

## 2005 Freshman Admissions to the University of California

### Overview

*The statistics in this information summary and the accompanying tables are preliminary and a small number of applications are still under review. In general, about nine out of every 10 admitted freshman students are California residents, and the data in this package are for California residents only. Transfer data are not yet available.*

*On average, students applied to 3.6 campuses. Students accepted by multiple campuses are included in the admissions figures for each campus in the attached tables. Unless otherwise noted, the systemwide totals in this summary and in the tables are "unduplicated," meaning that each student is counted only once.*

*In making year-to-year comparisons, it is worth noting that the fall 2004 admission cycle was anomalous because state budget difficulties produced a reduction in the number of students UC was able to admit. For this reason, included below are both 2003 and 2004 data for comparison purposes.*

### Summary

- **The University of California is able to offer admission to all eligible applicants for Fall 2005.** In general, characteristics of the admitted class have remained relatively stable compared to recent years; small year-to-year differences are to be expected and are described below.
- **A record number of California residents have received freshman admission offers from the University of California for Fall 2005.** The breakdown is as follows: 50,017 California freshman applicants were offered Fall 2005 admission, an increase of 4,881 (10.8 percent) from the 45,136 freshmen admitted for Fall 2004 as of this time last year. In 2003, 49,669 students were offered admission to UC campuses, making 2005 admits a less than 1 percent increase over 2003 and consistent with the growth seen in past years.
- **In Fall 2005, UC Merced expects to open with 1,000 total students in its first class, and the campus has offered admission to 5,958 freshman students.**
- **Systemwide admissions rates have increased for California residents.** Systemwide, 76.3 percent of Fall 2005 freshman applicants have been offered admission to the University, compared to 73.3 percent in Fall 2004 and 75.8 percent in Fall 2003.

- **All major racial and ethnic groups registered systemwide increases in the number of students admitted.** A breakdown follows:
  - African-American/Black: 10.1 percent
  - American Indian/Alaska Native: 9.4 percent
  - Mexican/Mexican-American/Chicano: 15.1 percent
  - White/Caucasian: 11.2 percent
  - Asian/Asian-American: 15 percent.
- **The proportion of underrepresented students offered admission remained relatively stable at all campuses, with a slight increase systemwide.** Underrepresented students, i.e., American Indians, Latinos and African Americans, showed small gains as a total *proportion* of systemwide admits, from 20 percent last year to 20.6 percent this year
- **The proportion of admitted California resident students who are the first in their families to attend college, have a family income of less than \$30,000 a year and/or attend a low performing school decreased slightly systemwide, from 16.6 percent in 2004 to 16.1 percent in 2005.**
- **The academic quality of the incoming freshman class continues to be outstanding.** Admitted students are taking more college preparatory courses than required and continuing to earn high grades. The average number of year-long “A to G” courses completed is 23; the minimum requirement is 15 of these courses. The average GPA of admitted students systemwide is 3.79.

A complete set of tables is available online at:  
<http://www.ucop.edu/news/factsheets/fall2005adm.html>