



HSI Fast Facts 2023-24: MSU Denver as a Hispanic-Serving Institution



HSI: Defined

A Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) is a college or university federally designated by the U.S. Department of Education with:

- 25% or more total undergraduate Latino full-time equivalent (FTE) student enrollment,
- 50% or more of students received federal need-based aid and
- Core expenses per FTE are lower than the average institutional group.

Seal of Excelencia

The Seal of Excelencia is a national certification by Excelencia in Education that is given to Hispanic-Serving Institutions that have demonstrated a commitment to intentionally serve Latinx Students.



MSU Denver's Journey to HSI Designation

1970

The Chicana/o Studies program was started at MSU Denver.



1997

The Richard T. Castro Distinguished Visiting Professorship was initiated.

1996

The first Latino Graduation was held for seven graduating students.

2006

An ad-hoc committee studied the feasibility of the University becoming a Hispanic-Serving Institution. President Stephen Jordan initiated a goal for MSU Denver to become an HSI.

2008

A report was presented early this year with 55 recommendations, 16 being prioritized recommendations and one of which being support of what would become the ASSET Bill.

2007

The HSI Task Force was established in the summer and began meeting in the fall. An HSI Task Force proposal template was created for recommendations to move the initiative forward.



2012

In June, the MSU Denver Board of Trustees initiated a special tuition rate for Colorado's undocumented students to earn their degree. This was prior to the passage of the ASSET Bill in 2013.



2016

MSU Denver's HSI Task Force released the report **Connecting the Dots: Report and Recommendations**.



2019

On February 19, MSU Denver became a federally designated Hispanic-Serving Institution.

MSU Denver's Department of Nutrition received \$2 million as the first HSI grant, Post-baccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans.



2020

MSU Denver received a Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program grant of \$2.9 million.

2021

The University was awarded a \$1 million National Science Foundation grant for **Building Identity Leading to Diversity (BUILD)** at MSU Denver.

2023

MSU Denver earns the Seal of Excelencia 3-year Certification.



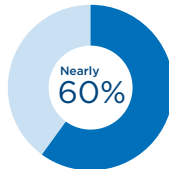
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Fall 2023 Statistics (Undergraduate Students)



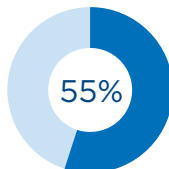
16,461
Undergraduate
Students



Nearly
60%
First-Generation
Undergraduate
Students



Nearly
37%
Latinx
Undergraduate
Students



55%
Students of Color

Source: MSU Denver Fall 2023-24 Census

HSI Initiatives

ESCALA Faculty Development

Supported a cohort faculty to complete the Certificate in College Teaching & Learning in Hispanic Serving Institutions.

Hanover Grants Academy

Support a cohort of faculty and staff through the grant writing process with one-on-one direct support to be awarded grants

HSI Week Activities

A full week of University programming geared towards celebrating and honoring the ongoing work of MSU Denver as an HSI.

Colorado HSI Consortium

MSU Denver-led consortium of current and emerging HSIs to provide collaboration between colleges and universities to build organizational capacity and intentionally serve Colorado's Latino students.

HSI Grants and Funding Since 2019

\$14,116,378 Total HSI/MSI Funding since becoming an HSI

Award Amount	Year	Award Title
\$2,000,000	2019	Title V Part B: Post-baccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans (POHA) U.S. Department of Education - POHA in Denver Nutrition Program
\$5,620,634	2020	CARES Act Funding for HSIs
\$2,931,456	2020	Title V Part A: Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program (DHSI) U.S. Department of Education - SpaceTech Scholars
\$112,458	2020	National Security Agency CEDI
\$1,000,000	2021	NSF Building Identify Leading to Diversity (BUILD) at MSU Denver
\$299,999	2021	NSF HSI Pilot Project: Learning Assistant Transfer Pathway: Fostering STEM Connections
\$1,571,926	2022	U.S. Department of Education Augustus F. Hawkins Centers of Excellence Program
\$60,000	2022	National Endowment for the Humanities
\$519,905	2023	NSF Building Identify Leading to Diversity (BUILD) to Broaden Inter-generational Support, Health, and Wellbeing in Sexual Minority Families

