

**Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS)  
Systemwide “Compare Favorably” Report for 2021  
June 2022**

In June 2011, BOARS adopted a policy<sup>1</sup> that requires nonresident domestic and international students admitted to a UC campus to be at least as qualified, on average, as California residents admitted to the same campus. BOARS also established procedures<sup>2</sup> that ask the nine undergraduate campuses to report annually to BOARS on the extent to which they are meeting this “Compare Favorably” standard. Each year, to help it assess both campus and systemwide outcomes for the Compare Favorably policy, BOARS reviews detailed information about each campus’s admissions activities and outcomes along with data from the UC Office of Graduate, Undergraduate and Equity Affairs, and the Office of Institutional Research and Academic Planning.

The following is BOARS’ summary assessment of UC’s Compare Favorably outcomes for 2021. Also note that BOARS conducted a more comprehensive assessment of the policy five years ago in response to a request from then-President Napolitano, and BOARS’ report to her includes additional analyses related to the University’s efforts to monitor compliance.<sup>3</sup>

The table below summarizes systemwide data for average high school unweighted grade point average (GPA) for California residents, domestic nonresidents, and international nonresidents admitted for fall 2021; average first-year UC GPA for students who first enrolled in fall 2020; the persistence rate of UC students who completed the 2020–21 academic year and re-enrolled in fall 2021; and the probation rate of fall 2020 entering students with a UC first-year GPA below 2.0.

	<b>Average High School GPA<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Average First-Year UC GPA<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Persistence<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>Probation Rate<sup>7</sup></b>
CA Residents	3.68	3.36	92.5%	4.8%
Domestic Nonresidents	3.80	3.57	93.1%	2.1%
International	3.75	3.48	88.8%	3.9%

The data show that on a systemwide basis, average high school GPAs are higher for admitted domestic and international nonresidents. The GPAs for incoming domestic nonresidents were about 0.12 points higher than California residents and GPAs for incoming international nonresidents were 0.07 points higher than California residents.

BOARS also considers how well enrolled students in each residency category perform at UC in terms of average first-year UC GPA and first-year rates of persistence and probation. Data from the fall 2020 entering class indicate that domestic nonresidents and international students

<sup>1</sup> [https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/\\_files/committees/boars/BOARS-NR-Principles-June-2011.pdf](https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/_files/committees/boars/BOARS-NR-Principles-June-2011.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/\\_files/reports/RMA\\_MGYreBOARSresolutiononevalofresidents\\_non-residents\\_FINAL.pdf](https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/_files/reports/RMA_MGYreBOARSresolutiononevalofresidents_non-residents_FINAL.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/\\_files/committees/boars/Compare-Favorably-Report-to-President-July-2017.pdf](http://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/_files/committees/boars/Compare-Favorably-Report-to-President-July-2017.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> Academic indicator for students admitted for fall 2021.

<sup>5</sup> UC grade point average for students first enrolling in fall 2020.

<sup>6</sup> Percent of students who completed the 2020–21 academic year and re-enrolled in fall 2021.

<sup>7</sup> Refers to the percent of students at UC with a first-year GPA below 2.00.

performed somewhat better academically in their first year at UC compared to California residents. Domestic nonresidents earned first-year UC GPAs of 3.57, compared to 3.48 for international students, and 3.36 for California residents. Data also show that domestic nonresidents have a lower academic probation rate (2.1 percent) than California residents (4.8 percent), and that the probation rate for international students is also lower than Californians (3.9 percent). However, California resident students, despite their slightly lower academic performance, were somewhat more likely to persist to a second year than international students, which is not surprising given the additional financial, social, and logistical burdens faced by nonresident students.

The policy also requires individual UC campuses to meet the Compare Favorably standard. Appendix A of this report provides campus-by-campus information on average high school indicators and college outcomes by residency group.

The campus-specific data for 2021 show that campuses generally comply with the Compare Favorably policy, although there are anomalies that require additional discussion. The high school GPA results varied by campus, with nonresident domestic students admitted with higher mean GPAs than California residents at four campuses and international students admitted with higher mean GPAs than California residents also at four campuses.

The GPA results are nuanced. As BOARS noted in our 2017 detailed report to President Napolitano,<sup>8</sup> the campus-specific differences are often minor—some are as small as one or two one-hundredths of a point (0.01 and 0.02), trivial variances when one considers that the difference between the letter grade of “A” and “A-” is three-tenths of a point (0.3). Among the campuses that do not meet the Compare Favorably standard for GPA in 2021, the largest difference between California residents and domestic or international nonresidents is 0.12 at the Santa Cruz campus. BOARS does not wish to ignore such differences, but also does not wish to suggest that such differences express widespread or willful disregard of the policy. To a fair-minded judge, BOARS believes that such differences should be viewed as measurement noise inherent in any metric used to measure human behavior and institutional accountability. Moreover, evaluating the grades of students from other states and countries can be particularly challenging because campuses lack the kind of detailed, contextual information about school environments and curricula that they can bring to bear while assessing California residents.

Taking these data collectively, all but three UC undergraduate campuses meet one or both standards for the Compare Favorably policy. The degree of compliance across the University is very high, especially when one considers the volume of applications received by the University, the extraordinary level of achievement presented by virtually all applicants, the challenges of applying the complex Compare Favorably standard within the context of a competitive, Comprehensive Review-based admissions process, and the challenges of meeting it while navigating a global pandemic with unknown effects on UC and postsecondary education in general.

Variances do concern BOARS and suggest a need for further examination, although BOARS does not necessarily consider them to be violations of the Compare Favorably policy for several reasons. First, while a comparison of the average GPAs of admitted students can provide a first indication

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<sup>8</sup> <https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/files/committees/boars/Compare-Favorably-Report-to-President-July-2017.pdf>

of whether a campus has met the policy, such narrow academic indicators are imperfect measures for the assessment, given the use of comprehensive review on all campuses, which requires campus admissions professionals to consider multiple factors in the broad assessment of merit they use to admit students. GPA is an important component of this assessment, but it is only one component, and as such provides an incomplete picture. Furthermore, educational context is also a key component of comprehensive review, but admissions personnel do not, in general, have access to the same information about educational context for nonresident applicants that they have for California residents.

BOARS also recognizes difficulties in comparing students' outcomes after they matriculate to UC. For example, overall campus GPAs, while relevant, do not account for different grading standards across UC colleges and departments, nor for any tendencies for international students to be concentrated in certain majors. Persistence rates are also a problematic comparative tool because they are influenced by factors other than the "quality" of the student, and persistence is a particularly acute consideration for international students who must try to succeed in school while adjusting to a new culture and educational environment.

BOARS established the Compare Favorably policy to communicate a clear message to campuses about its expectation that nonresidents have stronger qualifications than residents. BOARS allows campuses to focus on aspects of the evaluation process they feel are most relevant to meeting the policy, and BOARS is confident that all campuses are making a concerted effort to do so. BOARS understands that campuses may establish enrollment targets for California residents and nonresidents based on major, capacity, state funding, and other considerations; however, enrollment targets do not preclude campuses from having to meet the Compare Favorably standard and BOARS expects these targets not to influence the quality or outcome of a campus's Compare Favorably assessment. BOARS includes the attached tables to provide a transparent, objective, quantitative assessment of the policy. The data make clear to campuses what BOARS will measure and what steps, if any, they need to take to overcome deficiencies and improve future outcomes. BOARS will work with campuses on strategies for further refining their processes and ensuring a fair assessment.

The Compare Favorably policy provides flexibility for campuses while ensuring that the University's responsibility to California students remains paramount. BOARS states unequivocally its absolute commitment to maintaining admissions standards that favor California residents, to preserving access for Californians under the University's Master Plan obligation to state-funded residents, and to preserving the University's comprehensive review policy, which has served the state extraordinarily well in terms of access for low-income and first-generation California residents. As always, BOARS will continue to monitor campus compliance with this policy, report outcomes on an annual basis, and, as data warrant, suggest adjustments to the policy that maximize fairness to residents and that enable UC to admit and enroll the most deserving, diverse, and academically strong group of students who can go on to thrive and succeed at UC.

**High School GPA and Test Score of UC Freshman Admits &  
First Year UC GPA, Persistence Rate, and Probation Rate of Enrolled Freshman Students**

*By Campus and Residency Status*

*Fall 2021 (updated on 5/16/2022)*

Campus	Residency Status <sup>1</sup>	Freshman Admits in Fall 2021	Enrolled Students in Fall 2021		
		High School GPA <sup>2</sup> Average	Enrollment	Average First Year UC GPA <sup>3</sup>	First Year Persistence Rate <sup>4</sup>
Systemwide	C	3.68	39,648		
	D	3.80	6,071		
	I	3.75	6,008		
Berkeley	C	3.90	4,875		
	D	3.92	1,160		
	I	3.92	896		
Davis	C	3.86	5,562		
	D	3.75	499		
	I	3.77	1,421		
Irvine	C	3.86	4,601		
	D	3.80	971		
	I	3.86	917		
UCLA	C	3.94	4,545		
	D	3.96	1,354		
	I	3.96	685		
Merced	C	3.45	2,397		
	D	3.65	5		
	I	3.61	8		
Riverside	C	3.65	4,987		
	D	3.58	51		
	I	3.54	165		
San Diego	C	3.90	5,199		
	D	3.87	1,235		
	I	3.90	1,109		
Santa Barbara	C	3.88	3,678		
	D	3.91	566		
	I	3.91	654		
Santa Cruz	C	3.75	3,804		
	D	3.70	230		
	I	3.63	153		

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Notes: 1. Residency Status: Residency status in this analysis is determined based on the residency status at the time of admission. C=California Resident; D=Out-of-State Domestic; I=International. 2. Average High School GPA: Unweighted high school GPA of students admitted in fall 2021. There are statistically significant differences by residency at the 1% level, systemwide and for each campus. 3. Average First Year UC GPA: UC grade point average for students first enrolling in fall 2021. 4. Persistence Rate: Percent of students who started as freshman entrants in fall 2021 and were still enrolled in fall 2022. 5. Probation Rate: % Students with first year UC GPA below 2.00.

**High School GPA and Test Score of UC Freshman Admits &  
First Year UC GPA, Persistence Rate, and Probation Rate of Enrolled Freshman Students**

*By Campus and Residency Status*

*Fall 2020 (updated on 4/26/22)*

Campus	Residency Status <sup>1</sup>	Freshman Admits in Fall 2020		Enrolled Students in Fall 2020			
		Average High School GPA <sup>2</sup>	Average Total Test Score <sup>3</sup>	Enrollment	Average First Year UC GPA <sup>4</sup>	First Year Persistence Rate <sup>5</sup>	Probation Rate <sup>7</sup>
Systemwide	C	3.66	1264	37,972	3.36	92.5%	4.8%
	D	3.80	1405	3,648	3.57	93.1%	2.1%
	I	3.75	1393	5,089	3.48	88.8%	3.9%
Berkeley	C	3.90	1404	4,530	3.50	96.1%	2.6%
	D	3.93	1489	867	3.68	97.1%	0.7%
	I	3.92	1495	720	3.70	93.6%	1.3%
Davis	C	3.85	1337	4,790	3.25	91.6%	4.7%
	D	3.77	1375	276	3.15	86.2%	5.8%
	I	3.78	1397	1,078	3.28	86.5%	6.0%
Irvine	C	3.84	1374	4,523	3.36	95.1%	3.1%
	D	3.83	1398	263	3.36	85.6%	4.2%
	I	3.86	1414	979	3.39	87.9%	4.6%
UCLA	C	3.93	1424	4,789	3.66	97.6%	1.7%
	D	3.94	1490	1,117	3.75	96.2%	0.9%
	I	3.95	1502	480	3.78	91.9%	0.4%
Merced	C	3.45	1127	1,941	2.97	78.5%	12.9%
	D	3.66	1278	6	-- <sup>6</sup>	--	--
	I	3.61	1292	4	--	--	--
Riverside	C	3.60	1249	4,703	3.05	88.3%	10.4%
	D	3.59	1279	26	2.74	69.2%	23.1%
	I	3.56	1295	128	2.78	78.1%	18.8%
San Diego	C	3.88	1397	4,753	3.47	95.8%	3.0%
	D	3.85	1442	586	3.54	94.0%	1.7%
	I	3.86	1458	1,110	3.55	91.6%	2.8%
Santa Barbara	C	3.85	1384	4,014	3.40	92.1%	4.2%
	D	3.83	1420	406	3.46	88.4%	2.5%
	I	3.87	1466	427	3.52	83.8%	3.3%
Santa Cruz	C	3.67	1305	3,929	3.30	89.1%	5.7%
	D	3.65	1324	101	3.21	82.2%	8.9%
	I	3.59	1325	163	3.27	80.4%	5.5%

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First Year UC GPA, Persistence Rate, and Probation Rate of Enrolled Freshman Students**

*By Campus and Residency Status*

*Fall 2019 (updated on 5/13/2022)*

Campus	Residency Status <sup>1</sup>	Freshman Admits in Fall 2019		Enrolled Students in Fall 2019			
		Average High School GPA <sup>2</sup>	Average Total Test Score <sup>3</sup>	Enrollment	Average First Year UC GPA <sup>4</sup>	First Year Persistence Rate <sup>5</sup>	Probation Rate <sup>7</sup>
Systemwide	C	3.68	1282	36,347	3.34	93.6%	3.2%
	D	3.80	1412	3,676	3.52	87.0%	1.4%
	I	3.75	1399	5,928	3.48	90.4%	2.7%
Berkeley	C	3.91	1416	4,634	3.52	97.3%	1.1%
	D	3.93	1490	972	3.62	93.2%	0.4%
	I	3.93	1487	848	3.66	92.9%	0.5%
Davis	C	3.86	1337	4,871	3.29	94.0%	2.8%
	D	3.80	1388	307	3.17	86.0%	5.2%
	I	3.83	1422	779	3.27	88.8%	4.4%
Irvine	C	3.83	1348	4,712	3.26	95.1%	2.7%
	D	3.84	1392	183	3.34	82.5%	1.6%
	I	3.86	1412	1,174	3.37	92.8%	3.0%
UCLA	C	3.92	1424	4,432	3.61	97.0%	0.8%
	D	3.94	1490	946	3.71	89.9%	0.1%
	I	3.94	1498	541	3.74	93.7%	0.7%
Merced	C	3.47	1157	2,091	2.95	86.2%	9.4%
	D	3.67	1292	2	-- <sup>6</sup>	--	--
	I	3.64	1301	12	2.71	91.7%	25.0%
Riverside	C	3.62	1266	4,588	3.12	91.5%	7.1%
	D	3.60	1287	32	2.80	71.9%	12.5%
	I	3.60	1315	157	2.72	78.3%	16.6%
San Diego	C	3.87	1384	4,359	3.34	95.5%	2.8%
	D	3.83	1441	680	3.41	87.5%	2.4%
	I	3.87	1470	984	3.64	92.4%	1.1%
Santa Barbara	C	3.86	1381	3,636	3.40	92.5%	2.3%
	D	3.85	1434	351	3.51	78.9%	1.1%
	I	3.86	1460	948	3.59	88.5%	1.8%
Santa Cruz	C	3.72	1324	3,024	3.36	86.6%	3.0%
	D	3.63	1345	203	3.36	64.0%	2.5%
	I	3.59	1337	485	3.20	82.7%	5.4%

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**High School GPA and Test Score of UC Freshman Admits &  
First Year UC GPA, Persistence Rate, and Probation Rate of Enrolled Freshman Students**

*By Campus and Residency Status*

*Fall 2018 (updated on 3/5/2020)*

Campus	Residency Status <sup>1</sup>	Freshman Admits in Fall 2018		Enrolled Students in Fall 2018			
		Average High School GPA <sup>2</sup>	Average Total Test Score <sup>3</sup>	Enrollment	Average First Year UC GPA <sup>4</sup>	First Year Persistence Rate <sup>5</sup>	Probation Rate <sup>7</sup>
Systemwide	C	3.68	1290	36,755	3.17	93.0%	3.6%
	D	3.80	1410	3,657	3.36	90.2%	2.0%
	I	3.75	1393	6,265	3.30	93.4%	3.1%
Berkeley	C	3.92	1413	4,306	3.36	96.9%	1.9%
	D	3.94	1487	907	3.46	95.3%	1.4%
	I	3.92	1480	799	3.56	97.9%	0.6%
Davis	C	3.85	1340	4,849	3.15	92.7%	2.6%
	D	3.75	1381	314	3.09	81.5%	3.2%
	I	3.77	1400	1,230	3.15	92.7%	3.0%
Irvine	C	3.85	1349	4,538	3.12	94.4%	3.8%
	D	3.87	1385	136	3.10	86.0%	4.4%
	I	3.85	1391	1,119	3.06	92.3%	6.1%
UCLA	C	3.92	1418	4,367	3.40	97.4%	1.5%
	D	3.93	1483	1,221	3.49	93.6%	1.1%
	I	3.92	1496	652	3.59	95.7%	0.9%
Merced	C	3.46	1161	2,202	2.89	84.6%	7.1%
	D	3.62	1286	4	-- <sup>6</sup>	--	--
	I	3.58	1306	8	--	--	--
Riverside	C	3.60	1266	4,362	2.98	90.0%	6.1%
	D	3.56	1276	36	2.89	69.4%	11.1%
	I	3.54	1302	131	3.11	84.0%	11.5%
San Diego	C	3.85	1375	5,123	3.13	93.8%	4.5%
	D	3.85	1442	477	3.27	89.1%	1.7%
	I	3.89	1458	1,107	3.43	93.5%	2.2%
Santa Barbara	C	3.83	1376	3,991	3.21	92.3%	2.9%
	D	3.81	1407	379	3.25	83.9%	1.8%
	I	3.86	1444	724	3.40	93.6%	2.1%
Santa Cruz	C	3.72	1342	3,017	3.19	88.8%	4.2%
	D	3.62	1332	183	3.10	80.3%	6.0%
	I	3.55	1322	495	3.04	89.3%	4.8%

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*By Campus and Residency Status*

*Fall 2017 (updated on 4/23/2019)*

Campus	Residency Status <sup>1</sup>	Freshman Admits in Fall 2017		Enrolled Students in Fall 2017			
		Average High School GPA <sup>2</sup>	Average Total Test Score <sup>3</sup>	Enrollment	Average First Year UC GPA <sup>4</sup>	First Year Persistence Rate <sup>5</sup>	Probation Rate <sup>7</sup>
Systemwide	C	3.65	1275	36,306	3.09	92.4%	5.3%
	D	3.78	1401	3,746	3.33	91.6%	2.2%
	I	3.74	1375	5,954	3.23	93.8%	4.7%
Berkeley	C	3.91	1406	4,416	3.34	97.3%	1.9%
	D	3.92	1488	1,266	3.44	95.1%	0.8%
	I	3.93	1475	697	3.49	95.8%	1.0%
Davis	C	3.84	1328	4,209	3.05	92.0%	4.8%
	D	3.73	1368	366	2.94	88.0%	4.9%
	I	3.78	1382	1,293	3.04	92.3%	5.7%
Irvine	C	3.81	1327	5,198	3.04	93.0%	4.7%
	D	3.82	1379	177	3.11	85.3%	4.0%
	I	3.83	1392	1,170	3.13	94.1%	5.6%
UCLA	C	3.91	1400	4,360	3.35	97.6%	1.4%
	D	3.92	1487	1,014	3.46	94.9%	1.3%
	I	3.91	1484	664	3.47	96.2%	1.4%
Merced	C	3.42	1154	2,283	2.73	81.4%	11.5%
	D	3.61	1269	1	-- <sup>6</sup>	--	--
	I	3.65	1277	8	--	--	--
Riverside	C	3.55	1240	4,438	2.91	89.3%	8.4%
	D	3.52	1259	31	2.94	77.4%	9.7%
	I	3.58	1279	130	2.67	83.8%	19.2%
San Diego	C	3.86	1376	4,307	3.15	94.3%	3.6%
	D	3.83	1433	400	3.26	89.0%	2.3%
	I	3.86	1446	992	3.42	95.1%	1.4%
Santa Barbara	C	3.80	1368	3,716	3.19	92.5%	2.7%
	D	3.81	1412	270	3.25	87.4%	3.0%
	I	3.86	1437	553	3.42	93.7%	2.4%
Santa Cruz	C	3.67	1324	3,394	3.14	87.7%	3.9%
	D	3.58	1313	211	3.13	78.7%	4.3%
	I	3.58	1310	442	2.97	91.6%	8.4%

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First Year UC GPA, Persistence Rate, and Probation Rate of Enrolled Freshman Students**

*By Campus and Residency Status*

*Fall 2016 (updated on 2/5/2018)*

Campus	Residency Status <sup>1</sup>	Freshman Admits in Fall 2016		Enrolled Students in Fall 2016			
		Average High School GPA <sup>2</sup>	Average Total Test Score <sup>3</sup>	Enrollment	Average First Year UC GPA <sup>4</sup>	First Year Persistence Rate <sup>5</sup>	Probation Rate <sup>7</sup>
Systemwide	C	3.62	1815	38,361	3.08	92.9%	4.5%
	D	3.77	2036	3,289	3.31	90.5%	1.4%
	I	3.71	1960	5,829	3.26	94.4%	3.8%
Berkeley	C	3.89	2098	4,715	3.34	97.6%	2.7%
	D	3.92	2221	951	3.42	95.0%	0.9%
	I	3.90	2200	586	3.45	97.4%	2.6%
Davis	C	3.82	1918	4,604	3.05	92.7%	3.6%
	D	3.75	1981	288	3.04	87.5%	2.8%
	I	3.75	1999	870	3.16	93.8%	3.6%
Irvine	C	3.79	1910	4,841	3.04	94.2%	4.0%
	D	3.80	1963	248	3.16	84.7%	1.6%
	I	3.81	1939	1,462	3.02	94.7%	6.8%
UCLA	C	3.89	2043	4,869	3.26	97.2%	1.6%
	D	3.91	2174	932	3.41	93.6%	0.9%
	I	3.90	2172	744	3.52	96.1%	1.1%
Merced	C	3.40	1605	2,034	2.66	80.2%	13.2%
	D	3.59	1835	3	-- <sup>6</sup>	--	--
	I	3.55	1765	11	2.50	90.9%	27.3%
Riverside	C	3.49	1732	5,177	2.80	89.0%	9.3%
	D	3.54	1839	44	3.01	75.0%	6.8%
	I	3.53	1785	137	3.03	87.6%	11.7%
San Diego	C	3.85	2002	4,138	3.09	94.6%	4.3%
	D	3.83	2093	428	3.19	89.7%	2.1%
	I	3.83	2091	1,180	3.39	94.4%	2.7%
Santa Barbara	C	3.76	1977	4,218	3.16	92.9%	2.8%
	D	3.80	2063	226	3.32	85.8%	0.0%
	I	3.83	2055	552	3.38	92.0%	1.8%
Santa Cruz	C	3.61	1869	3,765	3.12	90.8%	2.9%
	D	3.58	1885	169	3.08	74.6%	3.6%
	I	3.56	1810	287	3.09	92.0%	3.5%

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*By Campus and Residency Status*

*Fall 2015 (updated on 2/22/2017)*

Campus	Residency Status <sup>1</sup>	Freshman Admits in Fall 2015		Enrolled Students in Fall 2015			
		Average High School GPA <sup>2</sup>	Average Total Test Score <sup>3</sup>	Enrollment	Average First Year UC GPA <sup>4</sup>	First Year Persistence Rate <sup>5</sup>	Probation Rate <sup>7</sup>
Systemwide	C	3.64	1847	32,630	3.07	93.8%	5.2%
	D	3.76	2020	3,467	3.22	91.4%	3.6%
	I	3.71	1960	5,459	3.18	93.1%	5.2%
Berkeley	C	3.90	2088	3,945	3.34	97.1%	2.2%
	D	3.92	2196	918	3.42	96.6%	2.0%
	I	3.89	2151	687	3.43	95.7%	2.0%
Davis	C	3.84	1939	4,071	3.01	93.5%	6.2%
	D	3.76	1964	346	2.92	87.5%	9.8%
	I	3.77	1992	952	3.11	92.4%	5.4%
Irvine	C	3.79	1904	4,272	2.95	92.9%	6.3%
	D	3.73	1922	289	2.93	86.1%	6.2%
	I	3.77	1918	1,195	2.87	91.5%	11.0%
UCLA	C	3.90	2052	4,086	3.27	97.8%	2.4%
	D	3.90	2145	956	3.33	94.2%	1.3%
	I	3.88	2167	636	3.45	95.9%	1.7%
Merced	C	3.43	1650	1,776	2.72	86.1%	14.8%
	D	3.61	1813	5	-- <sup>6</sup>	--	--
	I	3.58	1798	7	--	--	--
Riverside	C	3.52	1777	3,889	2.86	92.5%	9.5%
	D	3.54	1802	43	2.89	82.1%	11.6%
	I	3.56	1799	97	2.79	88.5%	10.3%
San Diego	C	3.87	2055	3,638	3.15	96.5%	2.7%
	D	3.83	2083	392	3.20	92.3%	3.3%
	I	3.81	2083	1,262	3.30	93.6%	2.5%
Santa Barbara	C	3.77	1965	3,841	3.07	92.9%	4.2%
	D	3.76	2015	298	3.16	84.9%	2.0%
	I	3.78	2029	335	3.23	93.1%	3.9%
Santa Cruz	C	3.66	1878	3,112	3.19	91.1%	3.4%
	D	3.52	1860	220	2.99	80.9%	7.3%
	I	3.54	1803	288	3.02	87.8%	6.9%

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*By Campus and Residency Status*

*Fall 2014 (Added Probation Rate on 1/26/2017)*

Campus	Residency Status <sup>1</sup>	Freshman Admits in Fall 2014		Enrolled Students in Fall 2014			
		Average High School GPA <sup>2</sup>	Average Total Test Score <sup>3</sup>	Enrollment	Average First Year UC GPA <sup>4</sup>	First Year Persistence Rate <sup>5</sup>	Probation Rate <sup>7</sup>
Systemwide	C	3.63	1834	33,824	3.04	93.3%	6.2%
	D	3.76	2016	3,129	3.19	91.2%	3.5%
	I	3.70	1946	4,615	3.19	92.3%	6.4%
Berkeley	C	3.89	2060	3,851	3.25	96.5%	3.3%
	D	3.92	2182	867	3.33	95.5%	2.0%
	I	3.87	2126	748	3.41	96.0%	2.7%
Davis	C	3.81	1941	4,498	2.99	92.8%	7.2%
	D	3.77	1984	282	2.93	89.3%	5.3%
	I	3.77	1977	597	3.03	91.9%	9.0%
Irvine	C	3.78	1887	4,407	2.92	93.9%	7.1%
	D	3.75	1913	200	2.82	83.9%	8.5%
	I	3.76	1899	828	2.89	91.2%	10.1%
UCLA	C	3.89	2050	4,143	3.26	97.4%	2.2%
	D	3.88	2129	920	3.31	94.1%	1.1%
	I	3.86	2161	701	3.45	93.8%	2.0%
Merced	C	3.40	1656	1,547	2.64	84.0%	15.4%
	D	3.55	1796	3	-- <sup>6</sup>	--	--
	I	3.56	1774	1	--	--	--
Riverside	C	3.50	1760	4,056	2.86	92.4%	11.8%
	D	3.57	1838	78	2.86	89.2%	14.1%
	I	3.54	1775	146	2.77	80.6%	24.0%
San Diego	C	3.86	2026	3,644	3.16	95.4%	2.9%
	D	3.83	2090	310	3.18	91.0%	3.9%
	I	3.80	2069	968	3.35	93.6%	4.2%
Santa Barbara	C	3.74	1948	4,153	3.09	93.0%	3.9%
	D	3.76	2016	245	3.20	89.0%	2.4%
	I	3.80	1987	340	3.34	93.8%	2.9%
Santa Cruz	C	3.60	1818	3,525	3.04	88.7%	7.5%
	D	3.51	1851	224	2.99	74.4%	8.9%
	I	3.49	1759	286	2.71	82.5%	12.9%

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*By Campus and Residency Status*

*Fall 2013 (Added Probation Rate on 1/26/2017)*

Campus	Residency Status <sup>1</sup>	Freshman Admits in Fall 2013		Enrolled Students in Fall 2013			
		Average High School GPA <sup>2</sup>	Average Total Test Score <sup>3</sup>	Enrollment	Average First Year UC GPA <sup>4</sup>	First Year Persistence Rate <sup>5</sup>	Probation Rate <sup>7</sup>
Systemwide	C	3.61	1824	33,135	3.00	93.0%	6.7%
	D	3.76	1997	2,789	3.18	91.2%	3.2%
	I	3.71	1935	4,060	3.18	93.2%	5.6%
Berkeley	C	3.89	2062	3,091	3.29	96.2%	3.2%
	D	3.92	2165	767	3.40	96.6%	1.2%
	I	3.87	2126	848	3.36	95.3%	3.3%
Davis	C	3.81	1923	4,428	2.98	93.2%	6.1%
	D	3.79	1961	182	2.85	87.8%	7.7%
	I	3.78	1931	503	3.06	94.8%	6.2%
Irvine	C	3.76	1877	4,518	2.86	92.7%	7.5%
	D	3.76	1903	159	2.82	90.4%	9.4%
	I	3.75	1850	783	2.88	91.0%	10.0%
UCLA	C	3.89	2040	4,107	3.18	97.7%	2.9%
	D	3.87	2101	940	3.23	94.5%	1.7%
	I	3.85	2137	650	3.41	95.5%	2.9%
Merced	C	3.38	1650	1,651	2.61	82.7%	18.2%
	D	3.64	1808	1	-- <sup>6</sup>	--	--
	I	3.47	1779	2	--	--	--
Riverside	C	3.47	1736	4,084	2.76	90.3%	15.0%
	D	3.55	1790	28	2.72	70.4%	14.3%
	I	3.53	1760	89	2.56	83.1%	29.2%
San Diego	C	3.85	2008	4,072	3.12	96.0%	2.9%
	D	3.78	2016	349	3.00	85.1%	6.6%
	I	3.77	2031	807	3.24	92.5%	3.6%
Santa Barbara	C	3.73	1939	4,141	3.08	92.7%	4.0%
	D	3.73	1983	225	3.17	84.4%	1.3%
	I	3.78	1950	258	3.38	92.2%	1.6%
Santa Cruz	C	3.60	1818	3,043	3.02	89.7%	6.9%
	D	3.56	1847	138	3.07	75.2%	4.3%
	I	3.52	1775	120	2.85	86.7%	10.8%

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