**2017 FACT SHEET**

**HISPANIC HIGHER EDUCATION AND HSIs**

**Hispanic demographics:**
- 56.7 million Hispanics in U.S. in 2015, plus 3.5 million in Puerto Rico.
- 17.6% of U.S. population.
- 50% growth from 2000-2012, largest of all population groups except Asian Americans.
- Median age is 28.2 for Hispanics, compared to 37.6 for the population as a whole.
- More than 50% of the nation’s Hispanics live in California, Florida and Texas. Adding New York, Arizona, Illinois, New Jersey, and Colorado accounts for over 75% of all Hispanics.
- Hispanic population growth from 2000-2010 has been most rapid in the South and Midwest.
- 2015 buying power of U.S. Hispanics was $1.3 trillion, projected to reach $1.7 trillion by 2020.

**Hispanic academic attainment:**
- 33.3% of Hispanics 25 and over have not completed high school as of 2015, compared to 6.7% of non-Hispanic whites.
- 15.5% of Hispanics have at least a bachelor’s degree and 4.7% an advanced degree, as of 2015, compared to 36.2% and 13.5% for non-Hispanic whites.
- 62.5% of Hispanic recent high school graduates ages 16-24 were enrolled in college in 2015, compared to 68.3% for whites.

**Hispanic higher education:**
- 3.15 million Hispanics were enrolled in non-profit institutions in 2015, including Puerto Rico.
- 49.6% (1,450,647) of Hispanic undergraduate students attend two-year institutions (compared to 38.9% of all undergraduates).

**Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs):**
- Defined by the Higher Education Act as degree-granting institutions with Full-Time Equivalent undergraduate enrollments at least 25% Hispanic.
- In 2015, 472 institutions met the federal enrollment criterion, enrolling 1,962,353 Hispanics.
- HSIs are 13.8% of non-profit colleges and universities, yet enroll 23.4% of all students and 62.3% of all Hispanic students.
- HSIs receive 69 cents for every dollar going to all other colleges and universities annually, per student, from all federal funding sources.
- The number of HSIs continues to grow rapidly, from 189 in 1994, to 229 in 2000, to 245 in 2005, to 311 in 2010, and 472 in 2015.
- Of the 472 HSIs in 2015, 209 (44%) were public two-year institutions, 105 public four-year institutions, 134 private four-year institutions, and 24 private two year institutions.
Precentage of Undergraduate Students that are Hispanic

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

Number of Emerging HSI
(15.0 - 24.9 % Hispanic FTE)

Total Undergraduate (UG) Student Headcount = 16,115,482
Total Hispanic UG Student Headcount = 2,923,635
Total Hispanic UG Student Percentage = 18.1%
Total HSIs = 472
Total Emerging HSIs = 323

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Source: 2015-16 IPEDS data using Title IV eligible, 2 year & 4 year, Public and Private, non-profit institutions.

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