



## Research Brief

### Higher Education in San Francisco

The California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC)<sup>1</sup> reported in 2004 that San Francisco County has 25 degree-granting institutions. In addition, many colleges in nearby communities are a significant part of our local higher education picture. The following table shows selected data for 15 local and nearby colleges. CCSF's percentage of part-time enrollment (vs. full-time) is notably high.

**Credit Enrollment Information for Selected Bay Area Institutions, Fall 2002**

2002 Enrollment Rank	Institution	Fall 2002 Credit Headcount Enrollment	Part-time Students	Growth 1997-2002
1	City College of San Francisco	33,160	76%	17%
2	UC Berkeley	33,150	6%	9%
3	San Jose State University	30,350	41%	13%
4	UC Davis	29,090	10%	18%
5	San Francisco State University	28,380	38%	5%
6	College of San Mateo	12,560	65%	13%
7	Skyline College	9,940	68%	23%
8	University of San Francisco	8,190	12%	2%
9	Academy of Art	6,650	38%	27%
10	Golden Gate University	4,420	68%	-20%
11	UC San Francisco	3,530	0%	0%
12	California College of the Arts	1,400	11%	30%
13	California Culinary Academy	1,380	0%	112%
14	New College of California	1,180	25%	N/A
15	Heald College	780	12%	53%

Source: CPEC. Enrollment figures also include graduate students where applicable.

<sup>1</sup> CPEC is a 16-member commission which provides the legislative and the executive branches of the state government with advice and information about major policy and planning issues concerning education beyond high school. Website is [www.cpec.ca.gov](http://www.cpec.ca.gov)

### The K-12 School-aged Population in San Francisco

- What the census considers to be “nonfamily households”—where the householder lives alone or with others not related to the householder by “birth, marriage or adoption”—make up the majority (56%) of San Francisco households. (2005)
- Therefore, the percentage of the population aged 5-17 is the smallest of all the counties in the state, at only 10%. The state as a whole averages twice that (20%). (2005)
- The school-aged population in the City experienced a sharp drop from 77,000 in 2000 to only 69,000 in 2005.
- Total (credit) college enrollment in San Francisco, including graduate school, is 2-3 times larger than total high school enrollment.

### College Choices: Total Entrants (Credit) from San Francisco High Schools, 1999-2002

Rank	CPEC-listed Institution	Portion of college enrollment by SF high school grads	Enrolled from SF high schools 1999-2002 (3-yr. period)
1	City College of San Francisco	30%	1,976
2	San Francisco State University	16%	1,038
3	Other in-state universities	13%	863
4	UC Davis	11%	741
5	San Jose State University	8%	496
6	UC Berkeley	6%	382
7	Skyline College	5%	334
8	College of San Mateo	4%	286
9	UC Santa Cruz	4%	264
10	Other in-state community colleges	3%	208
Total 3-year in-state enrollment by SF high school grads		100%	6,588

Source: CPEC 2004

- CCSF enrolls by far the most students and is the most common destination for San Francisco high school graduates, accounting for 30% of their in-state enrollment.
- San Francisco schools send more students to the CSU and UC systems than would be expected for the size of the city: 35% of recent SFUSD graduates, almost twice the statewide rate of 16%.

**Educational Attainment of San Francisco Adults > Age 25**

	Advanced degree	Bachelor's degree	Bachelor's or higher	Associate degree	Some college	High school graduate	Less than High School graduate
2005	106,196	175,156	281,352	29,384	83,828	80,260	86,944
2000	97,806	170,186	267,992	33,197	99,933	82,618	112,065
Chg.	8,390	4,970	13,360	-3,813	-16,105	-2,358	-25,121
% Chg.	9%	3%	5%	-11%	-16%	-3%	-22%

**A Strong Trend Toward Higher Degrees Among Local Adults**

- The percentage of San Franciscans with a bachelor's or higher degree is very high and continues to rise. Of adults over age 25, 50% now have a bachelor's or higher degree. That is much higher than the state as a whole (30%), and up considerably from 2000, when 45% had a bachelor's degree or higher.
- Although the population aged 25+ has fallen 6% since 2000, the number of residents in that age group with advanced degrees has increased 9% and those with bachelor's degrees 3%.
- Meanwhile, the number of residents with less than a high school education (or GED) has declined by over 25,000 or 22%, and the number with some college has declined by about 16,000 or 16%. Together, these groups totaled 36% of residents in 2000; they now total only 31% of residents.
- The number of high school graduates as a percentage of the total population has remained steady.

**Sources:**

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