

## Fact Sheet: UC Fall 2025 First-Year and Transfer Application Highlights

- The University of California received 249,824 applications for admission for fall 2025, a 0.5 percent decrease from fall 2024 (250,959 applications). This includes 205,158 applications for first-year admission and 44,666 transfer applications. These are unduplicated counts of applications received systemwide at all levels and include both California residents and nonresidents.
- Applications for fall 2025 first-year admission were down 1 percent from last year's total (decreasing by 1,973 applications). California resident applications were also down from last year, decreasing by 2.6 percent (3,520 applications). Overall, applications from nonresident students increased: applications from domestic nonresidents decreased by 2.4 percent (1,020) while international applicants increased (by 8.7 percent or 2,567 applications).
- Among California first-year applicants, applications from underrepresented groups decreased as a proportion of the applicant pool to 46.5 percent this year, compared with 47.1 percent last year.
- Counts of California first-year applications decreased from last year for every race/ethnicity.
  - Among the underrepresented groups:
    - African American applications decreased by 5 percent (-453).
    - Hispanic/Latino(a) applications decreased by 3.6 percent (-1,927).
    - American Indian applications decreased by 3.4 percent (-29).
    - Pacific Islander applications decreased by 1.5 percent (-6).
  - Applications from Asian students dropped slightly (-0.4 percent, 155 applications).
  - Applications from White students decreased by 3.4 percent (-911).
- Transfer applications increased 1.9 percent from last year (838 more applications). Applications from domestic California Community College students increased by 2.4 percent, from 32,674 last year to 33,466 this year.
- The proportion of domestic California Community College transfer applicants from underrepresented groups remained flat, at 40.2 percent of the applicant pool. This is a 2.5 percent increase in applications received over last year (333 more applications).

- Hispanic/Latino(a) students remain the largest group of California first-year and California Community College applicants: 39 percent of California first-years and 32.7 percent of domestic community college transfers.
- The share of California first-year applicants with low family income increased from 40.3 percent last year to 41.4 percent of applicants this year. First-generation college student applicants dropped one percentage point, from 43.2 percent last year to 42.2 percent this year.
- The UC application for undergraduate admission opened on August 1, 2024 and closed on December 2, 2024.
- Five campuses (Davis, Merced, Riverside, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz) accepted transfer applications through January 15, 2025.
- The university's review of first-year applications began in October 2024, with offers of admission going out through March 2025. The transfer application review began in November 2024, and offers will go out through April 2025.

*Notes: The 2025 systemwide totals used in this fact sheet and in the attached tables are preliminary as of January 22, 2025, whereas previous year totals are final. Totals are also "unduplicated," meaning that each student is counted only once, even if they applied to multiple campuses. As a result, the systemwide totals are not the sum of the individual campus counts.*