

Fact Sheet: Fall 2021 Freshman and Transfer Application Highlights

- The UC application for undergraduate admission opened on August 1, 2020 and closed on December 4, 2020.
- Riverside and Santa Cruz continued accepting freshman applications through December 15, 2020 and transfer applications until January 8, 2021. Merced remained open to both freshmen and transfers until January 8, 2021.
- The review of freshman applications began in November 2020, with offers of admission going out by March 31, 2021. Transfer application review began in December 2020 and admission offers will be made by April 30, 2021.
- UC received 249,855 applications for admission for fall 2021, a 16.1 percent increase from fall 2020 (215,162 applications). This includes 203,700 applications for freshman admission and 46,155 transfer applications. These are unduplicated counts of applications received systemwide at all levels and include both residents and nonresidents.
- Applications for freshman admission increased systemwide by 18.4 percent (or 31,601 applications). California resident applications increased by 13.0 percent and applications from domestic nonresident and international students both increased, by 44.2 percent and 10.0 percent respectively.
- Among California freshmen, applications from underrepresented groups remained essentially flat as a proportion of the applicant pool, at 45.1 percent this year compared to 45.0 percent last year. There were an additional 1,505 applications from African American students (a 21.8 percent increase over last year). Chicano/Latino applications rose by 12.2 percent (5,250 more applicants).
- Transfer applications increased 7.2 percent from last year (an additional 3,092 applications). Applications from domestic California Community College students increased by 7.5 percent, to 35,564.
- Domestic California Community College transfer applicants from underrepresented groups also remained flat at 40.0 percent this year (compared with 40.1 percent last year).

- Chicano/Latino applicants make up the largest proportion of the pools of California freshmen and California Community College students: 37.8 percent of California freshmen and 33.0 percent of domestic community college transfers.
- The proportion of California freshman applicants with low family income decreased to 41.5 percent of applicants from 43.5 percent last year. California Community College transfer applicants with low family income decreased to 54.4 percent of applicants this year from 56.7 percent.

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 11, 2021.