

## 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.**

<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	<b>Total Student Population (n=17315)</b>	<b>Psychology Majors (n=342)</b>	<b>Psychology Faculty (n=25)</b>	<b>Psychology BA/BSs (n=118)</b>
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.

### References

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United States Department of Education. (2005). United States Department of Education Lists of Postsecondary Minority Institutions. Retrieved October 31, 2006 from:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/edlite-minorityinst.html>

## 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.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