

UNM as an HSI, MI, and MSI

A **Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI)** is eligible for Title V grants from the U.S. Department of Education as defined by the [Higher Education Act of 1965 Section 502\(a\)\(5\)](#), which requires applicants to have an undergraduate full-time equivalent enrollment that is at least 25 percent Hispanic at the end of the award year immediately preceding the date of application. According to the [U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education](#), the University of New Mexico is an HSI university. UNM is also eligible for Title III, Part F, HSI STEM grants per [20 U.S.C. § 1067q\(2\)\(B\)](#). Per the [UNM Office of Institutional Analytics](#), as of the Fall 2018 semester, *48.8% of degree-seeking undergraduate students at UNM are Hispanic.*

The U.S. Department of Education defines a **Minority Institution (MI)** as an institution of higher education whose enrollment of a single minority or a combination of minorities exceeds 50 percent of the total enrollment. Under that definition, the University of New Mexico is an MI, as *51.6% of the total students* enrolled in Fall 2019 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 2019 semester, per the [UNM Office of Institutional Analytics](#), 57.63% of the undergraduate students at the University of New Mexico are from ethnic minority groups making it an MSI. UNM actually leads R1 universities in Native American student enrollment with *5.3% of undergraduate students* identifying as Native American.

Per the [U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education](#), the University of New Mexico is one of fourteen Research I universities that are Hispanic Serving Institutions. Below is a breakdown of these universities including their percent of Hispanic undergraduate full-time equivalent students as of Fall 2018 which is when reports are shared with the Department of Education to compile their annual eligibility matrix.

University	% Hispanic UG FTE
The University of Texas at El Paso	82.0%
Florida International University	65.0%
University of New Mexico-Main Campus	48.8%
University of California-Riverside	40.6%
CUNY Graduate School & University Ctr.	34.9%
University of Illinois at Chicago	32.7%
University of Houston	32.2%
The University of Texas at Arlington	29.1%
University of California-Santa Cruz	28.5%
Texas Tech University	27.8%
University of California-Santa Barbara	26.7%
University of California-Irvine	26.6%
The University of Arizona	26.1%
University of Central Florida	25.4%

According to the [U.S. Department of Education](#), the University of New Mexico, University of Texas at El Paso, Florida International University, and CUNY Graduate School & University Center are the only R1 universities that are also Minority Institutions.