

Key Messages: 08/09 Proposed Budget

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.

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 the long term prospects of increasing college-going rates of underserved communities in California.

- 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.