

College Completion in California

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Data Appendix

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A1. Bachelor's degree completion rates among first-time freshmen in California

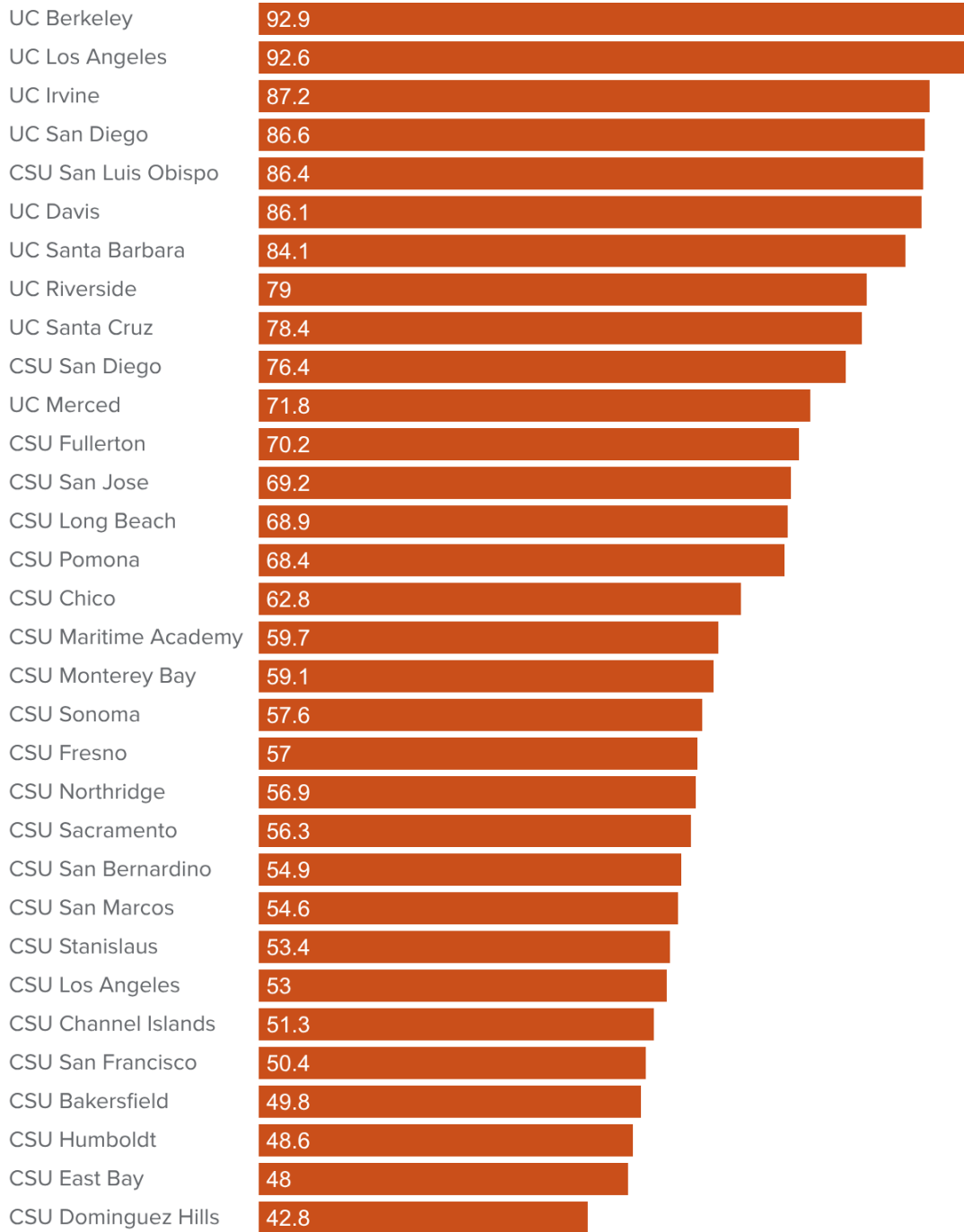
	All	UC	CSU	Private nonprofit	Private for-profit
All students					
4-year rate	51.0	72.5	36.2	58.9	15.9
6-year rate	70.2	85.9	62.1	73.5	23.9
Race/Ethnicity					
Asian	82.8	91.2	72.7	83.2	45.4
White	73.6	87.7	70.6	76.3	17.9
Latino	62.2	78.1	56.3	68.2	21.7
Black	50.4	75.9	49.0	62.8	12.4
Gender					
Female	72.3	87.5	65.3	75.0	20.3
Male	67.5	83.9	57.7	71.4	28.0
Pell Grant status					
Non-recipient	75.7	87.9	67.7	76.5	29.6
Recipient	62.0	82.6	56.4	64.7	19.3

Sources: UC Information Center - Undergraduate graduation rates. CSU Institutional Research & Analyses Data Dashboards - Graduation Rates (First-time Full-time Freshmen). Statewide and private institution data from IPEDS bachelor's degree 4- and 6-year completion rates for bachelor's degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students.

Notes: Outcomes by race/ethnicity, gender, and income reflect six-year graduation rates. Four-year and six-year rates reflect the 2020 and 2018 cohorts of first-time students, respectively. Data for statewide and the private sector is restricted to institutions that are degree-granting, primarily baccalaureate or above; 25 of 96 listed nonprofit institutions, and 9 of 27 listed for-profit institutions did not report graduation data.



B1. Freshmen graduation rates, by campus

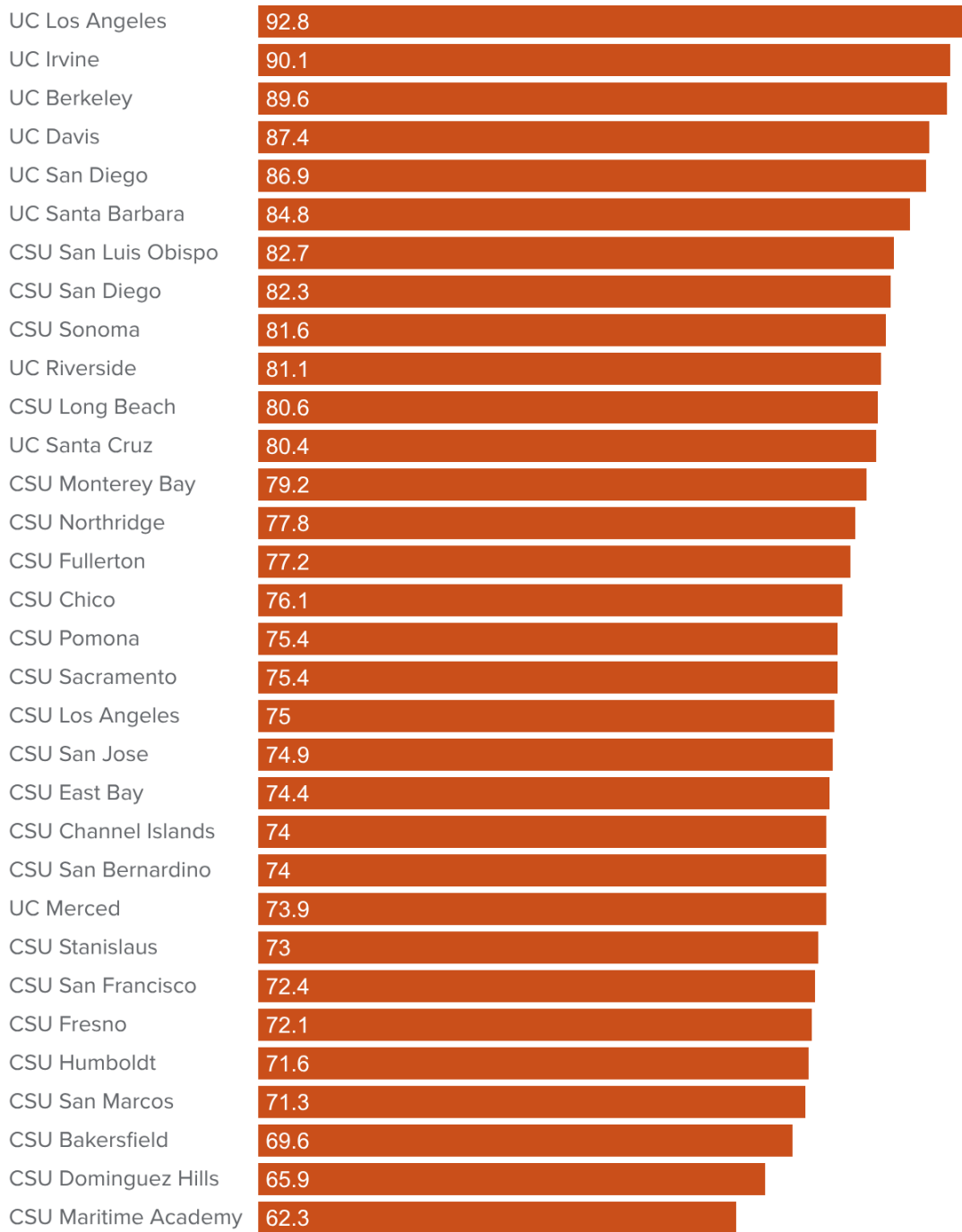


Source: UC Information Center, CSU Institutional Research & Analyses Data Dashboards

Notes: Six-year graduation rates. Fall 2018 cohort.



Figure B2. Transfer graduation rates, by campus



Source: UC Information Center, CSU Institutional Research & Analyses Data Dashboards

Notes: Four-year graduation rates. Fall 2020 cohort.



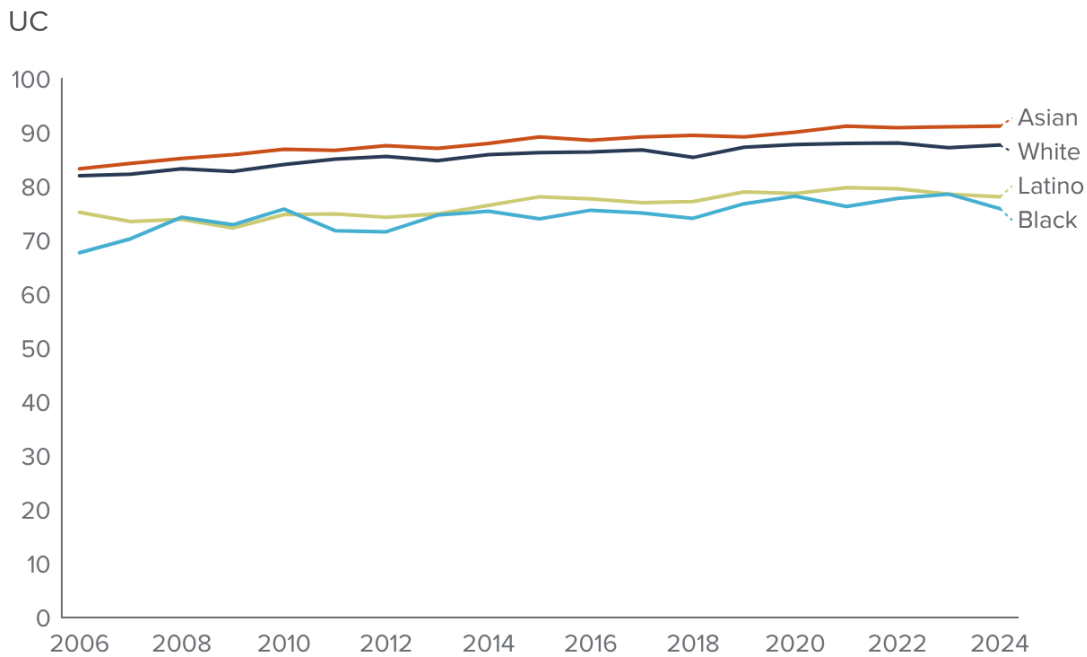
Figure C1. UC freshmen graduation rates, by region of origin



Source: UC Information Center - Undergraduate graduation rates.

Notes: Six-year graduation rates. Fall 2018 cohort. Region of origin is determined by the high school in which students graduated from.

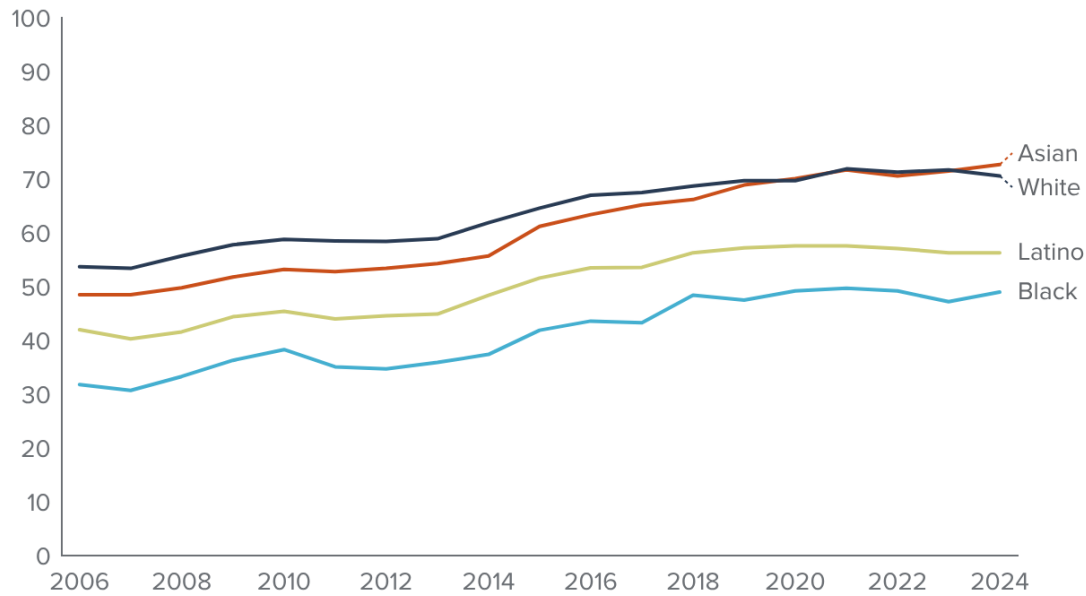
Figure D1. Racial disparities in college completion remain stagnant at UC



Source: UC Information Center

Notes: Six-year bachelor's completion rates for fall cohorts of first-time freshmen. Horizontal axis represents graduation year.

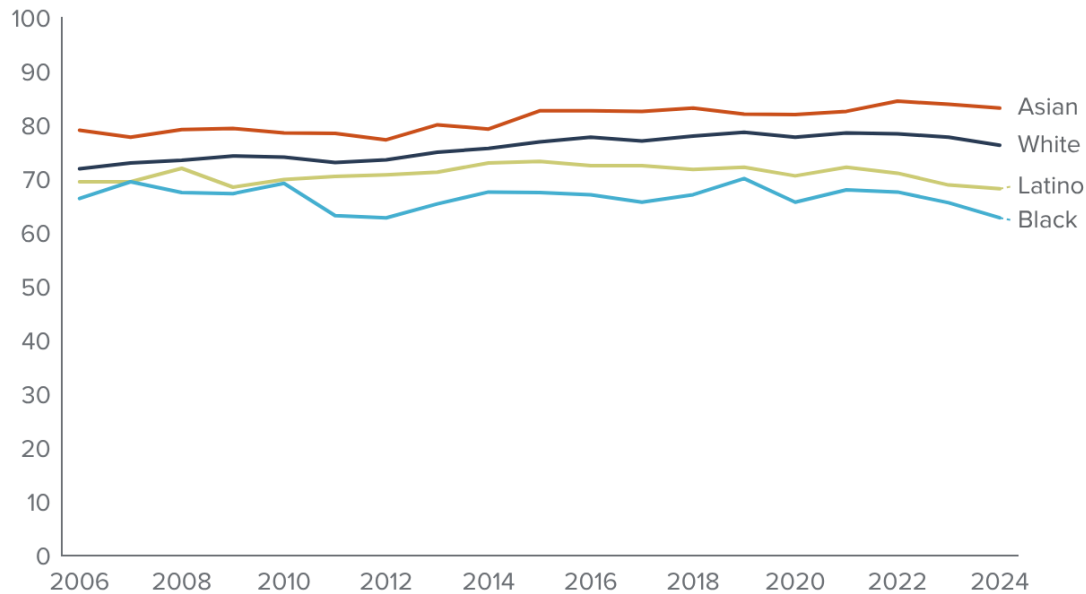
Figure D2. Equity gaps are largest at CSU, but completion has improved dramatically for all groups
CSU



Source: CSU Institutional Research & Analyses Data Dashboards

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Figure D3. Equity gaps are smallest at private schools, but completion has seen little to no growth
Private nonprofit

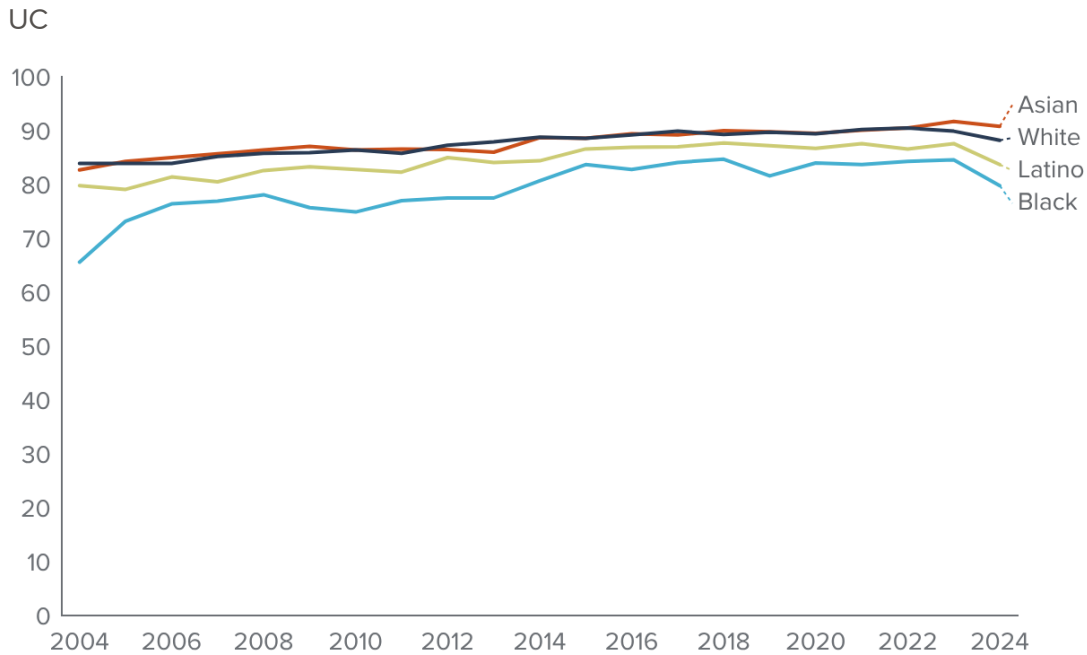


Source: IPEDS.

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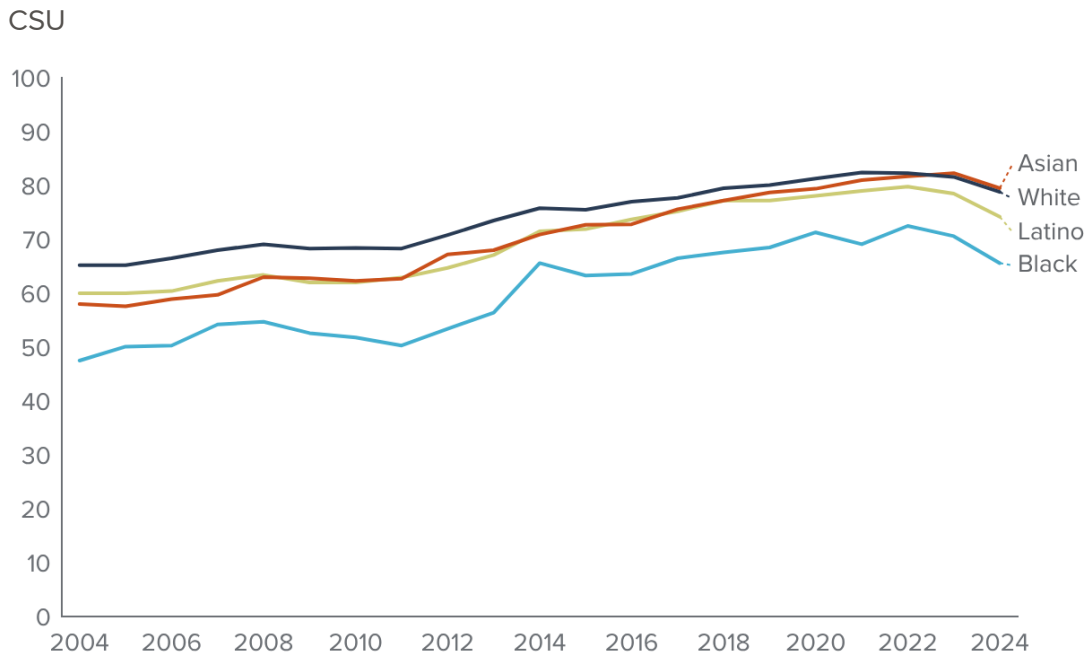
Figure E1. Racial disparities in college completion are smaller for transfer students than for first-time freshmen



Source: UC Information Center - Undergraduate graduation rates.

Notes: Four-year graduation rates for fall cohorts of transfer students. Horizontal axis represents graduation year.

Figure E2. Racial disparities in college completion are smaller for transfer students than for first-time freshmen



Source: CSU Institutional Research & Analyses Data Dashboards

Notes: Four-year graduation rates for fall cohorts of transfer students. Horizontal axis represents graduation year.

