

2026 FACT SHEET

HISPANIC HIGHER EDUCATION AND HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS (HSIs)



Hispanic demographics:

- In 2025, around 68.4 million¹ Hispanics lived in the U.S., and 3.2 million² lived in Puerto Rico.
- Hispanics comprised 20% of the U.S. population in 2025³.
- The median age among Hispanics was 31⁴ years, eight years younger than the U.S. population as a whole at 39⁵.
- Twenty-nine percent⁶ of the Hispanic population is under 18 years of age compared to 21%⁷ of the total U.S. population.
- California (16.1 million) and Texas (12.6 million) had the nation's largest Hispanic populations in 2024, followed by Florida (6.7 million), New York (4.1 million), and Illinois (2.5 million). States that also have large shares of Hispanic populations (1 million or more) include: Arizona, New Jersey, Colorado, North Carolina, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Washington, New Mexico, and Virginia⁸.
- Hispanics accounted for 20%⁹ of the U.S. labor force in 2024 and are projected to account for 23% of workers in 2034¹⁰.
- Hispanic buying power rose from \$1.6 trillion in 2010 to \$2.7 trillion in 2025, greater than the buying power of the entire economy of the state of Texas (\$2.58 trillion) and New York (\$2.17 trillion)¹¹.

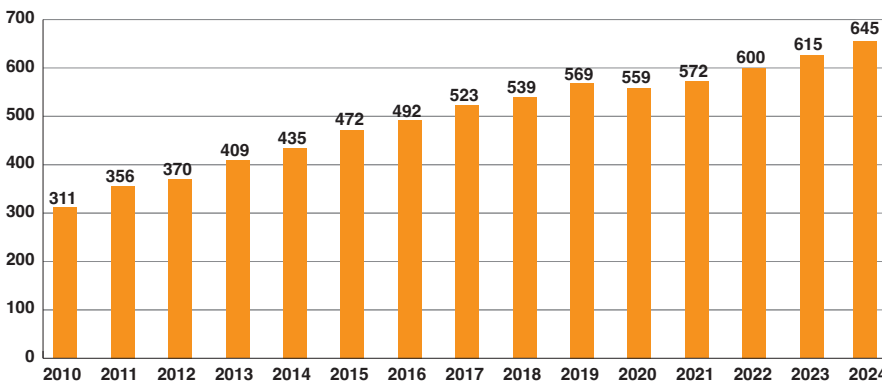
Hispanic enrollment in higher education:

- In 2024-25, Hispanic enrollment in both non-profit and for-profit higher education reached 4.2 million¹² students. It is expected to reach 4.4 million by 2030¹³, surpassing the growth rate of all other racial-ethnic groups.
- The percent of STEM degrees conferred to Hispanic students rose from 10.4% in 2012-13 to 16.3% in 2022-23¹⁴.
- In fall of 2024, 3.6 million¹⁵ Hispanic undergraduate students were enrolled in nonprofit postsecondary education.
- Hispanic students earned 27.0% of all associate degrees conferred in 2024, compared to 23.2% in 2020¹⁶.
- Hispanic students earned 17.1% of bachelor's degrees conferred in 2024, compared to 15.3% in 2020¹⁷.

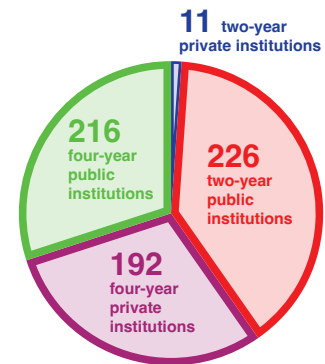
Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs):

- Defined by the Higher Education Act as degree-granting institutions with Full-Time Equivalent undergraduate enrollments of at least 25% Hispanic. (For the complete federal definition, please visit www.hacu.net.)
- In 2025, 645 institutions met the federal HSI enrollment criterion, enrolling over two-thirds (68.2%) of all Hispanic undergraduate students.
- HSIs enroll 34.9% of all undergraduate students in nonprofit postsecondary education.
- HSIs enroll 38% of Pell recipients, indicating that over two-thirds of their student body meet the federal low-income definition.
- Of the top 10 colleges and universities ranked on the Social Mobility Index (SMI) in 2025, seven were HSIs¹⁸.
- A majority of HSIs are in urban areas and are concentrated geographically, with 80% of HSIs located in seven states and one territory: California (179), Texas (113), Puerto Rico (56), Illinois (42), New York (39), Florida (34), New Jersey (26), and New Mexico (24).

Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) Through the Years



645 HSIs by Institution Type

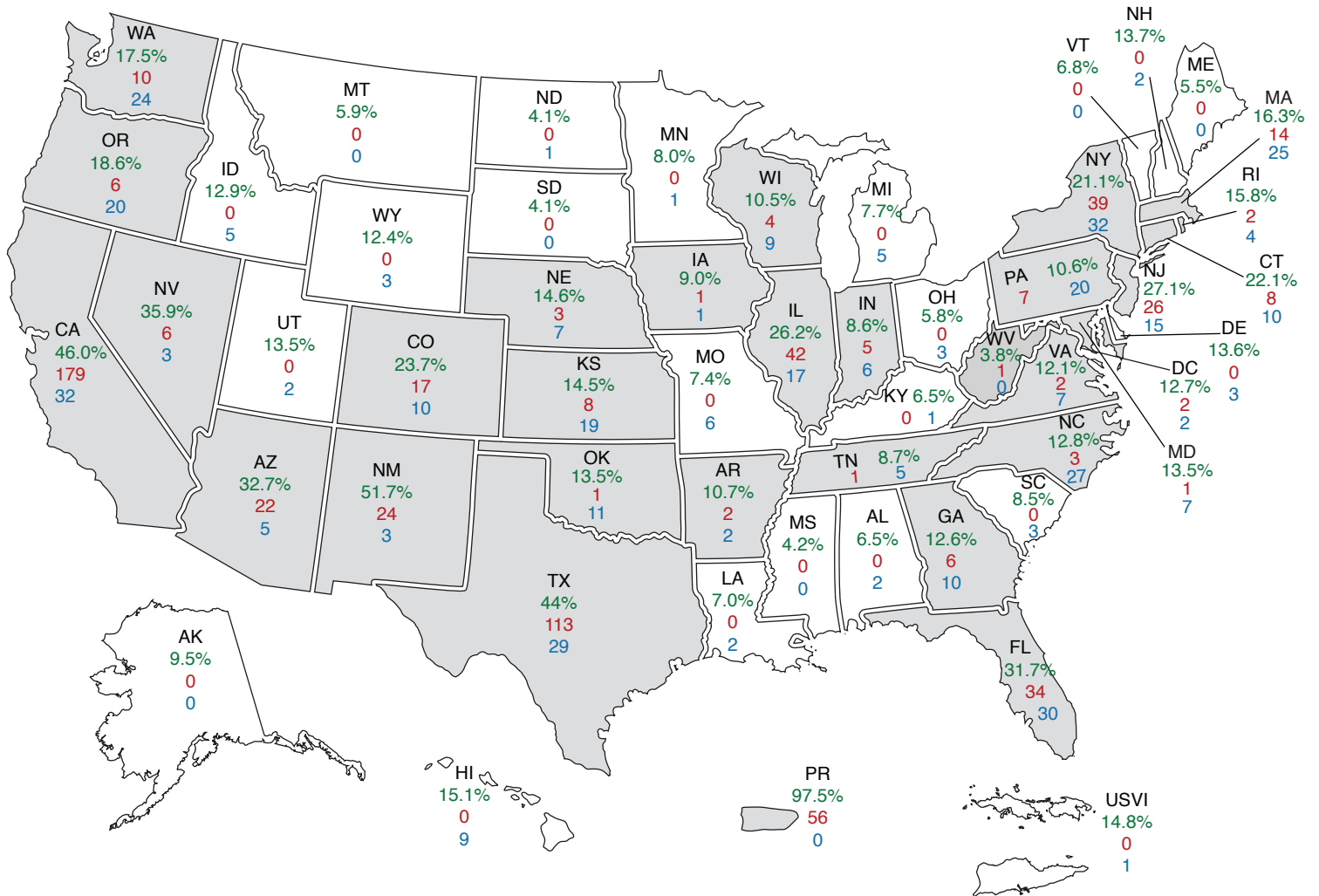


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9. Employed people by detailed occupation, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
10. Civilian labor force by age, sex, race, and ethnicity: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
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13. Fall enrollment of U.S. residents in degree-granting postsecondary institutions, by race/ethnicity: Selected years, 1976 through 2030
14. Number and percentage distribution of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) degrees/certificates conferred by postsecondary institutions, by race/ethnicity, level of degree/certificate, and sex of student: Academic years 2012-13 through 2022-23
15. Source: IPEDS 2024-25
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18. Social Mobility Index 2025 - College Rankings by CollegeNET

Source: HACU Analysis of 2024-25 IPEDS Data, NCES

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2024-25 Geographic Distribution By percentage of Hispanic Undergraduate Headcount and Number of HSIs/EHSIs



Percentage of Hispanic Undergraduate Students by State Headcount

Number of Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs): Total 645
(25.0 % minimum Hispanic Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) enrollment)

Number of Emerging HSIs : Total 439
(15.0 - 24.9 % Hispanic FTE)

State percentages based on:
Total Undergraduate (UG) Student Headcount = 15,627,087
Total Hispanic UG Student Headcount = 3,614,999
Total Hispanic UG Student Percentage = 23.1%

Source: HACU Analysis of 2024-25 IPEDS, NCES
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