

Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) 2021-22: Fast Facts



Sept. 10-16: Celebrate National Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) Week

September 10-16 is National Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) Week, a week [designated by Presidential Proclamation each year](#) to recognize the hundreds of HSIs across the nation and to celebrate and build awareness of the work and important role HSIs play in improving access to education, advancing equity practices, and making contributions in their communities.

What Are Hispanic Serving Institutions?

[Hispanic-Serving Institutions \(HSIs\)](#) are defined by the U.S. Department of Education as an institution of higher education that has at least a 25 percent or more Hispanic, full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate student enrollment. This percentage was the minimum required by the [1992 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act](#). HSIs are located in 30 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. These institutions represent 19 percent of all institutions of higher education and enroll 62 percent of Latino students. Moreover, because HSIs primarily serve Hispanic students, most are geographically concentrated in four locations: California, New York, Puerto Rico, and Texas.

The defining characteristic of HSIs is their Hispanic enrollment, not their institutional mission. While there are 571 institutions that met the HSI enrollment criteria in 2021-22, there are also 401 institutions that have between 15 and 24.9 percent undergraduate full-time equivalent (FTE) Hispanic enrollment. These 401 institutions are identified as [Emerging HSIs \(eHSIs\)](#).

While Emerging HSIs do not have the critical mass of Latino student enrollment required to meet the definition of an HSI, these institutions may soon meet the criteria as their enrollment grows and Latino representation increases.

There are several organizations that advocate for and promote Hispanic-Serving Institutions:

Organization	Information Type	Distinguishing Feature(s)
Excelencia in Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSIs Fact Sheet • HSI List • eHSI List • HSIs with Graduate Programs List • HSIs Interactive Dashboard 	Free downloads of reports, infographics and data that include total student enrollment and number and percentage of Hispanic student enrollment; HSIs also listed by state and territory
Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)	Member Directory	Self-nominated membership ; members must complete a form and remit payment to HACU
National Council of Hispanic Employment Program Managers (NCHEPM)	HSI List with Points of Contact	National organization that provides free downloads of a current HSI list and corresponding POCs for all institutions of higher education
U.S. Department of Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing HSIs (DHSI) Program • HSI STEM and Articulation Program • Promoting Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans (PPOHA) Program 	DHSI Grantees HSI STEM Grantees PPOHA Grantees	Grantee lists provided for each program, as well as additional resources and points of contact at the Department

The U.S. Department of Education and various other federal Departments and agencies offer grants to HSIs which are used for faculty development, funds and administrative management, development and improvement of academic programs, endowment funds, curriculum development, scientific or laboratory equipment for teaching, renovation of instructional facilities, joint use of facilities, academic tutoring, counseling programs and student support services. Title V of the 1998 reauthorization of the *Higher Education Act* is another funding stream specifically for HSIs to assist them in improving their higher education provisions.

To support HSIs, federal employees can:

- Raise awareness by talking about HSIs and the contributions they make to the lives of students and their families;
- Showcase HSI students and alumni via social media using the hashtags #HSI and #HSIsWeek, on the Agency website or in Agency-sanctioned recruitment and outreach publications; and

- Organize events or activities that promote campus-community partnerships and address various issues impacting Hispanic students.

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