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# California Colleges at a Glance

A Quick Reference Guide to California's Four-Year Colleges + Universities

*Data shown from the most recent available year — admissions + enrollment Fall 2024, costs 2025–26.*

◆ *Also participates in WUE, for students from other Western states (see WUE Colleges at a Glance).*

## University of California

| COLLEGE | LOCATION | TYPE | UNDERGRADS Fall 2024 | ADMIT RATE Fall 2024 | TUITION + FEES 2025–26 | ANNUAL COST 2025–26 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| UC Berkeley | Berkeley, CA | Public | 33,100 | 11% | $17,200 | $47,800 |
| UC Davis | Davis, CA | Public | 32,300 | 42% | $17,300 | $43,200 |
| UC Irvine | Irvine, CA | Public | 30,200 | 29% | $16,200 | $39,200 |
| UCLA | Los Angeles, CA | Public | 33,500 | 9% | $15,700 | $41,400 |
| UC Merced ◆ | Merced, CA | Public | 8,400 | 91% | $16,300 | $41,000 |
| UC Riverside | Riverside, CA | Public | 22,600 | 76% | $16,100 | $38,400 |
| UC San Diego | La Jolla, CA | Public | 34,900 | 27% | $17,300 | $41,700 |
| UC Santa Barbara | Santa Barbara, CA | Public | 23,100 | 33% | $17,000 | $44,800 |
| UC Santa Cruz | Santa Cruz, CA | Public | 17,900 | 66% | $16,600 | $43,900 |

## California State University

| COLLEGE | LOCATION | TYPE | UNDERGRADS Fall 2024 | ADMIT RATE Fall 2024 | TUITION + FEES 2025–26 | ANNUAL COST 2025–26 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cal Poly Humboldt ◆ | Arcata, CA | Public | 5,600 | 98% | $8,800 | $27,000 |
| Cal Poly Pomona ◆ | Pomona, CA | Public | 25,000 | 75% | $8,100 | $22,600 |
| Cal Poly San Luis Obispo | San Luis Obispo, CA | Public | 22,000 | 31% | $15,000 | $36,500 |
| Cal State Bakersfield ◆ | Bakersfield, CA | Public | 8,600 | 94% | $8,500 | $18,500 |
| Cal State Channel Islands ◆ | Camarillo, CA | Public | 5,000 | 95% | $7,600 | $23,400 |
| Cal State Dominguez Hills ◆ | Carson, CA | Public | 12,500 | 93% | $7,900 | $22,800 |
| Cal State East Bay ◆ | Hayward, CA | Public | 9,800 | 97% | $8,000 | $20,800 |

CALIFORNIA COLLEGES AT A GLANCE

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cal State Fullerton ◆ | Fullerton, CA | Public | 38,500 | 91% | $8,000 | $17,800 |
| Cal State LA ◆ | Los Angeles, CA | Public | 19,600 | 91% | $7,500 | $17,800 |
| Cal State Monterey Bay ◆ | Seaside, CA | Public | 6,800 | 97% | $8,100 | $27,500 |
| Cal State Northridge ◆ | Northridge, CA | Public | 32,700 | 93% | $7,800 | $20,000 |
| Cal State San Bernardino ◆ | San Bernardino, CA | Public | 15,000 | 94% | $8,500 | $17,000 |
| Cal State San Marcos ◆ | San Marcos, CA | Public | 14,900 | 95% | $8,500 | $23,100 |
| Chico State ◆ | Chico, CA | Public | 13,600 | 93% | $8,900 | $26,800 |
| Fresno State | Fresno, CA | Public | 21,600 | 95% | $8,200 | $19,600 |
| Long Beach State | Long Beach, CA | Public | 35,900 | 46% | $8,300 | $22,900 |
| Sacramento State ◆ | Sacramento, CA | Public | 28,400 | 94% | $9,000 | $25,900 |
| San Diego State | San Diego, CA | Public | 35,400 | 36% | $9,200 | $26,000 |
| San Francisco State ◆ | San Francisco, CA | Public | 18,600 | 96% | $8,300 | $25,200 |
| San José State ◆ | San Jose, CA | Public | 27,600 | 85% | $8,800 | $28,900 |
| Sonoma State ◆ | Rohnert Park, CA | Public | 5,200 | 93% | $9,100 | $24,900 |
| Stanislaus State ◆ | Turlock, CA | Public | 8,400 | 98% | $8,700 | $17,600 |

## Private Colleges & Universities

| COLLEGE | LOCATION | TYPE | UNDERGRADS Fall 2024 | ADMIT RATE Fall 2024 | TUITION + FEES 2025–26 | ANNUAL COST 2025–26 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Azusa Pacific University | Azusa, CA | Private | 2,800 | 88% | $45,300 | $57,200 |
| Biola University | La Mirada, CA | Private | 3,500 | 74% | $50,900 | $65,300 |
| California Baptist University | Riverside, CA | Private | 8,200 | 85% | $42,800 | $54,400 |
| California Lutheran University | Thousand Oaks, CA | Private | 2,300 | 76% | $54,500 | $70,800 |
| Caltech | Pasadena, CA | Private | 1,000 | 3% | $68,200 | $90,800 |
| Chapman University | Orange, CA | Private | 7,500 | 65% | $67,900 | $85,300 |
| Claremont McKenna College | Claremont, CA | Private | 1,400 | 10% | $72,100 | $91,500 |
| Dominican University of California | San Rafael, CA | Private | 1,100 | 84% | $53,700 | $73,600 |
| Harvey Mudd College | Claremont, CA | Private | 900 | 13% | $73,100 | $93,100 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Loyola Marymount University | Los Angeles, CA | Private | 7,100 | 45% | $65,900 | $88,700 |
| Mount Saint Mary's University | Los Angeles, CA | Private | 1,700 | 73% | $51,100 | $69,100 |
| Occidental College | Los Angeles, CA | Private | 1,900 | 44% | $68,700 | $88,700 |
| Pepperdine University | Malibu, CA | Private | 3,600 | 63% | $72,700 | $95,200 |
| Pitzer College | Claremont, CA | Private | 1,200 | 25% | $67,800 | $89,700 |
| Point Loma Nazarene University | San Diego, CA | Private | 3,200 | 84% | $48,400 | $65,000 |
| Pomona College | Claremont, CA | Private | 1,700 | 7% | $68,700 | $89,400 |
| Saint Mary's College of California | Moraga, CA | Private | 1,900 | 87% | $59,800 | $80,700 |
| Santa Clara University | Santa Clara, CA | Private | 6,600 | 48% | $63,500 | $84,300 |
| Scripps College | Claremont, CA | Private | 1,100 | 38% | $68,500 | $90,900 |
| Soka University of America | Aliso Viejo, CA | Private | 500 | 43% | $39,500 | $58,500 |
| Stanford University | Stanford, CA | Private | 7,600 | 4% | $68,500 | $92,900 |
| Thomas Aquinas College | Santa Paula, CA | Private | 600 | 83% | $31,000 | $45,900 |
| University of La Verne | La Verne, CA | Private | 3,000 | 71% | $49,600 | $62,600 |
| University of Redlands | Redlands, CA | Private | 2,000 | 83% | $62,700 | $80,200 |
| University of San Diego | San Diego, CA | Private | 5,700 | 52% | $62,400 | $83,500 |
| University of San Francisco | San Francisco, CA | Private | 5,300 | 62% | $62,500 | $81,800 |
| University of Southern California | Los Angeles, CA | Private | 20,400 | 10% | $75,200 | $95,000 |
| University of the Pacific | Stockton, CA | Private | 3,200 | 71% | $58,800 | $73,200 |
| Westmont College | Santa Barbara, CA | Private | 1,300 | 77% | $55,700 | $73,500 |
| Whittier College | Whittier, CA | Private | 800 | 81% | $52,900 | $64,700 |

# Understanding the Numbers

### ADMIT RATES

Overall first-year admission for fall 2024, the most recent cycle in federal data. Rates do not predict an individual student's chances; selectivity can vary significantly by major, program, and residency.

### UNDERGRADS

Undergraduate degree-seeking students only, fall 2024, rounded to the nearest 100.

### TUITION + FEES

Published annual tuition and required fees before financial aid. California-resident rates are shown for UC and CSU campuses.

### ANNUAL COST

Federally reported average cost of attendance: tuition, fees, housing, meals, books, transportation, and personal expenses. It blends living situations, so on-campus budgets, especially at CSU campuses, may be higher.

### FINANCIAL AID

Published costs are not necessarily what a family will pay. Grants and scholarships can substantially reduce the cost. Use each college's Net Price Calculator for a personalized estimate.

### DATA REPORTING

Figures come from different reporting years and are rounded for readability. Verify all data with each college before making application or financial decisions.

**Sources:** U.S. Department of Education, College Scorecard (most recent release). College names link to each institution's official website. Cal Maritime is now part of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and is not listed separately. **Data compiled: October 2026.**

*Numbers are a starting point. Fit is about much more than size, selectivity, and cost.*