

**Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS)
Systemwide “Compare Favorably” Report for 2023
July 2024**

In June 2011, BOARS adopted a policy¹ 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 procedures² 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 2023. Also note that BOARS conducted a more comprehensive assessment of the policy seven 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.³

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 2023; average first-year UC GPA for students who first enrolled in fall 2022; the persistence rate of UC students who completed the 2022–23 academic year and re-enrolled in fall 2023; and the probation rate of fall 2022 entering students with a UC first-year GPA below 2.0.

| | Average High School GPA⁴ | Average First-Year UC GPA⁵ | Persistence⁶ | Probation Rate⁷ |
|-----------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| CA Residents | 3.73 | 3.28 | 93.1% | 5.1% |
| Domestic Nonresidents | 3.85 | 3.49 | 91.2% | 2.0% |
| International | 3.81 | 3.45 | 91.3% | 3.5% |

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 0.21 points higher than California residents and GPAs for incoming international nonresidents were 0.17 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 2022 entering class indicate that domestic nonresidents and international students

¹ <https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/files/committees/boars/BOARS-NR-Principles-June-2011.pdf>

² https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/files/reports/RMA_MGYreBOARSresolutiononevalofresidents_non-residents_FINAL.pdf

³ <http://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/files/committees/boars/Compare-Favorably-Report-to-President-July-2017.pdf>

⁴ Academic indicator for students admitted for fall 2023.

⁵ UC grade point average for students first enrolling in fall 2023.

⁶ Percent of students who completed the 2022–23 academic year and re-enrolled in fall 2023.

⁷ 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 3.49, compared to 3.45 for international students, and 3.28 for California residents. Data also show that domestic nonresidents have a lower academic probation rate (2.0 percent) than California residents (5.1 percent), and that the probation rate for international students is also lower than Californians (3.5 percent). However, California resident students, despite their slightly lower academic performance, were slightly more likely to persist to a second year than nonresident 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 2023 show that campuses generally comply with the Compare Favorably policy. The high school GPA results varied by campus, with nonresident domestic students admitted with higher mean GPAs than California residents at six campuses. For one campus (Davis), the GPA of nonresident domestic students and California resident students was identical, and for two campuses (Riverside and Santa Cruz) the high school GPA was lower for admitted domestic non-resident students compared to California residents. At these two campuses, the high school GPA for admitted international students was lower than for California residents. At the other eight campuses, the GPA of international admitted students was higher than that of California resident admitted students.

The GPA results are nuanced. As BOARS noted in our 2017 detailed report to President Napolitano,⁸ the campus-specific differences are often minor. Among the three campuses that do not completely meet the Compare Favorably standard for GPA in 2023, the largest difference between California residents and domestic or international nonresidents is 0.12 at the Riverside campus for international admits. 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. Holistic evaluation of applications including 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. Grading standards can vary across states and internationally, and thus it is difficult to judge whether small differences are meaningful.

Taking these data collectively, all but two 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.

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

⁸ 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 domestic non-residents and 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 2023 (updated on 5/28/2024)

| Campus | Residency Status ¹ | Freshman Admits in Fall 2023 | Enrolled Students in Fall 2023 | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|--|
| | | High School GPA ² Average | Enrollment | Average First Year UC GPA ³ | First Year Persistence Rate ⁴ |
| Systemwide | C | 3.73 | 41,903 | | |
| | D | 3.85 | 4,477 | | |
| | I | 3.81 | 4,586 | | |
| Berkeley | C | 3.92 | 5,289 | | |
| | D | 3.94 | 737 | | |
| | I | 3.94 | 615 | | |
| Davis | C | 3.88 | 5,194 | | |
| | D | 3.88 | 413 | | |
| | I | 3.89 | 970 | | |
| Irvine | C | 3.89 | 5,172 | | |
| | D | 3.92 | 684 | | |
| | I | 3.93 | 940 | | |
| UCLA | C | 3.94 | 5,210 | | |
| | D | 3.97 | 922 | | |
| | I | 3.97 | 453 | | |
| Merced | C | 3.54 | 2,401 | | |
| | D | 3.67 | 8 | | |
| | I | 3.66 | 7 | | |
| Riverside | C | 3.72 | 5,162 | | |
| | D | 3.64 | 101 | | |
| | I | 3.60 | 258 | | |
| San Diego | C | 3.90 | 5,499 | | |
| | D | 3.94 | 827 | | |
| | I | 3.95 | 679 | | |
| Santa Barbara | C | 3.90 | 4,029 | | |
| | D | 3.93 | 470 | | |
| | I | 3.92 | 545 | | |
| Santa Cruz | C | 3.76 | 3,947 | | |
| | D | 3.75 | 315 | | |
| | I | 3.72 | 119 | | |

DATA NOT AVAILABLE

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 2023. 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 2023. 4. Persistence Rate: Percent of students who started as freshman entrants in fall 2023 and were still enrolled in fall 2024. 5. Probation Rate: % Students with first year UC GPA below 2.00. 6. '--' means the number was not calculated due to small cell size.

**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 2022 (updated on 5/28/2024)

| Campus | Residency Status ¹ | Freshman Admits in Fall 2022 | Enrolled Students in Fall 2022 | | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| | | High School GPA ² | Enrollment | Average First Year UC GPA ³ | First Year Persistence Rate ⁴ | Probation Rate ⁵ |
| | | Average | | | | |
| Systemwide | C | 3.73 | 39,709 | 3.28 | 93.1% | 5.1% |
| | D | 3.87 | 4,422 | 3.49 | 91.2% | 2.0% |
| | I | 3.80 | 4,457 | 3.45 | 91.3% | 3.5% |
| Berkeley | C | 3.92 | 5,232 | 3.43 | 96.9% | 2.5% |
| | D | 3.95 | 820 | 3.56 | 95.6% | 1.3% |
| | I | 3.94 | 674 | 3.57 | 96.3% | 1.8% |
| Davis | C | 3.90 | 4,794 | 3.25 | 94.3% | 3.1% |
| | D | 3.87 | 540 | 3.20 | 87.4% | 3.9% |
| | I | 3.87 | 1,065 | 3.34 | 91.5% | 3.8% |
| Irvine | C | 3.89 | 4,592 | 3.30 | 94.6% | 3.5% |
| | D | 3.93 | 474 | 3.44 | 91.1% | 1.7% |
| | I | 3.91 | 598 | 3.43 | 89.6% | 2.8% |
| UCLA | C | 3.95 | 4,980 | 3.52 | 97.0% | 1.8% |
| | D | 3.97 | 1,028 | 3.65 | 95.7% | 0.6% |
| | I | 3.96 | 454 | 3.68 | 95.8% | 0.9% |
| Merced | C | 3.54 | 2,378 | 2.86 | 82.7% | 13.9% |
| | D | 3.69 | 4 | -- ⁶ | -- | -- |
| | I | 3.64 | 10 | 3.20 | 90.0% | 0.0% |
| Riverside | C | 3.73 | 5,162 | 2.96 | 88.8% | 12.1% |
| | D | 3.64 | 104 | 2.85 | 76.9% | 13.5% |
| | I | 3.56 | 307 | 2.69 | 76.5% | 19.9% |
| San Diego | C | 3.89 | 5,281 | 3.25 | 94.2% | 5.5% |
| | D | 3.96 | 664 | 3.56 | 91.6% | 0.9% |
| | I | 3.95 | 602 | 3.62 | 93.2% | 0.8% |
| Santa Barbara | C | 3.89 | 3,857 | 3.37 | 92.6% | 3.0% |
| | D | 3.94 | 513 | 3.54 | 88.7% | 1.8% |
| | I | 3.93 | 596 | 3.60 | 89.1% | 1.8% |
| Santa Cruz | C | 3.81 | 3,433 | 3.38 | 90.3% | 3.5% |
| | D | 3.78 | 275 | 3.38 | 78.2% | 5.1% |
| | I | 3.72 | 151 | 3.45 | 92.7% | 4.0% |

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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 2021 (updated on 5/16/2022)

| Campus | Residency Status ¹ | Freshman Admits in Fall 2021 | Enrolled Students in Fall 2021 | | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| | | High School GPA ² | Enrollment | Average First Year UC GPA ³ | First Year Persistence Rate ⁴ | Probation Rate ⁵ |
| | | Average | | | | |
| Systemwide | C | 3.68 | 39,648 | 3.24 | 92.0% | 6.1% |
| | D | 3.80 | 6,071 | 3.42 | 90.4% | 3.1% |
| | I | 3.75 | 6,008 | 3.41 | 92.0% | 3.7% |
| Berkeley | C | 3.90 | 4,875 | 3.36 | 96.0% | 3.2% |
| | D | 3.92 | 1,160 | 3.50 | 95.4% | 1.5% |
| | I | 3.92 | 896 | 3.54 | 95.4% | 1.2% |
| Davis | C | 3.86 | 5,562 | 3.19 | 92.5% | 4.9% |
| | D | 3.75 | 499 | 2.97 | 85.2% | 10.2% |
| | I | 3.77 | 1,421 | 3.15 | 90.9% | 6.1% |
| Irvine | C | 3.86 | 4,601 | 3.17 | 92.3% | 6.9% |
| | D | 3.80 | 971 | 3.23 | 86.4% | 5.3% |
| | I | 3.86 | 917 | 3.37 | 91.2% | 3.7% |
| UCLA | C | 3.94 | 4,545 | 3.59 | 97.0% | 1.5% |
| | D | 3.96 | 1,354 | 3.70 | 95.1% | 0.6% |
| | I | 3.96 | 685 | 3.72 | 95.5% | 0.1% |
| Merced | C | 3.45 | 2,397 | 2.74 | 81.7% | 17.6% |
| | D | 3.65 | 5 | -- ⁶ | -- | -- |
| | I | 3.61 | 8 | -- | -- | -- |
| Riverside | C | 3.65 | 4,987 | 2.95 | 87.2% | 12.4% |
| | D | 3.58 | 51 | 2.76 | 76.5% | 17.6% |
| | I | 3.54 | 165 | 2.56 | 78.2% | 25.5% |
| San Diego | C | 3.90 | 5,199 | 3.30 | 94.3% | 4.5% |
| | D | 3.87 | 1,235 | 3.41 | 88.8% | 2.8% |
| | I | 3.90 | 1,109 | 3.51 | 93.7% | 2.2% |
| Santa Barbara | C | 3.88 | 3,678 | 3.35 | 92.7% | 3.2% |
| | D | 3.91 | 566 | 3.49 | 92.0% | 0.7% |
| | I | 3.91 | 654 | 3.57 | 89.9% | 1.7% |
| Santa Cruz | C | 3.75 | 3,804 | 3.30 | 88.7% | 5.5% |
| | D | 3.70 | 230 | 3.25 | 72.6% | 6.5% |
| | I | 3.63 | 153 | 3.26 | 85.6% | 7.8% |

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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 2020 (updated on 4/26/22)

| Campus | Residency Status ¹ | Freshman Admits in Fall 2020 | | Enrolled Students in Fall 2020 | | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| | | Average High School GPA ² | Average Total Test Score ³ | Enrollment | Average First Year UC GPA ⁴ | First Year Persistence Rate ⁵ | Probation Rate ⁷ |
| 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 | -- ⁶ | -- | -- |
| | 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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**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 2019 (updated on 5/13/2022)

| Campus | Residency Status ¹ | Freshman Admits in Fall 2019 | | Enrolled Students in Fall 2019 | | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| | | Average High School GPA ² | Average Total Test Score ³ | Enrollment | Average First Year UC GPA ⁴ | First Year Persistence Rate ⁵ | Probation Rate ⁷ |
| 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 | -- ⁶ | -- | -- |
| | 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 ¹ | Freshman Admits in Fall 2018 | | Enrolled Students in Fall 2018 | | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| | | Average High School GPA ² | Average Total Test Score ³ | Enrollment | Average First Year UC GPA ⁴ | First Year Persistence Rate ⁵ | Probation Rate ⁷ |
| 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 | -- ⁶ | -- | -- |
| | 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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First Year UC GPA, Persistence Rate, and Probation Rate of Enrolled Freshman Students**

By Campus and Residency Status

Fall 2017 (updated on 4/23/2019)

| Campus | Residency Status ¹ | Freshman Admits in Fall 2017 | | Enrolled Students in Fall 2017 | | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| | | Average High School GPA ² | Average Total Test Score ³ | Enrollment | Average First Year UC GPA ⁴ | First Year Persistence Rate ⁵ | Probation Rate ⁷ |
| 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 | -- ⁶ | -- | -- |
| | 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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**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 2016 (updated on 2/5/2018)

| Campus | Residency Status ¹ | Freshman Admits in Fall 2016 | | Enrolled Students in Fall 2016 | | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| | | Average High School GPA ² | Average Total Test Score ³ | Enrollment | Average First Year UC GPA ⁴ | First Year Persistence Rate ⁵ | Probation Rate ⁷ |
| 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 | -- ⁶ | -- | -- |
| | 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 ¹ | Freshman Admits in Fall 2015 | | Enrolled Students in Fall 2015 | | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| | | Average High School GPA ² | Average Total Test Score ³ | Enrollment | Average First Year UC GPA ⁴ | First Year Persistence Rate ⁵ | Probation Rate ⁷ |
| 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 | -- ⁶ | -- | -- |
| | 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 ¹ | Freshman Admits in Fall 2014 | | Enrolled Students in Fall 2014 | | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| | | Average High School GPA ² | Average Total Test Score ³ | Enrollment | Average First Year UC GPA ⁴ | First Year Persistence Rate ⁵ | Probation Rate ⁷ |
| 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 | -- ⁶ | -- | -- |
| | 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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