

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 [UNM Office of Institutional Analytics](#), as of the Fall 2020 semester, *49.92% 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 *52.67% of the total students* enrolled in Fall 2020 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 2020 semester, per the [UNM Office of Institutional Analytics](#), 58.46% 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 *5.92% of undergraduate students* identifying as such.

Per the [U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education](#), UNM is one of sixteen Research I universities that are either eligible or potentially eligible based on minority grounds for Title III/Title V funding*. Below is a breakdown of these universities including their percent of Hispanic undergraduate full-time equivalent students as of Fall 2019 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	81.7%
Florida International University	64.9%
University of New Mexico-Main Campus	48.2%
University of California-Riverside	41.2%
CUNY Graduate School & University Ctr.	34.5%
University of Illinois at Chicago	33.6%
University of Houston	33.2%
University of Nevada-Las Vegas	29.6%
Texas Tech University	29.5%
The University of Texas at Arlington	29.5%
University of California-Santa Cruz	27.7%
University of Central Florida	26.7%
University of California-Santa Barbara	26.3%
University of California-Irvine	26.2%
The University of Arizona	26.0%
University of North Texas	25.6%

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.

* The University of New Mexico (UNM) is not currently (FY21) eligible for grants that stipulate Department of Education Title III/Title V status due to a disruption in the waiver application process. However, based on our 2020/2021 demographics, UNM is still an HSI, MI, and MSI as detailed above.