



SACRAMENTO STATE

# FACT BOOK

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SACRAMENTO  
STATE

## THE REGION'S UNIVERSITY

Founded as Sacramento State College in 1947 with 235 students, Sacramento State is now more than 31,000 strong and the sixth largest of the 23 campuses in the California State University (CSU)

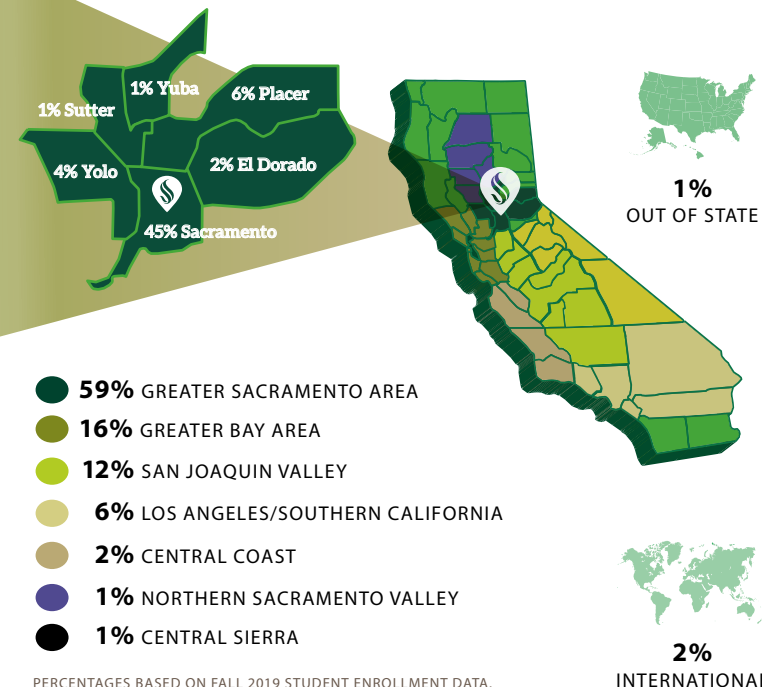
**1 IN 20**  
ADULTS IN THE  
REGION IS A  
**SAC STATE**  
**GRAD**

system. Located six miles from the State Capitol and a vibrant urban core, the University and the region it serves are intertwined. From research that results in impactful legislation, to entrepreneurial ideas that blossom into robust local businesses, Sacramento State provides immersive learning experiences that benefit students, the region, and beyond.

*"As the region's university, Sacramento State is the opposite of an ivory tower. We aim to connect students, faculty, and staff with the community and, in turn, help build and heal that community, achieving lasting solutions and improvements through inclusive civic engagement."*

*~ Robert S. Nelsen,  
President*

## Most Students are from the Sacramento Area



## WHERE STUDENTS COME FIRST

Whether they are knee-deep in the American River studying the impacts of drought, or teaching the latest in cybersecurity, expert

**127%**  
**INCREASE**  
**IN 4-YEAR**  
**GRAD RATE**  
SINCE 2016

faculty put students first. This focus on students goes beyond just the classroom. From hiring more faculty, to adding classes, offering summer school grants, and providing more advising, Sacramento State is doing whatever it takes to help students stay on track and graduate.

**24:1**  
**STUDENT : FACULTY**  
**RATIO**

**27**  
**AVERAGE**  
**CLASS SIZE**

*"The success of our students and the dedication of faculty and staff are inspiring. Sac State builds a foundation that nurtures learning and sparks new ideas, which amplifies the University's accomplishments now and well into the future."*

*~ Steve Perez,  
Provost and Vice President,  
Academic Affairs*

## Student Enrollment

**31,156**  
TOTAL STUDENTS

**28,251**  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

**2,905**  
GRADUATE STUDENTS

**4,160**  
FRESHMEN

**3,823**  
TRANSFERS

FALL 2019

## A Culture Shift

Finish in Four and Through in Two are incentive programs encouraging students to take 30 units per year. Since they were launched in 2016, Sacramento State has increased graduation rates faster than any other campus in the CSU.

**FINISH  
IN FOUR**

**20.4%**  
GRAD RATE  
**127%**  
INCREASE

**THROUGH  
IN TWO**

**42.8%**  
GRAD RATE  
**58%**  
INCREASE

GRADUATION RATES BASED ON 2018-2019  
ACADEMIC YEAR.

## Degrees Earned

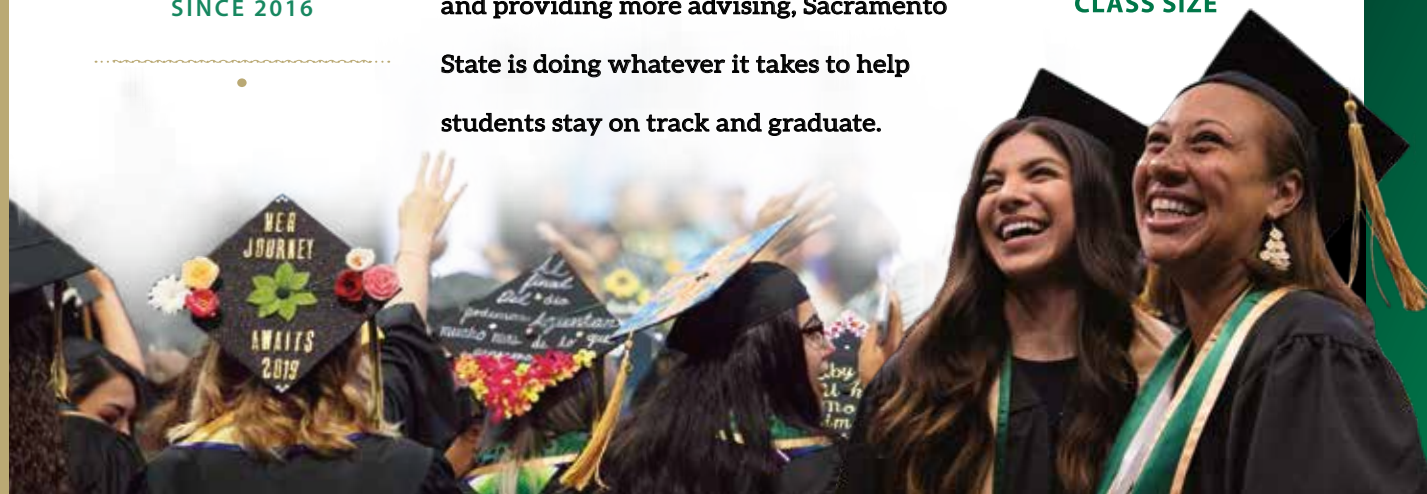
**8,401**  
TOTAL DEGREES

**7,541**  
BACHELOR'S

**812**  
MASTER'S

**48**  
DOCTORATES

2018-19 ACADEMIC YEAR





## CHANGE MAKERS, DIFFERENCE EMBRACERS

Rich with a diversity of people and cultures, the Sacramento region is home to the hardworking, innovative and passionate. Sacramento State is

**4<sup>TH</sup> MOST  
DIVERSE  
CAMPUS**

IN THE WESTERN U.S.

US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, 2019

no different. Officially recognized as an Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) and a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), Sacramento State is where dedicated faculty, staff and students from all backgrounds come together to make an impact on the world.

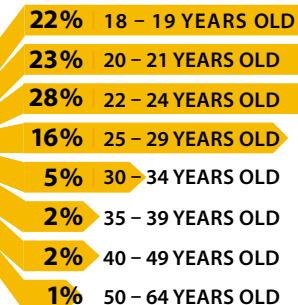
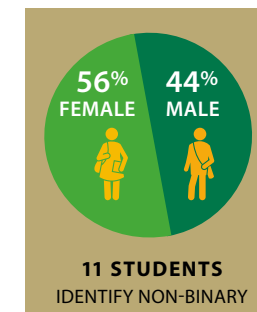
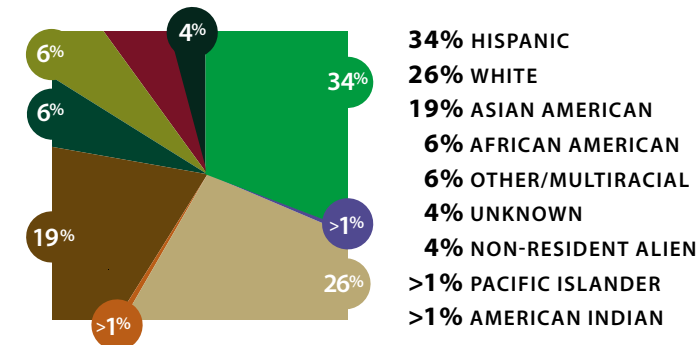
**1,400**  
STUDENTS ARE  
VETERANS

**32%**  
FIRST IN THEIR  
FAMILY TO  
ATTEND COLLEGE

*"At Sac State, we strive to embrace each other's strengths and differences and work collaboratively upon principles of cultural humility and respect for all. The goal is to provide equal access to education and create a sense of belonging and community."*

*~ Diana Tate Vermeire,  
Vice President for  
Inclusive Excellence*

## Student Demographics



DEMOGRAPHICS ARE BASED ON FALL 2019 STUDENT ENROLLMENT DATA.

## A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND LEARN

Surrounded by nature and with easy access to popular shops and restaurants, about 20% of students choose to live on the Sacramento

**BEST  
BANG FOR  
THE BUCK**  
FOR WESTERN COLLEGES  
WASHINGTON MONTHLY, 2019

a bonus, tuition and room and board are quite affordable.

State campus or in surrounding neighborhoods. The seven on-campus residence halls boast amenities such as swimming pools and tennis and basketball courts. Nearby off-campus housing options are also available. As

## Hornet Commons: UNCOMMON HOUSING

*Hornet Commons is an upper-division housing project being built on the southeast corner of campus. With capacity to house up to 1,100 students, it will bring the total beds in residence halls on campus to 3,200. Once finished, it will boast 284 apartments in six four-story buildings that surround a swimming pool and a residents' common building, with a cafe, fitness center, and community room.*

**\$7,368**  
ANNUAL  
TUITION & FEES  
IN-STATE

**3,626**  
STUDENTS LIVE  
IN 4 OFF-CAMPUS  
COMPLEXES

**~76%**  
OF STUDENTS  
RECEIVE  
FINANCIAL AID

**\$11,568**  
AVG. ANNUAL  
ROOM & BOARD

**2,170**  
STUDENTS LIVE  
IN 7 ON-CAMPUS  
RESIDENCE HALLS

**24**  
DIFFERENT  
DINING OPTIONS  
ON CAMPUS

Students move into  
**RIVERVIEW HALL,**  
the newest residence hall  
on campus.







Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) opened its **FOOD PANTRY** in a new space in the University Union and received **43% MORE VISITS** than the year before.

## A CARING CAMPUS

Sacramento State is more than a campus. It's a community, a family that looks out for its own. The Hornet Honor Code

### 2019 ACTIVE MINDS INNOVATION AWARD WINNER

FOR PROGRAMS  
PROMOTING MENTAL  
WELLNESS

promotes honesty, integrity, respect, and care for every person. Award-winning mental wellness and suicide prevention services buoy campus emotionally.

Specialized centers and programs help underrepresented student groups. There are even resources to help with basic needs such as food and housing. All to ensure that students thrive physically, emotionally and academically.

## BEYOND THE BOOKS

Campus is filled with activities both in and out of the classroom. Students can participate in clubs and

MORE THAN  
**300**  
CLUBS &  
ORGANIZATIONS  
ON CAMPUS  
FOR STUDENTS

out and more. Plus, the newly remodeled University Union provides spacious study and collaboration spaces, a variety of eateries, and a game room with billiard tables, video gaming stations, table tennis, and foosball.

organizations; volunteer in the community; enjoy student dance, art, and music productions; play sports, or simply cheer on their favorite teams; work



From competitive robotics to bass fishing to **HAMMOCKS**, there's a club for just about every interest.

**14**  
REC CLUBS &  
ACTIVITIES

**38**  
GREEK  
ORGANIZATIONS

**17**  
COMPETITIVE  
SPORT CLUBS

**100<sup>+</sup>**  
PEAK ADVENTURES  
TRIPS & CLASSES

**3,900<sup>+</sup>**  
YOUTH  
PARTICIPATE IN  
AQUATIC CENTER  
PROGRAMS

**80<sup>+</sup>**  
WEEKLY  
FITNESS CLASSES  
AT THE WELL





## TOUGH COMPETITORS

The Hornets finished 2019 with four teams earning Big Sky

Conference championships: football, women's indoor and outdoor

track and field, and women's golf.

**21**  
**INTERCOLLEGIATE**  
**SPORTS**



NCAA DIVISION I

Accolades extend to academics,  
too. More than 160 athletes  
received conference All-Academic  
awards for the fourth year  
running.

### Big Sky Conference: 2019 CHAMPIONS

**WOMEN'S OUTDOOR  
TRACK & FIELD**  
8TH CHAMPIONSHIP

**WOMEN'S INDOOR  
TRACK & FIELD**  
7TH CHAMPIONSHIP

**WOMEN'S GOLF**  
2ND CHAMPIONSHIP

**FOOTBALL**  
1ST CHAMPIONSHIP

— *Hornet Sports* —  
**89 CONFERENCE  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
AS NCAA DIVISION 1

— *Student Athletes* —  
**3.12 GPA**  
COMPARED WITH 2.96  
FOR OTHER  
UNDERGRADS

— *Football* —  
**COACH TROY TAYLOR**  
EDDIE ROBINSON  
AWARD WINNER AS  
FCS COACH OF THE YEAR

— *Women's Soccer* —  
**17-MATCH WIN STREAK**  
PROGRAM AND  
BIG SKY RECORD

— *Baseball* —  
**WAC TOURNAMENT  
CHAMPS**  
WINNERS 3 TIMES  
IN 6 SEASONS

— *Football* —  
**RANKED 4TH NATIONALLY**  
IN FOOTBALL  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
SUBDIVISION (FCS)

Female **STUDENT-  
ATHLETE OF  
THE YEAR** Shilah  
Bedingfield sprints  
to the finish at the  
NCAA Outdoor  
Track & Field  
Championships.



## GREEN IN EVERYTHING

Green is everywhere at Sacramento State, starting with the emerald canopy of more than 3,276 trees that cover campus. Botanical treasures like the University Arboretum and the Sokiku

SAC STATE IS A  
**BIKE  
CAMPUS  
USA**

Nakatani Tea Room and Garden feature many of the 1,400 species of plants on campus. And a focus of sustainability takes green to a whole new level. From composting to energy-efficient new buildings, Sacramento State is working toward carbon neutrality by 2040. These efforts have earned the University a Gold rating by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE).

**175**  
TREE SPECIES  
LIVE ON CAMPUS

**7**  
YEARS AS A  
TREE CAMPUS USA  
THE ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

**1,134**  
SOLAR PANELS  
PRODUCE 43% OF  
LIBRARY ENERGY



Bioretention planters, porous pavement, and bioswales **FILTER 2.9 MILLION GALLONS OF STORM WATER** annually, keeping pollutants from flowing into the American River.

The **BAC YARD** (Bioconversion and Agricultural Collaborative) serves as an **OUTDOOR LAB** for composting, aquaponics, and raising honeybees.



The Hornet Shuttle fleet is fueled by **BIO-COMPACTED NATURAL GAS (BioCNG)**.







Sacramento State shows its love for the city as home to the **SACRAMENTO MURAL**. Created by 12 local artists as part of the **WIDE OPEN WALLS** mural festival, it has become an iconic visual for the city.

## CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

Art brings people together. For example, public works of art from students, faculty, alumni, and world-renowned artists

4 CAMPUS  
GALLERIES HOST

**50**  
**ART EXHIBITS**  
EACH YEAR

make campus an outdoor

art gallery that draws

visitors from near and far.

Conversely, art with ties to

Sacramento State adds to the

vibrancy of the region with

murals in midtown, sculpture at Golden1 Center and the

airport, a student-made stegosaurus called #Poppysaurus in

a neighborhood near campus and an outdoor mosaic by

Wayne Thiebaud.



## INVESTED IN DOING MORE

Helping the region thrive is what Sacramento State is about. More than 30 centers and institutes provide research, drive policy, foster

### TOP 20 FOR SOCIAL MOBILITY

IN THE WESTERN U.S.  
US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, 2019

inclusivity, and aid career readiness.

Connections with underserved

communities are made through

college fairs and neighborhood arts

programs. And the University brings

community together with events at

the Crocker Art Museum and Sac State downtown location.



### Home at Sac State: ENTREPRENEURS

*The Carlsen Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship was created in 2017 by a \$6 million gift from Dale and Katy Carlsen. The Center is meant to foster a community that values and supports entrepreneurial risk-taking and innovation to solve complex problems and build sustainable solutions for our future.*



**\$1MIL**  
GIFT FOR GLOBAL  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
WEEK

FROM WESTERN HEALTH ADVANTAGE

**25%**  
OF HOMELESS STUDY  
VOLUNTEERS WERE  
SAC STATE STUDENTS

**10,908**  
JOBS POSTED  
THROUGH THE  
CAREER CENTER

**\$30MIL**  
IN CONTRACTS WITH  
SMALL BUSINESSES AND  
BUSINESSES OWNED  
BY DISABLED VETS

**2,500**  
YOUTH VISIT CAMPUS  
THROUGH "TICKET TO  
COLLEGE" PROGRAM

**7,200+**  
SPANISH-SPEAKING  
PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS  
AT FERIA DE EDUCACIÓN



Capital Fellows Programs are  
consistently recognized among the  
NATION'S BEST INTERNSHIPS.

## BIG HEARTS, BIGGER IMPACT

Serving the community goes hand-in-hand with being a Hornet. Throughout campus there's a spirit of volunteerism. Sacramento State's Doctor of Physical Therapy Program offers pro-bono clinics to members

EVERY YEAR STUDENTS  
**VOLUNTEER  
55,000  
HOURS**  
VIA SERVICE LEARNING

of the community. A robust Community Engagement Center matches students with volunteer opportunities. The University even serves as the starting point for the Sacramento Food Bank's annual Run to Feed the Hungry. In recognition of this commitment to community service, Sacramento State was just one of 359 institutions in the country to earn the prestigious Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement Classification.



More than **100 STUDENTS** participate in **PAINT THE TOWN**, a neighborhood improvement project.

**ALTERNATIVE BREAK** provides local volunteer opportunities for students during winter and spring breaks.



**STEPS** is a free program for young children with developmental delay that is run by faculty and students.



**45%**  
OF LOCAL NONPROFITS  
EMPLOY GRADUATES

**60%**  
OF EMPLOYEES  
VOLUNTEER  
IN THE COMMUNITY

**10%**  
INCREASE IN  
EMPLOYEE GIVING  
HIGHEST IN THE CSU



## MAKING IT HAPPEN

Look around at the progress and growth happening in the region and chances are there's a Sacramento State alumnus somewhere

250,000  
ALUMNI  
STRONG



in the mix. From California's youngest state legislator to newscasters, restaurateurs, entrepreneurs, teachers, nurses, law enforcement personnel, social workers, and accountants, these

graduates are making big things happen. Plus, alumni can remain connected to campus, and with each other, through the Alumni Association. All graduates are automatically members. Membership is free and is also open to all friends of Sac State.

*Nicholas Haystings '16*  
Mechanical Engineering,  
Executive Director, Square Root Academy



## Changing the equation of engineering

After graduating, Nicholas Haystings had a successful career as an environmental engineer. But with a desire to give back, he co-founded Square Root Academy, a program that provides free Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) experiences for underrepresented kids. It gets students to not only think about STEM but believe they can attend college and be successful.

Nicholas Haystings is redefining the possible for Sacramento youth. He is *Made at Sac State*.

## REACHING STAR STATUS

The ultra-modern Ernest E. Tschannen Science Complex opened in the fall of 2019. Thanks to 20 state-of-the-art chemistry and

### THE ONLY PLANETARIUM WITHIN 90 MILES

biology labs, a Planetarium, an observatory with a retractable roof, and a living green terrace, more students than ever have an opportunity for cutting-edge science education at Sac

State. The complex was funded in part by a \$9 million gift from Ernest E. Tschannen. In addition to being the coolest lecture hall on campus, the Planetarium also presents shows to local school kids and the general public.

*The Planetarium features a **2,500 SQUARE-FOOT DOME** and has more than **80 SEATS** for visitors to watch the stars.*



## EXCELLENCE EVERY DAY

Excellence is taking place around campus every single day in big ways and small, including these awards and achievements earned by the University and its students.

- *Sac State ranks 20th "Best Overall" for public universities in the Western United States. (U.S. News & World Report, 2019)*
- *The University is home to the first and most comprehensive paramedic program in the CSU system.*
- *School of Music received undergraduate college awards for Outstanding Performance Jazz Soloist; Outstanding Performance, Vocal Jazz Soloist; Winner, Blues/Pop/Rock Soloist at the 42nd annual DownBeat Magazine Student Music Awards.*



Sacramento State's vocal jazz group, the C-SUS Voices, was recognized as one of the **NATION'S TOP UNIVERSITY ENSEMBLES** at the Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival and by DownBeat Magazine.

- *Doctorate in Educational Leadership program earned full membership from the University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA), just the second CSU campus and fourth California university to earn the distinction.*
- *School of Nursing averages the CSU's highest first-attempt pass rate with scores higher than UC Irvine and UCLA.*
- *The bachelor's degree in Gerontology is ranked 5th best in the nation. (College Choice)*
- *College of Business Administration has been AACSB-accredited since 1963, one of just 5% of the world's 16,000 higher education institutions to have earned this designation. (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business)*

- *Sacramento State's Center for Information Assurance and Security (CIAS) is a designated National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (CAE-CD) Education. This designation is jointly sponsored by the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).*
- *The Master of Science in Accountancy program ranked 3rd nationally for Best Online Program and 6th most affordable. (SR Education Group)*
- *The ATLAS Summer Research Experience sends Sac State students to the world's largest and most powerful particle accelerator, the Large Hadron Collider at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland. There, they study proton-proton collisions alongside experts in high-energy particle physics. Sacramento State is one of only two undergraduate institutions in this program.*

*Construction Management has enjoyed **100% JOB PLACEMENT** for its graduates since 2011.*



## COLLEGES

Arts & Letters	Engineering & Computer Science
Business Administration	Health & Human Services
Continuing Education	Natural Sciences & Mathematics
Education	Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies

## OFFERINGS

**64 bachelor's** degree programs with **70 concentrations**

**51 master's** degree programs with **26 concentrations**

**5 doctoral degrees** in Audiology, Physical Therapy, School Psychology, Public History, and Educational Leadership, with 2 concentrations in Ed.D.

**28 post-baccalaureate certificates** and **10 credential programs**

## UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP

Robert S. Nelsen, President | Cely Smart, Chief of Staff | Sarah Billingsley, Deputy Chief of Staff | Steve Perez, Provost and VP, Academic Affairs | Ed Mills, VP, Student Affairs | Jim Dragna, Executive Director, University Initiatives and Student Success | Diana Tate Vermeire, VP, Inclusive Excellence and University Diversity Officer | Jonathan Bowman, VP and CFO, Administration and Business Affairs | Machele Martin, Sr. AVP, Human Resources | Jeannie Wong, Sr. AVP, University Communications | Lisa Cardoza, VP, University Advancement | Phil Garcia, VP, Public Affairs and Advocacy | Mark Hendricks, Interim VP and CIO, Information Resources and Technology | Jim Reinhart, Executive Director, University Enterprises, Inc.



*This is the stinger!*

*Make sure  
your palm  
faces  
forward.*



*The fingers  
and thumb  
bow down  
to the  
mighty  
stinger!*

*The "Stingers Up" hand sign is a symbol  
of school spirit and Hornet pride.*

*Herky, short for Hercules, has  
been **SACRAMENTO STATE'S**  
**MASCOT** since 1947.*



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