Universitywide application volume: The University of California received a record total of 110,994 on-time freshman and transfer applications for fall 2007, a 3.9 percent increase from the 106,784 undergraduate applications received for fall 2006. Ninety-nine percent of applicants submitted their applications electronically, with only 1,157 of the total of nearly 111,000 filed on paper. The percentage of students filing online applications has dramatically increased over the past five years, from 43.9 percent in 2002 to the current 99 percent.

Prospective freshmen filed 87,213 applications, an increase of 5.3 percent over the 82,841 recorded for fall 2006.

The increase in the number of applications from California freshman applicants was 4.7 percent, while those from out-of-state freshman applicants increased by 420 or 4.5 percent. International freshman applications grew by 20.1 percent.

Overall, transfer applications were down very slightly, with 23,781 prospective transfers applying compared to 23,943 last year. California transfer applications were down by 1.3 percent, while out-of-state transfers increased by 1.1 percent and international transfers increased by 5.7 percent.

The average freshman applicant applied to 3.5 campuses, while transfer students applied to an average of 2.8 campuses.

Applications by Campus: The overall number of freshman applications increased on all campuses except Santa Cruz. The increases were as follows: Davis (7.6%), Los Angeles (7.3%), Berkeley (5.7%), Irvine (4.0%), San Diego (3.4%), Santa Barbara (2.7%), and Merced (0.8%). Riverside gained four students over the previous year (no percentage change) and Santa Cruz applicants were lower by 0.3%. Most campuses showed a small decrease in transfer applications over last year. The declines for transfers ranged from 8.7% at Riverside to 1.0% at San Diego. Increases were seen at Berkeley (3.9%), Irvine (2.8%), and Los Angeles (2.4%). Transfer applications have decreased by 0.9% since 2005.

California Freshman Applications by Ethnicity: Data on the California freshman applicant pool reflect an increase in the number of applicants from all racial/ethnic groups compared to last year with the exception of applicants who do not state their ethnic/racial background, for whom there was a decrease of 2.5 percent. Last year’s growth continued with the freshman count for African Americans rising from 3,240 in fall 2006 to 3,527 in fall 2007 (8.9 percent). Chicano/Latino freshman applicants increased by 1,432 or 10.6 percent for fall 2007. Universitywide percentage increases for the three other reported ethnic categories -- Asian American, Filipino American, and white/other -- were 1.5 percent, 8.1 percent and 4.2 percent, respectively.
California Freshman Applicants vs. Public High School Graduates: The increase in freshman applications from public high schools (4.8 percent) exceeds the Department of Finance’s projected increase for California public high school graduates, which was 2.0 percent for 2007. This means that a higher proportion of California graduates applied to UC than in previous years.

Transfer Applications from California Community Colleges: The overall number of transfer applicants from California Community Colleges (CCC) declined 2.0 percent, or 384 students, from fall 2006 to fall 2007. Small application growth is noted for four ethnic groups – American Indians (7.9 percent/12 applicants); African Americans (2.8 percent/20 applicants); Chicanos/Latinos (0.4 percent/13 applicants); and Filipino American (1.5 percent/9 applicants). There was also an increase in applications from international students (7.5 percent/109 applicants). Groups with lower application figures included Asian American (-1.6 percent) and white/other (-4.5 percent). Applicants in the decline-to-state category diminished by 9.8 percent. Relatively flat community college transfer applications may be related to a reduction in growth in community college enrollments that began in 2004.

Applications by Gender and Level: The total applicant pool for fall 2007 was 54.3 percent female and 45.7 percent male.

Applications by Geographic Region: Los Angeles County and the San Francisco Bay Area continue to be the most strongly represented regions in the California applicant pool followed by Orange County and the San Diego/Imperial region. The relative proportion of applications across most regions has remained stable over several years. Approximately two-thirds of the applicants came from Los Angeles, the San Francisco Bay Area, and Orange County.

[Note: The systemwide totals used above and in the attached tables are preliminary and “unduplicated,” meaning that each student is counted only once, even if he or she applied to multiple campuses. As a result, the systemwide totals are not the sum of the individual campus counts. Based on the UCAP Management Report of 1/10/07.]