

# Making Higher Ed Worth It

Efforts from ICCU Institutions to Lower Financial Barriers

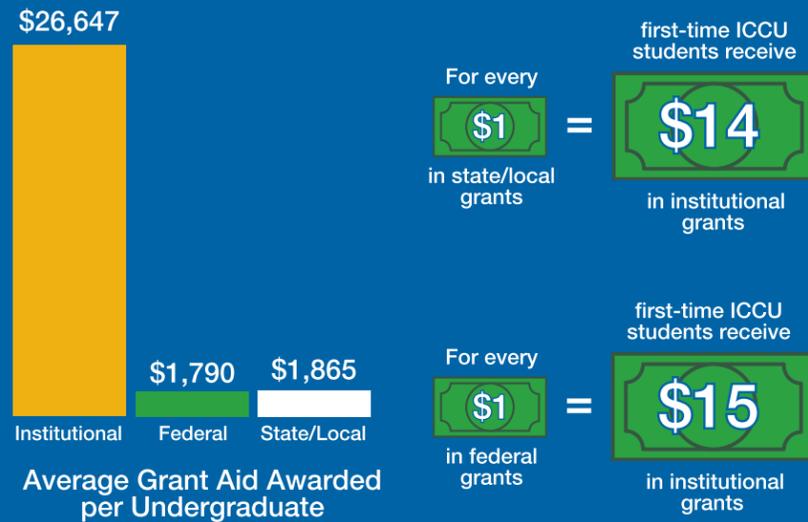
## \$900

Decrease in Net Tuition and Fees

over the Last Decade for a First-Time Student



Institutional grants account for **more than 7 times** the amount of federal and state/local grants combined



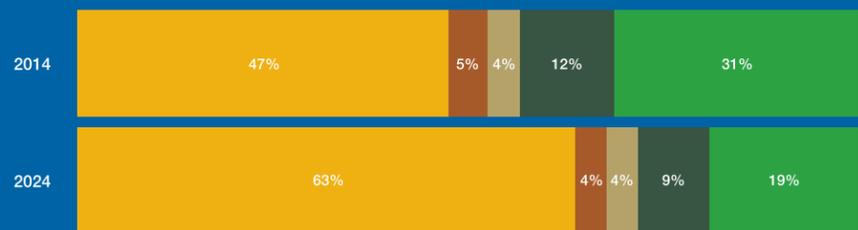
Average institutional grant aid increased significantly by 30%

## \$20,147 → \$26,647

in 2014

in 2024

Institutional grant aid at ICCUs cover an average of **63%** of a first-time student's tuition & fees



Average Breakdown of Undergraduate Tuition and Fees

■ Institutional Grant Aid ■ State/Local Grant Aid ■ Federal Grant Aid ■ Student Loans ■ Out-of-Pocket

The Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) is the organizational voice for 85+ nonprofit colleges and universities, which make up the Independent California Colleges and Universities (ICCU) sector. AICCU seeks to strengthen its institutions through collaboration, governmental advocacy, and public engagement aimed at supporting the ability of the ICCU to successfully serve students, families, their communities, and the state.

- Alder Graduate School of Education
- American Film Institute Conservatory
- American Jewish University
- Antioch University Los Angeles
- ArtCenter College of Design
- Azusa Pacific University
- Biola University
- California Baptist University
- California College of the Arts
- California Indian Nations College
- California Institute of Human Science
- California Institute of Integral Studies
- California Institute of Technology
- California Institute of the Arts
- California Lutheran University
- Chapman University
- Charles R. Drew University
- Claremont Graduate University
- Claremont Lincoln University
- Claremont McKenna College
- Concordia University Irvine
- Dominican University of California
- EDvance College
- Fielding Graduate University
- Fresno Pacific University
- Golden Gate University
- Harvey Mudd College
- Hope International University
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- Laguna College of Art and Design
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- Los Angeles Pacific University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Menlo College
- Minerva University
- Mount Saint Mary's University Los Angeles
- National University
- Northeastern University Oakland
- Notre Dame de Namur University
- Occidental College
- Otis College of Art and Design
- Pacific Oaks College
- Pacific Union College
- Palo Alto University
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- Pomona College
- Providence Christian College
- Reach University
- Saint Mary's College of California
- Samuel Merritt University
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- Scripps College
- Simpson University
- Soka University of America
- Southern CA Institute of Architecture
- Southern CA University of Health Sciences
- Stanford University
- Stanton University
- The Chicago School
- The Master's University
- Thomas Aquinas College
- Touro University California
- Touro University Worldwide
- University of La Verne
- University of Massachusetts Global
- University of Redlands
- University of San Diego
- University of San Francisco
- University of Southern California
- University of the Pacific
- University of the West
- Vanguard University of Southern California
- Western University of Health Sciences
- Westmont College
- Whittier College
- William Jessup University
- Woodbury University
- Zaytuna College

🎗️ = Yellow Ribbon Institution

🇺🇸 = Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) or emerging HSI

# 2026 FACTS & FIGURES

Independent Nonprofit Higher Education in California

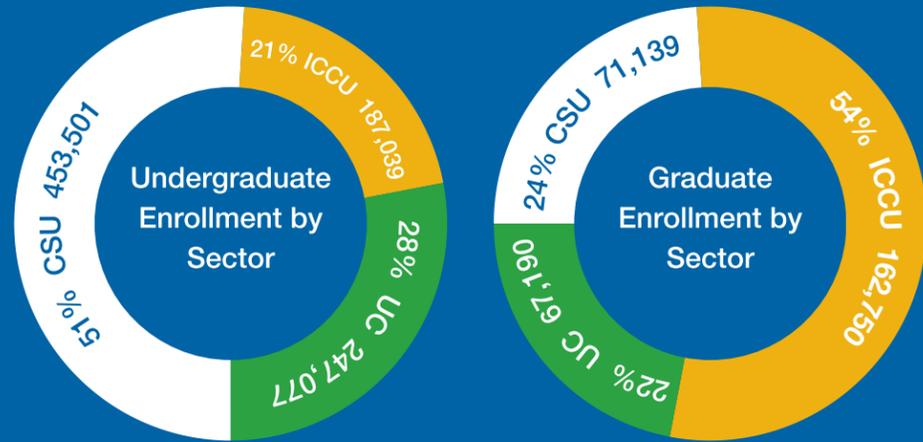


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## ICCU Students at a Glance



**11,384** New California Community College Transfer Students

**40,523** Undergraduate Students are Nontraditional Learners

**6,041** Undergraduates are Recipients of the Post-9/11 GI Bill

**61%** of Undergraduates are California Residents

**53%** of Cal Grant Students are First Generation Students

## Making College Affordable

**77%** of Undergraduates Receive Institutional, State, Local, or Federal Grant Aid

**\$32,179** Average Institutional Grant Aid Provided to an AICCU Cal Grant Student

**24,731** Undergraduates are Recipients of the State Cal Grant

**55,903** Undergraduates are Recipients of the Federal Pell Grant

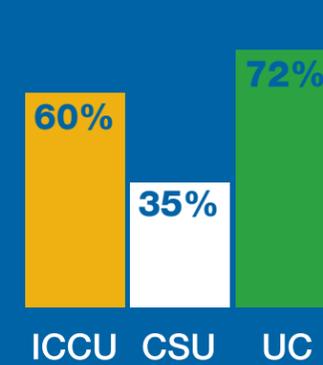
### Maximum Cal Grant Award



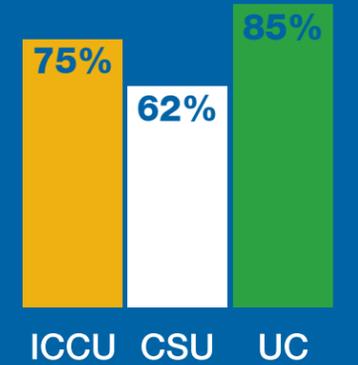
\*Average Cal Grant award plus average base funding per student. Only students attending public institutions receive base funding.

## ICCU Provide Strong ROI for Cal Grant Investment

### 4-Year Graduation Rates by Sector



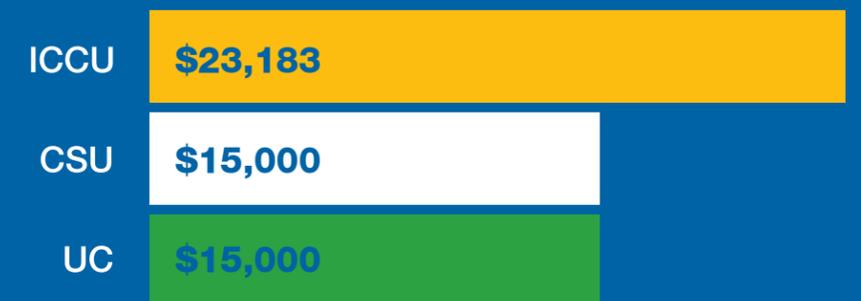
### 6-Year Graduation Rates by Sector



**85,789**

Degrees Awarded Annually

### Median Debt at Graduation by Sector



### ICCU Share of Key Workforce Degrees



**91%**  
Psychology  
(Clinical, Counseling & Applied)



**53%**  
Nursing



**40%**  
Teaching Credentials

### Undergraduate Enrollment



### Cal Grant Enrollment

