

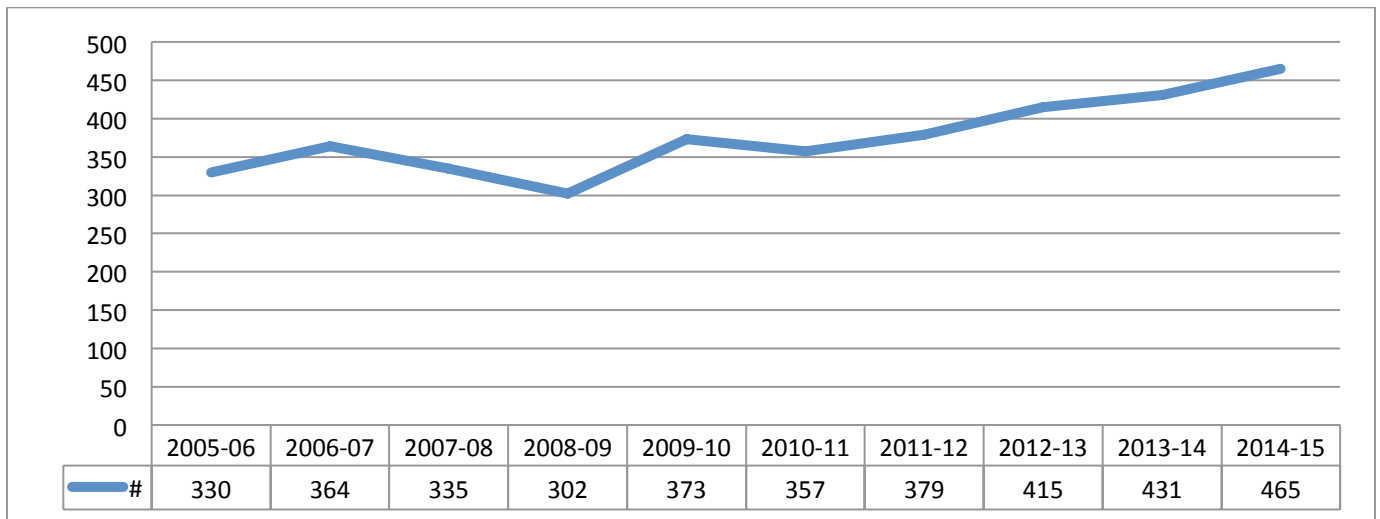
Degree Recipients Summer 2014 through Spring 2015

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This report is based upon the 899 degrees and certificates posted in Banner from the Summer 2014 through Spring 2015 semesters. That number includes one associate degree, 465 baccalaureate degrees, 430 masters degrees, and 3 certificates awarded to 887 students (12 students received more than one award).

Baccalaureate Degree Recipients

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



Almost 3/4 of the 2014-2015 baccalaureate degree recipients were female, 58.3% were Hispanic, and 6.9% were Native American.

Gender of Baccalaureate Degree Recipients

	# of Degree Recipients	% of Degree Recipients
Female	330	72.0%
Male	128	27.9%
Total	458	

Ethnicity of Baccalaureate Degree Recipients

Ethnicity	# of Degree Recipients	% of Degree Recipients
African American	19	4.1%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	31	6.8%
Asian	2	0.4%
Hawaiian	1	0.2%
Hispanic	267	58.3%
White	97	21.2%
Non-Resident Alien	30	6.6%
Two or More	4	0.9%
No Response	7	1.5%
Total	458	

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.

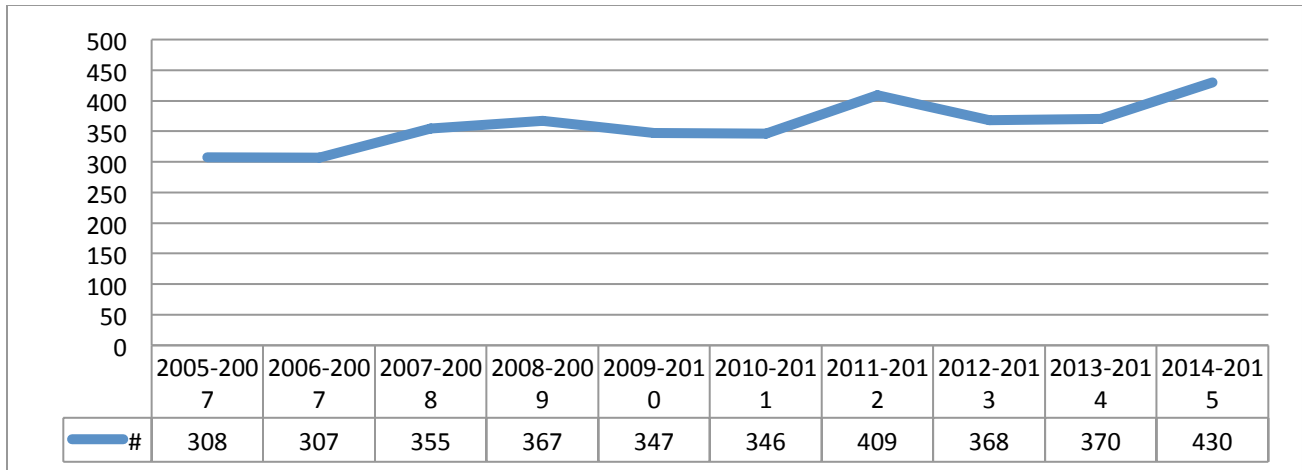
Based upon the students whose start-state we can identify, only 22.7% began at NMHU as first-time freshmen. Over two-thirds of our undergraduate degree recipients began their careers at Highlands as transfer students.

Status of Baccalaureate Degree Recipients When First Coded in Banner

	# of Degree Recipients	% of Degree Recipients
Freshmen	105	22.9%
Transfers	323	70.5%
Continuing/Returning	30	6.6%
Total	458	

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 2014-2015 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	309	72.7%
Male	116	27.3%
Total	425	

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	10	2.4%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	21	4.9%
Asian	3	0.7%
Hawaiian	2	0.5%
Hispanic	204	48.0%
White	106	24.9%
Non-Resident Alien	39	9.2%
Two or More	6	1.4%
No Response	34	8.0%
Total	425	

Slightly over a quarter of our graduate degree recipients also received their baccalaureate degrees from Highlands. 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	140	32.9%
Other University	274	64.5%
Continuing/Returning/Other	11	2.6%
Total	420	