



College Connections



HISPANIC STUDENTS AT NEW YORK'S 100+ INDEPENDENT (PRIVATE, NOT-FOR-PROFIT) COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

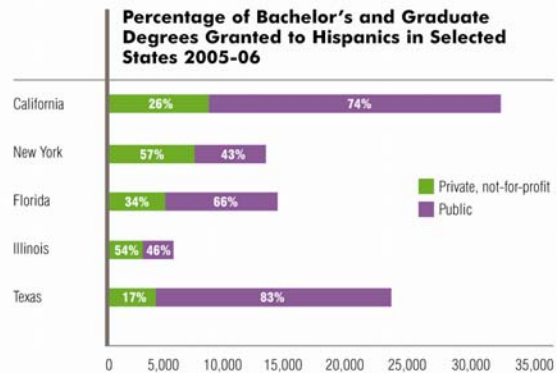
Hispanics made up 13 percent of the United States population in 2005, and are projected by 2050 to represent approximately one-quarter of the population (24%).¹ In New York state, the Hispanic population has more than doubled (growing 158%) between 1990 and 2006. In our elementary and secondary schools, one in every five students is Hispanic.

New York's 100+ private, not-for-profit colleges and universities are committed to assisting qualified students achieve their higher education goals. The colleges and universities have longtime experience in reaching out to Hispanic students, both in terms of preparing students for higher education and helping those who enroll to complete their degrees.

Colleges and universities federally-designated as Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) are a conduit to advanced study and careers for many Hispanics. HSIs are colleges or universities in the United States or Puerto Rico where at least one in every four enrolled student is Hispanic, and at least half of enrolled Hispanic students come from low-income families. In New York State, four Independent Sector colleges have HSI status, and 11 others are considered Minority Postsecondary Institutions (MPI), institutions where at least half of the students enrolled are from minority populations.

"Someone born into a family in the lowest fifth of earners who graduates from college has a 19 percent chance of joining the highest fifth of earners in adulthood and a 62 percent chance of joining the middle class or better,"

– "Higher Education Gap May Slow Economic Mobility," The New York Times, February 20, 2008



Source: National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

These campuses, along with numerous other private colleges and universities in New York State have strong academic and social communities that provide support and opportunities for students to explore and celebrate their special interests and heritage. To learn more about the HSIs and MPIs in the state and to link to the colleges' Web sites, visit www.nycolleges.org.

Source: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/edlite-minorityinst-list-tab.html>

Independent College Hispanic-Serving Institutions and Minority Postsecondary Institutions in New York

- American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Services
- Boricua College (HSI)
- College of Mount Saint Vincent (HSI)
- The College of New Rochelle
- Helene Fuld College of Nursing
- Institute of Design and Construction
- Long Island College Hospital of Brooklyn School of Nursing
- Mercy College/Dobbs Ferry Campus (HSI)
- Metropolitan College of New York
- Nyack College
- St. Josephs College/Brooklyn Campus
- Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology (HSI)

RESOURCES FOR HISPANIC FAMILIES

Resources and Scholarship Opportunities

Café Aspira

<http://www.cafeaspira.com/>

ASPIRA of New York, Inc., a nonprofit organization devoted to educating and empowering Puerto Rican and other Latino youth, has recently launched a bilingual site, Café Aspira, with information for young people and their families on protecting their computers and themselves from e-mail spam, viruses, cyber bullies, cyber fraud, and online predators.

College Navigator – Spanish site

<https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/?md=1>

The U.S. Department of Education has released a Spanish language version of its on-line college search tool. The site provides a wide range of information about colleges and universities in the U.S.

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) Scholarship Awards

<http://www.chci.org/chciyouth/scholarship/scholarship.htm>

This scholarship opportunity is geared toward Latino students who have a history of performing public service-oriented activities in their communities and who plan to continue contributing in the future. There is no GPA or major requirement. Students with leadership potential are encouraged to apply. Scholarship recipients will receive a one-time scholarship of:

- \$5,000 to attend a graduate-level academic institution; or

- \$2,500 to attend a four-year college or university; or
- \$1,000 to attend a community college or AA/AS granting institution.

Gates Millennium Scholarship

<https://www.gmsp.org/>

Gates Millennium Scholarships provides tuition funding for outstanding low-income minority students, while promoting academic excellence and an opportunity for the students to reach their highest potential.

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)

http://www.hacu.net/hacu/Scholarship_Resource_List_EN.asp?SnID=2130198144

HACU's Web site contains a listing of scholarship opportunities for Hispanic students.

Hispanic College Fund

<http://site.hispanicfund.org/>

The Hispanic College Fund is committed to helping students with interest and promise pursue their education, through scholarships, support for diversity initiatives by business, and symposia where young Latinos can meet and network with mentors and fellow students.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

<http://www.hsf.net/Scholarships.aspx>

The site provides information and links to applications for a variety of scholarship programs for students of Hispanic heritage, including:

- Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS)
- Scholarship Programs for Graduating High School Seniors
- College Scholarship Programs
- Community College Transfer Scholarship Programs

- University Alliance Scholarship Programs

The National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ)

<http://www.nahj.org/educationalprograms/nahjscholarships.shtml>

Offers several scholarships through the Rubén Salazar Scholarship Fund program designed to encourage and assist Latino students pursue careers in journalism.

NYS Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC)

<http://www.hesc.com/content.nsf/Landing/Espanol>

HESC guarantees federal student and parent loans, offers loan management services, administers New York's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and other state specific grants and scholarships, and provides guidance for college planning.

SACNAS (Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science)

<http://www.sacnas.org/>

SACNAS aims provides information about programs and other opportunities, including scholarships for Chicano/Latino and Native American students in science, math, and engineering.

Xerox Corporation Technical Minority Scholarship Program

www.xerox.com (search for "Technical Minority Scholarship Program")

Xerox's Technical Minority Scholarship Program provides scholarships to minorities enrolled in a technical degree programs at the bachelor's degree level or above.

RESOURCES FOR EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS

For Education Professionals

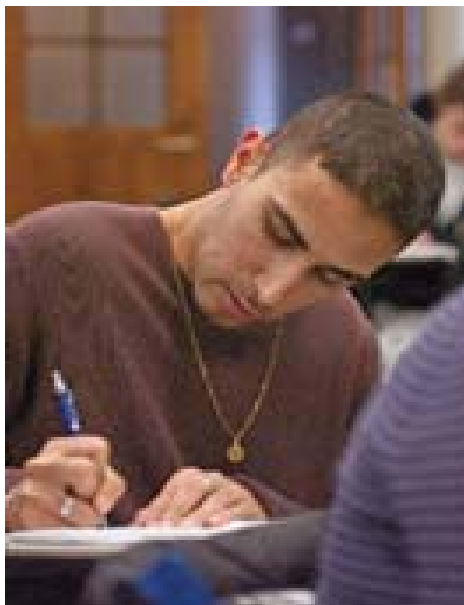
Pew Hispanic Center

<http://pewhispanic.org/>

The Pew Hispanic Center is a research organization supported by the Pew Charitable Trusts and affiliated with the Pew Research Center. Its purpose is to improve understanding of Hispanics in the U.S. This site offers downloadable reports and fact sheets on such subjects as demography, economics, education, identity, immigration, politics, and labor.

[Resources for Increasing Latino Participation and Success in Higher Education](#)

This resource, published by the College Board, profiles dozens of successful programs at colleges, high schools, and outreach organizations that focus on supporting Hispanic students, offering ideas and strategies for recruitment, student development programs, outreach, admission decision making models, professional development for faculty, and more.



Research

"Inventing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs): The Basics," by Deborah A. Santiago, *Excelencia in Education Publications*, 2006.

<http://www.edexcelencia.org/pdf/InventingHSIsFINAL.pdf>

This report discusses the role that HSIs (public and private nonprofit degree-granting institutions with a full-time undergraduate student

population that is at least 25 percent Latino) play in American higher education.

Multiple Origins, Uncertain Destinies: Hispanics and the American Future, Marta Tienda and Faith Mitchell, eds., National Academy of Sciences, 2006.

http://books.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=11314&page=1

Multiple Origins examines the status of Hispanics currently living in the U.S., their history, accomplishments and challenges, and the risks and opportunities that lie ahead.

The Condition of Education 2008

<http://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/>

The National Center for Education Statistics has released *The Condition of Education 2008* report. Quotes from the report's highlights include:

- "In 2006, young adults with a bachelor's degree earned about \$11,000 more than those with an associate's degree, about \$16,000 more than those who had completed high school, and more than twice as much as those who did not earn a high school diploma."
- "Hispanic students now make up 1 in 5 public school students, but these students as well as other minority students are disproportionately clustered in high-poverty schools."
- More individuals of all races are enrolling in college, and more bachelor's degrees have been awarded than in the past. However, gaps in achievement and high school and college graduation rates between White and minority students continue."

Quoted from "Findings from *The Condition of Education 2008: Enrollment, Student Diversity on the Rise*" at http://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/press/COE_2008_Highlights.pdf

Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (cIcu)

cIcu is a statewide association representing more than 100 independent colleges and universities in New York State. cIcu Outreach Programs has provided free admissions and financial aid information and resources for more than 25 years.

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