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California

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California



	State	% of National
Population	39,250,017	12.0%
18-55 Population	19,232,508	12.5%
Number of Institutions	485	10.0%

California has 485 degree-granting higher education institutions, which represent 10.0% of all such institutions in the United States. These institutions enrolled a total of 2,690,280 students as of fall 2015 (2,416,827 of which are studying at the undergraduate level and 273,453 at the graduate level). The fall 2015 figure is an increase of 33,341 students (or 1.3%) from the number enrolled in the fall of 2012.

Among the total student body, 618,314 (560,756 undergraduates and 57,558 graduate students) were taking at least one course at a distance. This is 23.0% of the enrolled student body, which is lower than the national average rate of 29.7%. The number of students taking distance education courses in the state increased by 94,403 (or 18.0%) between fall 2012 and fall 2015. This is higher than the national level of growth of 11.0%.

253,883 students in California are taking all of their courses at a distance, made up of 216,880 undergraduates and 37,003 graduates. This represents 9.4% of all students enrolled in the state, a rate that is lower than the national average of 14.3%. A total of 184,212 (or 72.6% of these exclusively online students) live in California, the remainder come from outside of the state. This rate is higher than the national in-state average of 55.1%.

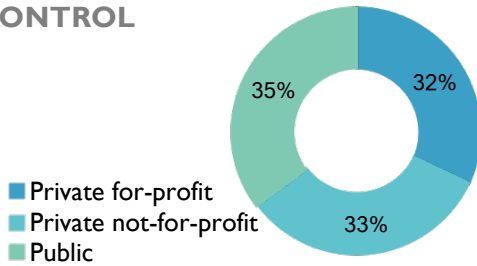
The number of students that take any of their courses on campus, including those who take all of their courses on campus and those who take a mix of on-campus and distance courses, is 2,436,397, or 90.6% of the total student enrollment in California. This number represents an increase in proportion on campus from the four years prior (90.9% from 2,414,308 students in 2012). The -0.3% rate is a smaller change than the national 1.7% decrease.

Overall and Distance Enrollment - 2015

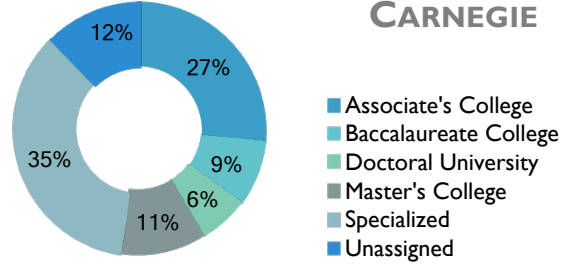
		Total		Undergraduate		Graduate	
		All Students	Any Distance	All Students	Any Distance	All Students	Any Distance
	Total	2,690,280	618,314	2,416,827	560,756	273,453	57,558
Control	Private for-profit	181,030	91,641	152,829	75,461	28,201	16,180
	Private not-for-profit	306,156	57,782	168,882	25,859	137,274	31,923
	Public	2,203,094	468,891	2,095,116	459,436	107,978	9,455
Type	2 to 4-year	1,517,511	356,989	1,517,511	356,989	0	0
	4-year or more	1,172,769	261,325	899,316	203,767	273,453	57,558
Institutional Enrollment Size	Under 1,000	75,164	13,475	55,116	10,036	20,048	3,439
	1,000 - 4,999	191,769	49,312	141,515	36,240	50,254	13,072
	5,000 - 9,999	422,345	100,819	378,554	88,700	43,791	12,119
	10,000 - 19,999	805,264	226,151	767,257	214,955	38,007	11,196
	20,000 and above	1,195,738	228,557	1,074,385	210,825	121,353	17,732
Carnegie	Associate's College	1,490,532	354,796	1,490,468	354,796	64	0
	Baccalaureate College	29,640	6,245	27,684	5,706	1,956	539
	Doctoral University	513,271	64,156	377,578	45,010	135,693	19,146
	Master's College	525,691	165,003	435,056	137,610	90,635	27,393
	Specialized	119,141	26,075	74,761	16,037	44,380	10,038
	Unassigned	12,005	2,039	11,280	1,597	725	442

Distribution of State Institutions

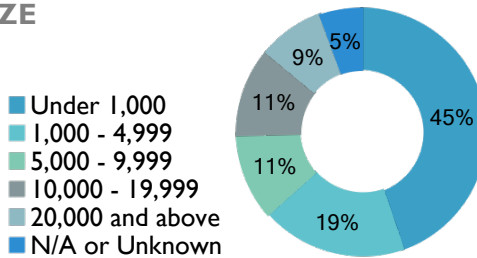
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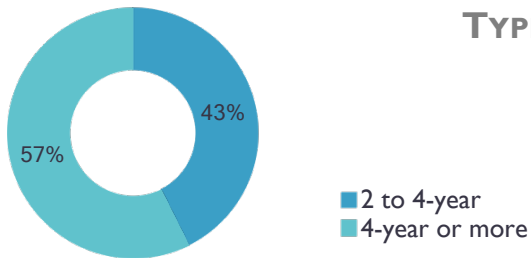
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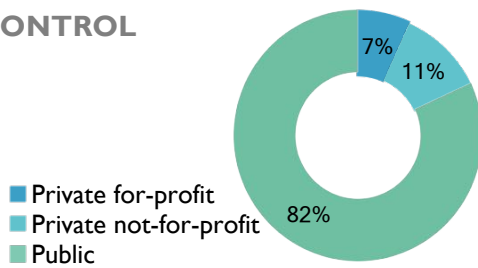


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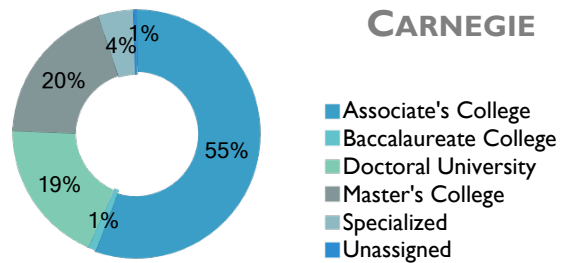


Distribution of Total Student Enrollment

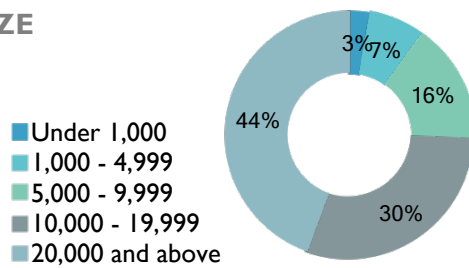
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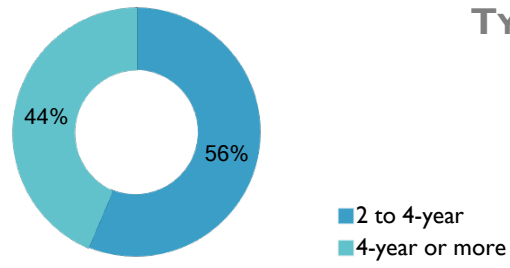
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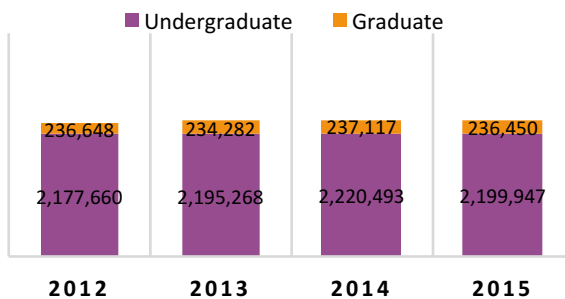
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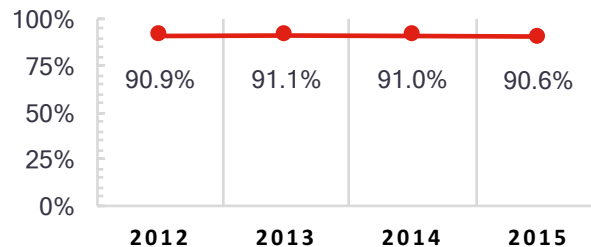
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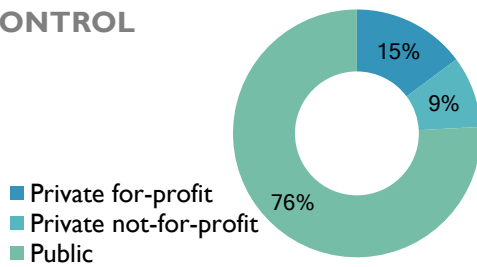


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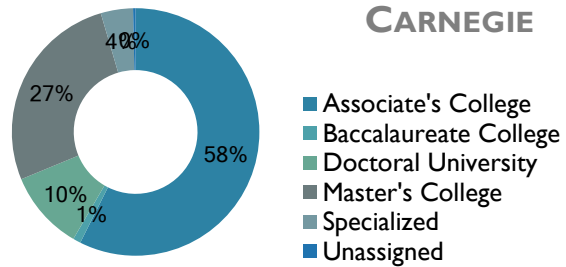


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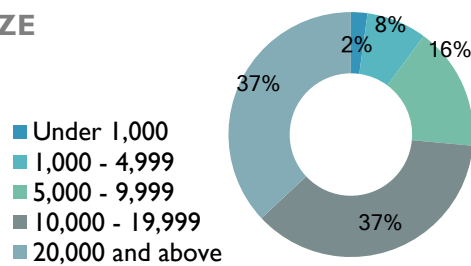
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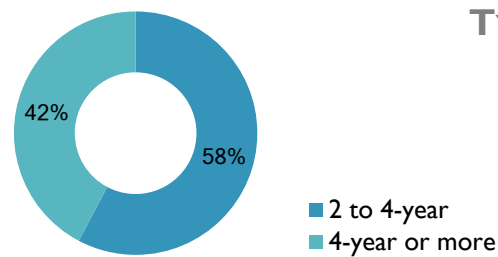
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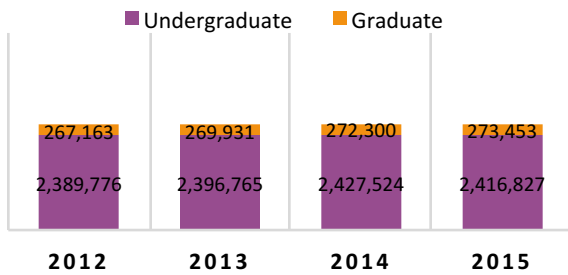


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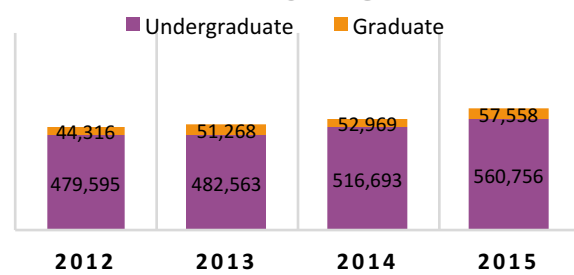


Enrollment Trends

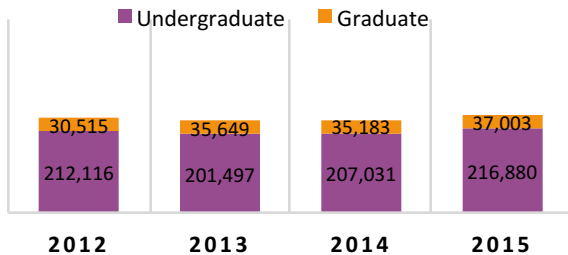
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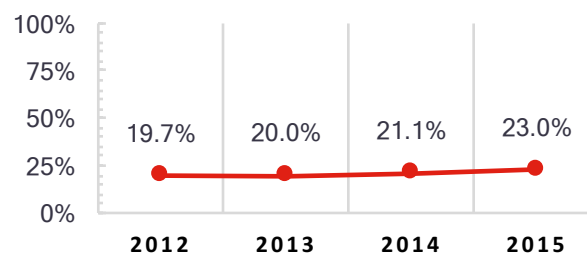
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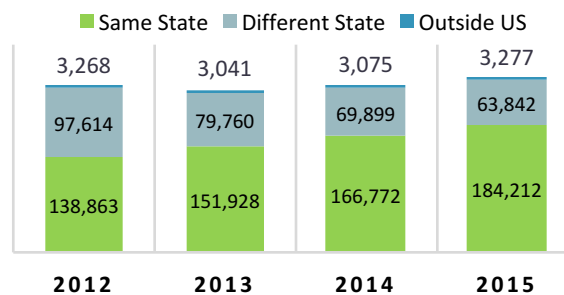
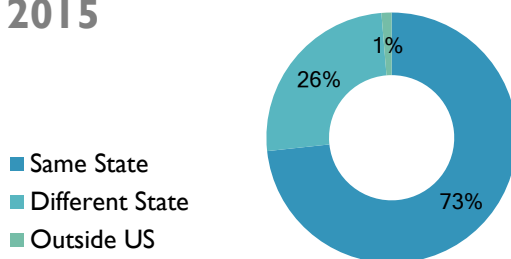


PERCENT DISTANCE



Exclusively Distance Student Locations

2015



Overall Enrollment in California

Top 10 Institutions by Total Numbers of Students - 2015

Rank	Institution	Total	Undergrad	Graduate	Control
1	University of Southern California	43,401	18,810	24,591	Private not-for-profit
2	Ashford University	42,452	37,070	5,382	Private for-profit
3	University of California-Los Angeles	41,908	29,585	12,323	Public
4	California State University-Northridge	41,548	37,188	4,360	Public
5	California State University-Fullerton	38,948	33,144	5,804	Public
6	University of California-Berkeley	38,189	27,496	10,693	Public
7	California State University-Long Beach	37,446	32,195	5,251	Public
8	East Los Angeles College	37,188	37,188	0	Public
9	University of California-Davis	35,186	28,257	6,929	Public
10	San Diego State University	34,254	29,253	5,001	Public

Top 10 Institutions by Enrollment Growth 2012-2015

Rank	Institution	2012	2015	Change	Control
1	California State University-Los Angeles	21,755	27,680	5,925	Public
2	California State University-Northridge	36,164	41,548	5,384	Public
3	Fullerton College	19,624	24,613	4,989	Public
4	University of California-San Diego	28,294	32,906	4,612	Public
5	Pasadena City College	22,859	27,050	4,191	Public
6	San Joaquin Valley College-Visalia	1,894	5,605	3,711	Private for-profit
7	University of Southern California	39,958	43,401	3,443	Private not-for-profit
8	San Diego State University	30,843	34,254	3,411	Public
9	University of California-Irvine	27,479	30,836	3,357	Public
10	College of the Canyons	15,177	18,437	3,260	Public

Distance Enrollment in California

Top 10 Institutions by Distance Enrollment - 2015

Rank	Institution	Total	Undergrad	Graduate	Control
1	Ashford University	42,046	36,664	5,382	Private for-profit
2	California State University-Northridge	16,130	15,658	472	Public
3	National University	12,116	6,442	5,674	Private not-for-profit
4	California State University-Fullerton	11,148	4,366	6,782	Public
5	Coastline Community College	9,776	9,776	0	Public
6	San Diego State University	9,634	9,497	137	Public
7	Saddleback College	8,514	8,514	0	Public
8	American River College	8,383	8,383	0	Public
9	California State University-East Bay	7,684	6,820	864	Public
10	Trident University International	7,684	4,498	3,186	Private for-profit

Top 10 Institutions by Distance Enrollment Growth 2012-2015

Rank	Institution	2012	2015	Change	Control
1	California State University-Northridge	6,412	16,130	9,718	Public
2	California State University-Long Beach	0	6,084	6,084	Public
3	San Diego State University	4,588	9,634	5,046	Public
4	California State University-Fresno	2,872	6,680	3,808	Public
5	California State University-East Bay	4,429	7,684	3,255	Public
6	California State Polytechnic University-Pomona	3,100	6,298	3,198	Public
7	San Jose State University	3,410	6,426	3,016	Public
8	Southwestern College	3,482	6,225	2,743	Public
9	California State University-Sacramento	4,913	7,511	2,598	Public
10	Coastline Community College	7,192	9,776	2,584	Public