

Fact Sheet: The Strategic Impact of Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs)

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The Role of HSIs in U.S. Higher Education

- **Workforce Linchpin:** HSIs are a critical component of the U.S. workforce and contribute to global economic leadership.
- **Large Enrollment:** HSIs enroll 33% of all U.S. undergraduates in nonprofit postsecondary education.
- **Wide Impact:** These schools represent 20% of all postsecondary institutions.
- **Broad Reach:** More Black and Native American students are enrolled at HSIs than at HBCUs and TCUs combined.
- **Serve High-Need Students:** HSIs serve 37% of all Pell Grant recipients and 35% of students enrolled in HSIs are first-generation students.

The Three Truths of HSI Performance

1. HSIs are Effective (Economic Mobility):

- HSIs are 3 times more likely to provide the highest levels of economic mobility compared to other institutions.
- 77% of HSI graduates recoup their tuition costs within 5 years, aided by lower tuition rates.

2. HSIs are Efficient (Resource Management):

- HSIs operate with only \$0.68 for every dollar in federal funding compared to non-HSI institutions.
- Per-student endowments at HSIs are only 1/3rd of those at non-Minority Serving Institutions.

3. HSIs are Enterprising (Innovation):

- HSIs lead innovation in student success strategies, resulting in increased completion rates and decreased student debt.
- These institutions deliver a strong return on investment (ROI) by strengthening the U.S. workforce through educational innovation.

Dispelling Common Myths

Myth: HSI grants are race-exclusive.

Reality: Grants use institutional criteria, not individual racial admissions quotas, to strengthen capacity for all students.

Myth: Every HSI automatically receives federal funding.

Reality: Federal HSI grants undergo a competitive application process, and not all HSIs receive them.

Myth: HSI grants only serve certain groups.

Reality: These are modest, targeted investments often used for campus-wide improvements that benefit the entire student body.

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