

## New data show UC continues to lead in serving low-income undergraduates

Pell Grants are federal grants aimed at low-income undergraduate students, and the number of Pell Grant recipients is often used as a proxy for low-income students. The United States Department of Education collects data on the number of first-time, full-time degree seeking students who enroll at US colleges and universities and their six-year graduation rates. The most recently released data reflects new freshmen in the 2011-12 academic year and graduating in 2017-18 academic year.

These data show that UC is unique in its commitment to enrolling and graduating Pell Grant-recipient students. On average, AAU Private universities have the highest graduation rate for Pell Grant recipients, but have the lowest enrollment rates. CSU enrolls a higher percentage of Pell Grant recipients, but they graduate a significantly lower proportion of those students.

### KEY FACTS

- 41% of all UC first-time degree-seeking students in the 2011 cohort were Pell Grant recipients, compared to 22% of non-UC AAU public institutions and 15% of AAU private institutions.
- 80% of UC's 2011 cohort of first-time degree-seeking Pell Grant recipient students graduated within six years.
- No CSU or AAU school had both a higher percentage of Pell enrollees and a higher Pell graduation rate than any UC campus.

Institution	Pell Enrollment	Pell Graduation
UC	41%	80%
AAU Public	22%	72%
AAU Private	15%	89%
CSU	48%	54%

*Note: Averages weighted by enrollment*

Pell enrollment vs. Pell graduation, 2011 cohort

