

# Sacramento State Points of Pride

## About the University

- In fall 2015, Sacramento State welcomed a record 30,284 students, including 3,753 first-time freshman, 3,572 first-time undergraduate transfer students, and 898 first-time graduate students.
- Sacramento State offers 58 undergraduate majors, 41 master's degrees, 20 credential programs, an undergraduate honors program, and two independent doctorates.
- The University features eight colleges: Arts & Letters, Business Administration, Continuing Education, Education, Engineering & Computer Science, Health & Human Services, Natural Sciences & Mathematics, and Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies.
- The campus is located just 6 miles from the State Capitol.
- California State University, Sacramento is a designated both a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) and an Asian-American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI).
- Sacramento State is the 7<sup>th</sup> most diverse university in the western United States, according to 2015 U.S. News and World Report rankings.
- Sac State is home to more than 300 clubs and organizations on campus and about half the student population belongs to at least one as of 2014, according to Student Organizations and Leadership.
- Thirty percent of new students live in campus-based housing according to 2014 University housing figures.
- Sac State hosts 36 different chapters of Greek Life ranging in size from five to more than 60 members each.
- Sacramento State has more than 1,600 faculty members, and 98 percent of them hold the highest degree in their fields as of 2014.
- The student-to-faculty ratio is 25-to-1, and the average undergraduate class size was just 33 students in 2015.
- Sacramento State features 21 intercollegiate sports: From 2006-2015, Sac State has won more Big Sky Conference Championships (34) than any other school in the conference.
- There are hundreds of activities available through the University at the Sacramento State Aquatic Center, Peak Adventures and the WELL, a state-of-the-art student recreation and wellness center.
- In 2014-15, Sacramento State awarded 6,577 degrees.
- Sacramento State has more than 225,000 alumni around the world, and 1-in-20 regional residents is an alumnus or alumna, according to 2015 University figures.
- There are more than 7,900 active members in the Alumni Association as of 2015.
- In 2015, Sacramento State was designated a Tree Campus USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for the third year in a row; Sacramento State's campus is home to more than 3,500 trees and 400 unique tree species.
- The University is home to the Arboretum, a three-acre botanical garden, as well as to the Sokiku Nakatani Tea Room and Garden, which is one of just a handful of tea rooms on a U.S. campus.
- The campus is home to seven art galleries and myriad public art installments.
- The WELL, a state-of-the-art student recreation and wellness center, and the American River Courtyard, an on-campus, suite-style residence hall are Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) –certified by the United States Green Building Council.
- Sacramento State was named one of Forbes' "Top Colleges 2015."
- BestColleges.com, a nationally recognized provider of college planning resources, ranked Sacramento State's online program the seventh-best in California in 2016.
- Forbes' 2016 America's Top Colleges ranked California State University, Sacramento 10<sup>th</sup> overall out of all schools in the California State University system and 137<sup>th</sup> out of all public colleges nationally.

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## Value of Degree

- Sacramento State's in-state tuition fees of \$6,872 per year (2015-16 fees) are the lowest of any regional University: It costs thousands more to attend University of California (\$14,000 per year as per 2015-16 fees) and private California colleges (\$28,309, 2013-2014 average)
- The Advising Center's Internship Program puts students and grads to work in top internships for companies including Disney, Chevron, SMUD, The Sacramento Kings, legislative offices, PG&E, the FBI, the U.S. Commercial Service, and many more.
- Fortune 500 companies, top accounting firms, government agencies, and other well-known organizations come to Sacramento State each semester to interview Sacramento State students and alumni for internships and full-time, entry-level professional positions.
- Thirteen percent more young adults with a bachelor's degree worked full time in 2012, compared to those who only completed high school, according to the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).
- Individuals with a bachelor's degree earn nearly a million dollars more over the course of their lifetime than those with only a high-school degree, according to the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).
- For young adults ages 25-34 who worked full-time, year-round jobs, higher educational attainment was associated with higher median earnings for 1995, 2000, and 2005 through 2012, according to the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).

## Student Success

- In a spring 2014 survey of graduating seniors, 83 percent indicated they were satisfied or very satisfied with their overall experience at Sacramento State.
- Each year, Sac State's School of Nursing graduates 200-250 skilled nurses, who have averaged the CSU system's highest first-attempt pass rate average over the past five years through 2014-15 – 97 percent – on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's licensure examination (NCLEX-RN).
- Sacramento State was one of only 20 universities worldwide chosen to compete in the Department of Energy's prestigious Solar Decathlon 2015, in which teams from around the world designed, built and operated a completely solar-powered house.
- A national award-winning department, Construction Management has achieved 100 percent job placement for its graduates every semester since 2011, retaining one of the highest job placement rates of any program at any CSU year to year.
- Since 1981, Sacramento State's College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) has fostered a family-like environment for thousands of students from migrant and seasonal farm worker backgrounds with an array of support services to help first-year students achieve success in the classroom and beyond. CAMP students boast higher GPAs and better retention rates than non-CAMP students.
- Companies and businesses support College of Business students through the Corporate Associates Program, where entities donate and sponsor scholarships for business students and gain premium access to the College's top students for internships, recruitment and job placement. Wells Fargo Bank, Aerojet and VSP Global are just a few of the big names that are Corporate Associates.
- In 2014, Sacramento State's Hornet Racing Team was one of the top 20 teams in the world at the Formula Society of Automotive Engineers international competition in Lincoln, Neb. The team also placed sixth overall in fuel efficiency, making their car one of the greenest in the entire international 80-team field.
- The Center for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Excellence is a leader in educating young people across multiple disciplines to develop a high-technology workforce of the future.

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- In 2015, Sac State students took home top honors – first place in two categories and second in another – at the 29th Annual CSU Research Competition, in which 22 California State University campuses and more than 260 students participated.
- More than a third of students have participated in one or more internship programs according to 2014 Career Center numbers.
- *Made at Sac State* is an award-winning campaign that showcases the success and impact of Sacramento State through the inspirational stories of its graduates.
- The Capital Fellows internship programs are consistently recognized as some of the best internships in the nation and voted one of the top 10 in 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2014 by Vault.com; in 2016, Vault.com ranked the Capital Fellows programs in the nation's Top 10 Internships for Quality of Life.
- Sacramento State Lobby Corps is the advocacy brand of Associated Students Inc. that comprises Sacramento State students who organize events regarding higher education issues and lobby at the local, state, and federal levels.
- In the 2014-15 academic year, Sacramento State student athletes across all sports posted a collective grade point average over 3.0, the highest in the University's history and one of the top marks in the CSU system.
- Twelve Sacramento State intercollegiate sports teams finished in the top three of their respective leagues in 2014-15, and four won conference titles; that year, the Hornet women won the Big Sky All-Sports Trophy, awarded based on order of finish in all sports sponsored by the league, for the fifth time in the previous eight years.
- Sacramento State's biomedical team won top honors and a \$50,000 grant at a National Science Foundation I-CORPS competition at the University of Michigan in 2014 for developing and marketing an Autologous Thrombin Device, which facilitates production of the blood-clotting enzyme thrombin from patients' own blood to aid tissue and bone healing and could potentially prove to be a major medical breakthrough.
- The University team took top honors three years in a row (2012 -2014) at the prestigious CSU Idea to Product (I2P) BioTech competition.
- Sacramento State's Team Biliblu won the judges' special and crowd favorite awards at the California State University (CSU) 28<sup>th</sup> annual Biotechnology Symposium in 2016. The team developed an innovative medical device that allows doctors to monitor bilirubin levels in jaundiced newborns without blood draws.

### Exceptional Education

- Since 1951, the University has been accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and the College of Business Administration has been AACSB-accredited since 1963; less than 5 percent of the world's 13,000 higher education institutions have earned this designation, according to 2012-2013 AACSB data.
- Sacramento State ranked 58<sup>th</sup> overall out of all universities in the western United States, according to 2015 rankings by U.S. News and World Report which takes into account graduation rates, freshman retention, academic value per cost of tuition, and strength of faculty.
- More than 85 percent of graduating seniors in the spring of 2014 reported having the opportunity to apply classroom learning to "real-life" issues.
- Sacramento State's MBA program was ranked second among CSU campuses by U.S. News & World Report in 2013.
- One of the top graduate programs in the country, Sac State's Master of Public Policy and Administration program ranks 21<sup>st</sup> in the nation, according to 2015 rankings by graduateprograms.com.
- Information Assurance and Security Education was one of the first to be designated as a Center of Academic Excellence by the Department of Homeland Security and the National Security Agency, still retaining that title as of 2014.
- In 2014, the University boasts the most comprehensive paramedic program in California and the first in the CSU system, offering opportunities unavailable anywhere else in the state including emergency vehicle operation training, a human cadaver lab, access to a high-fidelity simulation lab, and opportunities for training with FEMA. The program awards 30 academic credits to participating students.
- Fifty-six percent of graduating seniors in spring 2014 cited an opportunity to work on a research project.

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- Sacramento State is home to more than 30 leading research centers and institutes, including the Center for California Studies, Center for Collaborative Policy, Center for Interdisciplinary Molecular Education, Research and Advancement (CIMERA), the Education Insights Center (EdInsights), and the Institute for Social Research.
- The University hosts a variety of elected officials and notable figures for events and forums each year, including Congresswoman Doris Matsui, Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla, Assemblyman Roger Dickinson and Senator Noreen Evans in 2014.
- For the 2012–2013 report, the American Council of Trustees and Alumni gave Sacramento State's General Education an overall score a B, the 14th-best in the state.
- Biological Sciences' River City Science Project received a \$300,000 grant from the V.M. Keck Foundation to expand its research and applied science education on the American River, now effectively a living laboratory for students.
- The Institute for Water, Energy, Sustainability and Technology (iWest) is the innovation hub for all Sac State's environmental science and technology research centers, including the Office of Water Programs and Management and the Sustainable Technology Outdoor Research Center (STORC).
- The Sustainable Technology Outdoor Research Center's aquaponics program drew national attention in 2014 for its groundbreaking methods for farming crops and fish simultaneously, potentially changing the ways food is grown in the future.
- In 2014, 80 percent of graduating seniors reported receiving help from professors in achieving professional goals.
- Initiated by the Provost's Advisory Committee on Curricular Global Engagement in 2008, Sacramento State's One World Initiative is a campus-wide program intended to bring together and highlight the many global engagement opportunities at Sacramento State within the curriculum and broader campus environment. The initiative works to engage the campus community in discussion and activities around a single topic of global importance such water, migration, and happiness, generating over 20 events per semester featuring notable speakers and authors like Sherman Alexie in 2014.
- Sacramento State's criminal justice program is one of the largest of any North American University.
- Sacramento State has the largest cooperative education program in the state, providing students from all majors the chance to earn academic credit while getting practical experience in their fields, according to a 2013 impact study by California State University.
- The Sacramento State chapter of the Honors Society of Phi Kappa Phi – the nation's oldest and most selective honors society across all academic disciplines – is consistently recognized as a Chapter of Excellence, a distinction reserved for robust, thriving chapters that repeatedly go above and beyond in promoting academic excellence on their campuses. Phi Kappa Phi has more than 300 chapters across North America and the Philippines.
- CollegeChoice.net ranked Sacramento State's online Master's in Healthcare Administration 40<sup>th</sup> in the nation in 2016.

### Leadership

- Sacramento State signed formal agreements in 2014 to create the "Sacramento Regional Pathways to Success," which are partnerships with the City and County of Sacramento, the City of Roseville, and Sacramento Unified and Elk Grove Unified school districts to improve access to higher education and to provide career-ready graduates for the business community by helping students transition to and succeed in college.
- More than 1,800 students have participated in the Leadership Initiative certificate program developed in 2009; the College of Continuing Education's Leadership for Government certificate program has graduated more than 400 senior-level state leaders as of spring 2014.
- Capital Public Radio, the region's number one listener-supported broadcaster, is licensed to Sacramento State.
- The Sacramento Business Review (SBR), the region's foremost economic analysis, has been hosted and published through a partnership of the College of Business and the Metro Chamber and the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Society of Sacramento since 2008.

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- The California Energy Commission awarded the University \$3.4 million from 2010 to 2013 to establish and run the innovative California Smart Grid Center, which works directly with utilities nationwide to improve sustainable energy usage, practices and technology.
- The Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Sacramento State College of Business Administration, was awarded a contract Sept. 26, 2014 from the U.S. Small Business Administration to manage the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) for eight Northern California counties (Sacramento, Yolo, Yuba, Sutter, Lake, Colusa and portions of Placer and El Dorado).
- The Office of Water Programs is a global leader in research and training for water and wastewater operations.
- Sacramento State's College of Continuing Education administers more than 90 conferences and events annually for state agencies and associations.
- The College of Continuing Education is a partner with and training provider for personnel at all levels of the California State Government Executive Branch.
- The Dropout Prevention Specialist Certificate serves as a catalyst for change by facilitating discussions and idea exchanges that support high school professionals who are helping their at-risk students successfully graduate, addressing issues identified in Senate Bill 65.
- Sac State's annual Feria de Educacion helps thousands of Latino families each year learn about educational pathways and opportunities to succeed in higher education.
- Sacramento State and the County of Sacramento signed a Memorandum of Understanding in 2010 now in place to support former foster youth, to collaborate on positive transitions for them from high school to Sacramento State, and to seek joint funding opportunities.
- Sac State City Ambassadors is a program of the advocacy branch of ASI, comprised of Sacramento State students who attend a variety of community events, such as City Council meetings and Chambers of Commerce, to bring about a higher awareness of higher education issues. This committee also heads up efforts in registering Sacramento State students to vote.
- The Center for California Studies brings the resources of the state's largest university system to the service of public discourse, civic education, and state government.
- The Portfolio – a three-tiered leadership program for government professionals – has more than 700 graduates from across the state as of 2014.
- The University continually responds to legislation by helping the state implement new policies or mandatory training. The Dropout Prevention training was created in response to Senate Bill 65, and Sacramento State is currently developing an anti-bullying program in response to Assembly Bill 9.
- The Department of Government's Sacramento Semester program offers internships for students to work with members of the legislature, the executive branch, and political associations and lobbyists.
- The Alumni Association's Hornets Policy & Politics Alumni Chapter has 240 members who work in politics, public policy, or state or local government.
- Sacramento State's Japanese American Archival Collection (JAAC) is the largest holding of its kind in the California State University system, and in 2015 the University received \$40,000 – the largest share of a \$321,000 National Park Service grant awarded to a consortium of 13 CSU campuses – to digitize the original documents related to the World War II internment of Japanese-born and Japanese American citizens.

### Community

- Approximately 36 percent of students volunteer a total of more than 2 million hours a year, according to a 2013 impact study by California State University.
- Sacramento State faculty and staff are first out of all 22 CSU campuses in workplace charitable giving.
- The campus is utilized year-round by hundreds of community groups and hosts events, sports camps and summer programs: The University supports and participates in more than 350 local community groups and organizations, hosting more than 250 events annually that bring the community to campus, according to 2015 SHRA numbers.
- Sacramento State has more than 50 centers, institutes and collaboratives engaged with the greater community as of 2015.

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- More than 21,000 K-12 youth participate in events on campus annually, according to the Office of Research Affairs in 2015.
- Sacramento State is vital to the economic health of the region, contributing nearly \$1 billion to the local economy annually and generating about \$36 million in tax revenue, according to 2012 CSU figures.
- Intercollegiate athletics partners with Sacramento Sports Commission and the Sacramento Convention and Visitor's Bureau to attract world-class sporting events – such as the 2014 U.S. Track & Field Championships and the 2016 USA Track & Field National Junior Olympic Championships – to campus.
- Since the CEC's founding in 1996, more than 20,000 Sacramento State students have volunteered in excess of 1 million hours in the community. The economic impact of their efforts is \$25 million in today's dollars by non-profit leadership network Independent Sector.
- More than 2,500 students participate in Service Learning and Community Service, contributing approximately 45,000 hours of service each year, according 2014 Community Engagement Center numbers
- Sacramento State was one of only 121 institutions nationwide to receive the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification in 2010, which it awarded again in 2015 as a testament to the University's deep commitment to serving the region.
- Sacramento State's Community Engagement Center facilitates "Sac State Serves," a community service program open to the campus community that allows faculty, staff, students, and alumni to take part in local, single-day service projects throughout the year.
- Sacramento State partners with the March of Dimes for the annual March for Babies fundraising campaign and walk that raises money for expectant mothers to have full-term pregnancies and healthy babies and provides information and comfort to families. The March supports research, screenings and advocacy programs.
- In a partnership with the American Heart Association, Sacramento State was the first CSU designated an approved American Heart Association Authorized Training Center in 2012.
- The Hornet Heartsaver initiative provides low-cost, accessible CPR training to the campus community.
- Sacramento State's Guardian Scholars program, established in 2006, improves the livelihoods and success rates of former foster youth through services including academic and career counselling, financial assistance, scholarships and community outreach events to create opportunities for current students to improve the lives of foster youth.
- Northern and Central California blood collection leader Bloodsource regularly holds donation drives on campus, including the annual Causeway Classic blood drive each fall.
- Sacramento State spearheaded the Sacramento Speaker series, which provides an open forum for the exchange of ideas, opinions, and perspectives through public speaking events. The series hosts one lecture a month from October to May each year, where speakers representing a wide range of subjects have included Pulitzer Prize winners, Nobel Peace Prize laureates, world leaders, statesmen, distinguished journalists, authors, and other celebrated personalities.
- As part of First Lady Michelle Obama's "Reach Higher" initiative, Sacramento State hosted the inaugural College Signing Day at Luther Burbank High School. Over 200 high school students signed letters to commit to their college of choice, with over half committing to Sac State.
- Established in 1972, the Distinguished Alumni Awards are given jointly by the University and the Alumni Association to recognize alumni and faculty for their professional achievements and community service.
- The University Foundation is Sacramento State's philanthropic auxiliary that actively supports the University's mission of teaching, learning and service by acquiring and managing financial and other resources; it has grown to more than \$40 million in private support in its 20-year existence as Sacramento State's endowment.

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- Sacramento State and the city of Roseville signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2012 aimed at developing partnerships and opportunities to benefit both entities by matching University programs and services with the city's business community. Another MOU goal is identifying opportunities to expand Sacramento State's presence in the Roseville/South Placer County area.
- Launched in 2001, the University's Education Insights Center (EdInsights) improves students' readiness for and success in postsecondary education through research, evaluation, technical assistance, policy analysis and other services that support and inform policymakers, practitioners and educators. EdInsights works at the high school and college levels and specifically focuses on institutions that serve diverse populations, emphasizing the transition between high school and college for traditionally underserved high school students.
- Sacramento State's annual Festival of the Arts has grown into a weeklong series of events both on and off campus, with 2015's festival drawing more than 8,500 participants and spectators.
- Sacramento State is a key partner in the city's Promise Zone effort, which identifies communities in Sacramento with high poverty, high unemployment, and uneven access to healthcare in order to establish ongoing efforts and community partnerships to address issues in these neighborhoods. Sacramento was one of just eight cities in the country designated as a Promise Zone by the White House and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- The University's second annual Giving Tuesday raised more than \$71,000 from 267 donors for 80 separate programs, departments and scholarships in 2014.
- Launching in fall 2015, the Associated Students, Inc. Food Pantry provides food and basic necessities for free to students who struggle with food insecurity issues.
- Sacramento State is one of the top Peace Corps volunteer-producing Hispanic-Serving Institutions, ranking seventh out of all HSIs in the country in 2016.

## Access

- According to federal data from a 2015 study in The Economist, Sacramento State ranks in the top 90<sup>th</sup> percentile – 131<sup>st</sup> in the nation – of all higher education institutions for graduates' return on investment, measuring tuition versus average alumni earnings after graduation.
- Sacramento State ranks 26<sup>th</sup> in the nation, 11<sup>th</sup> in the state, and 5<sup>th</sup> in the California State University system in facilitating economic opportunity for underserved students as a top school in CollegeNET's 2015 Social Mobility Index.
- Sac State is 79 out of the top 100 four-year institutions that are best for veterans, according to 2015 rankings from MilitaryTimes; Victory Media, Inc. named Sacramento State a "2016 Military Friendly School"
- Sacramento State serves more than 1,200 veterans and their dependents attending the University, with the second-largest veterans program in the CSU system. Additionally, the Student Veterans Organization and Veterans Success Center are valuable on-campus resources to vets and their families.
- In 2012 and 2013, 33 percent of new students, both freshman and transfers, were the first in their family to attend college.
- There are more than 37 centers on campus to service varied student needs and interests.
- Nearly 70 percent of Sacramento State students receive some financial aid assistance, and in 2012-13 only 42 percent of Sacramento State undergraduate students reported needing to borrow money, compared with over 70 percent of students nationally, according to a 2013 report by the Institute for College Access and Success.
- Fifty-nine percent of students took online courses through the College of Continuing education in 2014.
- In 2012-13, 795 scholarships were awarded to 708 recipients.
- Open University provides a gateway for nontraditional students to access academic classes without formally attending the University. This provides a unique opportunity for those looking to "test the waters" before college, those looking to expand their skill set or make a career change, or those who need to raise their GPA to qualify for enrollment.

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- The English Language Institute's Hubert Humphrey Fellowship is awarded to candidates around the world, bringing internationals to the United States and giving working professionals the opportunity to study and gain professional experience in the U.S. over a 10-month period.
- Career-oriented academic and professional development programs are available for working age professionals through the College of Continuing Education.
- Summer Session provides students the opportunity to take classes to complete graduation and is a gateway to accessing higher education for many non-matriculated students.
- Continuing Education Units-based programs offer unique opportunities for working professionals to network with industry professionals, many of whom are alumni of University programs.
- Distance education students come from all 50 states.
- In 2013, Sacramento State was home to 414 true international students and research scholars from 57 different countries around the world, according to the Office of International Programs and Global Engagement.
- Minorities make up nearly two-thirds – 63 percent – of Sacramento State's student population according to 2013 census data.
- In 2014, The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education magazine ranked Sacramento State 36th in the nation in terms of the number of Hispanics who graduate from the University with Bachelor's degrees.
- Sacramento State's Air Force ROTC detachment, the Mighty Blue Dragons, is the second-largest in California.
- In 2011, President Gonzalez launched the President's Committee to Build Campus Unity, a multipronged approach that brings students, faculty and staff together to work to make the University a more welcoming and supportive learning environment. The committee is meant to spur dialogue across campus on how to strengthen the sense of community at Sacramento State and features various platforms and speakers to this aim.
- Every year the Sacramento State Alumni Association awards between 12 and 15 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 to deserving students.
- In 2015, Associated Students, Inc. at Sacramento State established a campus food pantry to address food insecurity issues among students. Debuting during the start of the 2015-16 academic year, the pantry provides food and basic toiletries to all Sac State students at no cost via a weekly "points" system, alleviating some of the burden so many students bear when juggling living, working and their education.
- Education in motion: In 2016, Affordableschools.net ranked Sacramento State the eighth most affordable university in the country at which to earn a mechanical engineering degree.
- Sacramento State is one of the nation's top producers of Asian American and Pacific Islander graduates in 2016, according to higher education publication Diverse: Issues in Higher Education Magazine.
- With over \$152,000,000 in total gross scholarships and fellowships awarded each year, Sacramento State is the 68<sup>th</sup> best public university for earning scholarships, according to 2016 rankings by consumer data analytics company GoodCall.

### Living Here

- Sacramento's neighborhoods are the most diverse in the country, ranking first in a national survey with a score of 66.5 percent Neighborhood Diversity Score according to Brown University's American Communities Project.
- In 2016, a study by WalletHub ranked Sacramento the 10<sup>th</sup> most diverse city in the United States.
- Forbes Magazine ranked Sacramento 14th in its "America's Coolest Cities 2014."

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- In 2002, Time magazine declared Sacramento the most diverse city in the country, and today the Capital Region remains one of the most integrated and diverse places to live, according to 2010 census data.
- Sacramento was ranked the 11th healthiest city in the country – and third-healthiest in California – following a nationwide survey hosted by San Francisco data-analysis tech company NerdWallet.
- In 2015, Forbes Magazine ranked Sacramento the second-happiest place to work in the country.
- Real estate blog Redfin.com ranked Sacramento the eighth-most bike-able city in the country in 2015, ahead of other major urban cycling hubs like Seattle, Tucson, and Philadelphia.
- Travel website LookyLocal.com ranked Sacramento the seventh “Best Place to Live” in 2015, tied with Austin, Texas.
- Sacramento runs on fitness: According to the 2015 American Fitness Index, Sacramento ranked as the fifth-fittest city in the country
- The Public Technology Institute designated the Sacramento a Citizen-Engaged Community for 2014-2016, honoring the city for effectively using various technological platforms to engage and empower its citizens in a concise and amiable manner.
- Looking to start a business? Sacramento is the fifth best city in the country not named San Francisco or New York for start-up companies, according to Entrepreneur Magazine’s 2015 rankings.
- A 2016 study by financial data analyst company SmartAsset ranked Sacramento the number one most diverse STEM workforce in the United States.
- Sacramento is the seventh-most charming mid-sized city in the country, according to national housing guide website RentLingo in 2015.
- Break out the beard oil: California’s capital ranked in the top 25 of the country’s most “facial hair friendly” cities of 2016.
- According to a 2016 study by WalletHub, Sacramento clocks in at number 15 on the list of the nation’s best cities for recreation and ranks 20<sup>th</sup> nationally among best large cities in which to live.
- For the animal lovers out there: Real estate site Zumper ranked Sacramento the ninth most pet-friendly city in 2016; in addition, Rover.com listed the Indomitable City as the seventh best city for dogs.