

IMPORTANCE OF CALIFORNIA'S HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM TO THE UNITED STATES

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

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

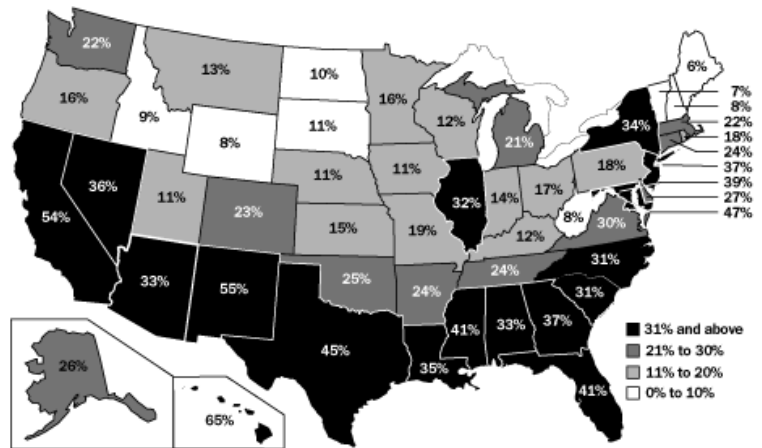
- Of the 17.8 million college students in the country, 2.4 million attend a California institution.

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.

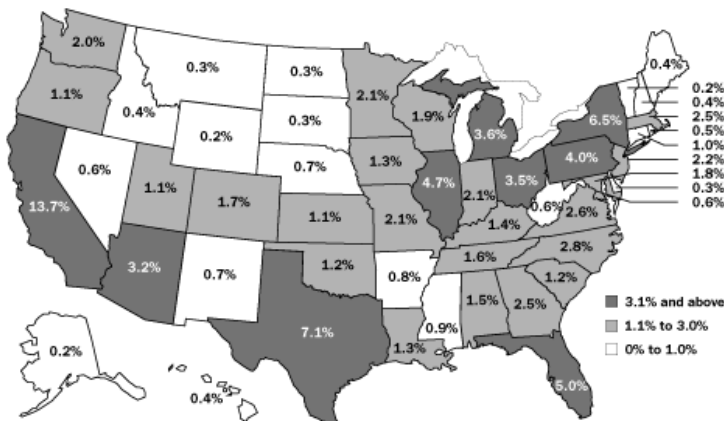


Percent of Students who are Minority Group Members, by State

Source: American Human Development Project

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.



Share of College and University Enrollment, by State

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