Hispanic Serving Institutions: Pandemic-Related Challenges & Opportunities

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Bank of America Market Leaders
Introduction

20 Years in Higher Education

First Generation Latinx College Graduate

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What are Hispanic Serving Institutions?

- Federally designated by the U.S. Department of Education
  - Minimum of 25% Latinx undergraduate enrollment
- Locally defined and led

### Minority Serving Institutions

* Historically Black Colleges & Universities
* Tribal Colleges & Universities
* Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions
* Asian American & Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution
What are Hispanic Serving Institutions?

- 539 HSIs
- 352 Emerging HSIs
- 1.44M Latino Undergraduate Students
- 17% of all institutions meet HSI definition
- 67% of all Latinos attend an HSI
- 93% increase over past 10 years
- $.68 cents to every dollar in federal funding
27 States, including D.C. and Puerto Rico, have HSI.

46% of HSIs are 2-year community colleges.

69% of HSIs are located in California, Texas, Puerto Rico and New York.

40% of HSIs offer graduate degree programs.
HSI since 2018
1st 4-year public HSI in AZ
16 HSIs in AZ
45,918 total students
Approx. 44% of K-12 students in AZ are Hispanic
Ranked 9th for conferring doctoral degrees to Hispanic students and 2nd to Native American students

26.5%
Undergraduate Hispanic Students

17%
Hispanic Graduate Students

13%
Hispanic Administrators

9%
Hispanic Faculty
HSIs in Times of COVID-19: Inequities & Challenges

80% of Latinos access the internet through their smartphones, according to the Pew Research Center.

More than half of UA students and faculty experienced poor or inconsistent internet in Spring.

Parking lot wifi: Avg. weekly usage = 12,424

March 17-May 13, 2020
3,500 visits, 715 unique users
53% of visits were by international students
Essential donations were paused resulting in increased food costs

Students expressed great concern for their mental health.

“I am frequently overwhelmed by stress, anxiety, and fear of failure.”

My biggest concern is that “I won’t be able to get my mental health back in check. I have not felt like myself since February.”

Safety was the most frequently mentioned concern going into Fall 2020.

“My biggest concern is that people in or out of the campus will not adhere to the CDC guidelines and state orders of wearing a mask and staying 6 feet away to help prevent transmission of COVID-19.”
HSIs: A Bridge to the Post-Pandemic Future

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Creating Remote Research Opportunities for BIPOC Undergraduate Students in Microbial Sciences
Dr. Michael Johnson, UA Assistant Professor in Immunobiology and BIO5 Institute, launched the National Summer Undergraduate Research Project, a community-driven initiative to create rewarding remote summer research opportunities for Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) undergraduates in microbial sciences.

Learn more.
Resources


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