

Which Schools Do Freshmen Choose?

Higher Education Choices for First-time Freshmen: 1995-2009



Key Findings:

- For San Mateo County high school graduates, CSM has been the top choice as a public institution of higher education, including community colleges, CSU's, and UC campuses—for decades.
- Nearly twice as many San Mateo County high school graduates enroll in CSM as enroll in the second ranking institution, Skyline College.
- Of those San Mateo County high school graduates who chose to enroll in a San Mateo County community college, more than half (52%) enrolled in CSM.
- Of those San Mateo County high school graduates students who enrolled in any community college in the State, approximately 40% (2 out of 5) enroll in CSM.

Top Public Higher Education Destinations of San Mateo County High School Graduates

Institution	Number of Graduates and Percent of Yearly Total							
	1995		2000		2005		2009	
College of San Mateo*	937	26.3%	700	20.3%	708	18.3%	754	20.2%
Skyline College*	628	17.6	439	12.7	470	12.1	408	10.9
City College of San Francisco*	127	3.6	111	3.2	282	7.3	334	8.9
San Francisco State University	140	3.9	231	6.7	293	7.6	310	8.3
Cañada College*	412	11.5	332	9.6	318	8.2	284	7.6
UC Davis	149	4.2	165	4.8	183	4.7	158	4.2
San José State University	89	2.5	154	4.5	148	3.8	154	4.1
UC Santa Cruz	54	1.5	99	2.9	117	3.0	127	3.4
Cal Poly, SLO	69	1.9	68	2.0	84	2.2	106	2.8
CSU Chico	29	0.8	55	1.6	70	1.8	100	2.7
UC Santa Barbara	72	2.0	74	2.1	97	2.5	99	2.6
Sonoma State University	23	0.6	38	1.1	42	1.1	88	2.4
Foothill College*	233	6.5	94	2.7	196	5.1	85	2.3
UC Berkeley	86	2.4	113	3.3	93	2.4	80	2.1
UC Los Angeles	59	1.7	89	2.6	75	1.9	62	1.7
All Other Colleges & Universities (n=162)	462	12.9	685	19.9	697	18.0	587	15.7
Total	3,856	100%	3,920	100%	3,483	100%	3,569	100%

* Community College

Note: Data sorted in descending order of 2009 enrollment.