Common App in California

First-Year Application Data
2021–2022

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554,743 Applications submitted

95,847 Unique applicants

975 Unique colleges and universities applied to (out of 982)

Destination of Applications

75% Out-of-State
25% In-State

Percent of applications to all Common App member colleges and universities by California applicants
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32% Applications submitted with fee waiver or no fee

39% Applications submitted with a test score

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Applicants by Race/Ethnicity

- Asian 22%
- Latinx 27%
- Nonresident Alien 1%
- Two or More Races 7%
- White 32%

Applicants by Sex

- 42% Male
- 58% Female

Applicants by First-Generation Status

- 70% Not first-generation
- 30% 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
- Arizona State University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Northeastern University
- University of Michigan
- University of San Francisco
- Boston University
- University of Colorado Boulder
- Chapman University
- Cornell University
- Santa Clara University
- Harvard University
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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
- San Bernardino County
- Riverside County
- San Francisco County
- Ventura County
- Sacramento County
- Marin County
- Placer County
- San Joaquin County
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Year-over-year comparisons

+8% State annual change in applications

+1% State annual change in applicants

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Total comparisons, inclusive of all applicants and all countries

+8% State annual change in applications

+1% State annual change in applicants

+15% Total annual change in applications

+8% Total annual change in applicants

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