UNM as an HSI, MI, and MSI

A Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) is defined by the Higher Education Act of 1965 Section 502(a)(5) as being an accredited institution of higher education that has an enrollment of needy students and has an undergraduate full-time equivalent enrollment that is at least 25 percent Hispanic. Per this definition, the University of New Mexico and its branch campuses are HSIs. Per the U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education 2022 Eligibility Matrix:

- 50.5% of degree-seeking undergraduate students at UNM’s MAIN campus are Hispanic.
- 27% of degree-seeking undergraduate students at UNM’s GALLUP branch campus are Hispanic.
- 67.6% of degree-seeking undergraduate students at UNM’s LOS ALAMOS branch campus are Hispanic.
- 53.7% of degree-seeking undergraduate students at UNM’s TAOS branch campus are Hispanic.
- 73.6% of degree-seeking undergraduate students at UNM’s VALENCIA branch campus are Hispanic.

UNM’s Main Campus is one of sixteen R1 institutions (an institution with very high research activity) that is also an HSI (see HERE).

A Minority Institution (MI) is an institution of higher education whose enrollment of a single minority or a combination of minorities exceeds 50 percent of the total enrollment. Per that definition, the University of New Mexico is an MI, as 64.3% of the total students enrolled in Fall 2022 were from ethnic minority groups as defined by 20 U.S.C. § 1067k(2).

A Minority Serving Institution (MSI) is defined by a number of funding agencies including the National Science Foundation as being an institute of higher education that has an undergraduate minority student population of 50% or more. As of the Fall 2022 semester, per the UNM Office of Institutional Analytics, 64.3% of enrolled undergraduate students are from ethnic minority groups making the University of New Mexico an MSI. UNM leads R1 universities in Native American/Native Hawaiian student enrollment with 6.4% of undergraduate students identifying as such.

Per the U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education, UNM is a current grantee of Title III/Title V funding and is eligible to apply for grants under this program.