

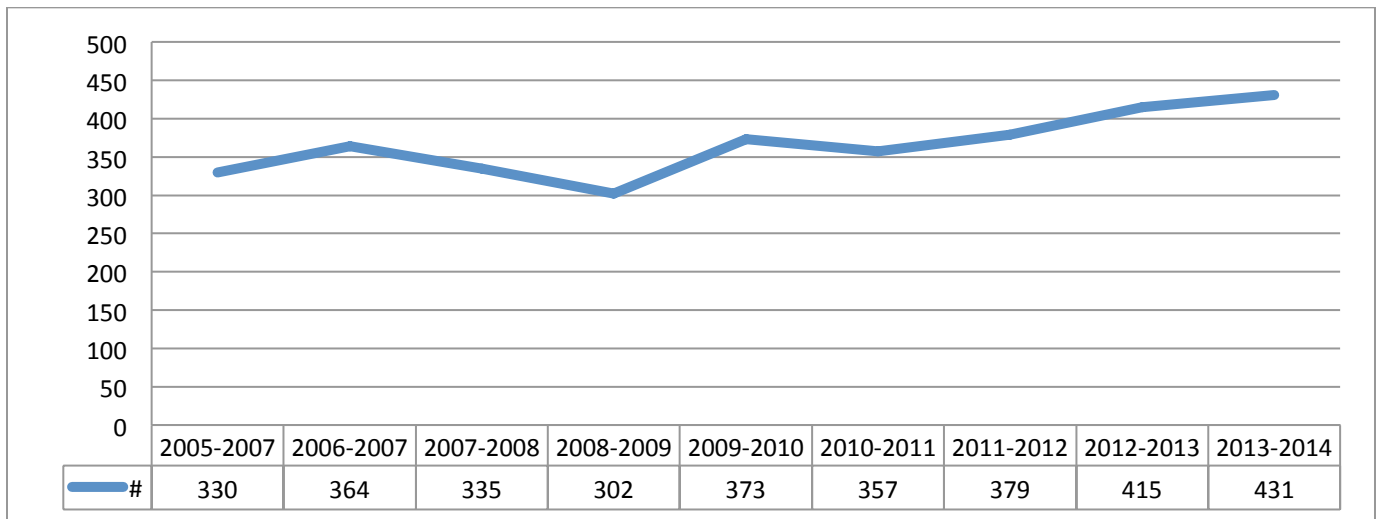
Degree Recipients December 2013 through July 2014

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This report is based upon the 814 degrees and certificates posted in Banner from December 2013 through July 2014. That number includes 431 baccalaureate degrees, 370 masters degrees, and 13 certificates awarded to 809 students (five students received more than one award).

Baccalaureate Degree Recipients

Over the past nine years Highlands has seen a significant increase in the number of students receiving baccalaureate degrees.



Over 2/3 of the 2013-2014 baccalaureate degree recipients were female, 53.3% were Hispanic, and 8.2% were Native American.

Gender of Baccalaureate Degree Recipients

	# of Degree Recipients	% of Degree Recipients
Female	294	68.9%
Male	133	31.1%
Total	427	

Ethnicity of Baccalaureate Degree Recipients

Ethnicity	# of Degree Recipients	% of Degree Recipients
African American	16	3.7%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	36	8.4%
Hawaiian	1	.2%
Hispanic	226	52.9%
White	101	23.7%
Non-Resident Alien	33	7.7%
Two or More	5	1.2%
No Response	9	2.1%
Total	427	100%

The table below indicates the status of the student the first time the student appears in Banner. This should indicate whether a student first enrolled at NMHU as a first-time freshmen or as a transfer student. For the continuing and returning students it is impossible to say what their starting category was, since they were enrolled at NMHU before the Banner system was implemented in 2000.

Based upon the students whose start-state we can identify, only 24.2% began at NMHU as first-time freshmen. Over two-thirds of our undergraduate degree recipients began their careers at Highlands as transfer students.

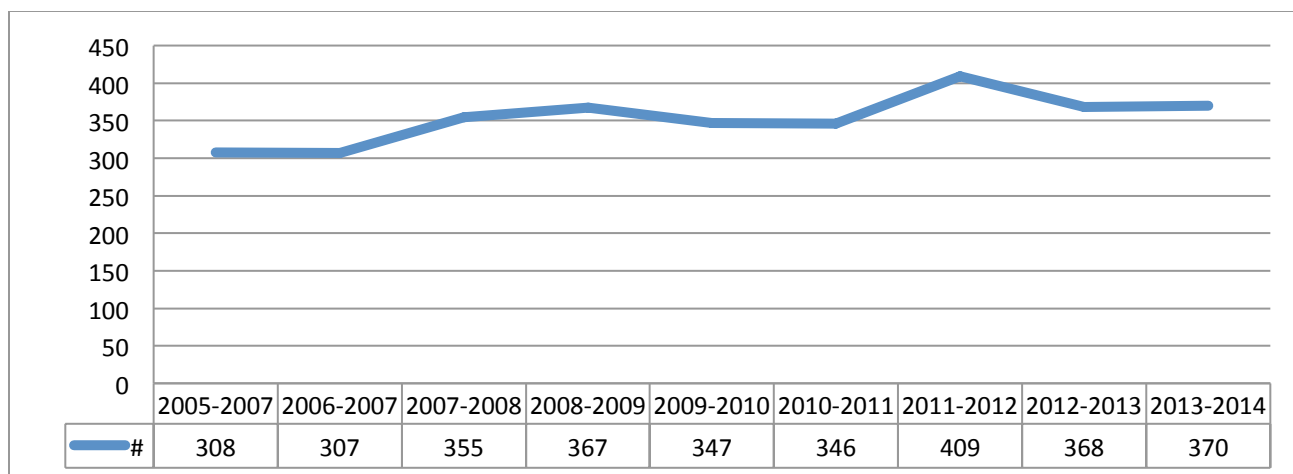
Status of Baccalaureate Degree Recipients When First Coded in Banner

	# of Degree Recipients	% of Degree Recipients
Freshmen	103	24.1%
Transfers	310	72.6%
Continuing/Returning	10	2.3%
2 nd Bachelor's Degree	4	0.9%
Total	427	100%

Baccalaureate degree recipients had earned an average of 144 credits at the time they received their degrees. The minimum was 120 credits (4 students) and the maximum was 218. The average did not differ significantly between students who began as first-time freshmen (144) and those who began as transfer students (143).

Masters Degree Recipients

While the trend is not as clear for masters degree recipients as it is for baccalaureate degree recipients, it is still true that Highlands awarded significantly more masters degrees in 2013-2014 than were awarded nine years ago.



The gender distribution of master's degree recipients is almost exactly the same as for baccalaureate degree recipients.

Gender of Masters Degree Recipients

	# of Degree Recipients	% of Degree Recipients
Female	253	68.4%
Male	117	31.6%
Total	370	100%

The ethnicity of master's degree recipients is slightly different than baccalaureate degree recipients, with fewer Native American and Hispanic students, more students who did not provide their ethnicity, and slightly more white and non-resident alien students.

Ethnicity of Masters Degree Recipients

Ethnicity	# of Degree Recipients	% of Degree Recipients
African American	14	3.8%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	19	5.1%
Asian	1	0.3%
Hawaiian	1	0.3%
Hispanic	162	43.8%
White	98	26.5%
Non-Resident Alien	33	8.9%
Two or More	5	1.4%
No Response	37	10.0%
Total	370	100%

A third of our graduate degree recipients also received their baccalaureate degrees from Highlands. Close to two-thirds received their undergraduate degrees from other universities. The status is not clear in Banner for the remaining students.

Status of Masters Degree Recipients When First Coded in Banner

	# of Degree Recipients	% of Degree Recipients
Highlands Graduate	124	33.5%
Other University	219	59.2%
Continuing/Returning/Other	27	7.3%
Total	370	100%