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WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 20, 2024) – *Excelencia* in Education has calculated lists of Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) for more than 20 years because these institutions disproportionately enroll and graduate Latino students — one of the fastest growing populations in the country. Today, *Excelencia* announces the release of new lists and a factbook of HSIs, which show 600 colleges and universities met the enrollment definition of an HSI and 412 more came close to doing so (Emerging HSIs). Combined, over 1,000 institutions are HSIs or on the cusp of becoming HSIs.

The number of HSIs increased in 2022-23. HSIs are defined in federal legislation as having 25% or more undergraduate Hispanic student full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment. Given this definition, the number of HSIs changes every year.

“Sharing an annual list of HSIs broadly informs the field of where Hispanics are enrolling,” said Deborah Santiago, co-founder and CEO of *Excelencia*. “*Excelencia* takes this a step further by recognizing institutions that strive to go beyond enrollment to intentionally serve Hispanic students through the Seal of *Excelencia*.”

This year, *Excelencia* in Education marks 20 years of service to our mission — accelerating Latino student success in higher education. We believe institutions must transform to address structural limits and become learning environments where Latino, and all, students thrive. To focus on this, *Excelencia* established the Seal of *Excelencia*, a national certification for colleges and universities that more intentionally SERVE Latino students. Among 600 HSIs, only 37 have earned the Seal of *Excelencia*.

Key findings from *Excelencia*'s HSI analysis include:

- HSIs represent 20% of colleges yet enroll over 60% of all Latino undergraduates.
- Combined, HSIs enrolled 1.4 million Latino FTE undergraduate students.
- Almost half (46%) of students at HSIs are Latino.
- Almost 70% of HSIs are public and 60% are four-year institutions.
- HSIs have widening reach — they are located in 28 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.
- Just over 40% of the nation's HSIs (252) offered graduate programs (gHSIs).

Beyond HSIs, the number of Emerging HSIs (eHSIs) — a categorization developed by *Excelencia* to track colleges approaching the 25% Latino student enrollment threshold — also grew from 401 to 412. eHSIs represented another 13% of all institutions and enrolled 15% of Latino students.

Excelencia is the expert source of information conducting analysis of HSIs and has released annual lists of HSIs, eHSIs, and gHSIs since its founding to provide federal agencies, researchers, funders, and others an up-to-date, credible list of institutions that meet the enrollment criteria for HSIs.

Access the 2022-23 HSI, eHSI, and gHSI lists:

[EdExcelencia.org/research/series/hsi-2022-23](https://edexcelencia.org/research/series/hsi-2022-23)

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