

Minority Serving Institutions

Minority serving institutions (MSIs) are those that serve a population that is made up of a majority of ethnic minority students. However, these institutions do not classify themselves in or qualify for any of the other categories of ethnic minority serving institutions (i.e., HBCUs, HSIs, and TCUs).

The Higher Education Act stipulates that ethnic minorities must represent more than 50% of total enrollment at these institutions. Typically, this numeric majority is made up a combination of ethnic minority groups rather than a single group. The minority group representing the largest portion of this number is usually determined by the population of the city, state or region. The table below describes the average representation of ethnic minority groups at ten of the nation's MSIs surveyed as part of the Psychology in Ethnic Minority Serving Institutions Initiative.

Mean Proportion of Race/Ethnic Groups Among Student Population, Departmental Majors and Faculty, and Psychology Bachelor's Degree Recipients at 10 MSIs.

Race/Ethnicity	Total Student Population (n=17315)	Psychology Majors (n=342)	Psychology Faculty (n=25)	Psychology BA/BSs (n=118)
African-American/Black	15.5%	24.0%	7.7%	34.5%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.4%	0.5%	-	-
Asian-American/Pacific Islander	8.4%	6.4%	-	1.8%
Hispanic/Latino	27.1%	36.3%	6.6%	39.1%
White/European American	35.0%	22.5%	85.7%	4.5%
Foreign National	4.7%	1.8%	-	20.0%
Other/Unknown	7.8%	8.5%	2.5%	-

Source: APA-OEMA, 2006.

Most MSIs are recently founded, historically white institutions located in urban areas. As a result, these two-year and 4-year institutions, and professional schools are readily accessible to the largely minority, urban populations.

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List of Minority Serving Institutions

Albany State University
504 College Drive
Albany, GA 31705
phone: (229) 430-4600
website: <http://asuweb.asurams.edu>

California State University, Fresno*
5310 N. Campus Drive
Fresno, CA 93730
phone: (559) 278-4240
website: <http://www.csufresno.edu>

California State University, Fullerton*
P.O. Box 6846
Fullerton, CA 92834-6846
phone: (714) 278-2011
website: <http://www.fullerton.edu>

City College of New York*
138th Street and Convent Avenue
New York, NY 10031
phone: (212) 650-7000
website: <http://www1.cuny.edu>

John Jay College of Criminal Justice*
445 W. 59th Street
New York, NY 10019
phone: (212) 237-8000
website: <http://www.jjay.cuny.edu>

Mercy College*
555 Broadway Dobbs
Ferry, NY 10522
phone: (800) MERCY-NY
website: <http://www.mercy.edu>

NOVA Southeastern University*
3301 College Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33314
phone: (800) 541-6682
website: <http://www.nova.edu>

Saint Augustine College*
1315 Oakwood Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27610
phone: (919) 516-4000
website: <http://www.st-aug.edu>

Saint John's Seminary College
5118 Seminary Road
Camarillo, CA 93012
phone: (805) 482-2755
website: <http://www.stjohnsem.edu>

Santa Fe Community College*
6401 Richards Avenue
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508
phone: (505) 428-1000
website: <http://www.sfccnm.edu>

Taft College*
29 Emmons Park Drive
Taft, CA 93268
phone: (800) 882-4555
website: <http://www.taft.edu>

University of New Mexico, Los Alamos*
4000 University Drive
Los Alamos, NM 87544 1999
phone: (800) 894-5919
website: <http://www.la.unm.edu>

* Included in PEMSIS Survey results