

Californians and Higher Education November 2018

Time Trends – All Respondents

Methodology Note:

Findings for November 2018 are based on a survey of 1,703 California adult residents, with 70 percent interviewed on cell phones (1,193 interviews) and 30 percent interviewed on landline telephones (510 interviews). Live landline and cell phone interviews were conducted in English and Spanish according to the respondents' preferences. Interviews took an average of 19 minutes to complete. Interviewing took place on weekend days and weekday nights October 27–November 5, 2018.

The sampling error for November 2018, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ± 3.5 percent at the 95 percent confidence level for the total unweighted sample of 1,703 adults. This means that 95 times out of 100, the results will be within 3.5 percentage points of what they would be if all adults in California were interviewed. Sampling error is only one type of error to which surveys are subject. Results may also be affected by factors such as question wording, question order, and survey timing.

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Q1. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way that Jerry Brown is handling his job as
 governor of California?

	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2018	50%	29%	22%	1686
Oct 2018	48%	31%	20%	1681
Sep 2018	49%	32%	20%	1690
Jul 2018	52%	29%	19%	1696
May 2018	48%	31%	21%	1690
Apr 2018	52%	30%	18%	1690
Mar 2018	51%	31%	18%	1695
Feb 2018	56%	29%	15%	1696
Dec 2017	53%	28%	19%	1696
Nov 2017	55%	27%	18%	1684
Sep 2017	55%	31%	15%	1722
Jul 2017	53%	27%	20%	1693
May 2017	52%	32%	16%	1693
Apr 2017	49%	30%	21%	1687
Mar 2017	58%	25%	17%	1686
Jan 2017	62%	24%	13%	1688
Dec 2016	57%	24%	18%	1695
Oct 2016	55%	24%	21%	1692
Sep 2016	55%	28%	18%	1691
Jul 2016	54%	27%	20%	1686
May 2016	52%	28%	20%	1691
Apr 2016	54%	26%	19%	1689
Mar 2016	51%	29%	19%	1693
Jan 2016	58%	26%	16%	1693
Dec 2015	51%	29%	20%	1677
Sep 2015	52%	29%	19%	1693
Jul 2015	53%	27%	20%	1678
Jun 2015	52%	27%	21%	1681
Apr 2015	50%	27%	23%	1693
Mar 2015	55%	28%	17%	1686
Jan 2015	61%	23%	16%	1694
Dec 2014	54%	28%	18%	1683
Oct 2014	50%	28%	22%	1685
Sep 2014	51%	28%	21%	1679
Jul 2014	53%	28%	19%	1684
May 2014	50%	30%	20%	1680
Apr 2014	51%	26%	23%	1682
Mar 2014	49%	28%	23%	1679
Jan 2014	58%	26%	16%	1689
Dec 2013	47%	28%	25%	1688
Sep 2013	48%	31%	22%	1686
Jul 2013	48%	27%	26%	2090

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Q1. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
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	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2013	48%	31%	21%	1687
Apr 2013	46%	31%	22%	1687
Mar 2013	49%	31%	20%	1686
Jan 2013	51%	28%	21%	1696
Dec 2012	48%	35%	17%	1985
Oct 2012	42%	37%	21%	1993
Sep 2012	41%	36%	23%	1986
Aug 2012	42%	35%	23%	2461
May 2012	39%	36%	24%	1989
Apr 2012	43%	32%	25%	1983
Mar 2012	40%	33%	27%	1984
Jan 2012	46%	31%	23%	1987
Dec 2011	42%	30%	28%	1982
Nov 2011	44%	30%	26%	2476
Sep 2011	41%	28%	31%	1985
Jul 2011	42%	28%	29%	2481
Jun 2011	42%	24%	33%	1990
Apr 2011	40%	29%	31%	2479
Mar 2011	34%	24%	42%	1984
Feb 2011	34%	17%	49%	2470
Jan 2011	41%	19%	39%	1969

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Q2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way that Governor Brown is handling
 California's public college and university
 system?

	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2018	45%	30%	25%	1686
Nov 2017	45%	32%	24%	1693
Dec 2016	45%	31%	24%	1698
Nov 2011	31%	44%	25%	2486

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Q3. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way that the California Legislature is
 handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2018	46%	38%	16%	1694
Oct 2018	45%	37%	18%	1691
Sep 2018	46%	37%	17%	1690
Jul 2018	46%	38%	15%	1703
May 2018	44%	38%	18%	1692
Apr 2018	46%	40%	14%	1697
Mar 2018	46%	38%	16%	1690
Feb 2018	51%	33%	16%	1694
Dec 2017	49%	36%	15%	1697
Nov 2017	48%	36%	16%	1690
Sep 2017	49%	39%	12%	1726
Jul 2017	50%	34%	17%	1697
May 2017	46%	38%	15%	1691
Apr 2017	49%	36%	15%	1696
Mar 2017	51%	33%	16%	1685
Jan 2017	57%	30%	13%	1686
Dec 2016	49%	38%	13%	1697
Oct 2016	46%	33%	20%	1684
Sep 2016	47%	37%	16%	1690
Jul 2016	45%	40%	15%	1687
May 2016	43%	37%	20%	1690
Apr 2016	48%	38%	14%	1694
Mar 2016	44%	39%	18%	1692
Jan 2016	46%	39%	15%	1692
Dec 2015	41%	40%	19%	1678
Sep 2015	45%	38%	17%	1691
Jul 2015	39%	45%	16%	1688
Jun 2015	37%	43%	20%	1694
Apr 2015	42%	43%	15%	1695
Mar 2015	45%	39%	16%	1693
Jan 2015	49%	36%	15%	1689
Dec 2014	41%	42%	17%	1681
Oct 2014	41%	42%	17%	1686
Sep 2014	37%	42%	20%	1673
Jul 2014	38%	46%	16%	1683
May 2014	40%	44%	16%	1684
Apr 2014	40%	44%	17%	1693
Mar 2014	36%	45%	19%	1685
Jan 2014	42%	44%	14%	1698
Dec 2013	38%	43%	19%	1688
Sep 2013	38%	45%	17%	1693
Jul 2013	36%	45%	19%	2096

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Q3. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
the way that the California Legislature is
handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2013	35%	50%	16%	1697
Apr 2013	31%	53%	15%	1699
Mar 2013	34%	49%	17%	1689
Jan 2013	41%	42%	17%	1700
Dec 2012	34%	51%	15%	1992
Oct 2012	28%	55%	17%	1995
Sep 2012	30%	53%	17%	1989
Aug 2012	29%	54%	17%	2480
May 2012	25%	57%	18%	1990
Apr 2012	25%	58%	16%	1992
Mar 2012	25%	54%	21%	1989
Jan 2012	28%	56%	16%	1988
Dec 2011	25%	55%	20%	1987
Nov 2011	25%	55%	19%	2490
Sep 2011	26%	56%	18%	1998
Jul 2011	23%	59%	18%	2496
Jun 2011	23%	58%	19%	1998
Apr 2011	21%	60%	19%	2487
Mar 2011	24%	54%	21%	1982
Feb 2011	24%	52%	24%	2483
Jan 2011	26%	55%	19%	1990
Nov 2010	14%	72%	14%	2486
Oct 2010	16%	77%	7%	1989
Sep 2010	16%	75%	9%	1990
Jul 2010	15%	68%	17%	2487
May 2010	16%	72%	12%	1993
Apr 2010	16%	69%	14%	2493
Mar 2010	14%	72%	14%	1996
Jan 2010	18%	71%	11%	1989
Dec 2009	17%	70%	13%	2000
Nov 2009	18%	68%	15%	2491
Sep 2009	21%	68%	11%	1998
Jul 2009	17%	71%	11%	2484
May 2009	21%	65%	14%	1994
Apr 2009	23%	63%	14%	2493
Mar 2009	18%	68%	14%	1995
Feb 2009	21%	65%	14%	2494
Jan 2009	21%	67%	12%	1994
Nov 2008	24%	60%	16%	2482
Oct 2008	25%	63%	12%	1996
Sep 2008	21%	67%	11%	1990
Aug 2008	26%	63%	11%	1991

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Q3. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
the way that the California Legislature is
handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2008	26%	57%	17%	1991
Apr 2008	26%	58%	16%	2495
Mar 2008	30%	55%	15%	1988
Jan 2008	34%	53%	13%	1988
Dec 2007	41%	47%	12%	1992
Oct 2007	33%	50%	17%	2490
Sep 2007	34%	51%	15%	1988
Jun 2007	39%	40%	21%	1987
May 2007	37%	44%	19%	1994
Apr 2007	38%	44%	18%	2483
Mar 2007	41%	42%	17%	1989
Jan 2007	40%	44%	15%	2006
Oct 2006	30%	52%	18%	1993
Sep 2006	34%	50%	16%	1994
Aug 2006	31%	53%	16%	1995
May 2006	26%	54%	20%	1988
Mar 2006	25%	59%	16%	1988
Jan 2006	29%	57%	14%	2000
Jan 2006	24%	54%	22%	2481
Oct 2005	25%	56%	19%	1993
Sep 2005	32%	53%	15%	1992
Aug 2005	27%	56%	17%	1993
May 2005	26%	58%	16%	1992
Jan 2005	37%	50%	13%	1993
Oct 2004	43%	41%	16%	2005
Sep 2004	40%	46%	14%	1988
Aug 2004	42%	45%	13%	1990
Jun 2004	40%	44%	16%	2498
May 2004	40%	43%	17%	1986
Jan 2004	36%	45%	19%	1981
Aug 2003	28%	58%	14%	1979
Jun 2003	39%	44%	17%	1976
Feb 2003	36%	45%	19%	1967
Sep 2002	45%	36%	18%	1967
Jan 2002	49%	35%	16%	1942
Dec 2001	53%	29%	18%	1952
Jul 2001	45%	38%	18%	1966
Jan 2001	58%	27%	15%	1960
Sep 2000	56%	31%	12%	1980

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Q4. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way that the California Legislature is
 handling California's public college and
 university system?

	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2018	42%	40%	19%	1685
Nov 2017	41%	41%	17%	1693
Dec 2016	42%	42%	16%	1703
Nov 2011	21%	59%	20%	2492
Nov 2010	15%	71%	15%	2483
Nov 2009	16%	66%	18%	2489
Nov 2008	23%	50%	27%	2482
Oct 2007	29%	47%	24%	2494

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Q5. Thinking about the public higher education system overall in California today, do you think it is generally going in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2018	48%	41%	11%	1693
Nov 2017	46%	45%	9%	1697
Dec 2016	45%	45%	10%	1701
Nov 2011	28%	62%	10%	2489

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Q8. In general, how important is California's higher education system to the quality of life and economic vitality of the state over the next 20 years - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

	very important	somewhat important	not too important	not at all important	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2018	75%	20%	2%	1%	1%	1700
Nov 2017	80%	14%	3%	2%	1%	1703
Dec 2016	77%	19%	2%	2%	1%	1711
Mar 2016	80%	14%	3%	2%	1%	1706
Sep 2015	80%	15%	2%	2%	1%	1705
Dec 2014	76%	19%	3%	1%	1%	1702
Dec 2012	85%	11%	1%	1%	1%	1998
Nov 2011	73%	23%	2%	1%	1%	2502
Nov 2010	77%	20%	2%	1%	1%	2496
Nov 2009	72%	24%	2%	1%	1%	2502
Nov 2008	72%	23%	2%	1%	2%	2498
Oct 2007	76%	20%	2%	1%	1%	2502

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Q10. How about the overall QUALITY of education in California's public colleges and universities today? (IF NECESSARY: Is it a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not much of a problem?)

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not much of a problem	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2018	20%	33%	41%	6%	1698
Nov 2017	18%	36%	42%	4%	1702
Dec 2016	15%	35%	45%	4%	1707
Dec 2014	25%	36%	34%	5%	1699
Nov 2011	24%	36%	34%	6%	2498
Nov 2010	22%	36%	38%	5%	2495
Nov 2009	21%	37%	37%	5%	2496
Nov 2008	18%	36%	40%	7%	2496
Oct 2007	18%	34%	43%	6%	2496

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Q11. How about the overall AFFORDABILITY of education for students in California's public colleges and universities today? (IF NECESSARY: Is it a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not much of a problem?)

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not much of a problem	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2018	58%	25%	14%	3%	1701
Nov 2017	56%	29%	14%	1%	1703
Dec 2016	57%	28%	13%	2%	1707
Dec 2014	59%	27%	12%	1%	1701
Dec 2012	65%	23%	12%	1%	2000
Nov 2011	61%	25%	11%	4%	2502
Nov 2010	60%	27%	11%	1%	2495
Nov 2009	57%	29%	12%	2%	2499
Nov 2008	52%	32%	13%	3%	2501
Oct 2007	53%	31%	14%	2%	2500

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Q13. Overall, is the California Community College system doing an excellent, good, not so good, or poor job?

	excellent	good	not so good	poor	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2018	17%	51%	17%	6%	9%	1696
Nov 2017	16%	52%	18%	6%	8%	1702
Dec 2016	15%	51%	19%	7%	8%	1707
Nov 2011	10%	52%	21%	8%	9%	2497
Nov 2010	13%	51%	23%	7%	7%	2487
Nov 2009	13%	52%	22%	5%	7%	2495
Nov 2008	15%	51%	19%	4%	10%	2498
Oct 2007	14%	52%	21%	5%	8%	2502

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Q14. Overall, is the California State University system doing an excellent, good,
 not so good, or poor job?

	excellent	good	not so good	poor	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2018	12%	54%	18%	6%	11%	1702
Nov 2017	12%	53%	21%	7%	7%	1701
Dec 2016	10%	56%	19%	6%	9%	1704
Nov 2011	6%	50%	25%	6%	13%	2496
Nov 2010	9%	53%	21%	5%	12%	2489
Nov 2009	9%	52%	20%	6%	13%	2496
Nov 2008	10%	52%	21%	3%	14%	2499
Oct 2007	9%	57%	18%	3%	12%	2501

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Q15. Overall, is the University of California system doing an excellent, good, not so good, or poor job?

	excellent	good	not so good	poor	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2018	17%	51%	16%	7%	9%	1698
Nov 2017	16%	47%	21%	8%	7%	1701
Dec 2016	14%	51%	20%	7%	8%	1707
Nov 2011	11%	48%	23%	6%	12%	2498
Nov 2010	15%	49%	19%	6%	11%	2489
Nov 2009	13%	49%	20%	6%	13%	2495
Nov 2008	15%	50%	18%	4%	14%	2501
Oct 2007	15%	52%	17%	4%	11%	2500

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Q16. Next, do you think the current level of state funding for
 California's public colleges and universities is more than enough,
 just enough, or not enough?

	more than enough	just enough	not enough	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2018	10%	27%	56%	8%	1701
Nov 2017	11%	23%	62%	5%	1699
Dec 2016	10%	19%	67%	5%	1709
Dec 2014	12%	24%	59%	6%	1699
Nov 2011	7%	14%	74%	5%	2502
Nov 2010	6%	15%	74%	5%	2496
Oct 2007	7%	28%	57%	8%	2500

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Q20. If the state ballot had a bond measure to pay for construction projects in California's public higher education system, would you vote yes or no?

	yes	no	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2018	66%	28%	7%	1698
Nov 2017	57%	37%	5%	1698
Dec 2016	65%	29%	6%	1705
Dec 2014	54%	42%	4%	1699
Nov 2011	58%	34%	8%	2492
Nov 2009	53%	40%	7%	2496
Oct 2007	64%	28%	8%	2493

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Q21. Do you think that a college education is necessary for a person to be successful in today's work world, or do you think that there are many ways to succeed in today's work world without a college education?

	college is necessary	many ways to succeed without a college education	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2018	49%	49%	2%	1698
Nov 2017	50%	48%	2%	1700
Dec 2016	49%	49%	1%	1706
Mar 2016	59%	39%	2%	1705
Nov 2011	58%	39%	3%	2495
Nov 2010	63%	35%	3%	2488
Nov 2009	66%	31%	3%	2498
Nov 2008	68%	30%	3%	2497
Oct 2007	64%	34%	1%	2497

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Q25. Do you think qualified students from low-income families, regardless of their ethnic or racial background, have [1] less opportunity, [2] more opportunity, [OR] about the same opportunity as others to get a college education?

	less opportunity	more opportunity	about the same	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2018	53%	12%	34%	1%	1699
Nov 2009	60%	12%	27%	1%	2497
Nov 2008	59%	10%	28%	3%	2494
Oct 2007	58%	13%	27%	2%	2500

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Q26. Do you think qualified students who are ETHNIC OR RACIAL MINORITIES, such as African Americans or Latinos, have [1] less opportunity, [2] more opportunity, [OR] about the same opportunity as others to get a college education

	less opportunity	more opportunity	about the same	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2018	40%	15%	42%	2%	1697
Nov 2009	37%	20%	40%	3%	2470
Nov 2008	42%	16%	38%	5%	2480
Oct 2007	39%	19%	40%	2%	2498

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