

COLLEGE READINESS—UC/CSU ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Only 34% of students meet the requirements for UC/CSU coursework, a downward trend

WHAT IS THE INDICATOR?

This indicator measures the number of public high school graduates who fulfilled minimum course requirements to be eligible for admission to University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) campuses in 2002–2003 and the change from 1997–1998 for each county. It also measures the percentage of qualifying graduates by race in 2002–2003 for the Region. Course completion is only one component of the overall entry requirements for UC or CSU.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Admission to the UC or CSU system improves the prospects for future employment and economic success. Completion of required courses reflects the ability of schools to prepare their students from an academic standpoint, and their effectiveness in encouraging completion of the requirements.

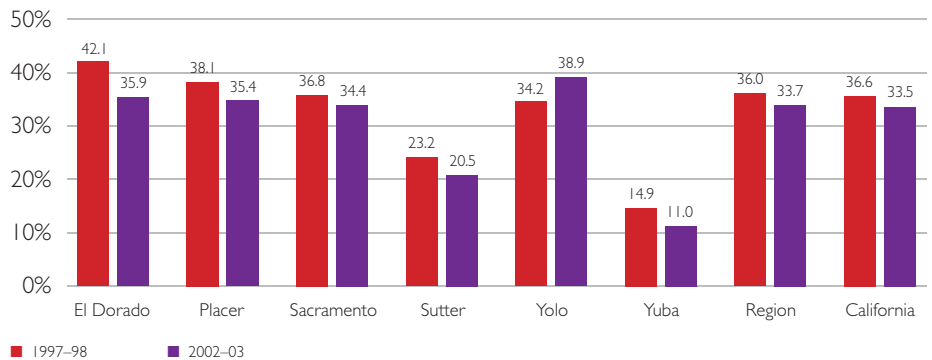
HOW ARE WE DOING?

There is a wide disparity in this indicator. The percentage of UC/CSU eligible students ranged from a low of 11% in Yuba County to a high of 39% in Yolo County in 2002. In a disturbing trend, the Region's overall average declined

from 36% to 34%, a pattern repeated for all counties except Yolo, whose percentage increased. All counties except for Sutter and Yuba were at or above the Statewide average in 2002.

Also troubling is that in 2002–2003, only 22% to 24% of all minority students except Asians/Pacific Islanders/Filipinos completed the minimum coursework. In almost all cases, the Region's rates by race and ethnicity were lower than the State's. The lower comparative rate for White students may be affected by the large number of English Language Learners who have immigrated primarily from Russia and other Slavic communities.

Percentage of Graduating Students Meeting UC/CSU Requirements by County 1997–98 and 2002–03



Source: California Dept. of Education

High School Graduates Meeting UC/CSU Requirements by Race/Ethnicity 2002–03

