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CAL STATE CHANNEL ISLANDS

Cal State Channel Islands is Ventura County's only public university located between Camarillo and the Oxnard Plain, and midway between Santa Barbara and Los Angeles. The campus is nestled against the foothills of the Santa Monica Mountains and a 10-minute drive from the Pacific Ocean. The campus is an inspiring, supportive, opportunity-filled university committed to life-changing, impactful education that engages students in a community that is both stimulating and encouraging. The University is a Hispanic Serving Institution and has earned the distinguished "Research Colleges and Universities" designation from the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

Cal State Channel Islands serves the Central Coast Region

INPUTS

$175.9M	$24.4M	$17.7M	$83.7M
Operational Expenditures	Capital Expenditures	Auxiliary Costs	Student Spending

REGIONAL IMPACT

4,500	$446M	$186.9M	$33M
Jobs	Industry Activity	Wages Earned	State & Local Tax Revenue

STATE-LEVEL IMPACT

4,800	$505.8M	$204.9M	$36.6M
Jobs	Industry Activity	Wages Earned	State & Local Tax Revenue

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

During the 2023-2024 academic year, the state's investment in **Cal State Channel Islands** (operating and average capital appropriations) totaled **$112.1 million**

For every dollar the state invests in the campus,

$4.51

in statewide **Industry Activity** is generated

When the impact of the enhanced alumni earnings is included

$10.96

in statewide **Industry Activity** is generated

Source: CSU Economic Impact Study, 2025

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HIGHLIGHTS

RCU CARNEGIE DESIGNATION

The University's dedication to student and faculty research has earned the campus a distinguished "Research Colleges and Universities" or "RCU" designation from the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. The University joins 11 of the 22 campuses in the CSU that received the new Carnegie designation and is one of only 216 RCU universities across the country.

SOCIAL MOBILITY

Ranked 5th in the U.S. News & World Report 2025 edition of Best Colleges in the category of "Social Mobility–Regional Universities West," which measures the success of colleges in graduating students who are Pell Grant recipients.

Ranked 24th in Washington Monthly's 2024 "Best Bang for the Buck – West," category based on cost, graduation rate, Pell performance, first-generation performance, and earnings performance.

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ALUMNI

Cal State Channel Islands alumni had higher median income attributed to their CSU degree, totaling **$573.6 million** which supported statewide impacts of:

3,400	$722.3M	$245M	$56.4M
Jobs	**Industry Activity**	**Wages Earned**	**State & Local Tax Revenue**

HANDS-ON LEARNING

CHANNEL ISLANDS BOATING CENTER (CIBC):

An off-campus facility located at the Channel Islands Harbor in nearby Oxnard, which provides free educational and recreational opportunities for students. The CIBC's Waterfront Program offers various instructional and safety classes in kayaking, sunset kayaking, sailing and stand-up paddle boarding both for campus students and members of local communities.

SANTA ROSA ISLAND RESEARCH STATION (SRIRS):

Provides students, faculty, researchers, and the local community with resources and opportunities to engage in research and other learning experiences via a partnership between the U.S. National Park Service, which governs Santa Rosa Island, and the University that operates the SRIRS within National Park boundaries.

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