

It was so much fun!

It was a nice experience to have a first look at the college life. College is scary when you're all alone. Being in a group like COSLI allowed me to explore the dorm life and college student life with some group guidance. If I were to have gone to CU Denver, that would've been such a good time to get to know the campus as well as the lecture style.

My COSLI experience exposed me to the rigor that college required in one short month. While studying was one part of the experience, making new friends and meeting new people was also another. I had met so many people and had so much fun spending time with others during my time.

<p>The best, most intellectually engaging, fun, chaotic, insane month of my life. COSLI changed my life and I would give anything to go back to it. I'm so grateful for the people I met, the things I learned, and the memories I made.</p>
<p>I loved it! It's still something I talk about and recommend to others, and the experiences I had still shape and impact my goals and actions today.</p>
<p>COSLI helped me establish professional friendships with peers that will last a lifetime and broaden my creative outlook on current events in Colorado &amp; society.</p>
<p>Despite being virtual, it was one of the best experiences of my life. COSLI happened for me during a time where I needed it the most and I strongly believe that God knew that. COSLI and the people I met through the program saved me.</p>
<p>COSLI was a very formative experience for me, so much so that I wrote about it for my college applications. It did a lot to strengthen my work ethic and time management skills, and it made me curious about things I hadn't previously given much thought, broadening my perspective on the world. It also helped me grow into myself: it helped me realize who I am and what I stand for, thereby strengthening my self-confidence. The transition to college would have been much more difficult had it not been for COSLI.</p>
<p>It was truly one of the most amazing experiences I've ever experienced, has changed my life significantly for the better.</p>
<p>I had a lot of fun at COSLI, but I also learned a lot of valuable skills in a wide aspects of topics, from business to social issues to communication, as well as things about myself. I met so many wonderful people who have become close friends with me. Even though I had fun, I also experienced some tough things that I hadn't before, and it allowed me to grow.</p>
<p>Very eye opening. Not only did I gain meaningful experiences by talking to people with different political standpoints but I 'grew up' in a sense. COSLI taught me how to honor others' time and how I could be a better person. I cherished every moment because I met amazing people that motivated me and especially my TA's as well as Celeste and Kayla who helped me learn, become a better student, and better person for my community. COSLI was so fun and I'm very glad to have gone because I finally know how I could help my community and careers I could look into.</p>
<p>You might have heard this from other alumni countless times before, but it was absolutely AMAZING. I got to meet wonderful people from different backgrounds all across Colorado, and learned about not what to think, but how to think. This experience also prepared me for leadership roles, as well as the college experience. I am truly grateful for everybody ever involved in this program, and I hope that it will continue to thrive and gather more amazing young minds in the future.</p>
<p>COSLI impacted my life immensely in many ways. I learned a lot about myself, my work ethic, etc. I will forever be thankful with Celeste and Kayla for being such amazing people. The people I met through the program have also impacted me in many ways. 5 months after the program I still can't stop talking about it and how amazing it was. COSLI has been the only place where I feel welcomed and loved in so many ways.</p>
<p>Really amazing to meet other academically motivated peers and experts around the state. I feel like I am far better prepared to think about college now than I was before abs I have a better understanding of Colorado as a whole. The belief in my own potential increased so much and I really valued understanding more diverse opinions and backgrounds than I had ever heard/connected with before.</p>
<p>Not only did I work with an extremely talented group of peers with unique backgrounds during and after COSLI, I developed a trustworthy, intellectual, and diverse community that has expanded my world view.</p>
<p>It was possibly the most intensive work I have ever done voluntarily. I loved every second of it and if I could do it again, I would not hesitate.</p>
<p>I learned a lot about working together with others and developing professional and friendly bonds with people in my cohort.</p>

It was amazing. I got to meet a diverse group of people and hear different ideas. I loved doing activities I don't normally do and bonding with people across the state. It challenged me to think differently. I use the social skills every day in school.