

### ***College enrollment***

- In 2006, Hispanics represented 6% of graduate and first professional students in higher education. This is a slight increase from 5% in 1995. [The Condition of Education, 2008, NCES, Indicator 11, Table 11-2]
- From 2000 to 2006, Latino graduate enrollment increased by 42%. Enrollment by whites grew by 15%, blacks by 57%, and American Indians/Alaska Natives by 40%. [The Condition of Education, 2008, NCES, Indicator 11]
- From 2000 to 2006, Hispanic enrollment in first-professional programs grew by 19%. Enrollment by whites increased 10%, blacks 14%, and Asians/Pacific Islanders 24%. [The Condition of Education, 2008, NCES, Indicator 11]
- In 2007, 13% of Hispanic graduate students were enrolled in engineering, physical sciences, or biological sciences. In comparison, 16% of white, 9% of black, and 29% of Asian graduate students were enrolled in these disciplines. [Redd, K. 2008. Graduate Enrollment and Degrees: 1997 to 2007. Council of Graduate Schools]

### ***College completion***

#### **Master's degree**

- In 2005-06, 5% of all master's degrees conferred were awarded to Hispanics. [Digest of Education Statistics, 2007, NCES, 2008, Table 278]
- More Latinos are earning master's degrees. Between 1996 and 2006, the number of master's degrees conferred on Latinos rose 125%. In comparison, the number earned by whites increased 32%, blacks 128%, and Asians 87%. By gender, the number of master's degrees earned by Hispanic males increased 99% and females 142%. [Digest of Education Statistics, 2007, NCES, 2008, Table 277]
- Hispanic females are more likely than males to earn master's degrees. Hispanic females earned 64% of master's degrees conferred on Hispanics in 2005-06. [Digest of Education Statistics, 2007, NCES, 2008, Table 278]

#### **Doctoral degrees**

- Hispanics represent a small percentage of the population earning doctoral degrees. In 2006, they earned 3% of doctoral degrees conferred. [Digest of Education Statistics, 2007, Table 281]
- More Latinos are earning doctorates. Between 1996 and 2006, Hispanics increased doctorates earned by 89%. While the overall increase for doctorates earned during that time was 26%, the number rose 91% for blacks and 14% for whites. [Digest of Education Statistics, 2007, Table 280]
- The top fields for Hispanics in doctoral programs were education and psychology. [Digest of Education Statistics, 2007, Table 281]

#### **First professional degrees**

- Hispanics earned 5% of first professional degrees in 2005-06. [Digest of Education Statistics, 2007, NCES, 2008, Table 283]
- From 1995-96 to 2005-06, Hispanics increased first professional degrees earned by 28%. The number for whites increased by 7%, blacks 24%, Asians 61%, American Indians 53%, and nonresident aliens 26%. [Digest of Education Statistics, 2007, NCES, 2008, Table 283]