

## DIVERSITY FACT SHEET

*“San Diego State should stand up and take a bow. The university is doing a great job of recruiting, retaining and graduating Hispanics. It is clearly a vital part of the education pipeline.”*

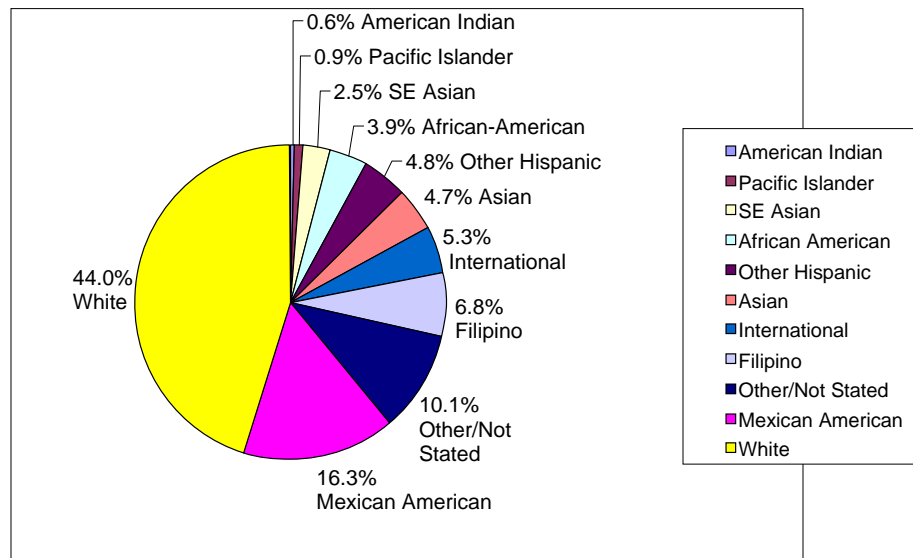
-- Adalyn Hixson, editor, *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*

San Diego State University is dedicated to ensuring equal access to higher education for students of all backgrounds. SDSU’s diversity-related achievements and programs include:

### RANKINGS:

- SDSU is **No. 6** in the nation and **No. 2** in California for bachelor’s degrees awarded to Hispanics, according to the May 2008 issue of *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, which listed the top 100 colleges and universities for Hispanics.
- SDSU ranks **No. 10** in the nation for bachelor’s degrees awarded to minorities, according to the June 2008 issue of *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, which listed the top 100 colleges and universities for minorities.
- SDSU ranks **No. 23** in the nation for ethnic diversity – *U.S. News & World Report*, August 2008
- SDSU ranks **No. 19** in the nation for graduate schools awarding master’s degrees to Hispanics. – *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, April 2008
- SDSU ranks **No. 25** in the nation in comparison to other large public universities for bachelor’s degrees in engineering awarded to Hispanics.

### SDSU Enrollment in Fall 2008, By Ethnicity (San Diego Campus):



**SDSU FACULTY DIVERSITY:**

Since the 1998-1999 academic year, 33.2 percent of SDSU’s tenured or tenure-track faculty hires have been people of color.

| <b>TENURE/TENURE TRACK FACULTY HIRES</b>     |              |                   |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| <small>(1998-99 THROUGH 2006-2007)</small>   |              |                   |
| <i>ETHNICITY</i>                             | <i>COUNT</i> | <i>PERCENTAGE</i> |
| AFRICAN-AMERICAN                             | <b>19</b>    | <b>3.9%</b>       |
| ASIAN-AMERICAN/<br>PACIFIC ISLANDER/FILIPINO | <b>69</b>    | <b>14.3%</b>      |
| HISPANIC                                     | <b>48</b>    | <b>10%</b>        |
| NATIVE AMERICAN                              | <b>5</b>     | <b>1%</b>         |
| OTHER NON-WHITE                              | <b>16</b>    | <b>3.3%</b>       |
| PERSONS OF COLOR                             | <b>157</b>   | <b>32.6%</b>      |
| WHITE                                        | <b>325</b>   | <b>67.4%</b>      |
| TOTAL                                        | <b>482</b>   | <b>100%</b>       |
|                                              |              |                   |

Over the same period, 47.3 percent of SDSU’s tenured or tenure-track faculty hires were women.

**CAMPUS PROGRAMS:**

Dozens of student groups, scholarships and departmental programs support students from diverse backgrounds and help them succeed at SDSU. The university’s course offerings also reflect the diversity of its student body, faculty and staff.

- In 1970, SDSU created one of the first academic departments in California dedicated to the study of Mexican culture in America—**Chicano/Chicana Studies**. The department offers courses such as “U.S.-Mexico Border History,” “Mexican Immigration History and Policy,” and “Mexican Images in Film.”
- SDSU’s **Department of Women’s Studies** grew out of the feminist activism of the 1960s and was the first of its kind in the United States. For three decades it has continued as a leader in the field of Women's Studies. The program offers a bachelor’s and a master’s degree and is home to the SDSU Women’s Resource Center which provides free, accessible information, resources, and referrals regarding women's health, body image, eating disorders, sexuality, and other gender-related issues faced by students, faculty, and staff at SDSU.
- SDSU’s **Educational Opportunity Program**, also started in 1970, is designed to assist economically or otherwise challenged students and has since played a key role in diversifying the SDSU student body, helping up to 3,500 students a year.
- SDSU’s **Africana Studies** Department was founded in 1972. It offers a broad, interdisciplinary program covering a variety of subjects pertaining to Africa and the African diaspora. The **Asian Studies** program’s resources include the Japan Studies Institute, the China Studies Institute and the Asian/Pacific American Archives.

- SDSU plays a key role in California's **Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement** (MESA) program, which helps educationally disadvantaged students enter and excel in technical professions.
- The **McNair Scholars** program identifies students from low-income backgrounds with potential to become university professors, provides them with mentors and supplies them with a \$2,800 stipend to conduct research.
- Students at SDSU have organized **more than 25 clubs to support diversity** on campus, including Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA), the Association of Chicana Activists, the National Society of Black Engineers and the Native American Student Alliance.

### COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:

Serving San Diego County's diverse community is a principal mission of San Diego State University. Dozens of programs at the university help students from area schools thrive academically and prepare for higher education.

- SDSU and the Sweetwater Union High School District have partnered to create the **Compact for Success** program, a pioneering effort in educational civil rights that is designed to help the district's highly diverse student body better prepare for higher education. The program guarantees a place at SDSU for every student from the district's classes through 2012 who meets certain academic standards. The first class of Compact Scholars started at SDSU in fall 2006.
- The **City Heights Educational Collaborative** involves more than 100 faculty members from 40 departments in supporting families and educating children in one of San Diego's most diverse neighborhoods. SDSU has also opened a **Literacy Center** in City Heights and played a leading role in the **Digital Bridge** project to improve computer literacy in the neighborhood.
- Students with dreams of a medical career benefit from SDSU's **Health Careers Opportunities Program**, which provides tutoring, mentoring and emotional support to students who aspire to attend medical school.
- In October 2002, SDSU became the **first university in California to make vital admissions and financial aid information available on-line in Spanish** on the university's web site at [www.sdsu.edu/espanol](http://www.sdsu.edu/espanol). Education advocacy groups such as the Parent Institute for Quality Education say this web site will help address an on-line information gap between universities and Spanish-speaking parents of prospective students who are seeking information on how to help their kids prepare for college.