

## 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

White House Initiative on Educational Excellence  
for Hispanic Americans  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5E110  
Washington, DC 20202-3601  
202/401-1411 (voice) 202/401-8377 (fax)  
email: white\_house\_init\_hispanic\_ed@ed.gov

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, Mercevitá Station  
Mercevitá, 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  
280 La Entrada  
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

University of Puerto Rico  
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  
PO Box 160  
Ramey, PR 00604

University of Puerto Rico at Arecibo  
Box 1800  
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  
Medical Sciences Campus  
GPO Box 5067  
San Juan, PR 00935

University of Texas at San Antonio  
6800 N. Loop 1604 W.  
San Antonio, TX 78285

University of Texas at El Paso  
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