

Fall 2002 Undergraduate Applications to the University of California

Information Summary

Universitywide application volume: The University of California has received 95,014 applications for Fall 2002 undergraduate admission, a 3.4 percent increase from the 91,904 received for Fall 2001 admission.

For freshman applicants, the increase is 3.4 percent (5 percent among California freshman applicants). For transfer applicants, the increase is 3.5 percent (6.1 percent among applicants from the California Community Colleges).

Domestic out-of-state applications fell 1.7 percent at the freshman level and 5.5 percent at the transfer level. International student applications increased 6.9 percent at the transfer level but fell 14.6 percent at the freshman level (this decrease follows a 20.6 percent increase last year).

Over the last five years, since the Fall 1997 admission cycle, undergraduate applications to UC have increased 32 percent. The increase was 31 percent among California freshman applicants and 22 percent among California Community College transfer applicants.

Applications by campus: All campuses saw increases in freshman applications, ranging from 8.8 percent at UC San Diego to 1.5 percent at UC Berkeley. All campuses also saw increases in transfer applications, from 8.3 percent at UC San Diego to 0.3 percent at UC Santa Barbara.

California freshman applications by ethnicity: Applications from all ethnic groups increased: African American, 10.0 percent; Chicano/Latino, 8.5 percent; American Indian, 8.2 percent; Filipino American, 5.7 percent; Asian American, 5.1 percent; and White/Other, 5.1 percent. Underrepresented minorities (African Americans, American Indians and Chicano/Latinos) increased as a proportion of the class from 20.1 percent last year to 20.8 percent this year.

California freshman applications vs. public high school graduates: Growth in UC applications continues to outpace growth in the high school population. Applications from California public high school students increased 5.8 percent, while the projected growth in California public high school graduates this year is 1.9 percent.

Freshman ELC applications: Approximately 81 percent of the high school students identified as UC-eligible through the "Eligibility in the Local Context" program followed through by applying to UC. Their 10,905 applications represent a 21.5 percent increase over last year and account for 17.8 percent of the total number of California freshman applications. The ELC program, now in its second year of implementation, grants UC eligibility to the top 4 percent of students in each of the state's high schools, based on their grades in UC-required courses.

California Community College transfer applications by ethnicity: Applications from all ethnic groups increased except for American Indians, which had a 4.2 percent decrease (or six applicants). Applications from California Community College students increased 10.7 percent among Filipino Americans, 8.4 percent among Chicanos/Latinos, 6.2 percent among Asian Americans, 3.5 percent among White/Other students, and 2.7 percent among African Americans. All percent changes in this section should be viewed with caution due to the relatively small number of applicants within each ethnic category.

Applications by gender and level: The total applicant pool for Fall 2002 was composed of 55.1 percent women and 44.9 percent men. The freshman applicant pool was 56.0 percent female and 44.0 percent male, while the transfer pool was split 52.2 percent female to 47.8 percent male.

Applications by region: The regions with the largest increases in applications were Monterey/San Benito/Santa Cruz counties (12.5 percent), San Diego/Imperial counties (11.2 percent), and Riverside/San Bernardino counties (9.8 percent). The relative proportion of applications from most individual regions has remained stable over several years.

Use of electronic applications: UC received 41,733 electronically through the University's online "Pathways" system this year, a 49% increase over last year, when 27,934 applications were received.

[Note: The systemwide totals used above and in the attached tables are "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.]

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