Changing Demographics in California Higher Education

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California’s higher education landscape

• Three public higher education systems
  – University of California (admit top 12.5%)
  – California State University (admit top 33%)
  – California Community Colleges (open access)

• Over 80% of CA college students are in public higher education

• 150,000 CA students annually earn bachelor’s degrees

• 75% of bachelor’s degrees awarded in California are from UC or CSU
California needs more college grads

• By 2025, 41% of jobs in CA will require a bachelor’s degree, significantly above the 31% of Californians who now possess them

• California projected to be short 1 million college-educated workers by 2025
California faces steep challenges

- K-12 demographics
  - Almost 1 in 4 California students are English language learners
  - California high schools have high rates of low-income students
  - High school population has stabilized

- Differential college attainment rates
  - The college enrollment rate for the most prepared graduates dropped from 67% to 55%
  - Population growth is occurring mostly among populations with lower rates of college attainment

- Decline in state investment
  - Funding for public higher education remains less than it was in 2007
Sharp growth in high school graduates has ebbed
CA HS graduating classes increasingly Latino

- **American Indian/Alaskan Native**
- **Asian**
- **Hispanic or Latino**
- **African American**
- **White**
Younger California students are more diverse than their predecessors
Graduation rates vary significantly by group.

2015 California High School Graduation Rate

- Asian: 88.1%
- White: 87.4%
- Latino: 76.4%
- African American: 68.1%
- English Learners: 65.3%
UC has become increasingly diverse but does not yet fully reflect diversity of CA

Fall 2016 Systemwide Undergraduate Enrollment

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More California K-12 students are low income
Family income dramatically increases at more selective schools

Socioeconomic Distribution at Colleges, by Selectivity, 2006

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Share of very low-income freshman at selective schools

- UC Santa Cruz
- UC Average
- U at Buffalo
- UC San Diego
- UC Los Angeles
- UC Berkeley
- U of Texas at Austin
- U of Illinois at Urbana
- U of NC at Chapel Hill
- U of WA-Seattle
- U of Oregon
- Indiana U-Bloomington
- U of Minnesota-Twin Cities
- Ohio State U-Main
- U of Florida
- U of Colorado Boulder
- U of Michigan-Ann Arbor
- U of Virginia-Main
- U of Wisconsin-Madison
UC students are economically diverse
UC is enrolling increasing numbers of low-income students

![Bar chart showing enrollment of low-income students from 2005-06 to 2014-15.](chart)

- **Independent**
- $161K and above
- $134K - 161K
- $107K - 134K
- $80K - 107K
- $54K - 80K
- $27K - 54K
- Less than $27K
Additional Resources

California Department of Education Statistics
http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/

California Department of Finance High School Projections
http://www.dof.ca.gov/research/demographic/reports/projections/k-12/

UC Accountability Report
http://accountability.universityofcalifornia.edu/

UC Information Center
http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/infocenter