

Fact Sheet: Fall 2020 Freshman and Transfer Application Highlights

- The UC application for undergraduate admission opened on August 1, 2019 and closed on November 30, 2019
- Merced continued accepting freshman applications until December 20, 2019. Also, Merced, Riverside, and Santa Cruz remained open to transfer applications until January 3, 2020.
- The review of freshman applications began in November 2019, with offers of admission going out by March 31, 2020. Transfer application review began in December 2019 and admission offers will be made by April 30, 2020.
- UC received 215,162 applications for admission for fall 2020, a 1.1 percent decrease from fall 2019 (217,650 applications). This includes 172,099 applications for freshman admission and 43,063 transfer applications. These are unduplicated counts of applications received systemwide at all levels and include both residents and nonresidents.
- Applications for freshman admission saw a slight decline systemwide of 2.5 percent (or 4,431 applications). California resident applications decreased 2.2 percent and applications from domestic nonresident and international students both decreased, by 2.7 percent and 3.6 percent respectively.
- Among California freshmen, applications from underrepresented groups increased slightly as a proportion of the applicant pool, from 44.7 percent last year to 45.0 percent this year.
- Transfer applications increased 4.7 percent from last year. Applications from domestic California Community College students increased by 5.3 percent, to 33,090.
- Domestic California Community College transfer applicants from underrepresented groups increased from 39.3 percent of applicants last year to 40.1 percent this year.
- Chicano/Latino applicants make up the largest proportion of the pools of California freshmen and California Community College students: 38 percent of California freshmen and 33 percent of domestic community college transfers.
- The proportion of California freshman with low family income increased to 44 percent of applicants from 40 percent last year. California Community College transfers with low family income increased to 57 percent of applicants from 53%.

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 he/she applied to multiple campuses. As a result, the systemwide totals are not the sum of the individual campus counts. Data are current as of January 6, 2020.