

Workforce Pipeline

The Southern New Mexico-El Paso region is home to 11 post-secondary institutions, including two four-year and graduate post-secondary institutions, and nine two-year community colleges, professional, and technical schools. The University of Texas at El Paso is the largest four-year and graduate post-secondary institution, enrolling over 22,000 students annually. New Mexico State University–Main Campus (located in Las Cruces) is the second largest, with annual enrollment of over 18,000 students. Community colleges are positioned in all three of the region's counties. The region's four-year institutions enroll roughly 40,000 students annually, while the two-year institutions enroll an annual total of approximately 50,000.

University Enrollment & Graduates

	11-12	10-11	09-10	08-09	07-08	06-07	05-06	04-05	03-04	02-03
New Mexico State University										
Total Enrollment	18,024	18,552	18,497	17,200	16,726	16,415	16,072	16,428	16,174	15,243
Total Graduates	3,457	3,445	3,251	3,241	3,194	3,075	3,153	3,043	2,897	2,627
Associate	12	10	28	30	21	22	52	26	57	60
Bachelor's	2,441	2,387	2,335	2,304	2,250	2,188	2,187	2,122	2,012	1,927
Masters	882	932	805	836	851	773	835	799	750	565
Doctorate	122	116	83	71	72	92	79	96	78	75
University of Texas at El Paso										
Total Enrollment	22,640	22,106	21,011	20,458	20,154	19,842	19,268	18,918	18,542	17,232
Total Graduates	4,337	4,154	3,978	3,838	3,529	3,171	2,883	2,757	2,437	---
Undergraduate	3,132	3,008	3,031	2,999	2,749	2,394	2,106	1,957	1,754	---
Masters	1,134	1,071	888	780	745	735	743	772	659	---
Doctorate	71	75	59	59	35	42	34	28	24	---
Dona Ana Community College										
Total Enrollment	9,894	9,891	12,507	11,606	10,720	9,659	9,355	8,918	8,199	7,710
Total Graduates	1,430	1,490	1,047	873	785	650	664	546	432	419
Degrees	1,019	896	841	724	651	552	557	448	365	350
Certificates	411	594	206	149	134	98	107	98	67	69
El Paso Community College										
Total Enrollment	40,804	38,131	34,783	33,986	34,818	35,286	34,637	32,898	29,176	26,944
Total Graduates	2,624	3,777	3,694	2,552	2,438	2,342	2,307	2,114	1,719	1,443
Degrees	2,142	3,057	3,197	2,121	2,009	1,815	1,844	1,762	1,287	1,095
Certificates	482	720	497	431	429	527	463	352	432	348

Early College High Schools

- New Mexico's first Early College High School opened its doors in July 2010 at the NMSU Arrowhead Business & Research Park.
- Gadsden Independent School District enrolled its first Early College High School class in fall of 2012.
- A second Early College High School at the NMSU Arrowhead Business & Research Park broke ground in April 2013.
- Students involved in this program earn their high school diploma and have the option to complete coursework towards an Associate's Degree or their first two years of Bachelor's degree.
- Course work is geared towards STEM curriculum with emphasis on technical degrees.