

# In Brief

## CSU Enrollments on the Rise Again

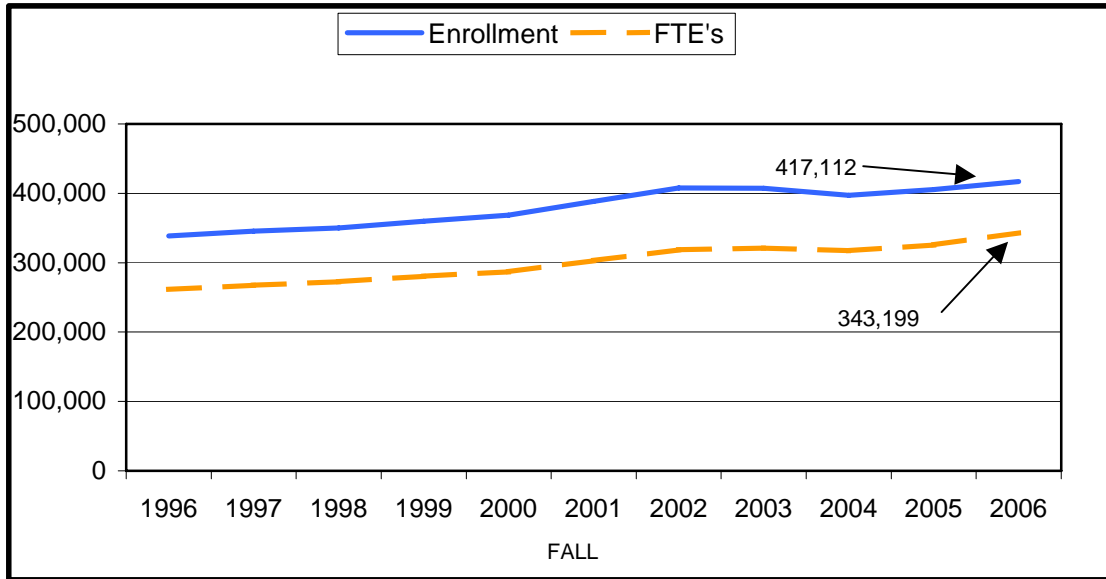


Chart A. Fall Term Enrollment and Full-Time Equivalent Students (FTES) from Fall 1996 to Fall 2006  
FTES represent the number of students that would be served if they all attempted a 15-unit course load.

The California State University enrollment in fall 2006 surpassed last year's student headcount. The current enrollment figure of 417,112 students is 11,830 higher than the 405,282 students recorded in fall 2005.

Higher fall enrollments occurred at 19 CSU campuses. The largest annual gains were at Fresno (up 1,727 students), San Diego (up 1,612 students), Northridge (up 1,317 students), and San Marcos (up 1,232 students). Other campuses with large annual gains were Long Beach (up 1,027 students) and Fullerton (up 881 students). The System's newest campus, Channel Islands, grew by 548 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 the observed enrollment. The current number of FTES is 343,199. Last year's figure was 325,561; so the annual gain in FTES from the prior year was 17,638 or a 5 percent increase.

In spring 2006 the state approved a new formula for determining the FTE of graduate students (i.e., students seeking a master's or Ph.D. degree). Starting this college year, 12 units attempted by graduate students equals one FTE. However, for students seeking a baccalaureate or credential it takes 15 units attempted to equal one FTE.

On average students enrolled in fall 2006 attempted 12.1 units. This is the same as the average for students in fall 2005.

The two graph lines in the chart displayed above illustrate the relationship between enrollment numbers and FTES, and they chart the enrollment trend from fall 1996 to fall 2006. 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.

For the 2nd year in a row, Fullerton recorded the highest campus enrollment for the system (35,921). However, San Diego leads in FTES (28,920). Long Beach and Northridge continue to be two of the System's larger campuses, with headcount enrollment numbers quite similar to Fullerton.

Table 1. Selected Fall Term Enrollment in the California State University, from Fall 1996<sup>(1)</sup>

Campus	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Fullerton	24,040	24,906	25,675	27,167	28,381	30,357	32,143	32,592	32,744	35,040	35,921
Long Beach	27,431	27,809	28,637	30,011	30,918	33,259	34,566	34,728	33,479	34,547	35,574
Northridge	27,189	27,653	27,203	27,947	29,066	31,448	32,070	32,618	31,341	33,243	34,560
San Diego	29,981	30,593	31,453	31,413	31,609	34,171	34,304	33,676	32,936	32,693	34,305
San Francisco	27,420	26,982	27,446	27,701	26,826	26,866	28,378	29,678	28,804	28,950	29,628
San Jose	25,874	26,897	26,628	26,937	26,698	28,007	30,350	28,977	29,044	29,975	29,604
Sacramento	23,420	23,478	23,676	24,530	25,714	26,923	28,558	28,375	27,972	27,932	28,529
Fresno	17,213	18,113	18,101	18,321	19,056	20,007	21,272	20,545	19,781	20,371	22,098
Los Angeles	18,849	19,160	19,732	19,783	19,593	20,675	21,099	20,637	20,307	20,034	20,565
Pomona	16,803	17,246	17,577	18,021	18,424	19,041	19,821	19,804	19,003	19,885	20,510
San Luis Obispo	17,000	16,735	16,296	16,470	16,877	18,079	18,453	18,302	17,582	18,475	18,722
San Bernardino	12,153	13,280	13,600	14,280	14,909	15,985	16,341	16,927	16,194	16,431	16,479
Chico	13,919	14,247	14,983	15,261	15,912	16,704	16,246	15,516	15,734	15,919	16,250
East Bay	12,863	12,855	12,888	12,667	12,705	13,240	13,876	13,453	13,061	12,535	12,706
Dominguez Hills	10,400	10,704	12,054	12,524	12,848	12,871	13,504	13,248	12,613	12,357	12,068
San Marcos	4,409	4,678	5,025	5,739	6,256	6,496	7,678	7,777	7,365	7,502	8,734
Stanislaus	6,100	6,213	6,351	6,489	7,062	7,534	7,850	8,072	7,858	8,137	8,374
Sonoma	6,995	7,047	7,003	7,083	7,402	7,590	8,219	8,325	7,977	7,749	8,274
Bakersfield	5,435	5,717	5,594	6,210	6,397	7,050	7,765	7,922	7,755	7,549	7,711
Humboldt	7,687	7,492	7,475	7,545	7,433	7,382	7,611	7,725	7,550	7,462	7,435
Monterey Bay	1,256	1,586	1,958	2,265	2,624	3,020	3,551	3,760	3,945	3,773	3,818
Channel Islands <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,139	2,366	2,021	2,575	3,123
Maritime Academy	366	388	449	583	653	606	721	697	759	860	828
Campus Total	336,803	343,779	349,804	358,947	367,363	387,311	406,515	405,720	395,825	403,994	415,816
Statewide Nursing <sup>(3)</sup>	1,901	1,712	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
International Programs	-	-	449	463	518	561	573	618	583	576	583
CalState TEACH	-	-	-	309	588	733	808	818	640	712	713
Grand Total	338,704	345,491	350,253	359,719	368,469	388,605	407,896	407,156	397,048	405,282	417,112

Notes:

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

Table 2. Selected Fall Term Full-Time Equivalents in the California State University, from Fall 1996<sup>(1)</sup>

Campus	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
San Diego	23,336	23,830	24,617	24,670	24,701	27,022	27,622	27,004	26,769	26,948	28,920
Long Beach	20,327	20,745	21,456	22,836	23,725	25,592	26,480	26,617	26,009	27,060	28,577
Fullerton	17,044	18,051	18,545	19,885	20,701	22,016	23,351	23,428	24,142	25,975	27,025
Northridge	19,563	20,022	19,841	20,475	21,440	23,170	24,023	24,473	23,237	25,139	26,651
San Francisco	20,258	19,935	20,360	20,576	19,993	19,962	21,244	22,480	22,187	22,537	23,950
San Jose	19,195	19,984	19,532	19,696	19,622	20,525	22,186	21,286	21,554	22,317	23,304
Sacramento	18,060	18,254	18,536	19,159	19,971	20,985	22,189	22,294	22,091	22,241	23,153
Fresno	14,915	15,178	15,289	15,577	15,838	16,461	17,255	17,639	17,133	17,669	18,845
San Luis Obispo	15,636	15,463	15,121	15,301	15,606	16,745	17,275	17,196	16,643	17,286	17,620
Pomona	13,494	13,881	14,378	14,619	14,903	15,668	16,309	16,603	15,964	16,717	17,527
Los Angeles	13,146	13,331	13,881	14,002	13,809	14,711	15,166	15,218	15,457	15,294	16,251
Chico	12,471	12,810	13,472	13,692	14,216	14,840	14,409	13,883	14,215	14,550	15,025
San Bernardino	9,480	10,293	10,680	11,124	11,556	12,374	12,687	13,224	13,100	13,208	13,776
East Bay	10,045	10,036	10,039	10,049	9,971	10,388	10,952	10,772	10,660	10,251	10,979
Dominguez Hills	7,037	7,180	7,790	7,923	8,146	8,093	8,709	8,749	8,523	8,266	8,640
Sonoma	5,852	5,979	5,961	6,059	6,353	6,580	7,102	7,239	6,958	6,866	7,466
San Marcos	3,207	3,481	3,703	4,313	4,710	4,841	5,826	5,979	5,837	5,969	7,089
Bakersfield	4,560	4,844	4,720	5,296	5,449	5,956	6,601	6,681	6,615	6,623	6,937
Humboldt	7,257	7,072	7,118	7,060	6,902	6,842	7,007	7,092	7,030	6,905	6,876
Stanislaus	4,370	4,503	4,687	4,855	5,184	5,442	5,678	5,870	5,778	6,020	6,314
Monterey Bay	1,243	1,544	1,830	2,142	2,533	2,888	3,376	3,646	3,851	3,618	3,612
Channel Islands <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,258	1,670	1,656	2,137	2,640
Maritime Academy	433	464	553	661	713	684	742	766	756	834	886
Campus Total <sup>(4)</sup>	260,929	266,880	272,109	279,970	286,042	301,785	317,447	319,809	316,165	324,432	342,061
Statewide Nursing <sup>(3)</sup>	787	735	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
International Programs	-	-	495	463	570	617	620	680	641	634	647
CalState TEACH	-	-	-	185	412	501	565	545	427	495	491
Grand Total <sup>(4)</sup>	261,716	267,612	272,605	280,619	287,021	302,904	318,631	321,034	317,234	325,561	343,199

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- 3) Beginning fall 1998, Statewide Nursing enrollment is included in Dominguez Hills.
- 4) Due to rounding, the figures presented on this page may not sum to totals.