

# 2022 FACT SHEET



## HISPANIC HIGHER EDUCATION AND HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS (HSIs)

2020-21 IPEDS data

### Hispanic demographics:

- In 2020, 61.3<sup>1</sup> million Hispanics lived in the U.S. and 3.3<sup>2</sup> million in Puerto Rico.
- Hispanics were 18.5%<sup>3</sup> of the U.S. population in 2020.
- Hispanic median age is 30, over a decade younger than the non-Hispanic median of 41<sup>4</sup>.
- In 2019, 36% of the Hispanic population was under 21 years of age, compared to 24.2% of the non-Hispanic population<sup>5</sup>.
- Thirteen states were home to over 1 million Hispanics in 2020: Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington.
- Hispanic share of the labor force is projected to increase from 28,969,000 (18.0%) in 2020 to 35,933,000 (21.2%) by 2030<sup>6</sup>.
- Hispanic buying power rose from \$213 billion in 1990 to \$1.9<sup>7</sup> trillion in 2020, representing an annual growth rate of 7.57%.

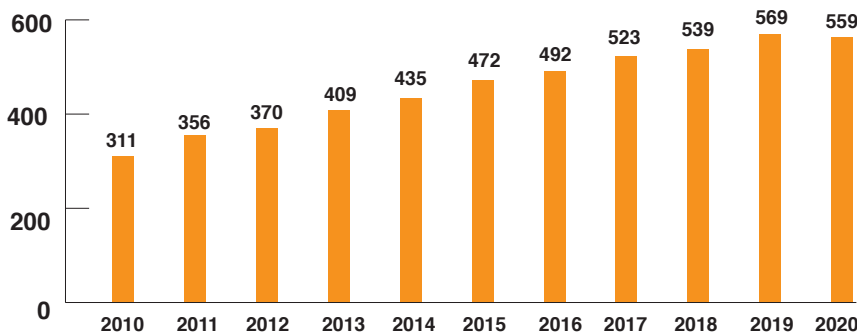
### Hispanic enrollment in higher education:

- Hispanic enrollment in higher education is expected to exceed 4.1<sup>8</sup> million students by 2026, far surpassing the growth rate of any other racial-ethnic group – by over 10%.
- The percent of STEM degrees conferred to Hispanic students rose from 9.2% to 14%<sup>9</sup> between 2009 and 2018.
- In fall of 2020, 3.2 million Hispanic undergraduate students were enrolled in nonprofit postsecondary institutions.
- Hispanic students earned one out of four (25%) associate degrees conferred in 2020, compared to 13% in 2011.
- Hispanic students earned 15% of bachelor's degrees conferred in 2020, compared to 9% in 2011.

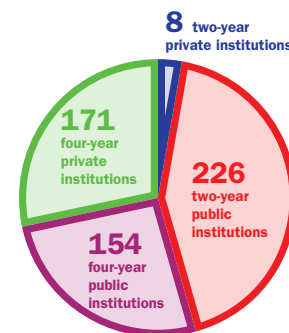
### Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs):

- 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](http://www.hacu.net).)
- In 2020, 559 Institutions met the federal HSI enrollment criterion, enrolling two-thirds of all Hispanic undergraduate students.
- HSIs enroll 30.4% of all undergraduate students in nonprofit postsecondary education.
- Of the top 10 colleges and universities ranked by the Social Mobility Index (SMI), eight were HSIs<sup>10</sup>.
- A majority of HSIs are in urban areas and are concentrated geographically, with 80% (447) of these institutions located in six states and one territory, including: California, Florida, Illinois, New Mexico, New York, Texas and Puerto Rico.
- Since 2010, HSIs have increased on average by 25 institutions per year, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020, there was a decline by 10 institutions due to a decrease in enrollment and concentration of Hispanic students.

Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) Through the Years



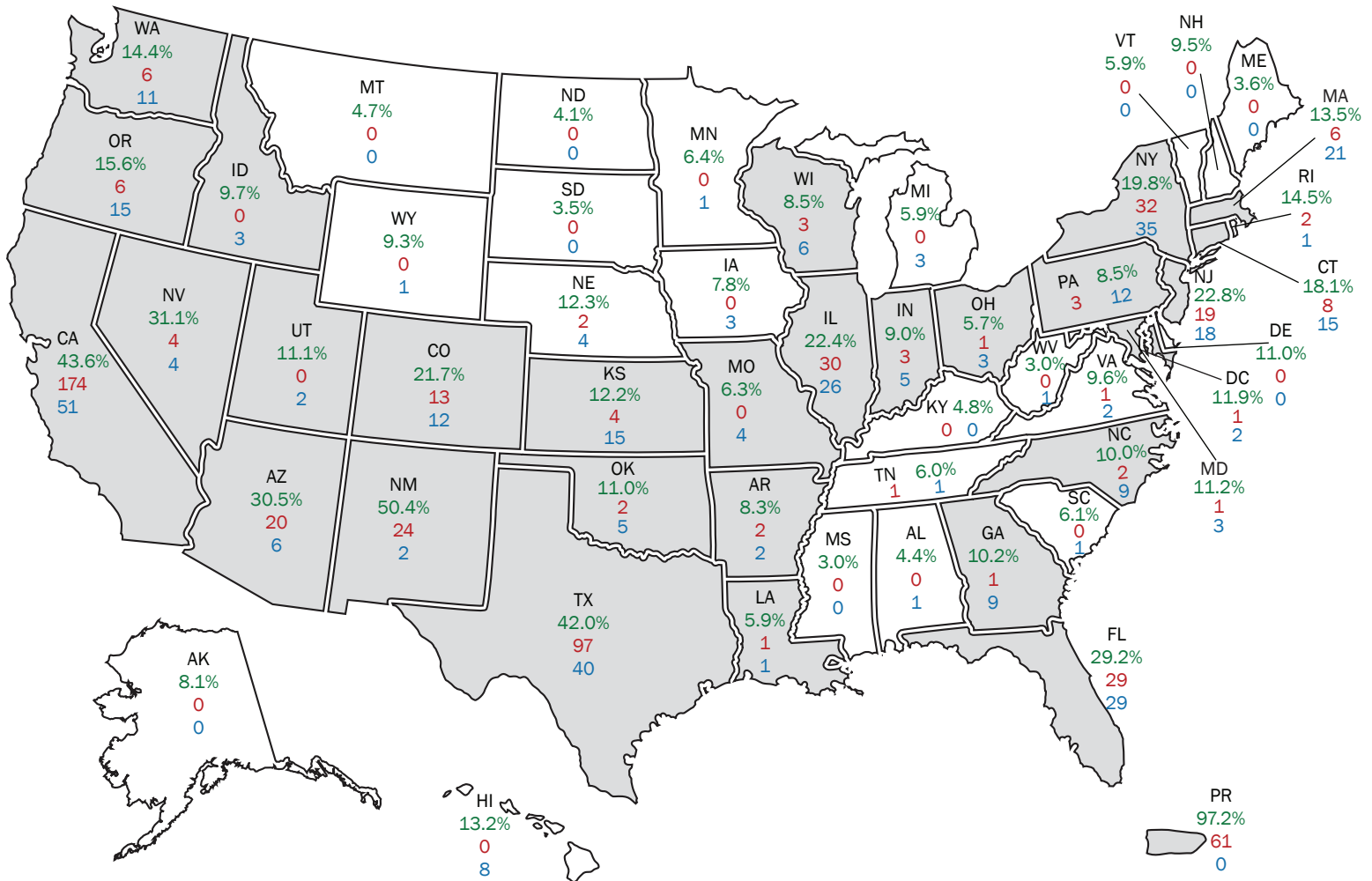
559 HSIs by Institution Type



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- <https://www.socialmobilityindex.org/>

# 2020-21 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 559**  
(25.0 % minimum Hispanic Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) enrollment)

**Number of Emerging HSIs : Total 393**  
(15.0 - 24.9 % Hispanic FTE)

**State percentages based on:**

Total Undergraduate (UG) Student Headcount = 15,169,220  
Total Hispanic UG Student Headcount = 3,197,063  
Total Hispanic UG Student Percentage = 21.1%

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Source: 2020-21 IPEDS data using Title IV eligible, 2 year & 4 year, Public and Private, nonprofit institutions.