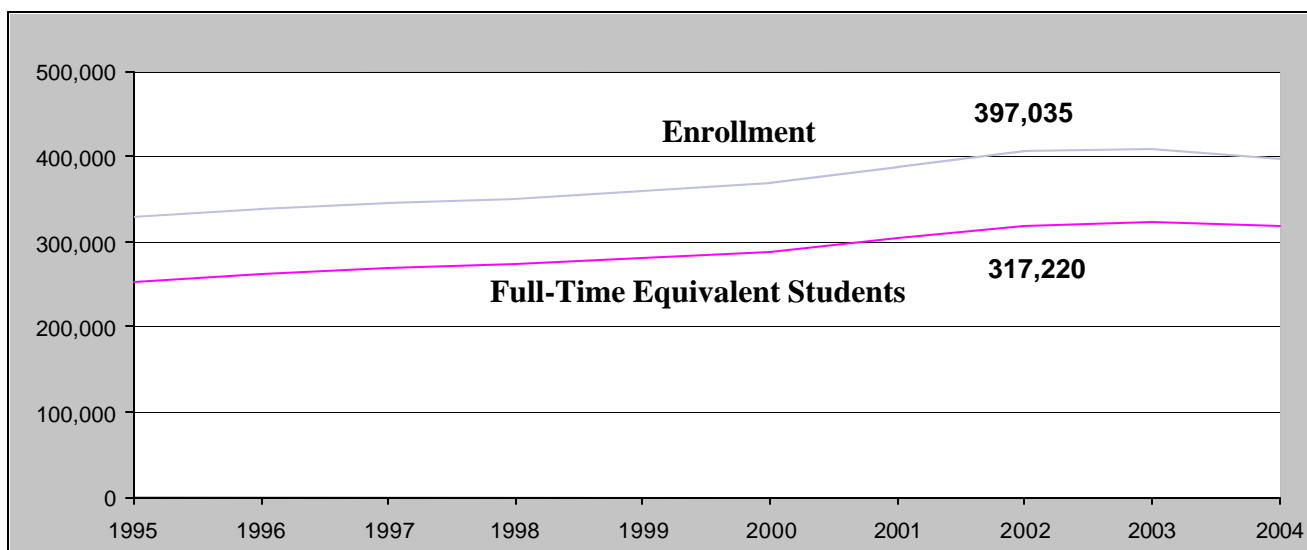




CSU Enrollments Drop Slightly from Previous Year's Historic Highs



*Represents the number of students served taking the equivalent of a 15-unit course load.

**Fall 2004 figures are based on Official census reports.

Chart A. Fall Term Enrollment and Full-Time Equivalent Students* from fall 1995 to Fall 2004**

California State University enrollment decreased in fall 2004. The headcount enrollment figure of 397,035 students is 11,911 lower than the milestone enrollment of 408,946 students recorded in fall 2003. The drop represents a decrease of nearly 3 percent, but is gentler than expected in January 2004, when the state's budget proposed cutting \$240 million to the CSU. Then, the CSU announced that if the cuts were implemented as proposed, it would have to reduce enrollment by 20,000 students.

At the end of July, state policymakers reached a budget agreement that included \$40.3 million more than originally anticipated. Of that, \$33.3 million will be used to serve additional 7,500 students that will be admitted in spring 2005. On balance, the 3 percent drop in fall 2004 enrollments mirrors the 3.13 percent reduction in state funding allocated to support 2004-05 enrollments.

Despite the net drop in students across the CSU System, five sites recorded enrollment increases over their fall 2003 numbers. The largest annual gains were at Channel Islands (up 529), Chico (up 218 students), Monterey Bay (up 185 students), and Fullerton (up 152 students). The other campuses with annual gains were San Jose (up 112 students) AND Maritime Academy (up 61 students).

Another way to gauge enrollments is to convert student headcounts into full-time equivalent students (FTES). Dividing total student credit units attempted by 15, the normative workload for students pursuing a degree in 4 years, generates the number of FTES associated with any observed enrollment. The current number of FTES is 317,220; so the annual drop in FTES from the prior Year was 4,386, or a 1.36 percent decline.

The smaller proportional loss in FTES reflects the higher average workload in fall 2004 (12.0 units vs. 11.8 units). Since the average CSU student now enrolls in 12.0 units, the minimum workload for full-time students on financial aid, the current number of FTE, is fourth-fifths the size of the 397,035 headcount.

The two graph lines in the chart displayed above indicate the relationship between enrollment numbers and FTES, and they illustrate the enrollment trend from fall 1995 to fall 2004. Tables 1 and 2, shown on the next page, list the exact systemwide numbers used to plot the lines and they list campus-specific numbers.

Again this year, Long Beach recorded the highest campus enrollment for the system (33,479). However, San Diego still leads in FTES ((26,769). Fullerton and Northridge continue move closer to the enrollment levels exhibited at Long Beach and San Diego.

Table 1. Selected Fall Term Enrollment in the California State University, from Fall 1995⁽¹⁾

Campus	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004 ⁽²⁾
Bakersfield	5,319	5,435	5,717	5,594	6,210	6,397	7,050	7,765	7,933	7,755
Channel Islands ⁽³⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,139	1,560	2,021
Chico	13,798	13,919	14,247	14,983	15,261	15,912	16,704	16,246	15,516	15,734
Dominguez Hills	9,977	10,400	10,704	12,054	12,524	12,848	12,871	13,504	13,248	12,613
Fresno	17,461	17,213	18,113	18,101	18,321	19,056	20,007	21,272	22,342	19,781
Fullerton	22,604	24,040	24,906	25,675	27,167	28,381	30,357	32,143	32,592	32,744
Hayward	12,650	12,863	12,855	12,888	12,667	12,705	13,240	13,876	13,455	13,061
Humboldt	7,427	7,687	7,492	7,475	7,545	7,433	7,382	7,611	7,725	7,550
Long Beach	26,403	27,431	27,809	28,637	30,011	30,918	33,259	34,566	34,715	33,479
Los Angeles	18,385	18,849	19,160	19,732	19,783	19,593	20,675	21,099	20,637	20,307
Maritime Academy	367	366	388	449	583	653	606	721	698	759
Monterey Bay	654	1,256	1,586	1,958	2,265	2,624	3,020	3,551	3,760	3,945
Northridge	25,015	27,189	27,653	27,203	27,947	29,066	31,448	32,070	33,426	31,341
Pomona	16,605	16,803	17,246	17,577	18,021	18,424	19,041	19,821	19,804	19,003
Sacramento	22,796	23,420	23,478	23,676	24,530	25,714	26,923	28,558	28,375	27,972
San Bernardino	11,957	12,153	13,280	13,600	14,280	14,909	15,985	16,341	16,927	16,194
San Diego	29,350	29,981	30,593	31,453	31,413	31,609	34,171	34,304	33,676	32,936
San Francisco	26,791	27,420	26,982	27,446	27,701	26,826	26,866	28,378	29,686	28,804
San Jose	25,997	25,874	26,897	26,628	26,937	26,698	28,007	30,350	28,932	29,044
San Luis Obispo	16,023	17,000	16,735	16,296	16,470	16,877	18,079	18,453	18,303	17,582
San Marcos	3,642	4,409	4,678	5,025	5,739	6,256	6,496	7,678	7,777	7,365
Sonoma	6,778	6,995	7,047	7,003	7,083	7,402	7,590	8,219	8,371	7,977
Stanislaus	5,972	6,100	6,213	6,351	6,489	7,062	7,534	7,850	8,072	7,858
Statewide Nursing ⁽⁴⁾	2,084	1,901	1,712	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
International Programs	-	-	-	449	463	518	561	573	618	570
CalStateTEACH	-	-	-	-	309	588	733	808	798	640
Grand Total	328,055	338,704	345,491	350,253	359,719	368,469	388,605	407,896	408,946	397,035

Table 2. Selected Fall Term Full-Time Equivalents in the California State University, from Fall 1995⁽¹⁾

Campus	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004 ⁽²⁾
Bakersfield	4,332	4,560	4,844	4,720	5,296	5,449	5,956	6,601	6,707	6,615
Channel Islands ⁽³⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,258	1,296	1,687
Chico	12,382	12,471	12,810	13,472	13,692	14,216	14,840	14,409	13,883	14,215
Dominguez Hills	6,691	7,037	7,180	7,790	7,923	8,146	8,093	8,709	8,749	8,523
Fresno	15,115	14,915	15,178	15,289	15,577	15,838	16,461	17,255	18,166	17,133
Fullerton	16,072	17,044	18,051	18,545	19,885	20,701	22,016	23,351	23,428	24,143
Hayward	9,902	10,045	10,036	10,039	10,049	9,971	10,388	10,952	10,778	10,660
Humboldt	6,983	7,257	7,072	7,118	7,060	6,902	6,842	7,007	7,092	7,030
Long Beach	19,729	20,327	20,745	21,456	22,836	23,725	25,592	26,480	26,606	26,009
Los Angeles	12,850	13,146	13,331	13,881	14,002	13,809	14,711	15,166	15,223	15,457
Maritime Academy	427	433	464	553	661	713	684	742	770.6	756
Monterey Bay	601	1,243	1,544	1,830	2,142	2,533	2,888	3,376	3,646	3,851
Northridge	18,049	19,563	20,022	19,841	20,475	21,440	23,170	24,023	24,853	23,206
Pomona	13,189	13,494	13,881	14,378	14,619	14,903	15,668	16,309	16,603	15,964
Sacramento	17,533	18,060	18,254	18,536	19,159	19,971	20,985	22,189	22,294	22,091
San Bernardino	9,331	9,480	10,293	10,680	11,124	11,556	12,374	12,687	13,224	13,100
San Diego	22,719	23,336	23,830	24,617	24,670	24,701	27,022	27,622	27,004	26,769
San Francisco	19,736	20,258	19,935	20,360	20,576	19,993	19,962	21,244	22,483	22,187
San Jose	19,028	19,195	19,984	19,532	19,696	19,622	20,525	22,186	21,167	21,554
San Luis Obispo	14,738	15,636	15,463	15,121	15,301	15,606	16,745	17,275	17,196	16,643
San Marcos	2,681	3,207	3,481	3,703	4,313	4,710	4,841	5,826	5,979	5,837
Sonoma	5,591	5,852	5,979	5,961	6,059	6,353	6,580	7,102	7,333	6,958
Stanislaus	4,340	4,370	4,503	4,687	4,855	5,184	5,442	5,678	5,870	5,778
Statewide Nursing ⁽⁴⁾	820	787	735	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
International Programs	-	-	-	495	463	570	617	620	679.8	627
CalStateTEACH	-	-	-	-	185	412	501	565	577.7	427
Total Campus ⁽⁵⁾	252,839	261,716	267,612	272,605	280,619	287,021	302,904	318,631	321,606.20	317,220

Notes:

- 1) Beginning fall 2000, fall enrollment represents profile data and may differ from final data posted in other reports.
- 2) Fall 2004 figures are official census files.
- 3) Channel Islands serve 1,560 native students and 780 continuing students that originally matriculated at Northridge.
- 4) Beginning fall 1998, Statewide Nursing enrollment is included in Dominguez Hills.