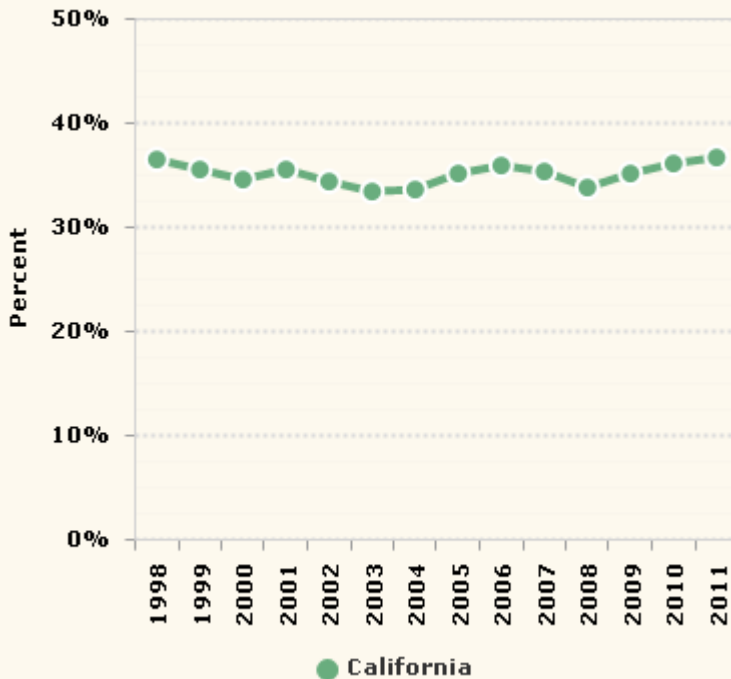


College Eligibility in California

High School Graduates Completing College Preparatory Courses: 1998 - 2011



Definition: Percentage of public school 12th grade graduates completing courses required for University of California (UC) and/or California State University (CSU) entrance, with a grade of "C" or better.

Data Source: California Department of Education, California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS). Accessed at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/DataQuest/downloads/sifgrads.asp> (Dec. 2012).

High School Graduates Completing College Preparatory Courses, by Race/Ethnicity: 2011

California	Percent	Range: 0 - 85%
African American/Black	27.5%	
American Indian/Alaska Native	24.8%	
Asian American	63.0%	
Filipino	50.0%	
Hispanic/Latino	26.7%	
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	32.1%	
White	43.9%	
Multiracial	43.7%	

Definition: Percentage of public school 12th grade graduates completing courses required for University of California (UC) and/or California State University (CSU) entrance, with a grade of "C" or better, by race ethnicity (e.g., 63% of Asian American graduates in California completed college prep courses in 2011).

Data Source: California Department of Education, California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS). Accessed

WHAT IT IS

On kidsdata.org, college eligibility is measured by the [number](#) and [percentage](#) of 12th grade graduates who complete all the courses required for entrance to the University of California (UC) and/or California State University (CSU) with a grade of "C" or better. This indicator also is provided [by race/ethnicity](#). Course completion represents only a portion of the entrance requirements for UC or CSU; not all students complete the other requirements, including taking ACT or SAT tests and maintaining an adequate overall grade point average.

WHY THIS TOPIC IS IMPORTANT

Higher educational attainment generally leads to more employment opportunities, higher earning potential, and is even associated with better health (1). Given that educational attainment is a strong predictor of future well being, it is important to ensure that all students have access to the resources needed for college preparation. College eligibility rates are influenced by the availability of various resources, including the courses necessary for UC/CSU entrance, school counselors, and qualified teachers (2). Low-income students and students of color often have less access to these resources (2).

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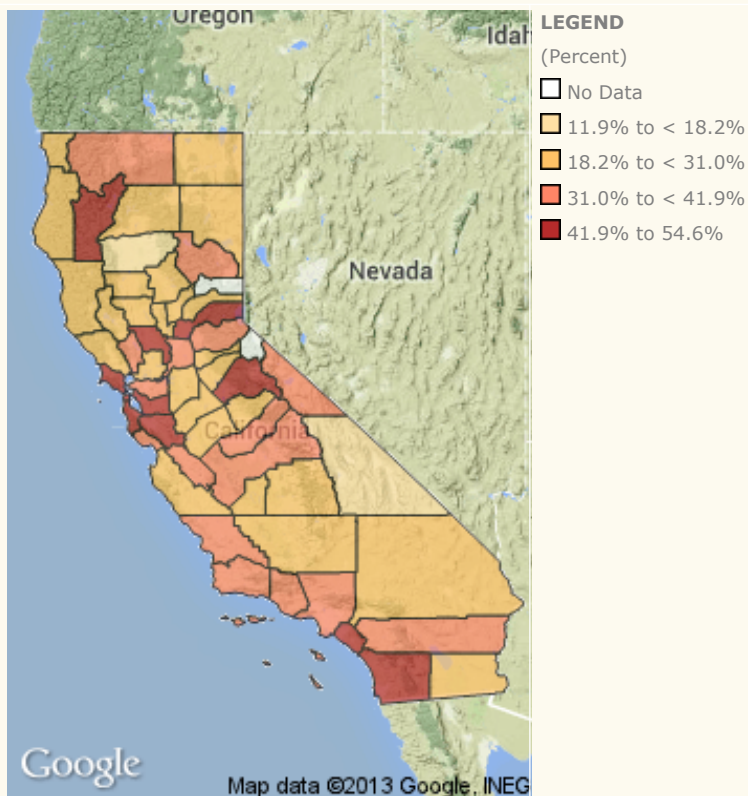
In 2011, 36.9% of California's public high school graduates had completed the courses required for University of California and/or California State University entrance, with a grade of "C" or better. This figure has increased from 33.9% in 2008. In only two counties, 50% or more of high school graduates completed these requirements in 2011, while in 14 counties, less than 25% of graduates were college eligible. Among racial/ethnic groups statewide, the percentages ranged from 24.8% for American Indian/Alaska Native graduates to 63% for Asian American graduates in 2011.

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High School Graduates Completing College Preparatory Courses (Race/Ethnicity: All)

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Asian American	63.0%	
Filipino	50.0%	
Hispanic/Latino	26.7%	
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	32.1%	
White	43.9%	
Multiracial	43.7%	

Fresno County	Percent	Range: 0 - 85%
African American/Black	28.4%	
American Indian/Alaska Native	LNE	
Asian American	54.6%	
Filipino	57.6%	
Hispanic/Latino	25.0%	
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	LNE	
White	49.2%	
Multiracial	43.1%	



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