The Sacramento State Fact Book includes information about the University, the most recent enrollment numbers, demographics, rankings and other notable highlights. The 2024 Fact Book is based on information and data from the 2023 calendar year.
Founded as Sacramento State College in 1947 with 235 students and five full-time faculty members, Sacramento State has served the region for more than 75 years. Now nearly 31,000 students strong, it is the sixth largest of the 23 campuses in the California State University (CSU) system. It is an accessible and inclusive place of learning and achievement, a hub of diverse thought and intellectual challenge and is intertwined with the community it serves. From research that results in impactful legislation to entrepreneurial ideas that blossom into robust businesses, Sacramento State continues to provide immersive learning experiences that benefit students, the region and beyond. It is Sacramento's University.
Most Students Are From the Sacramento Area

- **46% SACRAMENTO COUNTY**
- **6% PLACER COUNTY**
- **4% YOLO COUNTY**
- **2% EL DORADO COUNTY**
- **1% YUBA COUNTY**
- **1% SUTTER COUNTY**

**Counties**

- **GREATER SACRAMENTO AREA (60%)**
- **GREAT BAY AREA (16%)**
- **SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY (12%)**
- **LOS ANGELES/SOUTHERN CA (5%)**
- **CENTRAL COAST (2%)**
- **NORTHERN SACRAMENTO VALLEY (1%)**
- **CENTRAL SIERRA (1%)**
- **OUT OF STATE (2%)**
- **INTERNATIONAL (2%)**

Percentages based on Fall 2023 student enrollment data. County calculations based on California residents only.
Where Students Come First

Whether they are knee-deep in the American River studying the impacts of drought, or learning the latest in cybersecurity, students receive top-notch instruction from experts in their fields. The focus on students goes beyond just the classroom. There are dozens of programs, services and centers available to aid students in their individual academic journeys.
Rich with a diversity of people and cultures, the Sacramento region is home to the hardworking, innovative and passionate. Sacramento State is no different. It is a place where faculty, staff and students from all backgrounds come together to teach, learn, work and make an impact on the world.
**Student Demographics**

Demographics based on Fall 2023 student enrollment data.

- **38%** Hispanic/Latino
- **22%** White
- **20%** Asian American
- **6%** African American
- **6%** Other/Multiracial
- **3%** International
- **3%** Unknown
- **1%** Pacific Islander
- **<1%** American Indian
- **<1%** Other

**Gender Distribution:**
- **56%** Female
- **44%** Male

**Age Distribution:**
- **<17 Years Old**: 3%
- **18 – 19 Years Old**: 26%
- **20 – 21 Years Old**: 26%
- **22 – 24 Years Old**: 23%
- **25 – 29 Years Old**: 26%
- **30 – 34 Years Old**: 13%
- **35 – 39 Years Old**: 5%
- **40 – 49 Years Old**: 2%
- **50+**: 2%
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A Great Place to Live and Learn

Surrounded by nature and with easy access to downtown, many students live in the residence halls or in nearby neighborhoods, creating a dynamic student community. The affordability of Sacramento State paired with its focus on helping students successfully complete a four-year university degree makes it an unbeatable experience for students.
In July 2023, Dr. Luke Wood returned to Sacramento State as the University’s ninth president. The supportive and caring culture he experienced as a student at Sac State began a personal and professional journey that would lead him back to his alma mater. As we welcomed a new president, we also welcomed incoming students and their supporters at the inaugural New Student & Family Convocation. In a symbolic gesture, supporters affixed “Hornet for Life” pins to their students, reciprocated with “Hornet Family” pins, marking the start of their shared journey and a poignant bookend to Commencement.

“Our work in preparation of your arrival has been done with intentionality and care to ensure the utmost meaningful experience for you.”

President Luke Wood, Fall 2023 New Student & Family Convocation
Beyond the Books

Campus is filled with activities both in and out of the classroom. Students can participate in clubs and organizations; volunteer in the community; enjoy student dance, art and music productions; play sports or cheer on their favorite teams; work out, and more. The University Union and The WELL also provide gathering spots for various activities, including recreational games, studying, socializing and relaxing.
Home of Champions

The Hornet football team has qualified for the NCAA FCS Playoffs for four consecutive seasons, alongside conference titles this past year from women’s golf, softball and women’s and men’s tennis. Meanwhile, the baseball team continued its run as the only Division I program in California, winning over 30 games for the 11th consecutive season. Demonstrating their commitment to excellence, both on and off the field, nearly 200 student-athletes were honored with conference All-Academic awards.
Nature in Everything

Green is everywhere at Sacramento State, starting with the emerald canopy of more than 3,500 trees covering the 300-acre campus. Sac State’s commitment to sustainability and numerous efforts to achieve carbon neutrality by 2040 has earned the University a Gold rating from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE).
Sacramento State is part of the fabric of the region. Faculty, staff and students regularly work with community partners through service learning, research, creative community collaborations and other volunteer work. The University continues to focus this work through its Anchor University Initiative by aligning resources and efforts to cultivate purposeful, long-term, mutually beneficial community partnerships that confront systemic inequities, transform the lives of our students and strengthen our communities.

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“Like my family, I have seen generations of students benefit from their educations at Sacramento State. These alumni go on to become change agents in every industry, public service, local government and community.”

Eric Guerra, Sacramento City Councilmember, District 6, Sacramento State Alum
Building through Giving

Philanthropy allows Sacramento State to sustain student success across campus. In 2023, the University hosted its most successful Give Sac State Day, securing vital funds for crucial programs and equipment. In July, Sac State celebrated an additional $5 million contribution to the Ernest E. Tschannen Engineering Teaching & Research Building, bringing the benefactor’s total contribution for the project to $15 million.

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Big Hearts, Bigger Impact

Serving the community goes hand in hand with being a Hornet. Throughout campus, there’s a culture of volunteerism that makes a difference, exemplified through programs like pro bono clinics that provide care for members of the community, and the Community Engagement Center that matches students to volunteer opportunities.
Look around at the progress and growth happening in the region, and chances are there’s a Sacramento State alum somewhere in the mix. As engineers, newscasters, restaurateurs, entrepreneurs, teachers, health care professionals, law enforcement personnel, social workers, artists and accountants, these graduates are making things happen. Several of them are featured as part of the award-winning Made at Sac State campaign that has celebrated the success and impact of notable alumni since 2012.

Sacramento State was a significant part of our lives and provided a strong foundation for who we have become, including the important roles we play in our community. As president of the Alumni Association, I want to encourage everyone to take pride in our alma mater and celebrate our impact on the economy, culture and governments of our region and beyond. Sac State is truly No. 1. Stingers Up!

Devin Lavelle, MPPA ’11, 2023-24 Sacramento State Alumni Association President
Helping Others Break the Cycle

The path from domestic violence survivor to college graduate to nonprofit founder was anything but straightforward. It took multiple generations and thousands of miles, but Tanya Brownrigg broke the cycle of violence plaguing her family. She has helped hundreds of others who can now say the same. Her experience at Sacramento State was crucial in empowering her to launch Victims Empowerment Support Team (VEST) shortly after graduating.

Tanya Brownrigg is redefining the possible for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. She is Made at Sac State.
Excellence Every Day

The rankings and achievements earned by the University and its students demonstrate the excellence that takes place across campus every day in big and small ways.

- **No. 4 Most Diverse Campus in the West**  
  (U.S. News & World Report, 2023)
- **No. 9 Most Transformative College**  
  (Money.com, 2020)
- **No. 8 Best Bang for the Buck for Western Colleges**  
  (Washington Monthly, 2022)
- **No. 12 Top Performers on Social Mobility in the West**  
  (U.S. News & World Report, 2023)
- **No. 8 Top Public Schools in the West**  
  (U.S. News & World Report, 2023)
- **No. 10 Best Colleges for Veterans**  
  (U.S. News & World Report, 2023)
The Associated Students, Inc. Food Pantry distributed 44,845 pounds of fresh produce to 3,042 students across 14,367 visits.

Sac State is recognized by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and the Suder Foundation as a First-gen Forward Institution for enhancing the experiences and outcomes of first-generation students.

Sacramento State is one of 27 CSUs and California Community Colleges recognized by the Campaign for College Opportunity for landmark transfer reform and closing racial/ethnic equity gaps for students.

One of only six in the CSU, the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Center serves more than 6,700 students whose families come from more than 40 Asian countries.

Sacramento State is the first CSU and one of just a handful of college campuses in the U.S. to open a Disability Cultural Center to help students find community and achieve goals.

Sacramento State is ranked No. 9 Best Nursing School in California by RN Careers, with a 96.29% National Council Licensure Examination pass rate.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Center underwent an expansion that nearly doubled its size, making it one of the largest in the CSU.

Sac State’s National Institute on Artificial Intelligence in Society (NIAIS) is the first of its kind in the CSU and one of the first organized efforts among colleges and universities nationwide to advance the technology’s ethical, equitable and accessible uses in education.
Communication Studies Professor Andrea Terry joined the Religious Communication Association’s delegation to the White House to discuss the role of scholarship in communication and religion with the director of the White House Office of Engagement and Council on Faith-based initiatives.

The College of Business has been AACSB-accredited since 1963, one of just 5% of the world’s 16,000 higher education institutions to have earned the designation (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business).

Sac State is the first and only California State University campus to offer a paramedic program. Students consistently rank higher than national averages when taking the National Registry Exam.

Thirteen students received $38,000 each through the College of Education’s new yearlong Sacramento Metro Special Education Teacher Residency scholarship program, which prepares educators to make a difference in the lives of students with disabilities and their families and guarantees a job upon graduation.

Sacramento State’s team achieved the highest U.S. ranking, placing 6th overall out of 36 teams in the American Concrete Institute’s (ACI) Reinforced Polymer Beam Competition at the ACI National Convention in Boston.

The College of Health and Human Services works with more than 1,100 community partners; offers nine community clinics, including Health Hive Mobile Health Services; and places 2,000 plus interns in clinical and field placements each year.

More than 1,000 people visited Sacramento State to see the Oct. 14 annular solar eclipse as part of a viewing party organized by the Department of Physics and Astronomy that also included solar telescopes, shows at the Planetarium and arts and crafts activities for children.

Sacramento State’s Department of Psychology hosted its first Happiness Day, educating 400 students on the importance of joy and well-being, just days before the International Day of Happiness.
Sacramento State at a Glance

**COLLEGES**
- Arts and Letters
- Engineering and Computer Science
- Business
- Health and Human Services
- Continuing Education
- Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Education
- Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies

**ACADEMIC OFFERINGS**
- 76 bachelor’s degree programs
- 53 master’s degree programs
- Four doctoral degrees, 19 post-baccalaureate certificates
- 13 credential programs

**2023 UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP**
- Luke Wood, President
- Mark Wheeler, Chief of Staff
- Kristen Tudor, Deputy Chief of Staff
- Aniesha Mitchell, Interim VP for Student Affairs
- Jenni Murphy, Interim VP for Enrollment and Engagement
- Sharon Takeda, Interim VP, University Advancement
- Jonathan Bowman, VP and CFO, Administration and Business Affairs
- Mia Settles-Tidwell, VP, Inclusive Excellence
- Mark Hendricks, VP and CIO, Information Resources and Technology
- Jeannie Wong, Sr. AVP, University Communications
- Machelle Martin, Sr. AVP, Human Resources
- Rita Gallardo Good, AVP, Public Affairs and Advocacy
- Shiva Pillai, Associate Director, Institutional Research, Effectiveness, and Planning
- John Melikian, Executive Director, University Enterprises, Inc.
- Vajra Watson, Sr. AVP, Placer Center
- Chet Madison, Jr., Chief of Police
- Mark Orr, Director of Athletics

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