One in seven college students in the United States attends a college or university in California.

Of the 17.8 million college students in the country, 2.4 million attend a California institution.

California’s world renowned public university system educates 16 percent of the students enrolled in public universities throughout the country.

1 of every 11 students enrolled in public, 4-year universities in the country are enrolled in the California State University or the University of California.

1 of every 10 Bachelor’s degrees awarded in the United States are granted by universities in California.

One of every ten public 2-year colleges in the United States is part of California’s Community College System.

23 percent of community college students in the country attend college in California.

More than 92,000 (13 percent) of the Associate’s degrees awarded in this country are granted by California public colleges.

California’s diverse demography is reflected in the students enrolled in the state’s colleges and universities.

Over half of the college students in public 4-year institutions in California are members of a racial or ethnic minority group compared with just over a quarter of students nationwide.

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Key Conclusions
- More than 2.4 million college students (14% of the nation’s total) attend a college or university in California.
- As one of the world’s largest economies and the country’s most populous state, the consequences of disinvestment in higher education in California will be far-reaching.

Sources: American Human Development Project; Chronicle of Higher Education Almanac