As the major supplier of graduates into the state’s workforce, budget cuts to the CSU will have an impact on key industries in California.

- CSU graduates nearly 90,000 students into the state’s workforce each year.
- We supply the majority of the workforce in key industries including nursing, teaching, agriculture, business, public administration and technology.
- For every dollar the state invests in the CSU, $4.41 is generated in economic activity.
- Industries which rely on CSU graduates for their workforce include:
  - Nursing – 64%
  - Business – 65%
  - Agriculture – 52%
  - Life sciences – 44%
  - Education – 87%
  - Public Administration – 82%
  - Criminal Justice – 89%

The proposed budget cuts will impact student access to the California State University since not all qualified students will be admitted.

- The CSU has asked for revenue to increase enrollment by 2.5 percent or 10,000 students for 2008/09. This is not included in the proposed budget.
- That means that 10,000 qualified students will not have the opportunity to attend a CSU because we will not be able to offer them a slot at any CSU campus.
The pipeline of students in K-12 is two-third students of color, and it is critical to the state’s future that more students from underserved communities attend college.

The CSU has experienced an increase in enrollment of first-time freshmen from underserved communities over the past few years as a result of our partnerships with K-12 and community-based organizations.

The largest growth has been among first-time freshmen Hispanic (9.5 percent) and Native American students (8.2 percent). African American student enrollment is up by 6.5 percent.

The proposed budget cuts will impact the long term prospects of increasing college-going rates of underserved communities in California.