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The Honorable John Laird  
Chair, Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 502  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Director Stephenshaw and Senator Laird:

Pursuant to Section 92680.4(d) of the Education Code, enclosed is the University of California's annual report to the Legislature on the *Admission and Enrollment of Students from LCFF+ High Schools*.

If you have any questions regarding this report, Associate Vice President Cain Diaz would be pleased to speak with you. Cain can be reached by telephone at (510) 987-9350, or by e-mail at [Cain.Diaz@ucop.edu](mailto:Cain.Diaz@ucop.edu).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: Senate Budget and Fiscal Review  
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(Attn: Mr. Kirk Feely)  
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Assembly Budget Subcommittee #3  
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## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

### Admission and Enrollment of Students from LCFF+ High Schools

The following report is forwarded in compliance with Section 92680.4(d) of the Education Code, which states:

- (d) Commencing in 2017, no later than November 30 of each year, the university shall report to the Director of Finance and to the Legislature the number of pupils who attended a school identified by the Superintendent pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 41580 and were admitted to the university, and the number of those students who enrolled, disaggregated by campus.

This document is the annual report responding to this legislative request.

#### Background

Supporting the success of UC students and continuing to expand access to a student body fully representative of the State are fundamental to fulfilling the educational mission of the University of California. UC campuses are engaged in many efforts to broaden access and improve undergraduate student outcomes—particularly for low-income students, first-generation college-goers, and other students who may be at greater risk of lower graduation rates or longer time-to-degree. These efforts have shown promising results—the percentage of undergraduates who complete their studies on time has improved substantially over the last decade. However, more work can and should be done to increase access, improve graduation rates overall, and close achievement gaps. UC actively seeks out partnerships with the State to pursue this work.

The 2016–17 State budget for the University of California included one-time funds for support services for students who were enrolled in high schools in which more than 75 percent of the school’s total enrollment (unduplicated) is composed of pupils who are identified as either English learners, eligible for free or reduced-price meals, and/or foster youth. These schools, which are eligible for supplemental funding under the State’s Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), are known as “LCFF plus” (LCFF+) schools. This one-time funding was intended to help increase the application, admission, and enrollment of students from LCFF+ high schools.

UC campuses leveraged the one-time funding to engage with LCFF+ high schools and other partners in efforts to increase applications, admissions, and enrollments of these students, including:

- Partnering with community-based organizations to raise awareness of UC and to better serve LCFF+ students and their families.
- Using UC proprietary software, e.g., UC Compass (formerly Transcript Evaluation Service) and other tools to identify students attending LCFF+ schools who are close to achieving UC eligibility and providing college advising and academic enrichment programs to those students.
- Providing LCFF+ high school students with UC campus experiences, e.g., campus visits, residential programs, and/or connecting them with UC student peer mentors.

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- Raising awareness of UC at LCFF+ schools during the fall application period for 2017 high school graduates and in spring 2017 for students in grades 9–11 by conducting additional application, college preparation, and financial aid workshops for students and parents.
  - Providing support for students preparing responses to the “personal insight” questions on the UC application.
  - Conducting targeted “yield” activities (e.g., campus visits and advising) for students attending LCFF+ schools who are admitted to UC.
  - Providing transition support to reduce the number of admitted students who have indicated they will enroll in the fall but fail to do so.

In addition, as a system, UC has undertaken special efforts to increase applications and admissions of low-income students and those from LCFF+ schools. Since the fall 2017 application cycle, campuses are able to identify applicants from LCFF+ high schools to ensure that they receive full consideration in the comprehensive review process. UC also redesigned its application fee waiver process (by which low-income students can apply to up to four campuses free of charge) so that applicants who report low family incomes are automatically granted a waiver, rather than being required to apply for one, and are reminded to maximize the fee waiver when fewer than four campuses are selected.

The 2019–20 State Budget Act provided the University with one-time funds for a purpose similar to those provided in the 2016–17 Budget Act. This one-time appropriation was for the provision of outreach and student support services to students who were enrolled in LCFF+ high schools. The University leveraged this one-time funding to support efforts such as conducting college preparation, college application, and financial aid workshops; providing college advising and academic enrichment to students attending LCFF+ schools; using data analytics to identify students in need of academic support and targeting services to those students; and developing or expanding summer academic support programs.

### Applications, Admissions, and Enrollments

The following analyses look at California residents from LCFF+ California high schools in the fall 2023, fall 2024, and fall 2025 freshman admission cycles. Fall 2025 enrollment data are preliminary based on Statements of Intent to Register as of August 2025. These analyses use LCFF+ designations used for the fall 2025 admissions cycle (based on 2023–24 school enrollment data); therefore, data for prior years have been updated from prior reports.

#### *UC Systemwide*

The number of students admitted to UC from LCFF+ high schools increased 7 percent from 21,213 in 2023 to 22,687 in 2024 before increasing 6 percent to 24,113 in 2025, as the overall number of admissions grew by 5 percent in 2024 and 7 percent in 2025 (Table 1). The admit rate for students from LCFF+ schools went up from 70 percent in 2023 to 73 percent in 2024 and 80 percent in 2025. The overall admit rate went up from 69 percent in 2023 to 71 percent in 2024 and 78 percent in 2025. In 2023, the admit rate for students from LCFF+ schools was one percentage point higher than the admit rate for those from non-LCFF+ schools. In 2024, the rate for LCFF+ students was three percentage points higher than the non-LCFF+ rate, and in 2025 it was two percentage points higher.

**Table 1. High School Graduates, California Resident Applicants, Admits, and Enrollees from California Public High Schools, by LCFF+ Status of High School, UC Systemwide**

	LCFF+	Non-LCFF+	TOTAL	
2023	H.S. Graduates	149,963	275,485	425,448
	Applicants	30,442	84,745	115,187
	Admits	21,213	58,184	79,397
	Enrollees	9,480	28,531	38,011
	Application Rate	20%	31%	27%
	Admit Rate	70%	69%	69%
	Yield Rate	45%	49%	48%
2024	H.S. Graduates	167,757	269,012	436,769
	Applicants	31,077	85,769	116,846
	Admits	22,687	60,377	83,064
	Enrollees	9,068	28,593	37,661
	Application Rate	19%	32%	27%
	Admit Rate	73%	70%	71%
	Yield Rate	40%	47%	45%
2025	H.S. Graduates	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Applicants	30,027	83,118	113,145
	Admits	24,113	64,634	88,747
	Enrollees	10,081	29,755	39,836
	Application Rate	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Admit Rate	80%	78%	78%
	Yield Rate	42%	46%	45%

**Source:** LCFF+ designation based on 2023–24 enrollment data from the California Department of Education. High school graduates from 2022–23 and 2023–24 data from the California Department of Education. Applicants, admits, and enrollees from applyUC data, August 6, 2025 for fall 2025 admissions cycle and UC Data Warehouse, Undergraduate Admissions Data Mart for fall 2023 and fall 2024.

**Notes:** LCFF+ means more than 75 percent of a school's students are eligible for free or reduced meal prices (i.e., are low income), foster youth, and/or English language learners. LCFF+ status based on enrollment for the academic year prior to the given year (i.e., 2015–16 for 2017). High school graduates are 12th-grade graduates of California public schools in the academic year ending in the given year (i.e., 2015–16 for 2016); these data include a small number of international students as well as California residents. "n/a" means data not yet available. Applicants, admits, and enrollees are unduplicated counts of California residents from California public high schools for UC systemwide for the fall term of the given year.

The estimated number of students from LCFF+ high schools enrolling as new freshmen at UC in 2025 (10,081) was larger than in 2023 (9,480) or in 2024 (9,068). About 25 percent of the fall 2025 freshman incoming class were from LCFF+ high schools, about the same as the shares in fall 2023 (25 percent) and fall 2024 (24 percent).

### *UC Campuses*

In 2023, 2024, and 2025, UC Irvine had more freshman applicants from LCFF+ high schools than any other campus, with 19,979 in 2023, 20,145 in 2024, and 19,461 in 2025 (Table 2). In 2023, 2024, and 2025, UC Riverside had the largest number of freshman admits from LCFF+ high schools, with 8,006 in 2023, 9,116 in

2024, and 13,725 in 2025. UC Merced had the highest admit rate for students from LCFF+ high schools in all three years: 88 percent in 2023, 91 percent in 2024, and 96 percent in 2025.

In 2025, UC Riverside had the largest number (2,053) of incoming freshmen from LCFF+ high schools. At five of the nine undergraduate campuses, the number of incoming freshmen from LCFF+ high schools was higher in 2025 than in 2023.

**Table 2. California Resident Applicants, Admits, and Enrollees from LCFF+ High Schools, by UC Campus**

		Berkeley	Davis	Irvine	Los Angeles	Merced	Riverside	San Diego	Santa Barbara	Santa Cruz
2023	Applicants	13,132	10,879	19,979	19,221	7,576	13,068	16,125	11,961	9,153
	Admits	2,507	4,569	3,912	1,747	6,680	8,006	6,530	4,450	4,604
	Enrollees	1,025	951	1,174	1,075	811	1,407	1,869	729	439
	Admit Rate	19%	42%	20%	9%	88%	61%	40%	37%	50%
	Yield Rate	41%	21%	30%	62%	12%	18%	29%	16%	10%
2024	Applicants	12,968	11,394	20,145	19,594	7,666	13,479	17,124	11,831	10,236
	Admits	1,980	4,872	4,596	1,872	6,941	9,116	6,990	4,689	5,721
	Enrollees	823	965	1,280	1,133	706	1,252	1,728	661	520
	Admit Rate	15%	43%	23%	10%	91%	68%	41%	40%	56%
	Yield Rate	42%	20%	28%	61%	10%	14%	25%	14%	9%
2025	Applicants	12,700	11,867	19,461	18,306	12,385	16,355	16,656	11,772	8,917
	Admits	1,961	4,664	4,051	1,756	11,875	13,725	6,050	4,500	5,333
	Enrollees	908	1,166	1,055	1,044	935	2,053	1,574	811	548
	Admit Rate	15%	39%	21%	10%	96%	84%	36%	38%	60%
	Yield Rate	46%	25%	26%	59%	8%	15%	26%	18%	10%

**Source:** LCFF+ designation based on 2023–24 enrollment data from the California Department of Education. Applicants, admits, and enrollees from applyUC data, August 6, 2025 for fall 2025 admissions cycle and UC Data Warehouse, Undergraduate Admissions Data Mart for fall 2023 and fall 2024.

### *Race/Ethnicity*

In all three years, the largest racial/ethnic group among applicants, admits, and enrollees from LCFF+ high schools was Hispanic/Latino(a) (Table 3). The number of African American admits from LCFF+ high schools grew 11 percent in 2024 and again in 2025. Asian admits increased by 2 percent in 2024 and 6 percent in 2025. Hispanics/Latino(a)s admits increased by 8 percent from 2023 to 2024 and by 6 percent from 2024 to 2025. White admits increased by 5 percent in 2024 and 2 percent in 2025. American Indians and Pacific Islanders have smaller overall numbers, so it is helpful to look at counts rather than percent changes. The number of American Indians admitted increased from 57 in 2023 to 65 in 2024 and 71 in 2025. The number of Pacific Islander admits went from 50 in 2023 to 45 in 2024 and 60 in 2025.

**Table 3. High School Graduates, California Resident Applicants, Admits, and Enrollees from LCFF+ High Schools, by Race/Ethnicity**

	African American	American Indian	Asian	Hispanic/Latino(a)	Pacific Islander	White	Two or More	Unknown	
2023	H.S. Graduates	7,180	132	5,525	119,269	63	8,941	652	188
	Applicants	2,153	82	4,343	22,143	77	1,436	n/a	208
	Admits	1,293	57	3,242	15,431	50	998	n/a	142
	Enrollees	593	28	1,885	6,399	20	485	n/a	70
	Application Rate	30%	62%	79%	19%	122%	16%	n/a	111%
	Admit Rate	60%	70%	75%	70%	65%	69%	n/a	68%
	Yield Rate	46%	49%	58%	41%	40%	49%	n/a	49%
2024	H.S. Graduates	7,741	118	6,901	132,909	79	9,996	992	182
	Applicants	2,267	91	4,233	22,880	73	1,395	n/a	138
	Admits	1,436	65	3,298	16,689	45	1,051	n/a	103
	Enrollees	590	39	1,850	6,049	19	473	n/a	48
	Application Rate	29%	77%	61%	17%	92%	14%	n/a	76%
	Admit Rate	63%	71%	78%	73%	62%	75%	n/a	75%
	Yield Rate	41%	60%	56%	36%	42%	45%	n/a	47%
2025	H.S. Graduates	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Applicants	2,197	83	4,163	22,005	75	1,355	n/a	149
	Admits	1,600	71	3,481	17,723	60	1,068	n/a	110
	Enrollees	683	39	1,859	6,950	22	483	n/a	45
	Application Rate	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Admit Rate	73%	86%	84%	81%	79%	79%	n/a	74%
	Yield Rate	43%	55%	53%	39%	45%	45%	n/a	41%

**Source:** LCFF+ designation based on 2023–24 enrollment data from the California Department of Education. High school graduates from 2022–23 and 2023–24 data from the California Department of Education. Applicants, admits, and enrollees from applyUC data, August 6, 2025 for fall 2025 admissions cycle and UC Data Warehouse, Undergraduate Admissions Data Mart for fall 2023 and fall 2024.

**Note:** Race/ethnicity categories are defined differently in the data for high school graduates than in the data for UC applicants, admits, and enrollees. For this reason, application rates noted in this report are approximations or could appear to be greater than 100 percent.

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