Fact Sheet: Fall 2014 Undergraduate Applications to the University of California

INFORMATION SUMMARY
A total of 183,272 students applied for admission to the University of California for Fall 2014, an overall increase of 4.9 percent over Fall 2013 and the tenth consecutive year in which UC reported an increase in applications. All nine undergraduate campuses saw gains, ranging from 1.6 percent at Merced to 8.7 percent at San Diego. While freshman applications increased by 6.2 percent, the number of transfer applications remained virtually unchanged. Chicanos-Latinos — the largest racial/ethnic group among state high school graduates — remained the largest ethnic group among California freshman applicants.

Details about high school students applying for freshman admission and California community college transfer applicants are below. Information on campus applicant counts by level and residency is displayed in tables 2.2 and 2.3. Campus applicant counts by level and ethnicity are shown in tables 3.2 and 3.3.

Freshman Applicants
Among California students who applied for admission as freshmen, UC experienced growth of 0.6 percent over last year, with the total number of applicants growing to 99,761. All campuses except Merced saw increases in applications from California freshmen, ranging from 1.1 percent at Riverside and Santa Barbara to 4.2 percent at Irvine. On average, California students applied to 3.6 campuses.

Among students applying from California, applications from American Indian, Asian American, and Chicano/Latino students rose in terms of absolute numbers. Chicano/Latino students remained the largest ethnic group within the California freshman applicant pool. The number of applications from African American, Pacific Islander and White students decreased slightly. These shifts appear to be consistent with the changing California high school enrollment pipeline, which shows declines in African American, Pacific Islander and White students.

There were increases in the number of domestic non-resident (from 21,970 to 26,143) and international (from 18,659 to 22,546) applicants for freshman admission. Notably, the increases in domestic non-resident applicants for Fall 2014 represent higher growth than the University saw in 2013, while the increases in international applicants represent less growth than in 2013.

California Community College Transfer Applicants
For Fall 2014, UC experienced little change in applications from students who reported a California Community College as their last school attended. Although the absolute number of applications from California Community College students dropped slightly, from 29,379 to 29,311, only one campus reported a decline in the number of applications. The average number of campuses a student applied to increased from 3.3 in 2013 to 3.5 in 2014.
Most ethnic groups saw little change, although applications from Chicano/Latino students continue to rise in both absolute numbers and as a percentage of the whole. Conversely, applications from White students decreased.

There was also a rise in the number of international applicants from California Community Colleges, from 2,956 for Fall 2013 to 3,208 for Fall 2014, an increase of 8.5 percent.

*Notes: The systemwide totals used above and in the attached tables are preliminary and “unduplicated,” meaning that each student is counted only once, even if they applied to multiple campuses. As a result, the systemwide totals are not the sum of the individual campus counted. Based on the UCAP file of 12/04/13.*