Over the last two decades, as the U.S. population has grown more racially and ethnically diverse, so too have students across all levels of higher education. The Hispanic population’s growing numbers and rising postsecondary enrollment rates figured centrally in both trends. Between 1995–96 and 2015–16, the total share of undergraduate students who were Hispanic nearly doubled. While Hispanic students are accessing higher education at levels unseen before, equity gaps—particularly in persistence, completion, and educational outcomes—remain. This infographic highlights data from *Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education: A Status Report* to provide an overview of the educational journeys of Hispanic students enrolled in postsecondary education.
Hispanics represented 18.0% of the total U.S. population.

Attainment of Associate Degree or Higher
(Adults Ages 25 and Older)

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<th>Total U.S. population</th>
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19.8% of all undergraduate students were Hispanic.

Nearly 6 in 10 Hispanic undergraduates were women.

55.4% of Hispanic undergraduates were enrolled in a public two-year institution, a much higher proportion than undergraduates overall (45.9%).

1. Institutions were categorized into sectors based upon control of the institution and the length of the predominant award granted.
**Graduate Enrollment**

9.2% of all graduate students were Hispanic.

**Graduate Enrollment by Gender**

- All U.S. graduate students: 40.7% male, 59.3% female
- Hispanic graduate students: 39.2% male, 60.8% female

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**Graduate Enrollment Across Sectors**

- All graduate students:
  - Public Four-Year: 46.7%
  - Private Nonprofit Four-Year: 43.0%
  - For-Profit: 10.3%

- Hispanic graduate students:
  - Public Four-Year: 43.6%
  - Private Nonprofit Four-Year: 44.7%
  - For-Profit: 11.6%
Hispanic students earned 18.6% of all associate degrees and 11.6% of all bachelor’s degrees.

Hispanic students earned

- 7.4% of all master’s degrees
- 6.9% of all professional degrees
- 4.9% of all doctoral degrees

79.8% of Hispanic graduate students completed master’s degrees, compared with 77.0% of all graduate students.
Among undergraduate degree recipients, Hispanics were less likely to borrow and borrowed less than undergraduate students overall.
Median annual earnings of Hispanic adults were **LOWER** than the national median for all adults across all levels of educational attainment.

**Median Annual Earnings for Adults Ages 25 and Older**

- **High School Graduate or Equivalent**
  - All adults: $29,100
  - Hispanic adults: $25,345

- **Some College but No Degree**
  - All adults: $34,430
  - Hispanic adults: $30,912

- **Associate Degree**
  - All adults: $39,493
  - Hispanic adults: $35,442

- **Bachelor’s Degree**
  - All adults: $52,000
  - Hispanic adults: $44,607

- **Master’s Degree**
  - All adults: $64,809
  - Hispanic adults: $60,758

- **Professional Degree**
  - All adults: $95,000
  - Hispanic adults: $69,952

- **Doctoral Degree**
  - All adults: $84,049
  - Hispanic adults: $74,000

- **All Education Levels**
  - All adults: $37,094
  - Hispanic adults: $27,179

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