Common App in California

First-Year Application Data
2020–2021

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511,457 Applications submitted
94,587 Unique applicants
910 Unique colleges and universities applied to (out of 919)

Destination of Applications

- 73% Out-of-State
- 27% In-State

Percent of applications to all Common App member colleges and universities by California applicants
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33% Applications submitted with fee waiver or no fee

32% Applications submitted with a test score

Comparison

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**Applicants by Race/Ethnicity**
- Asian 21%
- Latinx 27%
- Nonresident Alien 2%
- Two or More Races 7%
- White 33%
- Black or African American 5%
- Native American 0%
- Pacific Islander 0%
- Unknown 4%

**Applicants by Sex**
- 42% Male
- 58% Female

**Applicants by First-Generation Status**
- 71% Not first-generation
- 29% First-generation
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Top receiving institutions nationally from applicants in California (descending)

- University of Southern California
- Stanford University
- University of Oregon
- New York University
- University of San Francisco
- Arizona State University
- Loyola Marymount University
- University of Colorado Boulder
- Chapman University
- University of Michigan
- Boston University
- Santa Clara University
- Northeastern University
- University of San Diego
- Cornell University

In-State Applications to CA Institutions

- Santa Clara University
- University of San Francisco
- Stanford University
- Chapman University
- University of Southern California
- Loyola Marymount University
- Pepperdine University
- University of San Diego

Applications

- 10,000
- 15,000
- 20,000
- 25,000
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Top applying counties in California (descending)

- Los Angeles County
- Orange County
- Santa Clara County
- San Diego County
- Alameda County
- Contra Costa County
- San Mateo County
- Riverside County
- San Bernardino County
- San Francisco County
- Ventura County
- Sacramento County
- Marin County
- Sonoma County
- Placer County
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Year-over-year comparisons

+11% State annual change in applications

+6% State annual change in applicants

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Total comparisons, inclusive of all applicants and all countries

+11% State annual change in applications

+6% State annual change in applicants

+17% Total annual change in applications

+9% Total annual change in applicants