

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 eligible institution, which means that it is 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 is an HSI university**. Per the [U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education 2021 Eligibility Matrix](#), *49.4% of degree-seeking undergraduate students* at UNM are Hispanic.

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 53.1% of the total students enrolled in Fall 2021 were from ethnic minority groups as defined by [20 U.S.C. § 1067k\(2\)](#). Per their annual student enrollment disclosures, the University of New Mexico, University of Texas at El Paso, and Florida International University are the only R1 universities that are also Minority Institutions.

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 2021 semester, per the [UNM Office of Institutional Analytics](#), 59.2% of the 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 *6.3% 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 a grant under this program.