NEW MEXICO HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Fostering Student Success from Cradle to Career

Private Post-Secondary Institution Report / AY2025

The Private Post-Secondary Schools Division (PPSD) safeguards students and consumers by administering and enforcing the New Mexico Private Post-Secondary Educational Institution Act.

Pursuant to this Act, all state-authorized private post-secondary institutions must submit an Annual Report to the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) as part of their ongoing compliance requirements. This reporting process promotes transparency, accountability, and continuous oversight of each institution's performance and operational stability.

The 2025 academic year, for purposes of this reporting cycle, began on August 1, 2024, and concluded on July 31, 2025.

State Authorized Institutions

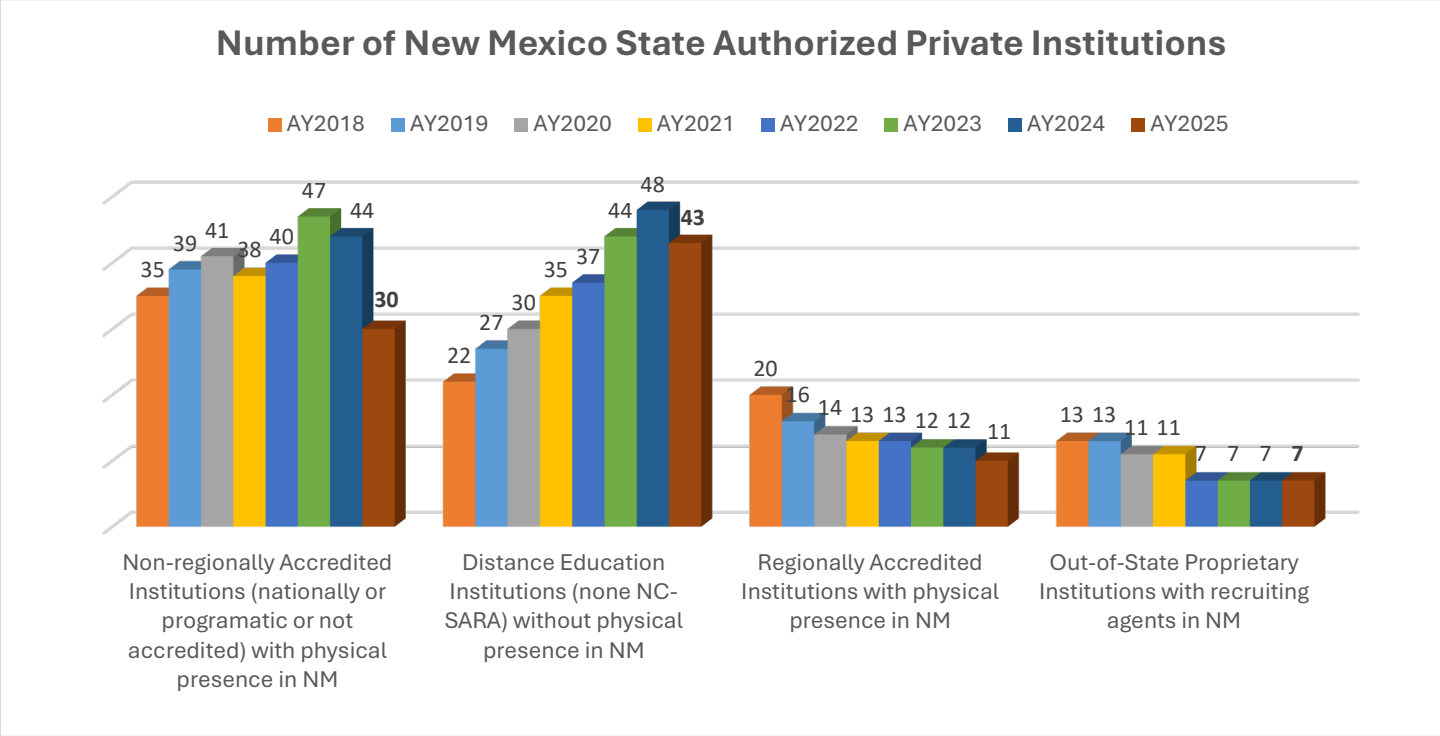
Over the past several years, New Mexico has witnessed a significant transformation in its private postsecondary education landscape, marked by a contraction of campus-based institutions and a rapid expansion of distance education providers. The number of private, regionally accredited institutions maintaining a physical presence in the state has continued to decline, reflecting reduced enrollment demand, program consolidation, and growing competition from the public higher education sector. Expanded access to publicly funded tuition initiatives, such as the New Mexico Opportunity Scholarship and the Legislative Lottery Scholarship has made public colleges and universities more affordable and attractive to residents, contributing to enrollment shifts away from the private sector.

As a result, several private institutions have scaled back or discontinued on-site programs, transitioned to online or hybrid delivery models, or withdrawn from the state altogether. In Academic Year 2025, the total count of licensed institutions with a physical presence declined further following the reclassification of all previously licensed Commercial Driver's License (CDL) schools, which were granted exemption status under NMHED regulations. This policy change, combined with continued consolidation trends, has narrowed the range of on-site offerings, with most remaining institutions now focused on workforce-aligned programs in healthcare, technical trades, and vocational education.

Conversely, the number of out-of-state private distance education institutions authorized to offer programs to New Mexico residents has increased substantially, by approximately 95 percent over the past eight years. Much of this growth stems from institutions based in California, a non–NC-SARA state whose providers must obtain individual authorization from NMHED to serve New Mexico students. This expansion underscores both the national shift toward remote and hybrid learning and the diversification of educational access points available to New Mexico learners.

It should be noted that seven out-of-state proprietary institutions holding New Mexico state authorization have not been included in this report beyond the institutional profile table, as these institutions are not legally required to submit an annual report under current NMHED reporting requirements.

Taken together, these developments illustrate a fundamental structural shift in the state's private postsecondary sector: a steady contraction of traditional, campus-based education and a concurrent surge in distance learning opportunities that continue to reshape New Mexico's higher education landscape.



Institutional Accreditation Profiles

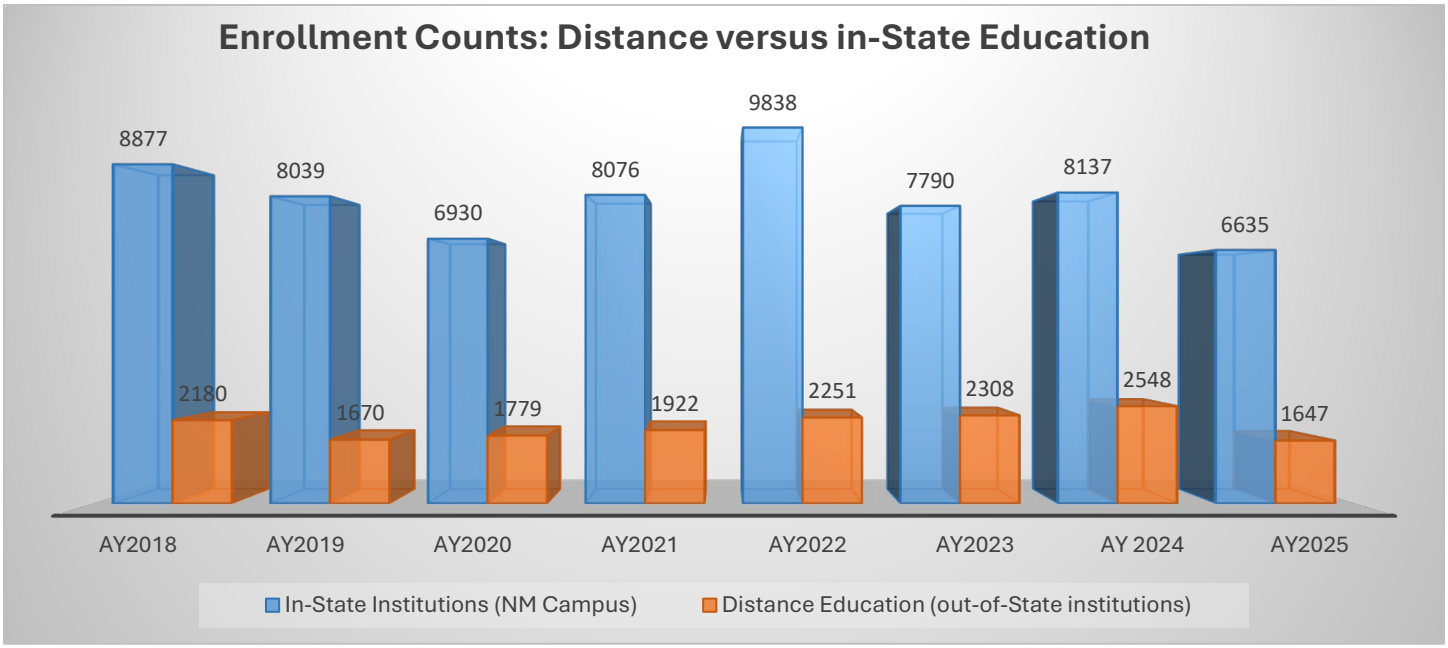
In the 2025 academic year, New Mexico had 91 state-authorized private post-secondary institutions, encompassing a diverse range of degree and certificate granting providers. About 86 percent of these institutions are accredited, reflecting the sector's strong commitment to recognized quality and academic standards. Among accredited institutions, most offer a combination of degree and certificate or diploma programs, while others focus exclusively on degree programs. The remaining non-accredited institutions primarily operate in specialized vocational or technical fields, meeting targeted workforce needs across the state. Overall, this institutional profile demonstrates a dynamic and responsive private education sector that continues to align with New Mexico's educational and economic development goals.

AY2025	*Only Degree Granting*	*Degree and Certificate/ Diploma granting*	*Only Certificate/ Diploma granting*	*Total Institutions*
Accredited	**18**	**51**	**9**	**78**
Non-Accredited	**0**	**0**	**13**	**13**
Total Institutions	**18**	**51**	**22**	**91**

Overall Enrollment Counts

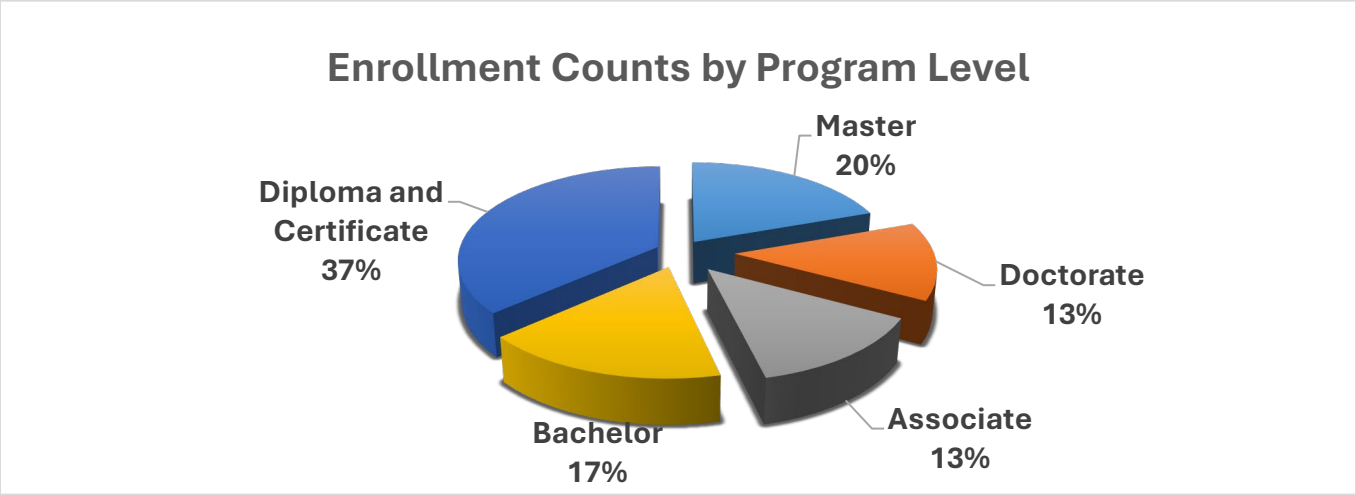
In Academic Year 2025, total student enrollment across New Mexico's licensed private post-secondary institutions reached 8,282. The decline from the previous year is primarily attributable to two factors: the reclassification and removal of all previously state-authorized commercial driver's license (CDL) schools from the annual count, and a reduction in distance education participation. Enrollment in distance education programs reached an eight-year low of 1,647 students.

Additionally, broader national factors appear to be influencing enrollment trends. The shift in federal loan forgiveness policies under the current administration, combined with increasing uncertainty in the U.S. economy, has contributed to more cautious student decision-making and reduced new enrollments. Despite these headwinds, distance education continues to play a vital role in expanding access to post-secondary opportunities for New Mexico residents.



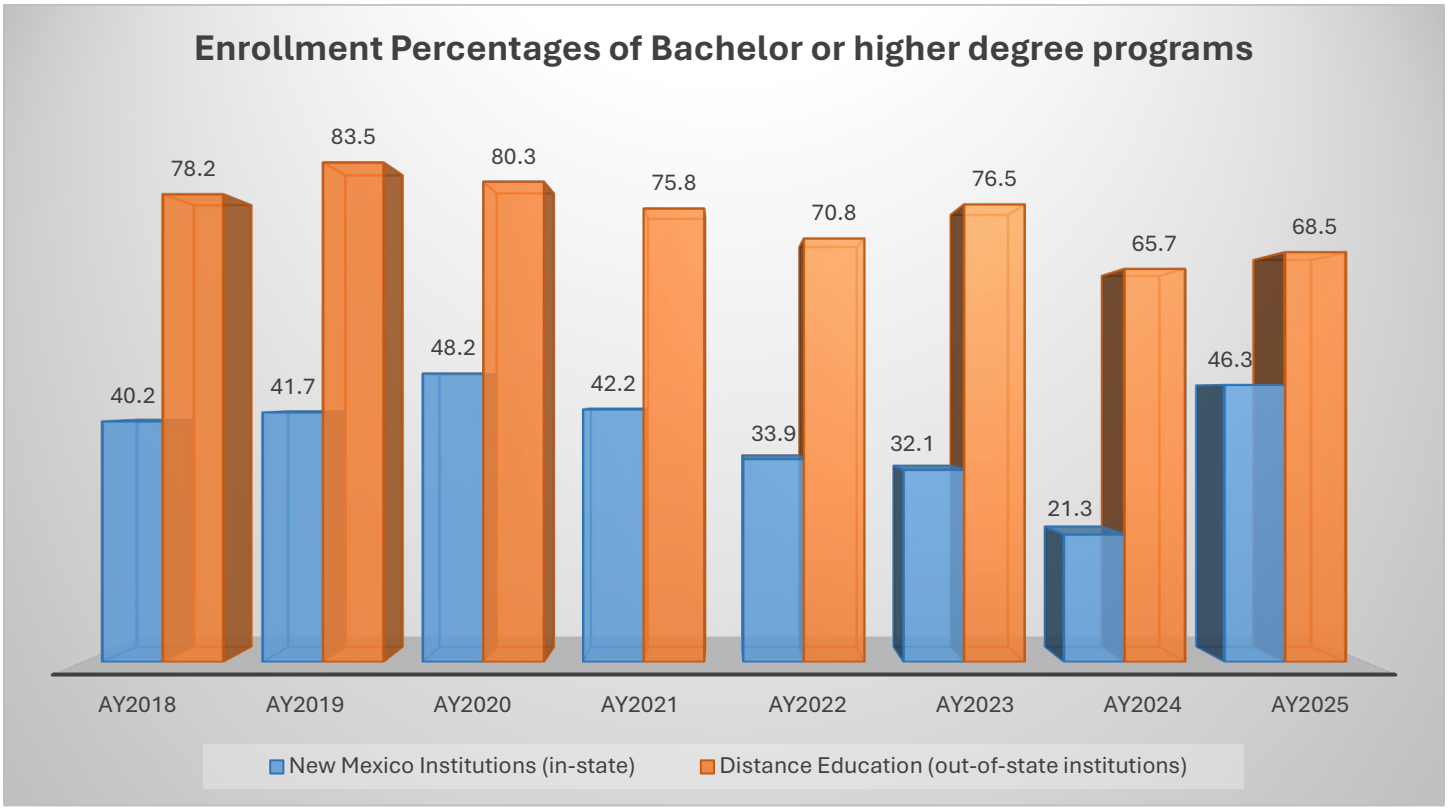
Enrollment Counts by Program Level

In Academic Year 2025, a total of 8,282 New Mexico students were enrolled in state-authorized private post-secondary institutions. Among these, the largest proportion, 37 percent were pursuing certificate and diploma programs, reflecting the continued demand for career-oriented training in fields such as cosmetology, vocational nursing, commercial driving, computer technology, and aviation. These programs play a vital role in preparing students for immediate entry into the workforce and meeting the state's skilled labor needs. Additionally, 50 percent of all students were enrolled in bachelor's or graduate-level degree programs, highlighting the significant contribution of private institutions to New Mexico's higher education ecosystem and to pathways for advanced academic and professional achievement.



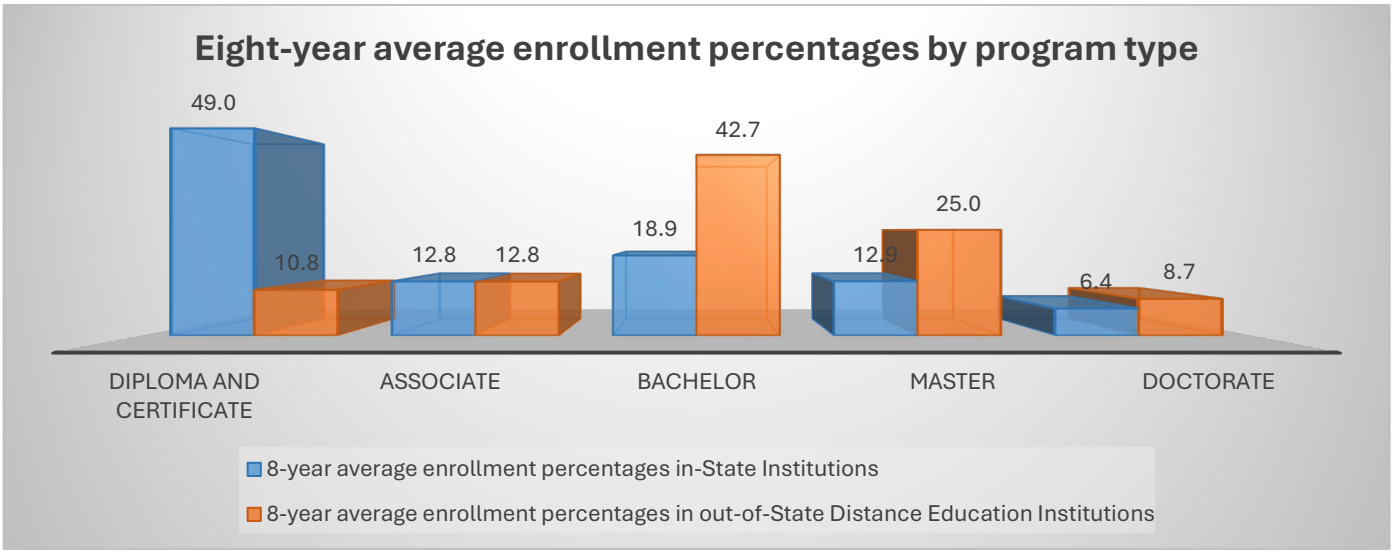
Enrollment Counts in Bachelor or higher degree programs

In Academic Year 2025, 68.5 percent of students enrolled in private out-of-state distance education institutions pursued a four-year or higher degree program, compared to 46.3 percent of students enrolled at in-state private institutions. This marks a stabilization in enrollment patterns, as the multi-year decline in students pursuing bachelor's or higher degrees, whether through distance education or at New Mexico based private institutions, appears to have reversed. The shift may reflect renewed student confidence in the value of higher degree attainment amid a recovering job market, expanded federal student aid and loan-forgiveness measures, and the increased accessibility of flexible online and hybrid program options that allow adult learners to return to higher education.



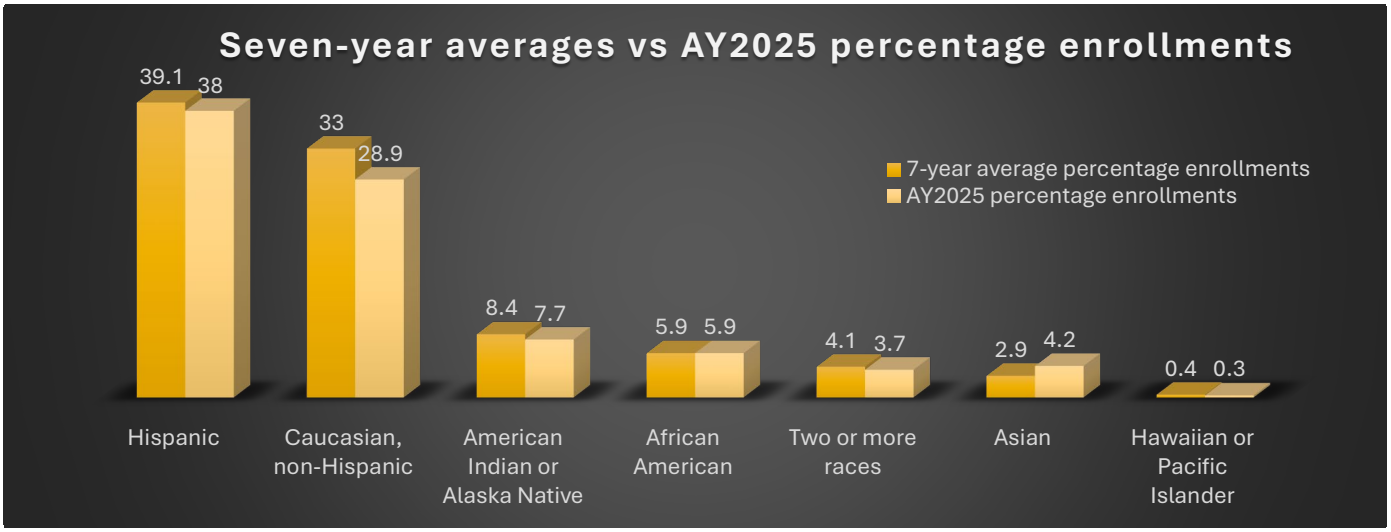
Eight-year average student enrollment counts by program type

Over the past eight years, nearly half of all students enrolled at authorized in-state private post-secondary educational institutions have pursued diploma or certificate programs, underscoring the continued importance of career-focused training within New Mexico's private education sector. In contrast, the eight-year enrollment average for students attending authorized out-of-state private distance education institutions reveals that 42.7 percent are pursuing bachelor's degrees, by far the largest share across all program levels, highlighting the sustained national demand for online undergraduate study.



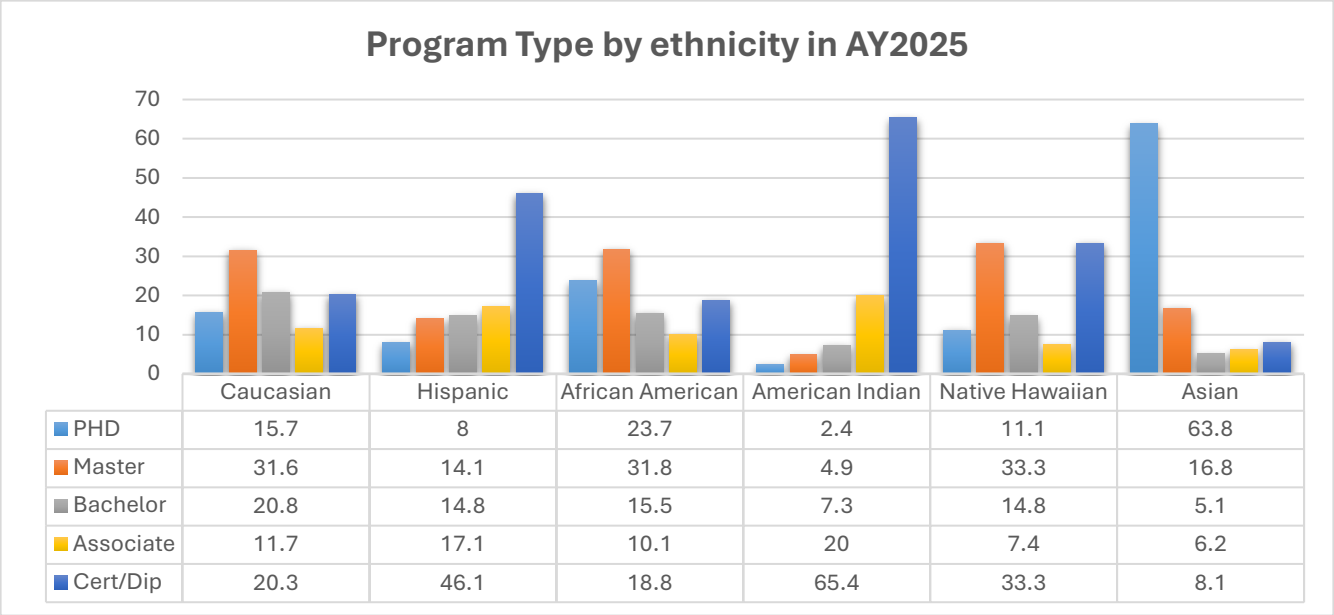
Ethnic Composition of Student Body

Over a seven-year period, the ethnic composition of students enrolled in New Mexico's private post-secondary institutions has largely mirrored the state's overall demographics, with Hispanic and Caucasian students together accounting for approximately 72 percent of total enrollments. However, a comparison with the 2025 academic year reveals notable demographic shifts: the proportion of Asian students nearly doubled to 4.2 percent, while the combined share of Hispanic and Caucasian students declined to 67 percent. These trends indicate a gradual diversification of the student population within the state's private education sector.



Enrollment percentages of Program Type by Student Ethnicity

An analysis of enrollment percentages by program type and student ethnicity reveals distinct patterns in educational pursuits across demographic groups. Caucasian, African American, and Asian students are predominantly enrolled in four-year or higher degree programs, while Hispanic and Native American students are more likely to pursue two-year degrees or certificate and diploma programs. Notably, approximately 86 percent of Asian students are enrolled in bachelor's or higher degree programs, whereas about 85 percent of Native American students and 63 percent of Hispanic students are pursuing associate degrees or certificate/diploma programs. These patterns highlight differing educational pathways and may reflect variations in access, affordability, and program availability across demographic groups.



	Caucasian	Hispanic	African American	American Indian	Native Hawaiian	Asian
PHD	15.7	8	23.7	2.4	11.1	63.8
Master	31.6	14.1	31.8	4.9	33.3	16.8
Bachelor	20.8	14.8	15.5	7.3	14.8	5.1
Associate	11.7	17.1	10.1	20	7.4	6.2
Cert/Dip	20.3	46.1	18.8	65.4	33.3	8.1

Appendix A: State-Authorized Institutions:

In-State Institutions:

Name of Institution	Accreditation Status	Renewal Date for State Authorization	Profit Nonprofit	Location
A Better U Beauty Barber Academy	Accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Albuquerque
Albuquerque Medical Assistant School	Non-accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Albuquerque
Associated Builders and Contractors	Non-accredited	6/30/2025	nonprofit	Albuquerque
Ballroom Dance Teachers Academy	Non-accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Las Cruces
Bode Aviation	Non-accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Albuquerque
Brookline College	Accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Albuquerque
California Institute of Arts and Technology	Accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Albuquerque
Charter Institute, a Division of Charter College	Accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Farmington
EC-Council University	Accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Albuquerque
Feldenkrais in Santa Fe	Non-accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Santa Fe
Glitz School of Cosmetology	Accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Las Cruces
Hypnotherapy Academy of America	Non-accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Albuquerque
IntelliTec College	Accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Albuquerque
Mark Pardo Institute of New Mexico	Accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Albuquerque
Mountain View Vocational Institute	Non-accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Alamogordo
National College of Midwifery	Accredited	6/30/2025	nonprofit	Taos
New Mexico Dental Academy	Non-accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Albuquerque
New Mexico Dental Institute	Non-accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Socorro
Paul Mitchel The School	Accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Albuquerque
Phlebotomy Training School	Non-accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Albuquerque
Pima Medical Institute	Accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Albuquerque
Pinnacle Institute	Non-accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Las Cruces
Quality Health Management	Non-accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Albuquerque
Red Arrow Flight Academy	Non-accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Santa Teresa
Royalty School of Barber & Cosmetology	Non-accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Albuquerque
Southwest University of Naprapathic Medicine	Accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Santa Fe
The Avenue Academy	Accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Albuquerque
United Education Institute	Accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Albuquerque
Vertical Limit Aviation	Non-accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Albuquerque
Vogue College of Cosmetology	Accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Santa Fe
Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine	Accredited	6/30/2029	profit	Las Cruces
Carrington College	Accredited	10/1/2026	profit	Albuquerque
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	Accredited	12/1/2032	nonprofit	NM Air Force Bases
Grand Canyon University	Accredited	8/31/2027	nonprofit	Albuquerque
Lewis University	Accredited	8/31/2029	nonprofit	Albuquerque
Southern Methodist University	Accredited	12/1/2031	nonprofit	Ranchos de Taos
Southwestern College	Accredited	8/31/2031	nonprofit	Santa Fe
St. John's College	Accredited	8/31/2029	nonprofit	Santa Fe
Touro University	Accredited	6/30/2032	nonprofit	Albuquerque
University of New Haven (no longer active)	Accredited	6/30/2031	nonprofit	Kirtland AFB
University of the Southwest	Accredited	8/31/2034	nonprofit	Hobbs

Appendix B: State-Authorized Institutions:

Distance Education Institution (out-of-State):

Name of Institution	Accreditation Status	Renewal Date for State Authorization	Profit Nonprofit	Location
Academy of Art University	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	San Francisco, CA
Animal Behavior College, Inc.	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	Valencia, CA
Arizona Christian University	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	Glendale, AZ
Aspen University	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	Phoenix, AZ
Biola University	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	La Mirada, CA
Brookline College	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	Phoenix, AZ
California Coast University	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	Santa Ana, CA
California Institute of Integral Studies	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	San Francisco, CA
California Polytechnic State University	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	San Luis Obispo, CA
Campus	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	Sacramento, CA
Carrington College - Phoenix	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	Phoenix, AZ
Carrington College - Sacramento	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	Sacramento, CA
Chamberlain University	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	Chicago, IL
Claremont Lincoln University	Accredited	6/30/2025	profit	Claremont, CA
Concordia University Irvine	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	Irvine, CA
Fielding Graduate University	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	Santa Barbara, CA
Fuller Theological Seminary	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	Pasadena, CA
Los Angeles Film Schools, LLC	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	Hollywood, CA
National American University	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	Rapid City, IA
National University	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	La Jolla, CA
Pacific Oaks College	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	Pasadena, CA
Pacifica Graduate Institute	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	Carpinteria, CA
Pepperdine University	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	Malibu, CA
Point Loma Nazarene University	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	San Diego, CA
San Jose State University	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	San Jose, CA
Saybrook University	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	Pasadena, CA
South University	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	Savannah, SC
Southern California University of Health Sciences	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	Whittier, CA
Southwestern Law School	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	Los Angeles, CA
Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	Tulsa, OK
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	Los Angeles, CA
Ultimate Medical Academy	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	Tampa, FL
United States University	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	San Diego, CA
Unitek College Utah	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	Murray, UT
University of California Irvine	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	Irvine, CA
University of California Los Angeles	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	Los Angeles, CA
University of California San Diego	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	La Jolla, CA
University of Massachusetts Global	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	Irvine, CA
University of San Diego	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	San Diego, CA
University of Southern California	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	Los Angeles, CA
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	San Marcos, CA
University of The People	Accredited	6/30/2025	Nonprofit	Pasadena, CA
Walden University	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	Minneapolis, MN

Appendix C: State-Authorized Institutions:

Out-of-State Proprietary Institutions:

Name of Institution	Accreditation Status	Renewal Date for State Authorization	Profit Nonprofit	Location
Lincoln College of Technology	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	Denver, CO
Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology, Broomfield	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	Broomfield, CO
Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology, Tulsa	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	Tulsa, OK
Tulsa Welding School & Technology Center	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	Houston, TX
Tulsa Welding School	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	Tulsa, OK
Universal Technical Institute of Southern California	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	Long Beach, CA
WyoTech	Accredited	6/30/2025	Profit	Laramie, WY