

# Student Population by Ethnicity

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The ethnic makeup of our student body has changed significantly since 2010. The Hispanic student population has grown 372% since 2010, and now represents nearly 14% of our total population (a 180% increase in student composition). Overall, our Asian population, as a percentage of our total population, has decreased slightly by 12%; however, they witnessed an even steeper decline as a percentage of degree-seeking students and undergraduate students, -16% and -44% respectively. Hispanic students now make up nearly 50% of our undergraduate population, compared to just 12% in 2010. The number of Caucasians has increased by 53% since 2010, but their representation as a percentage of the total population has remained the same since 2010 (13%). Non-degree seeking students are still predominantly Asian, and our graduate student population exhibited a significant increase in Caucasian students (75%). However, our African American student population as a percentage of total headcount, degree-seeking student headcount, and graduate headcount witnessed a decreases across the board; -17%, -16% and -24% respectively.

## Trend Analysis (2010-2013)

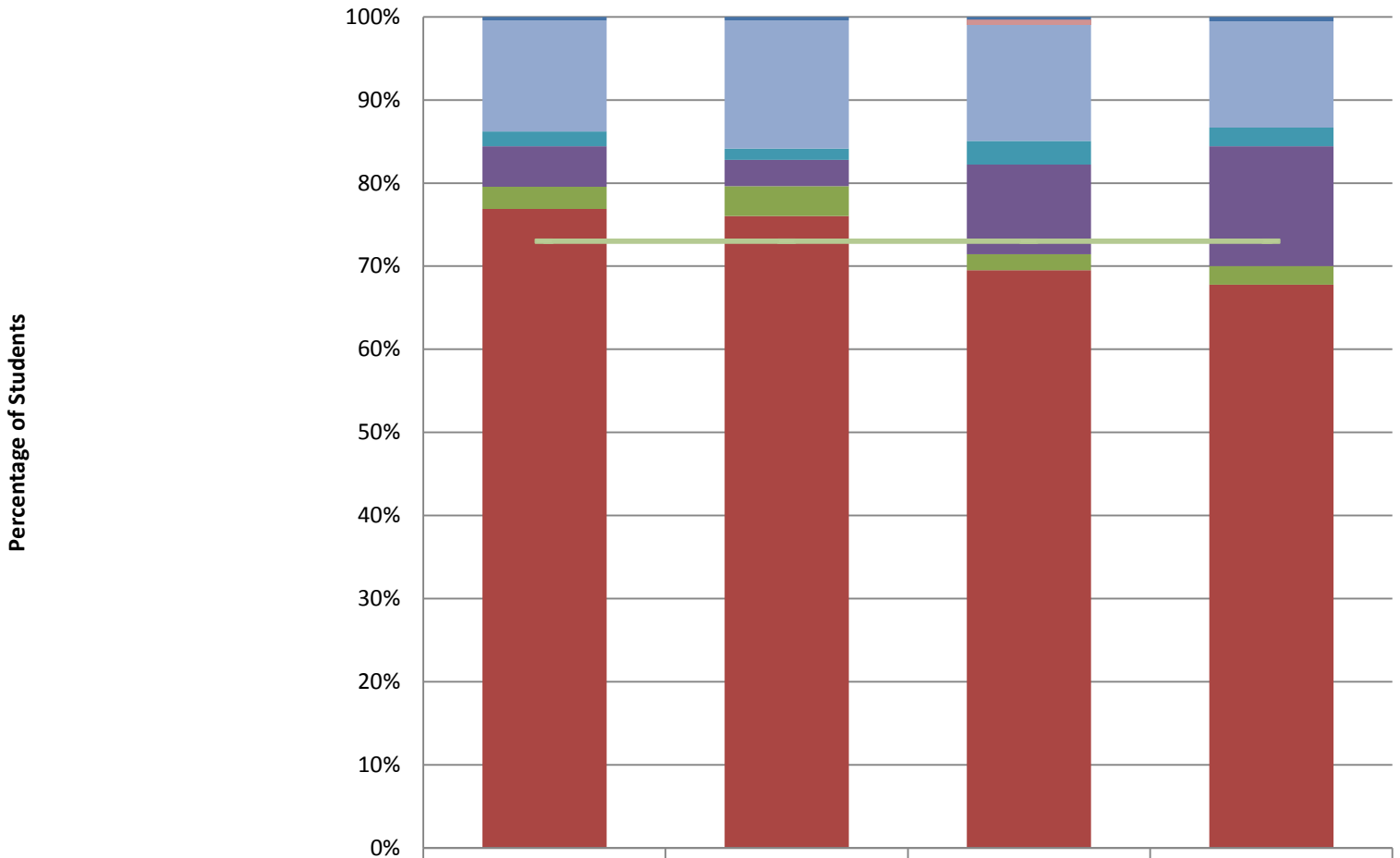
A **student's ethnicity** is decided by the student as part of the application process. A student must select an ethnicity that best describes his/her racial background. For the purpose of this study, a student that either chose not to answer this question or selected "Race and Ethnicity Unknown" was placed in one of the seven IPEDS categories of race by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment. The designated category for these students was decided on by their *origin of nation, or family name*. For simplicity purposes, we used the IPEDS categories of ethnicity to condense the data into something that is more manageable to read and interpret.

Total headcount and the ratio of a specific ethnicity to overall headcount data is provided in this report. Raw headcount indicators are used to show growth in enrollment by a certain ethnic group, whereas, ethnicity as a proportion of student headcount gives us an overview of changes in student composition. Furthermore, an increase in student headcount by ethnicity does not imply that a particular ethnic group is representing a larger proportion of our student population. In fact, we can see in the university aggregate report that although our Asian headcount has increased by +29% since fall 2010, the proportion of Asian students to the total student population decreased by nearly -44%. This can mean two things: (1) the percent increase of Asian students at UWest since 2010 was less than the overall growth in student enrollment (student headcount increased 60% since 2010); (2) a different ethnic group witnessed a significant increase over the same time span. The later argument is true when we look at our Hispanic population by headcount and as a proportion to the overall student headcount. Since 2010, our Hispanic population by headcount has increased by +372%. As a result of this drastic increase in Hispanic students since 2010, the proportion of Hispanic students to overall student population has increased from 5% to 14%, an increase of +180%.

I use the term percent change to signify the magnitude of change between corresponding years. For example, the Hispanic student population grew by +372%. In simpler terms, the number of new Hispanic students since 2010 is nearly 4 times larger than our original Hispanic population.

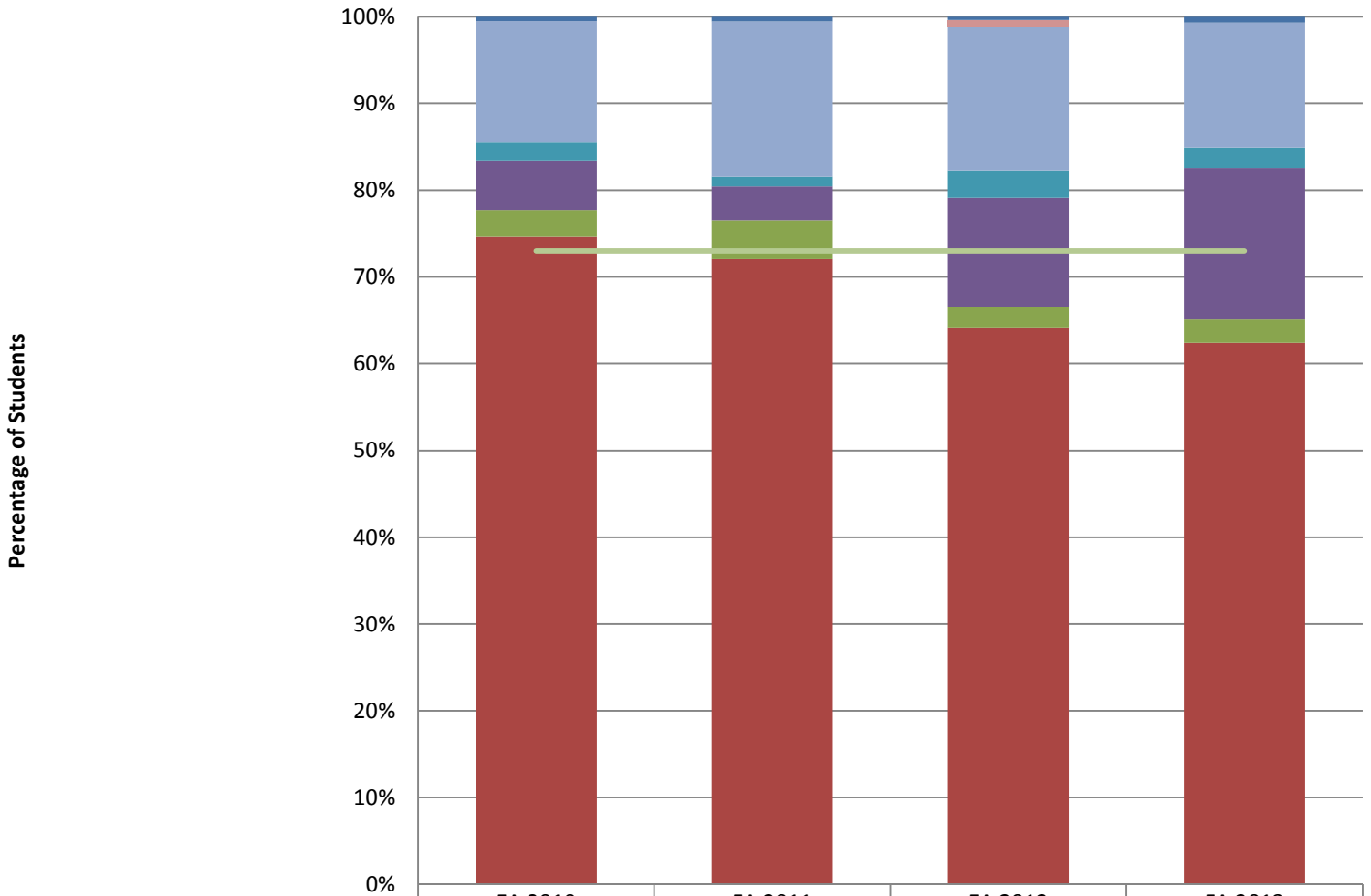
This report is also broken down into smaller student segments. The smaller student segments consist of: degree seeking students, non-degree seeking students; undergraduate and graduate level students. The 4 year average of the percentage of Asian students to the overall student body was calculated to show how each student segment compared to the overall student body. Since our student population is largely composed of Asian students, we felt that their 4 year average would serve as the best benchmark for comparison purposes.

## Student Ethnicity- University



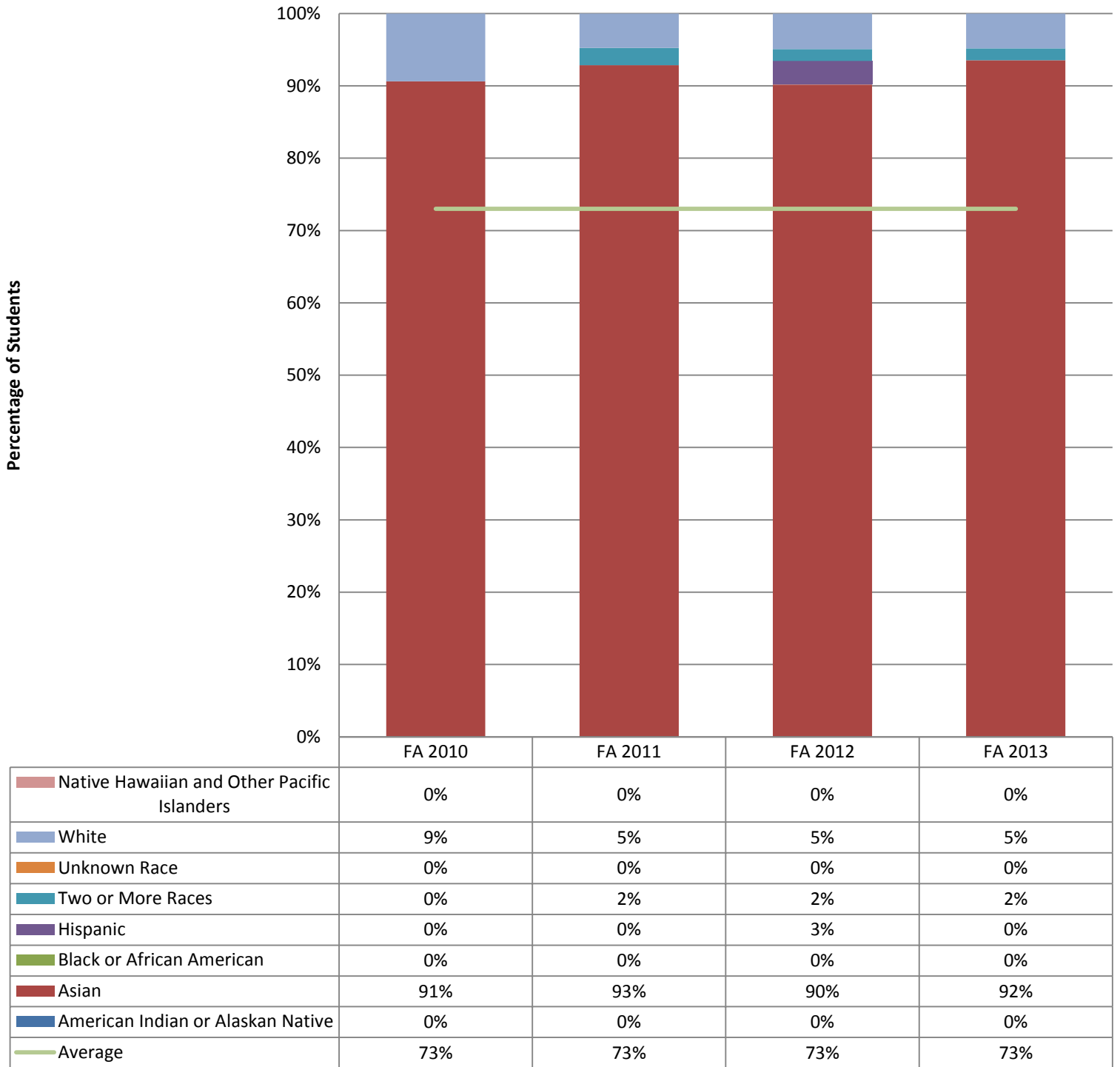
	FA 2010	FA 2011	FA 2012	FA 2013
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0%	0%	0%	1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders	0%	0%	1%	0%
White	13%	15%	14%	13%
Unknown Race	0%	0%	0%	0%
Two or More Races	2%	1%	3%	2%
Hispanic	5%	3%	11%	14%
Black or African American	3%	4%	2%	2%
Asian	77%	76%	70%	68%
Average	73%	73%	73%	73%

## Student Ethnicity- degree-seeking students

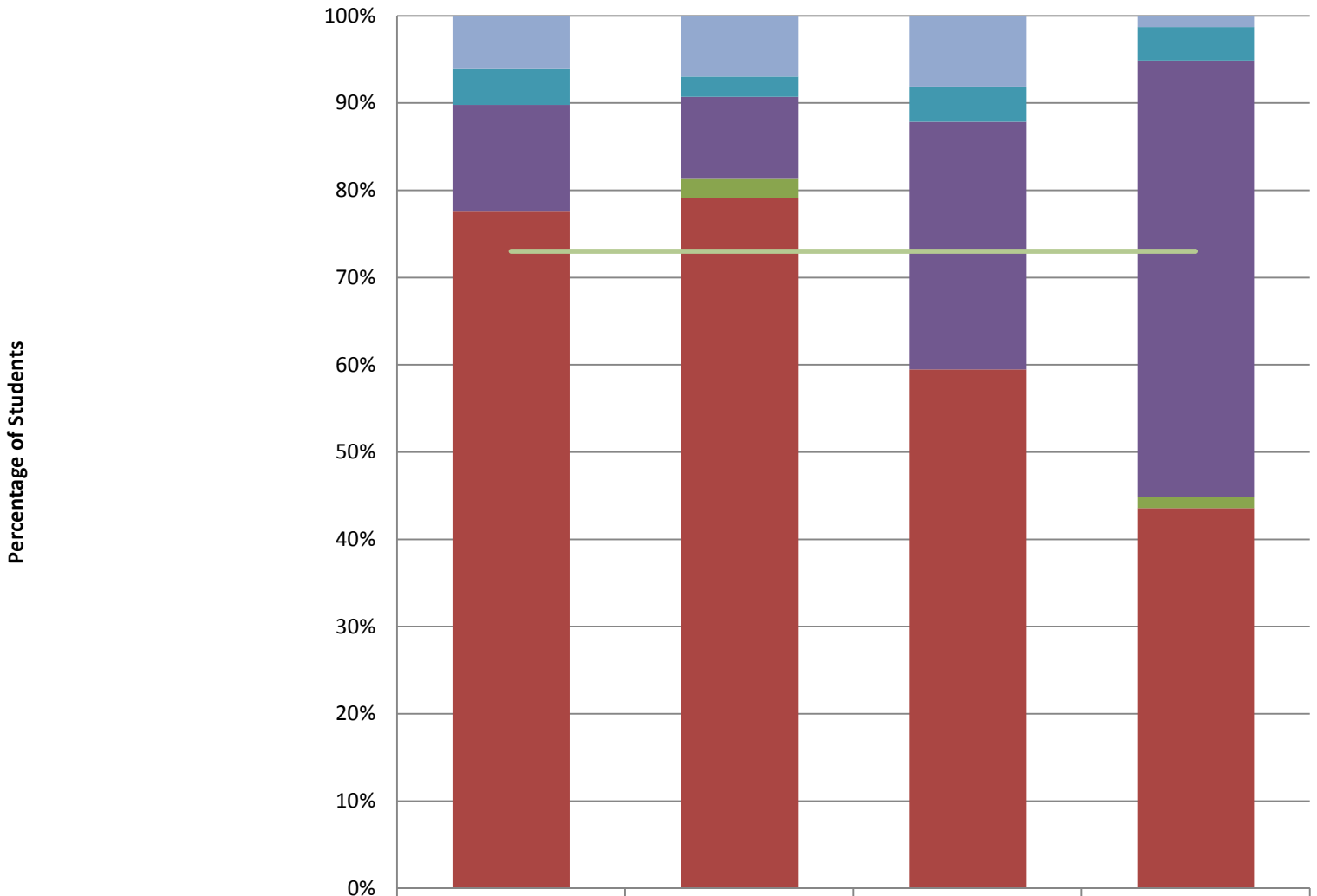


	FA 2010	FA 2011	FA 2012	FA 2013
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1%	1%	0%	1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders	0%	0%	1%	0%
White	14%	18%	17%	14%
Unknown Race	0%	0%	0%	0%
Two or More Races	2%	1%	3%	2%
Hispanic	6%	4%	13%	17%
Black or African American	3%	4%	2%	3%
Asian	75%	72%	64%	62%
Average	73%	73%	73%	73%

## Student Ethnicity- non-degree seeking students

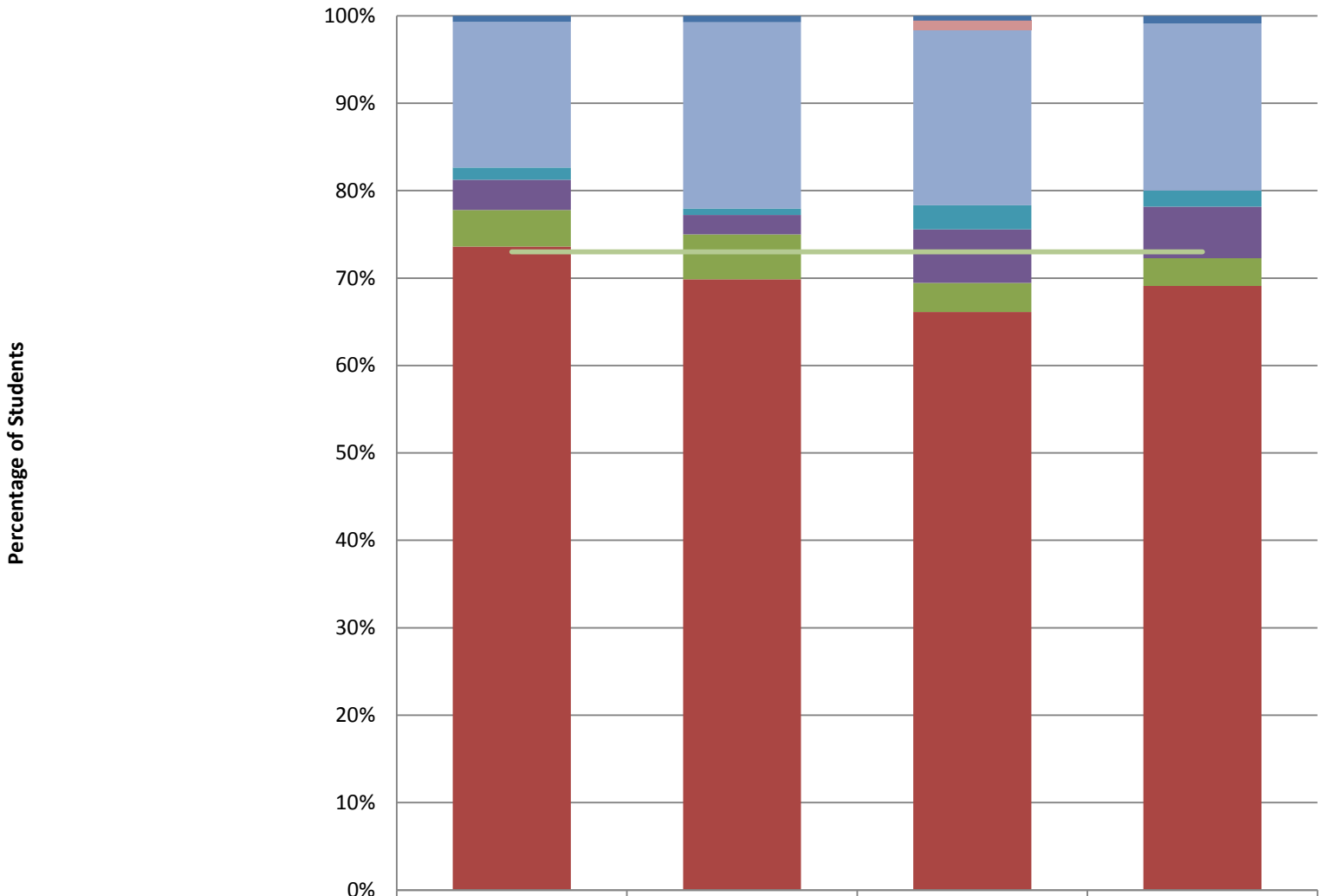


## Student Ethnicity- Undergraduate Students



	FA 2010	FA 2011	FA 2012	FA 2013
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0%	0%	0%	0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders	0%	0%	0%	0%
White	6%	7%	8%	1%
Unknown Race	0%	0%	0%	0%
Two or More Races	4%	2%	4%	4%
Hispanic	12%	9%	28%	50%
Black or African American	0%	2%	0%	1%
Asian	78%	79%	59%	44%
Average	73%	73%	73%	73%

## Student Ethnicity- Graduate Students



	FA 2010	FA 2011	FA 2012	FA 2013
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1%	1%	1%	1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders	0%	0%	1%	0%
White	17%	21%	20%	19%
Unknown Race	0%	0%	0%	0%
Two or More Races	1%	1%	3%	2%
Hispanic	3%	2%	6%	6%
Black or African American	4%	5%	3%	3%
Asian	74%	70%	66%	69%
Average	73%	73%	73%	73%

$$\text{Percentage Change} = \frac{(\text{new number} - \text{old number})}{\text{old number}} \times 100$$

\*Percent change from 2010 – 2013.

## Student Ethnicity- Headcount

	FA 2010	FA 2011	FA 2012	FA 2013	% Change
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1	1	1	2	100%
Asian	173	168	219	244	41%
Black or African American	6	8	6	8	33%
Hispanic	11	7	34	52	373%
Two or More Races	4	3	9	8	100%
Unknown Race	0	0	0	0	n/a
White	30	34	44	46	53%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders	0	0	2	0	n/a
<b>Total:</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>60%</b>

	FA 2010	FA 2011	FA 2012	FA 2013	% Change
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0%	0%	0%	1%	25%
Asian	77%	76%	70%	68%	-12%
Black or African American	3%	4%	2%	2%	-17%
Hispanic	5%	3%	11%	14%	195%
Two or More Races	2%	1%	3%	2%	25%
Unknown Race	0%	0%	0%	0%	n/a
White	13%	15%	14%	13%	-4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders	0%	0%	1%	0%	n/a



## Student Ethnicity- Degree-seeking

	FA 2010	FA 2011	FA 2012	FA 2013	% Change
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1	1	1	2	100%
Asian	144	129	163	186	29%
Black or African American	6	8	6	8	33%
Hispanic	11	7	32	52	373%
Two or More Races	4	2	8	7	75%
Unknown Race	0	0	0	0	n/a
White	27	32	42	43	59%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders	0	0	2	0	n/a
<b>Total:</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>54%</b>

	FA 2010	FA 2011	FA 2012	FA 2013	% Change
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1%	1%	0%	1%	30%
Asian	75%	72%	64%	62%	-16%
Black or African American	3%	4%	2%	3%	-14%
Hispanic	6%	4%	13%	17%	206%
Two or More Races	2%	1%	3%	2%	13%
Unknown Race	0%	0%	0%	0%	n/a
White	14%	18%	17%	14%	3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders	0%	0%	1%	0%	n/a

## Student Ethnicity- non-degree-seeking

	FA 2010	FA 2011	FA 2012	FA 2013	% Change
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	0	0	0	n/a
Asian	29	39	55	58	100%
Black or African American					n/a
Hispanic			2		n/a
Two or More Races		1	1	1	n/a
Unknown Race					n/a
White	3	2	3	3	0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders					n/a
<b>Total:</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>97%</b>

	FA 2010	FA 2011	FA 2012	FA 2013	% Change
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0%	0%	0%	0%	n/a
Asian	91%	93%	90%	92%	2%
Black or African American	0%	0%	0%	0%	n/a
Hispanic	0%	0%	3%	0%	n/a
Two or More Races	0%	2%	2%	2%	n/a
Unknown Race	0%	0%	0%	0%	n/a
White	9%	5%	5%	5%	-49%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders	0%	0%	0%	0%	n/a

## Student Ethnicity- Undergraduate Students

	FA 2010	FA 2011	FA 2012	FA 2013	% Change
American Indian or Alaskan Native					n/a
Asian	38	34	44	34	-11%
Black or African American		1		1	n/a
Hispanic	6	4	21	39	550%
Two or More Races	2	1	3	3	50%
Unknown Race					n/a
White	3	3	6	1	-67%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders					n/a
<b>Total:</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>59%</b>

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Black or African American	0%	2%	0%	1%	n/a
Hispanic	12%	9%	28%	50%	308%
Two or More Races	4%	2%	4%	4%	-6%
Unknown Race	0%	0%	0%	0%	n/a
White	6%	7%	8%	1%	-79%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders	0%	0%	0%	0%	n/a

## Student Ethnicity- Graduate Students

	FA 2010	FA 2011	FA 2012	FA 2013	% Change
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1	1	1	2	100%
Asian	106	95	119	152	43%
Black or African American	6	7	6	7	17%
Hispanic	5	3	11	13	160%
Two or More Races	2	1	5	4	100%
Unknown Race	0	0	0	0	n/a
White	24	29	36	42	75%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders	0	0	2	0	n/a
<b>Total:</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>53%</b>

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Hispanic	3%	2%	6%	6%	70%
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Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders	0%	0%	1%	0%	n/a