



Branch Community
Colleges Council

- Report to Faculty Senate, November 25, 2025

UNM Branch Campuses: Who Are We?

- "Branch community college educational program", for the purposes of Chapter 21, Article 14 NMSA 1978, includes either the first two years of college education or organized vocational and technical curricula of not more than two years' duration designed to fit individuals for employment in recognized occupations, or both.

WE ARE LOBOS

DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

Whether you plan on entering the job market or transferring to a four-year institution, UNM-Valencia has the tools and resources you'll need to succeed. UNM-Valencia offers more than 41 degree and certificate programs as well as a broad range of general education and pre-professional programs to prepare you for success!

College not for you? Explore our certificate programs and learn a valuable skill or trade in the workforce.



➤ valencia.unm.edu/degrees-certificates/

ASSOCIATES OF ARTS

- Art Studio
- Business Administration
- Chicana/o Studies
- Criminal Justice
- Criminology
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- English
- Film and Digital Arts
- Liberal Arts
- Psychology
- Secondary Education

ASSOCIATES OF APPLIED SCIENCE

- Computational Mathematics
- Game Design and Simulation

ASSOCIATES OF SCIENCE

- Emergency Medical Services
- General Science
- Integrated Studies
- Mathematics
- Nursing
- Pre-Engineering

CERTIFICATES

- Art Studio
- Automotive Technology
- Business Administration
- Construction Technology
- Early Childhood Development
- Elementary Education
- Film and Digital Arts
- Film Technician
- Game Design and Simulation
- Health Information Technology
- Medical Assistant
- Medical Biotechnology
- Welding

INDUSTRY RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATES

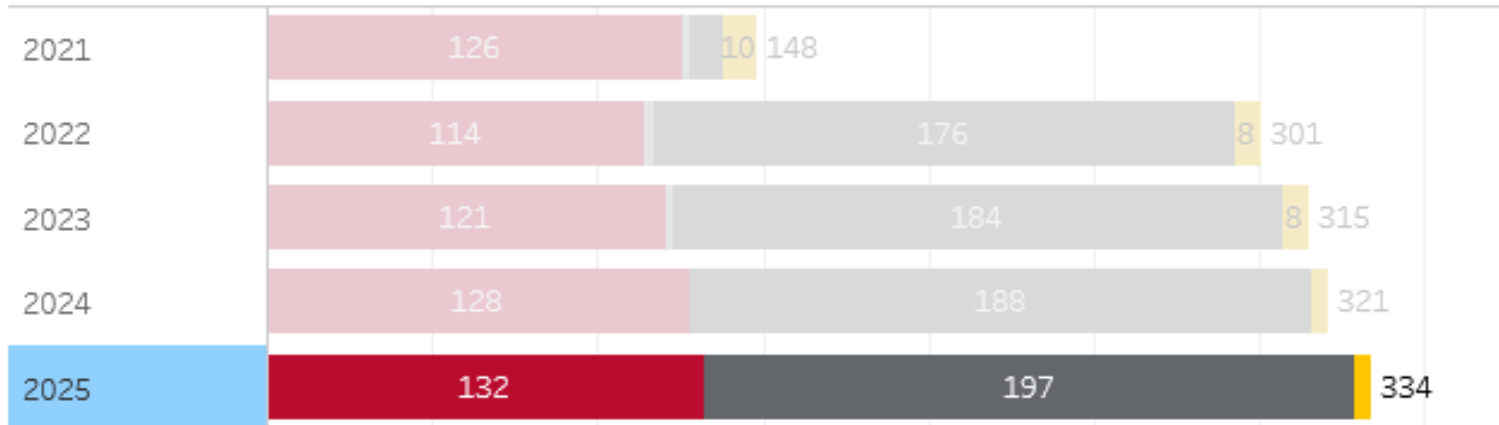
- Emergency Medical Services
- Nursing Assistant
- Personal Care Attendant
- Phlebotomy Technician



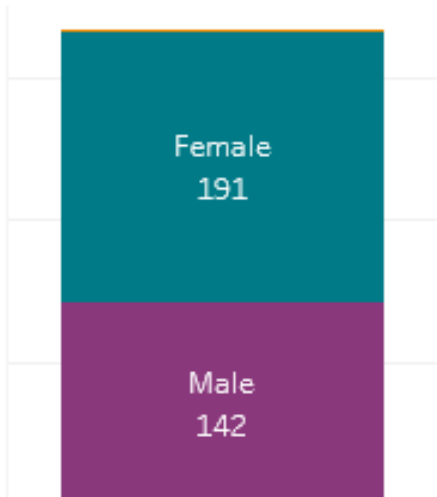
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Faculty Count by Year

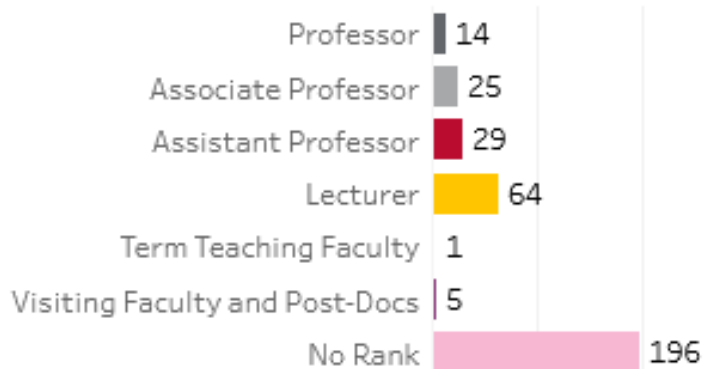
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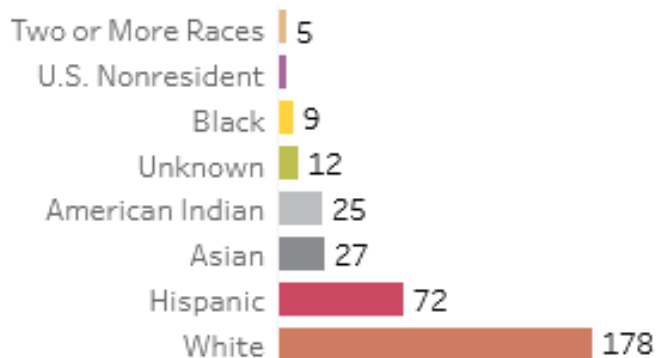
Gender



Rank



Race/Ethnicity



Tenured vs. Non-Tenured

Tenured	30.43%
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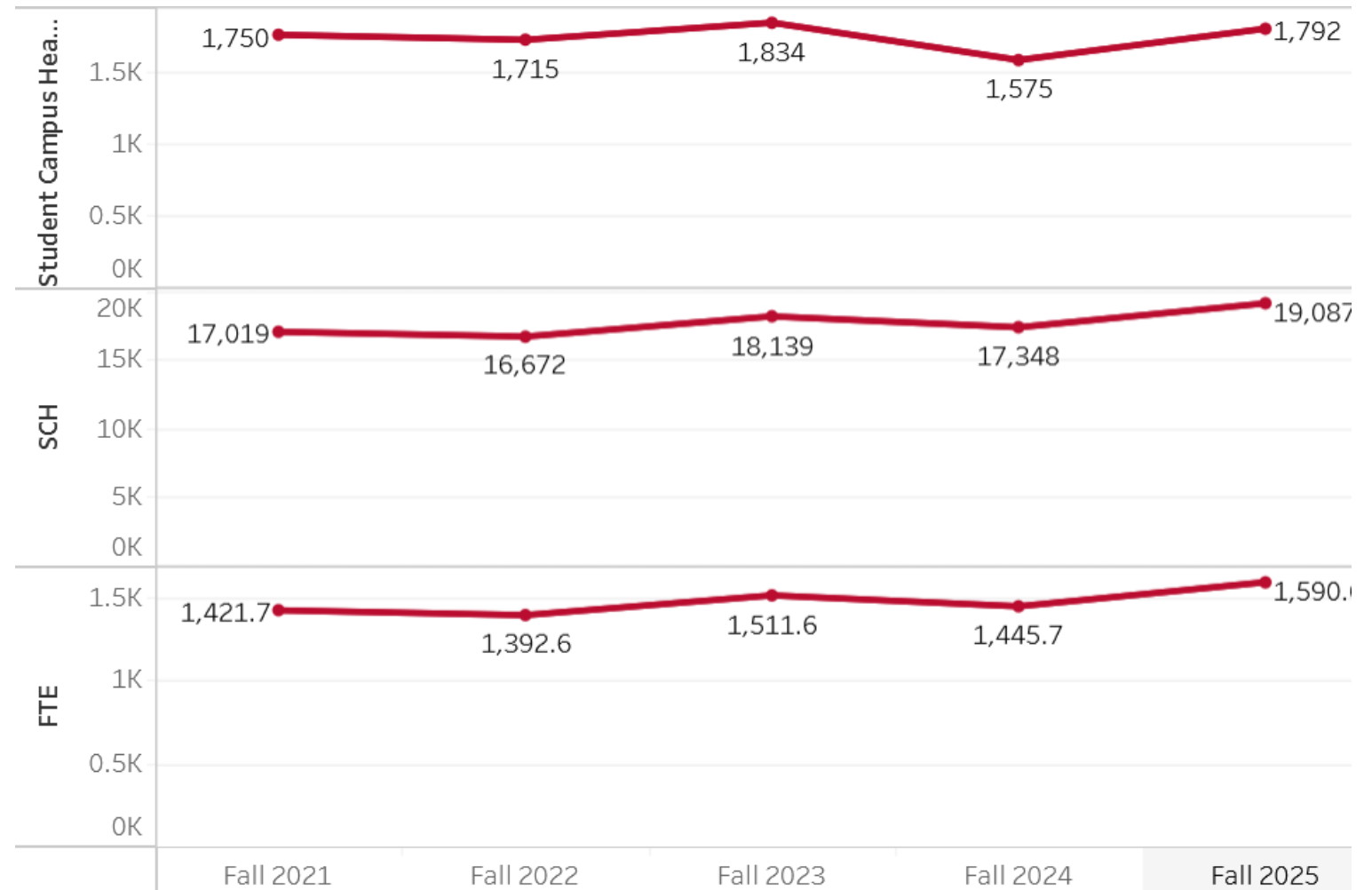
Faculty Education Level

Doctorate or Terminal Degree

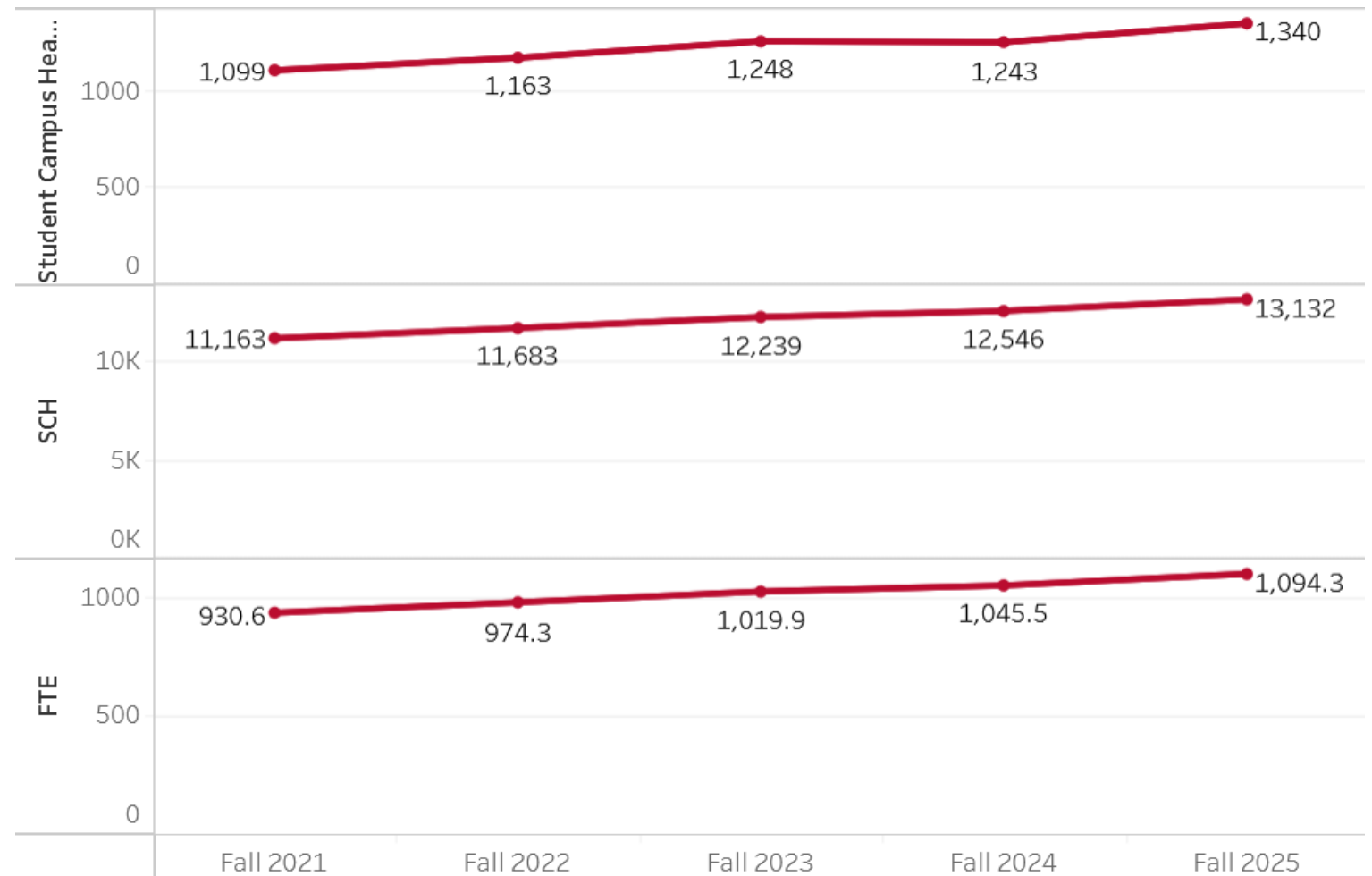
UNM Branch Campuses: Overall Enrollments



UNM Branch Campuses: Hispanic Student Enrollments



UNM Branch Campuses: Native American Student Enrollments



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Hispanic Student Profile

FALL 2022



Hispanic Home Student Headcount

443

56.3% of total
home student population, N=787

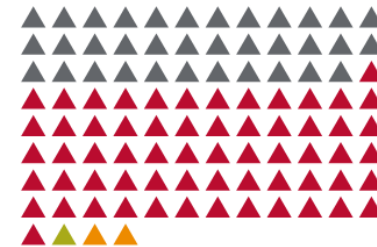
Female
67%



Average Age
22

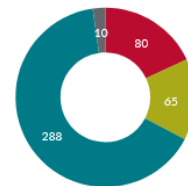


UNM-Taos Hispanic Student Enrollment by Home Campus N=713



Albuquerque (34.64%) Taos (62.13%) Gallup (0.42%)
Los Alamos (0.98%) Valencia (1.82%)

Hispanic Home Students by Degree-seeking and Time Status



Degree-seeking, Full-time (18.06%)
Degree-seeking, Part-time (14.67%)
Non-degree seeking (2.26%)
Dual Credit (65.01%)

AVERAGE LOAD



6 SCH

TOP PROGRAM

AS Pre-Science



9%

RECEIVED FINANCIAL AID



68%

PELL ELIGIBLE





63%

HISPANIC STUDENT PROFILE

FALL 2022

SUGGESTED CITATION: Villalobos Meléndez, A. (2022). *Hispanic Student Profile, Fall 2022 Census* [Infographic]. UNM-Taos Institutional Research.

UNM Branch Campuses: Student Diversity

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS	
HISPANIC	63%
WHITE	21%
NATIVE AMERICAN	5%
ALL OTHER GROUPS	8%
FEMALE	61%
MALE	38%
AVERAGE AGE	22.60 YEARS
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GROWING, DIVERSE STUDENT POPULATION

Over 1887 students, 2022-23 Academic Year

Headcount increased by 10% over 5 years

50.8% Hispanic
28.9% Caucasian
5.9% Native American
4.61% Asian
9.7% Other

54.2% Female
45.8% Part-time
25.4 - Average age student to faculty



OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTION

18:1 Student to faculty ratio
34% of permanent faculty possess a Ph.D.
92% of all faculty possess a Master's or higher.
The majority of faculty also work in the fields in which they teach.



EXCELLENT INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

Popular Transfer Programs

Pre-Professional Health, Pre-Engineering,
Pre-Business, Computer Science, Liberal Arts

Programs Developed for our Community

Emergency Medical Services, Fire Science, Robotics,
Welding, Electro-Mechanical, IT with Cybersecurity,
Certified Nursing Attendant, Bachelor of Science in
Mechanical Engineering



ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE

Tuition

\$82.00 per credit hour
\$1048.00 per semester (full-time)

Financial Aid & Scholarships

State and local scholarships significantly reduce and/or
eliminate out-of-pocket costs.

Admission

No minimum GPA or test score required for admission.

Branch Community Colleges Council

- Support Staff:
 - Theresa Sherman
- GALLUP
 - Tracy Lassiter
 - Kristian Simcox
(BCCC Co-Chair)
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 - Joan Lucas
 - Min Ro

- TAOS
 - Paul Allen
 - Jaime Knight
 - Megan Murphy
 - Peter Walker
- VALENCIA
 - Justin Bendell
 - Steven Romero
(BCCC Co-Chair)

Branch Community Colleges Council: Who Are We?

- BCCC:
 - highlights the academic and professional contributions of UNM branch community college faculty
 - fosters collaboration, communication, and camaraderie between faculty members on all UNM campuses
 - proactively ensures the Senate is aware of issues that are specific to branch community colleges when making decisions affecting branch community colleges
 - proactively brings matters to the Senate that are specific to branch community colleges that may warrant supportive action by the Senate
 - actively champions student success

BCCC: Priorities and Projects

- Getting our students “college ready”
 - Per FHB A68: “Through the Faculty Senate, [BCCC will collaborate] with leadership in Academic Affairs and Student Affairs on Albuquerque campuses pertaining to student success initiatives that increase retention and graduation rates of branch community college students who transfer to Albuquerque campuses”
 - What more can we do to prepare our transfer students to UNM-Albuquerque?
 - What resources are in place in Albuquerque for our transfer students?

BCCC: Priorities and Projects

- Expanding access to four-year degrees
 - UNM Branch Community Colleges do not grant four-year degrees
 - There are existing partnerships between ABQ and the Branches to make some four-year degrees more accessible to students who complete coursework on the Branch campuses



BCCC: Priorities and Projects

- Expanding access to resources and opportunities
 - Per FHB A68, the BCCC will attend to “Branch community college faculty inclusion on committees, projects, professional development, and research opportunities made available to UNM faculty”
- Support for teaching
 - E.g., Golden Paw Certification
- Support for professional development
 - E.g., Leadership Training



Thank You!