

# Office of Institutional Research

## Research Brief 39: Hispanic Student Trends

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- This Research Brief examines Hispanic student enrollment for degree seeking, Hispanic students from Fall 2016 to Fall 2021.

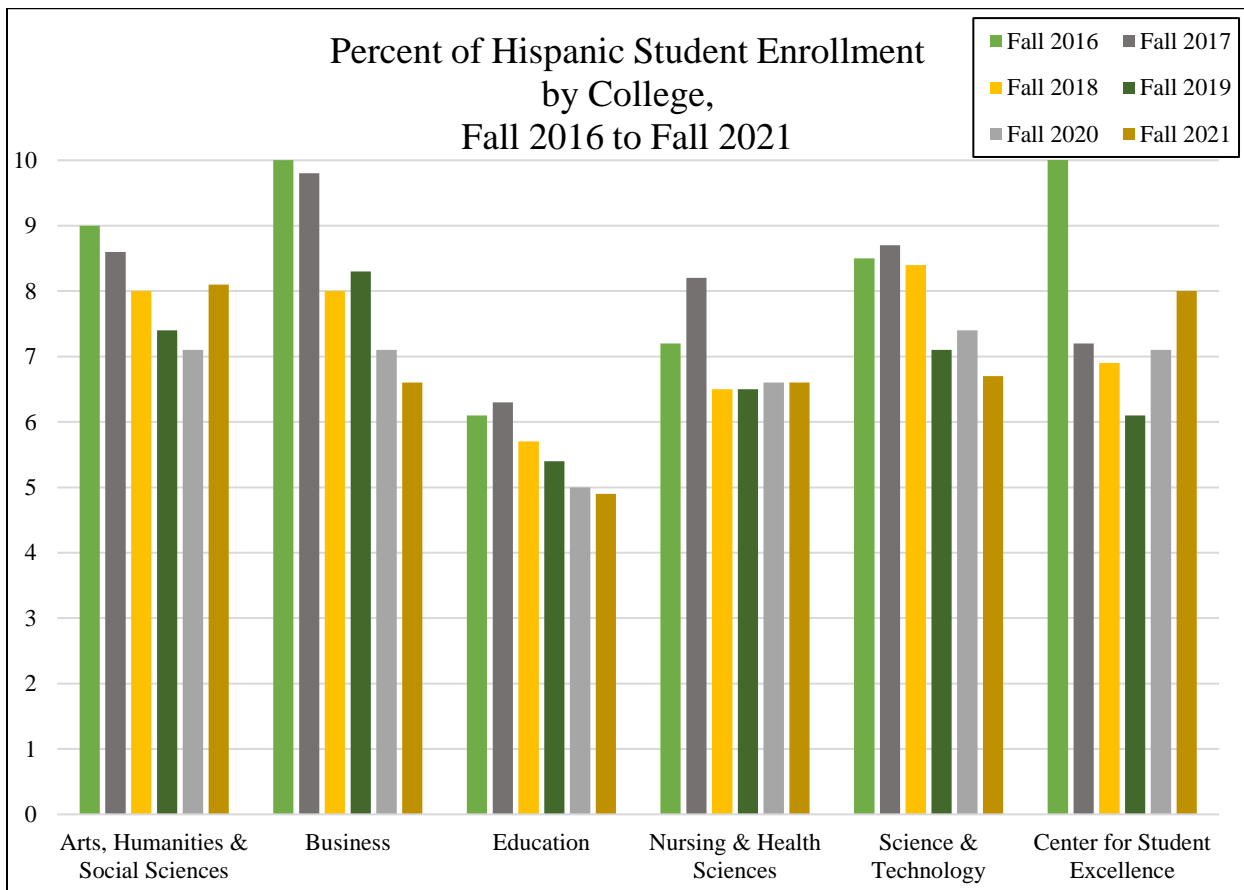
Year	Frequency	Percent of Enrollment	Total Enrollment
Fall 2016	963	8.3%	11,652
Fall 2017	989	8.4%	11,753
Fall 2018	876	7.4%	11,847
Fall 2019	835	7.0%	11,929
Fall 2020	816	6.8%	11,969
Fall 2021	757	6.9%	11,009

- There was a small increase in the percent of Hispanic students from 8.3% in 2016 to 8.4% in 2017. After 2017, however, this has been declining. Fall 2017 saw the highest percentage during the time period examined, at 8.4% in enrollment, while we saw the lowest over the last six years in both Fall 2020, with 6.8% of the degree seeking student population being Hispanic that year.
- Below you can see the enrollment of Hispanic students separated by undergraduate and graduate students. Typically, the percent of Hispanic students is greater in undergraduate students than it is with graduate students in the same year.
- In 2016, undergraduate Hispanic enrollment was 8.4% while graduate Hispanic student enrollment was 6.6%. In 2017, both undergraduate and graduate Hispanic enrollment grew, with undergraduate Hispanic enrollment being 8.5% and graduate enrollment being 7.7%. Both enrollment percentages fell, starting in 2018. In 2018, undergraduate Hispanic enrollment was 7.4% while graduate was 7.2%. In 2019, undergraduate Hispanic enrollment was 7.0% while graduate was 6.4%. In 2020, undergraduate Hispanic enrollment was 6.9% while graduate was 5.6%. Finally, in 2021, undergraduate Hispanic enrollment stayed at 6.9% while graduate Hispanic enrollment rose to 6.2%.

1. Hispanic Student Enrollment by College

- Below you can find the count of Hispanic students enrolled in each college, and the percent of that college's total enrollment that were Hispanic, for Fall 2016 to Fall 2021.

College	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021
<b>Arts, Humanities &amp; Social Sciences</b>	258	235	222	207	202	220
	9.0%	8.6%	8.0%	7.4%	7.1%	8.1%
<b>Business</b>	179	181	160	172	152	133
	10.0%	9.8%	8.0%	8.3%	7.1%	6.6%
<b>Education</b>	73	73	66	60	55	47
	6.1%	6.3%	5.7%	5.4%	5.0%	4.9%
<b>Nursing &amp; Health Sciences</b>	237	280	224	230	241	213
	7.2%	8.2%	6.5%	6.5%	6.6%	6.6%
<b>Science &amp; Technology</b>	189	198	186	153	152	128
	8.5%	8.7%	8.4%	7.1%	7.4%	6.7%
<b>Center for Student Excellence</b>	27	22	18	13	14	16
	10.2%	7.2%	6.9%	6.1%	7.1%	8.0%
<b>Total</b>	963	989	876	835	816	757
	8.3%	8.4%	7.4%	7.0%	6.8%	6.9%



- The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences saw decreases in the percent Hispanic student enrollment from 9.0% in 2016 to 7.1% 2020, but then increased to 8.1% of the total enrollment of the college being Hispanic in 2021.
- The College of Business showed an overall decrease in the percent of the college's Hispanic student enrollment, from 10.0% of the college being Hispanic in 2016 to 6.6% in 2021.
- The College of Education showed a small increase in the percent of Hispanic student enrollment from 6.1% in 2016 to 6.3% in 2017, but then gradually decreased each year following, with only 4.9% of the college being Hispanic in 2021. The College of Education had the lowest percent of total enrollment being Hispanic students in 2021, and was 2.0% lower than the university Hispanic student enrollment of 6.9%.
- The College of Nursing and Health Sciences had an increase in the percent of Hispanic students from 7.2% in 2016 to 8.2% in 2017. Then the percent of enrollment in the college that were Hispanic students decreased to 6.5% in 2018. Following that, it increased to 6.6% in 2020 and remained 6.6% in 2021.
- The College of Science and Technology showed an overall decrease over the years examined. The percent of the college that was Hispanic fell from 8.5% in 2016 to 6.7% in 2021.
- The Center for Student Excellence, containing students with an undecided major, had the highest overall percent of Hispanic students in 2016, with 10.2% of the college being Hispanic that year. Following 2016, it dropped to 6.1% in 2019, before rising again up to 8.0% in 2021.
- The colleges that had higher percentages compared to the university as a whole in 2021 were the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences and the Center for Student Excellence. The College of Business, College of Education, the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and College of Science and Technology all had smaller percentages of their enrollment being Hispanic than the university as a whole for 2021.
- The College of Nursing and Health Sciences exhibited the smallest decrease in the percent of Hispanic student enrollment, decreasing from 7.2% in 2016 to 6.6% in 2021.
- The College of Business had the largest decrease in the percent of Hispanic student enrollment, decreasing from 10.0% in 2016 to 6.6% in 2021.