

Focus on Hispanic Serving Institutions

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The federal government defines Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs) as accredited and degree-granting public or private nonprofit institutions of higher education with at least 25% or more total undergraduate Hispanic full-time equivalent student enrollment. In 1997-98, there were 195 HSIs. These institutions were located in 11 states and Puerto Rico, and nearly 67% of these institutions were located in only three distinct political units: 30% (n = 58) were in California; 22% (n = 43) were in Puerto Rico, and 15% (n = 30) were in Texas. Unlike both Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), which typically were explicitly established to meet the needs of former slaves or the dictates of legally mandated racial segregation, and Tribal Colleges, which typically were established in response to the "self-determination" movement of American Indian tribes and nations, HSIs are often the byproducts of ethnic/cultural concentration and/or isolation. Indeed, many HSIs were not established with an explicit mission to service Latino communities. Nevertheless, these institutions have emerged as a distinct educational sector with unique characteristics.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), HSIs are typically multiethnic institutions. Of the over 1.1 million students enrolled in HSIs in 1997-98, on the average, 70% were ethnic minorities: More specifically, 50% of HSI students were Hispanic/Latino(a), 10% were African American/Black, 7% were Asian American/Pacific Islander, and nearly 1% were American Indian. Over 53% of HSIs are community colleges or 2-year institutions; 20% offer graduate degrees. And, 68% of HSIs are public institutions. In 1997-98, the largest Hispanic/Latino(a) HSI undergraduate enrollment was found in Puerto Rico (n = 123,655 FTEs) followed by California (n = 108,434 FTEs) and Texas (n = 76,781 FTEs). Indeed, the more than 50 HSIs in Puerto Rico produced more Hispanic graduates at every level than did institutions in the continental U.S.

HSIs are progressively conferring larger percentages of degrees earned by Hispanics/Latino(a)s. According to the American Council on Education's 1996-97 report on Minorities in Higher Education, in 1993-94, HSIs awarded 42.6% of all associate degrees, 19.2% of all bachelor's degrees, 16.4% of all master's degrees, and 5.7% of all doctoral degrees earned by Hispanics/Latino(a)s. By 1997, the U.S. Department of Education reported that HSIs enrolled 32% of all Hispanics/Latino(a)s enrolled in postsecondary education but conferred 47% of all associate degrees and 48% of bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics/Latino(a)s that year. NCES reports that in 1997-98, 50% of all postsecondary degrees earned by Hispanics/Latino(a)s were conferred by HSIs.

Nevertheless, HSIs tend to be grossly underfunded: In 1997, the U.S. Department of Education reported that the total revenues of HSIs were 42% or \$5782 less per FTE student than at other postsecondary institutions, and HSI endowment revenues per FTE student were 91% less than at other postsecondary institutions. As a result, on the average HSIs spend, on a per FTE student

basis, 43% less on instruction, 51% less on academic support functions, and 27% less on student services than do other postsecondary institutions.

The contributions of HSIs gain added significance when one realizes that in 1996, Hispanic/Latino(a)s constituted 14.5% of the traditional college-age population (18 - 24 years of age), but were recipients of only 6.9% of associate degrees, 5.9 % of bachelors degrees, 3.5% of master's degrees and 2.2% of all doctoral degrees awarded in that year. Nearly 16% (n = 173) of those doctoral degrees were in the field of psychology.

References

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<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OIIA/Hispanic/hsi/>

Resources on Hispanic Serving Institutions

Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education
Publishing Company, Inc.
210 Route 4, East, Suite 310
Paramus, NJ 07652
201/587-8800 (voice) 201/587-9105 (fax)
email: outlook@aol.com

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
4204 Gardendale Street, Suite 216
San Antonio, TX 78229
210/692-3805 (voice) 210/692-0823 (voice)
email: hacu@hacu.net
Web site: www.hacu.com

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Collegiate Leadership Network (CLN)
National Hispanic Institute
Eduardo Chavez
PO Box 220
Maxwell, TX 78656
512/357-6137

Inter-University Program for Latino Research
PO Box 8180
Austin, TX 78705

National Institute for Resources in Science and Engineering (RISE)
4302 Star Lane
Rockville, MD 20852
301/770-1437

TOTAL AND HISPANIC 1995 PHDs IN PSYCHOLOGY							
Major Fields	Total (U.S. Citizens & Persons With Permanent Visas)		Total Hispanic		Puerto Rican	Mexican American	Other Hispanic
	#	%	#	%			
All Fields	3,037	100.00	138*	100.00	43	46	49
Clinical	1,250	41.2	46	33.3	12	19	15
Counseling	461	15.2	24	17.4	6	10	8
Developmental & Child	135	4.4	8	5.8	2	1	5
Experimental	144	4.7	6	4.3	0	5	1
I/O	137	4.5	6	4.3	5	1	0
School	86	2.8	1	0.7	0	0	1
Social	144	4.7	8	5.8	2	1	5
General	235	7.7	24	17.4	9	4	11
Other	445	14.7	15	10.9	7	5	3

31 (or 22.5%) of these degrees were awarded by institutions in Puerto Rico

**White House Initiatives on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans
1997–1998 List of Hispanic Serving Institutions With 50% or More
Hispanic Total Undergraduate Full–Time Equivalent Enrollment**

Albuquerque Technical-Vocational Institute
525 Buena Vista, SE
Albuquerque, NM 87106

Caribbean Center for Advanced Studies
Box 3711 Old San Juan Station
San Juan, PR 00902-3711

American University of Puerto Rico
PO Box 2037
Bayamon, PR 00960

Caribbean University College
Box 493
Bayamon, PR 00960-0493

Antillian College
Box 118
Mayaguez, PR 00618

Catholic University of Puerto Rico
Station 6
Ponce, PR 00732

Arizona Western College
PO Box 929
Yuma, AZ 85366

Center for Advanced Studies
on Puerto Rico and the Caribbean
PO Box S-4467
Old San Juan, PR 00902

Barry University
11300 N.E. Second Avenue
Miami Shores, FL 33161

Cerritos College
11110 Alondra Blvd.
Norwalk, CA 90650

Bayamon Central University
PO Box 1725
Bayamon, PR 00960

College of Aeronautics
23rd Avenue & 86th Street
LaGuardia Airport Station
Flushing, NY 11371

Bee County College
3800 Charco Road
Beeville, TX 78102

College of Santa Fe
1600 St. Michael's Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87501-5634

Boricua College
3755 Broadway
New York, NY 10032

Compton Community College
1111 E. Artesia Boulevard
Compton, CA 90221

Borough of Manhattan Community College
199 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007

Conservatory of Music of Puerto Rico
GPO 41227, Minillas Station
Santurce, PR 00940-1227

Bronx Community College
University Avenue & W. 181st Street
Bronx, NY 10453

Corpus Christi State University
6300 Ocean Drive
Corpus Christi, TX 78412

California State University Los Angeles
5151 State University Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90032

Del Mar College
101 Baldwin
Corpus Christi, TX 78404

Don Bosco Technical Institute
1151 San Gabriel Institute
Rosemead, CA 91770-4299

Dona Ana Branch Community College
Camps Box 3001/Dept. 3DA
Las Cruces, NM 88003

East Los Angeles College
1301 Brooklyn Avenue
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell
PO Box 6000
Roswell, NM 88202-6000

El Paso County Community College
PO Box 20500
El Paso, TX 79980

Florida International University
Tamiami Trail
Miami, FL 33199

Gavilan College
5055 Santa Teresa Boulevard
Gilroy, CA 95020

Harry S. Truman College
1145 W. Wilson Avenue
Chicago, IL 60640

Hartnell College
156 Homestead Avenue
Salinas, CA 93901

Herbert H. Lehman College
Bedford Park Boulevard West
Bronx, NY 10468

Hostos Community College
475 Grand Concourse
Bronx, NY 10451

Hudson County Community College
901 Bergen Avenue
Jersey City, NY 07306

Imperial Valley College
PO Box 158
Imperial, CA 92251

Incarnate Word College
4301 Broadway
San Antonio, TX 78209

Instituto Comercial de Puerto Rico Junior College
558 Munoz Rivera Avenue
Box 304
Hato Rey, PR 00919

Inter-American University of Puerto Rico
University of Puerto Rico
Ponce Regional College
Bo. Sabanetas Cgrr.
Hwy. #1, Mercevit Station
Mercevit, PR 00715
Inter-American University of Puerto Rico
San German, PR 00753

Inter-American University of Puerto Rico
Aguadilla Regional College
Box 20000
Aguadilla, PR 00605

Inter-American University of Puerto Rico
Guayama Regional College
PO box 1559
Guayama, PR 007785

Inter-American University of Puerto Rico
Fajardo Regional College
PO Box 1029
Fajardo, PR 00738

Inter-American University of Puerto Rico
University of Puerto Rico Metropolitan Campus
PO Box 1293
Hato Rey, PR 00919

Inter-American University of Puerto Rico
Arecibo University College
B. San Daniel Call Box U1
Arecibo, PR 00613

Inter-American University of Puerto Rico
PO Box 517
Barranquitas, PR 00615
Inter-American University of Puerto Rico
Bayamon University College
Urb. Industrial Minillas
Carr. 174
Bayamon, PR 00619

John Jay College of Criminal Justice
899 10th Avenue
New York, NY 10019

Kings River Community College
995 N. Reed Avenue
Reedley, CA 93654

LaGuardia Community College
31-10 Thomson Avenue
Long Island City, NY 11101

Laredo Junior College
1 West End, Washington Street
Laredo, TX 78040-4395

Los Angeles City College
855 N. Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029

Los Angeles Mission College
13356 Eldridge Avenue
Sylmar, CA 91342

Los Angeles Trade-Technical College
400 W. Washington Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90015

MacCormac Junior College
327 S. LaSalle
Chicago, IL 60614

Mercy College
55 Broadway
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522

Miami-Dade Community College
300 NE Second Avenue
Miami, FL 33132

Mount Saint Mary's College
12001 Chalon Road
Los Angeles, CA 90049

Mt. San Antonio College
1100 North Grand Avenue
Walnut, CA 91789

National Hispanic University
262 Grand Avenue
2nd Floor
Oakland, CA 94610

New Mexico Highlands University
PO Box AA
Las Vegas, NM 87701

New Mexico State University
Box 30001 Dept. 3Z
Las Cruces, NM 88003

New Mexico State University, Grants
1500 3rd Street
Grants, NM 87020

Northern New Mexico Community College
1002 North Onate Street
Española, NM 87532

Our Lady of the Lake University
411 SW 24th Street
San Antonio, TX 78207

Oxnard College
4000 S. Rose Avenue
Oxnard, CA 93033

Palo Verde College
811 W. Chanslorway
Blythe, CA 92225

Passaic County Community College
College Boulevard
Paterson, NJ 07509

Pueblo Community College
900 W. Orman Avenue
Pueblo, CO 81004

Puerto Rico Junior College
Box 21373
Rio Piedras, PR 00928

Rio Hondo College
3600 Workman Mill Road
Whittier, CA 90608

Saint John Vianney College Seminary
2900 SW 87th Avenue
Miami, FL 33165

Saint John's Seminary College
5118 Seminary Road
Camarillo, CA 93012

Santa Fe Community College
PO Box 4187
Sante Fe, NM 87502

South Mountain Community College
7050 S. 24th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85040

Southwest Texas Junior College
2401 Barnerfield Road
Uvalde, TX 78801-6297

Southwestern College
900 Otay Lakes Road
Chula Vista, CA 91910

St. Augustine College
1333 W. Argyle Street
Chicago, IL 60640

St. Mary's University
One Camino Santa Maria
San Antonio, TX 78212

St. Philip's College
1801 Martin Luther King
San Antonio, TX 78203

St. Thomas University
16400 NW 32nd Avenue
Miami, FL 33054

Sul Ross State University
Box C-114
Alpine, TX 79832

Technological College
of the Municipality of San Juan
Jose R. Oliver St.
Hato Rey, PR 00918

Texas A & I University
Campus Box 101
Kingsville, TX 78363

Texas A&M International University
5201 University Boulevard
Laredo, Texas 7804

Texas Southmost College
83 Fort Brown
Brownsville, TX 78520

Texas State Technical Institute-Harlingen
2424 Boxwood
Harlingen, TX 78550-3697

Trinidad State Junior College
600 Prospect Street
Trinidad, CO 81082

Universidad Del Turabo
PO Box 3030
Gurabo, PR 00658

Universidad Metropolitana
PO Box 21345
Rio Piedras, PR 00928

Universidad Politecnica de Puerto Rico
Ponce de Leon Avenue
Apartado de Correo 2017
Hato Rey, PR 00919

University of New Mexico, Valencia
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Los Lunas, NM 87031
Western New Mexico University
PO Box 680
Silver City, NM 88062

University of Puerto Rico at Bayamon
Bayamon, PR 00620-3502

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Rio Piedras Campus
Rio Piedras, PR 00931

University of Puerto Rico at Ponce
Box 7186
Ponce, PR 00732

University of Puerto Rico Cayey University College
Antonio R. Barcelo Avenue
Cayey, PR 00736

University of Puerto Rico at Aguadilla
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Ramey, PR 00604

University of Puerto Rico at Arecibo
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Arecibo, PR 00612

University of Puerto Rico Carolina Regional College
PO Cox CR
Carolina, PR 00630

University of Puerto Rico
Humacao University College
Cuh Station
Humacao, PR 00792

University of Puerto Rico
La Montana Regional College
PO Box 2500
Utuaado, PR 00641

University of Puerto Rico
Mayaguez Campus
Box 1000 College Station
Mayaguez, PR 00681

University of Puerto Rico
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GPO Box 5067
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University of Texas at San Antonio
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San Antonio, TX 78285

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University at Hawthorne Avenue
El Paso, TX 79968

University of Texas-Pan American at Brownsville
1614 Ridgely Road
Brownsville, TX 78520

University of Texas-Pan American
1201 W. University Drive
Edinburg, TX 78539

University of the Sacred Heart
Box 12383
Santurce, PR 00914

West Coast Christian College
6901 N. Maple Avenue
Fresno, CA 93710

West Hills Community College
300 Cherry Lane
Coalinga, CA 93210