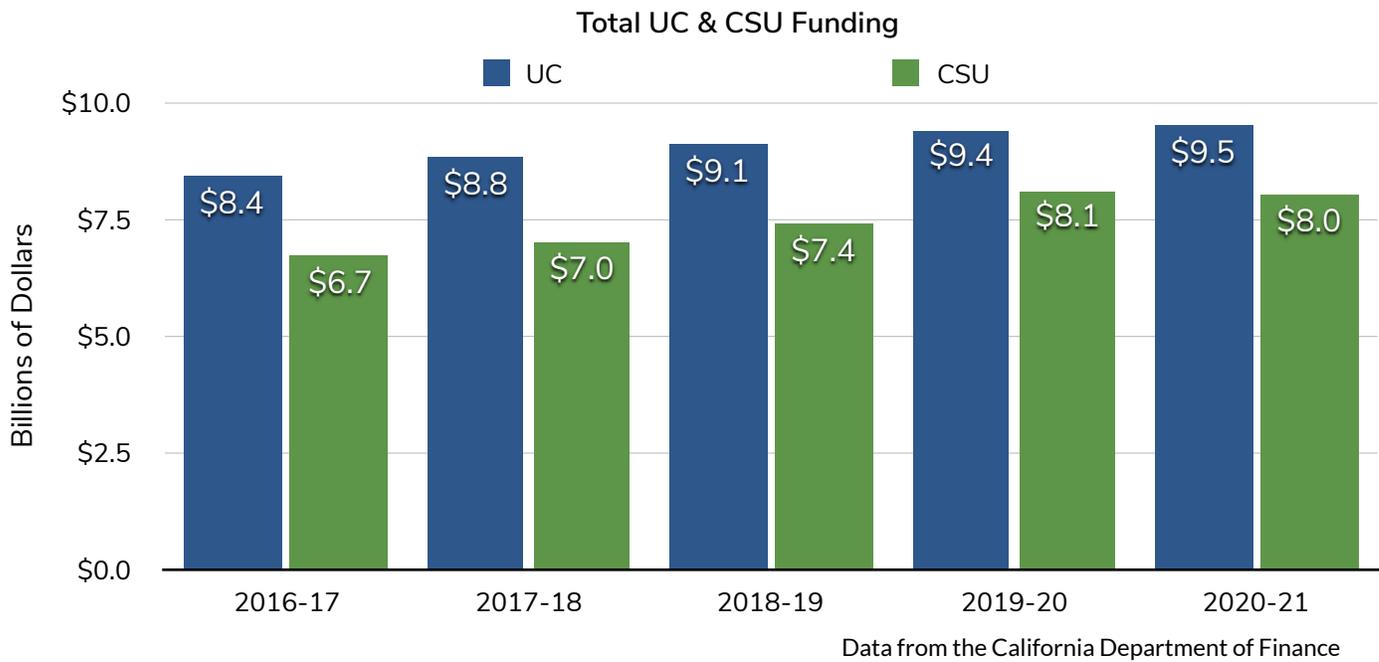




California has two public four-year university systems—California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC). CSU provides undergraduate and graduate education to roughly 481,000 students on 23 campuses, and UC provides undergraduate, graduate, and professional education to about 285,000 students on 10 campuses. In 2019, 19% of UC students and 33% of CSU students had transferred from a California community college.



Proposed **total core funding** for CSU in 2020-21 is \$7.9 billion, which includes the state General Fund, tuition & fees, and other state revenue. Core ongoing funding per CSU student is estimated to be \$19,228, an increase of 2.9% over the prior year. For UC, total core funding is projected to be \$9.5 billion, with \$33,000 in per-student funding, an increase of 1.9% over 2019-20. The state General Fund provides about 60% of core funding for UC and 75% for CSU. These amounts also include support for the Cal Grant program, which covers the cost of tuition at UC and CSU for eligible students with financial need. Should the UC Board of Regents and CSU Board of Trustees choose not raise tuition rates this year, undergraduate tuition will be \$11,442 at UC and \$5,742 at CSU in 2020-21—the same level it has been since 2018-19. The average campus fee is estimated to increase by 5% in 2020-21, to \$1,524 at UC and \$1,675 at CSU.

The Cal Grant program provides financial aid awards to students who meet specified eligibility requirements. Since 2012-13, total funding for the Cal Grant Program has grown by \$890 million, a roughly 58% increase. The 2020-21 budget assumes total aid expenditures of \$2.7 billion, of which \$2.6 billion supports the Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship programs. In 2018-19, over 147,000 students received new Cal Grant awards, and over 223,000 students received renewal awards.

UC & CSU KEY FACTS

- ✓ **Tuition Increases:** The price of undergraduate tuition and fees, (adjusted for inflation) has increased six-fold at UC and at CSU by 15 times over the last 40 years
- ✓ **Other Costs:** The non-tuition cost-of-attendance has also been increasing—California students spend an average of \$2,020/month (or \$18,180 per 9-month academic year) on food, housing, books, supplies, and transportation
 - ▶ In a [2016 survey](#), 40% of UC undergraduates reported they experienced food insecurity and 5% had experienced homelessness
- ✓ **Financial Aid:** About half of California's undergraduates across CCC, UC, and CSU receive some type of financial aid
 - ▶ About 391,000 students are expected to get Cal Grant financial aid in 2019-20
- ✓ **Improving Graduation Rates:** Graduation rates at CSU are slowly improving with the implementation of the [Graduation Initiative 2025](#), with 27.7% of CSU students now graduating in 4 years, up from 15% in 2015
 - ▶ At UC, about 60% of students graduate in 4 years and 80% in 6 years
 - ▶ The most recent national average 4-year-graduation-rate is 42%
- ✓ **Capacity Constraints:** Within the CSU system, 7 campuses are fully impacted (i.e. no room for new enrollment in any of the undergraduate programs)—about 32,000 eligible freshmen and transfer applicants were denied admission to their preferred CSU campus due to capacity issues in 2018

287,000

UC FTE students in 2020-21

413,000

CSU FTE students in 2020-21

NEW IN 2020-21

The 2020-21 proposed budget contains new ongoing investments in UC and CSU with the expectation that both will continue to support college affordability and access, and improve graduation rates and time-to-degree.

At CSU, the proposed budget includes:

- ✓ Increase of **\$199 million** in ongoing funding, which represents a 5% increase in base resources, for operational costs, enrollment growth, and the Graduation Initiative 2025
- ✓ **\$6 million** in one-time funding for degree and certificate completion programs

At UC, the proposed budget includes:

- ✓ Increase of **\$169 million** in ongoing funding (5% increase) for undergraduate enrollment growth, operational costs, and student support services
- ✓ New investments in inland medical schools:
 - ▶ **\$25 million** ongoing for enrollment and operational support at UC Riverside School of Medicine
 - ▶ **\$15 million** ongoing to expand the UC San Francisco School of Medicine Fresno Branch Campus in partnership with UC Merced
- ✓ **\$4 million** one-time funding to support degree and certificate completion programs

The 2020-21 budget also includes a **\$50 million** proposal for a Fresno DRIVE Initiative, which includes Fresno area regional investments focused on improving the economic mobility of Californians living in the region.



*Data from Governor's proposed budget, LAO, [The Hechinger Report](#), the [University of California](#), and [California State University](#) unless otherwise specified.