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### ***Recent Data Updates***

- *UC & CSU Full-Year Transfer Data (2006-2007)*
- *CSU Enrollment Data (2006)*
- *CDE K-12 Enrollment and Graduation Data (2006)*

### ***Upcoming Data Updates (Within the next 60 days)***

- *Private (AICCU) First-time Freshmen and Transfers (2006)*



## **New Information at CPEC**

Welcome to the March, 2008 edition of the CPEC newsletter, *Bits of Data*. The [California Postsecondary Education Commission](#) (CPEC) periodically announces, through this publication, the availability of new datasets, updates to existing data, and new research. In the past two months, over 100 new people have signed up to receive our updates. We extend a warm welcome to all of you and a THANK YOU to everyone for your wonderful feedback and support. We have a lot of new information available, so let's get started.

### **Updated Data**

The 2006-2007 University of California (UC) Full-Year Transfer data are now available through the Commission's website. California State University (CSU) Full-Year Transfer data are also available. Affected pages and caveats:

- [Transfer Pathways](#) – West Hills College at Lemoore numbers are combined with West Hills College at Coalinga. This will change with future updates from UC.
- [Custom Reports](#) – Full-Year Transfers to Public Institutions – No known issues except for West Hills College at Lemoore as noted above.
- [Data Mining](#) – Enrollment of Full-Year Transfer Students to Public Institutions – No known issues except for West Hills College at Lemoore as noted above.

CSU Enrollment Data – Updated student level regarding Master's students. They were previously reported as Post-Baccalaureate. Affected year(s): 2006 only. Affected web pages:

- [Custom Reports](#) – Enrollment by Student Level
- [Data Mining](#) - Enrollment

2006 Degrees conferred for private institutions. Affected web pages:

- [Custom Reports](#) – Total Degrees, and Degrees by Discipline

Ongoing updates:

- [CDS](#) (County-District-School) data updated
- [College Guide](#) data updated
- [Data Caveats](#) data updated

## Education Links

- [CA Postsecondary Education Commission](#)
- [Department of Education](#)
- [University of California](#)
- [California State University](#)
- [CA Community Colleges](#)
- [Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education \(inoperative\)](#)
- [US Department of Education](#)

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## CPEC Website

There are several important new features on the CPEC website:

- Website [Index](#) – An index is now available to assist users in finding information. The index has over 23,000 cross mappings between web pages and terms. If you cannot find what you need between the [Index](#) and the [Search](#), let us know. If you think of a useful term or mapping, we can add it.
- [California Context](#) – Much of the data displayed in graph form are now available in a table format. Copy and paste the table data directly into Excel.
- [College-Going Rate by API](#) – This is a new webpage showing the average college-going rate by the Academic Performance Index (API) statewide rank. A [graph](#) is also available.
- [College Guide](#) search enhanced – A dynamic drop-down appears when typing a program offering. Don't forget, we also have basic information on over 6,700 out-of-state institutions.
- [California Context](#) – New college-going rate table and chart by legislative district including [Trend over Time](#).
- Additional Age Grouping in [Custom Reports](#).

**The following website enhancements were suggested by you, our users.**

- The six most commonly requested school codes are now available as options in the [California Colleges Mailing List](#).
- [Public College and University Funding](#) – Historic funding since 1965-66 has been added to the [Statewide Snapshots](#).
- Public college and university fees since the 1965-66 academic year have been added to the [Statewide Snapshots](#).
- College-Going Rate by Legislative District – The college-going rate for each legislative district is available in [California Context](#). Data are available in both table and graph formats with a number of options including Trend over time.
- [First-time freshmen](#) data reports ([Custom Reports](#)) now include the option to aggregate and filter by the charter status of the high school.
- The System-Wide Transfers by Community College for the California State University and the University of California from [Transfer Pathways](#) now has a form to make downloading the data easier.
- The School Crosswalk table and download function has changed on the [School Code Mapping System webpage](#). We will document and update the [Website Release Notes webpage](#) and the [School Code Mapping System webpage](#) whenever a change is made. We will also send a brief message to notify list members.

Please review the recent changes made and update your documentation and procedures as required.

## **2008 College Guide available**

In addition to the on-line version of the College Guide, the Commission receives many requests from counselors, teachers, students and parents, libraries and the general public for a paper version. The Commission periodically publishes an updated version of the Guide. The latest version is now available and can be [downloaded](#) for your reading enjoyment. The complete document is a relatively compact 2.2 MB PDF with over 220 pages of valuable information from our data tables. The on-line version of the Guide will always have the most up-to-date information, but the paper version makes excellent reading on a Saturday night.

## **New Milestone for Policy Reports**

The Commission now has 1,200 internal policy [reports](#) available on a wide variety of higher education subjects. Additionally, 200 [external reports](#) are available. If you know of any reports that should be included here, drop us a line. Let us know what you are doing. Maybe we can include your report.

## **2008 – Projected projects and enhancements**

Look for a new version of the Commission's [Guide to California Colleges](#).

We have started looking at how we can better align our data and projections with Department of Finance data and Employment Development Department employment data.

## **University of California launches new data website**

The University of California recently launched a website highlighting undergraduate Admissions and Enrollment data. Visit [UC Statfinder](#) soon.

Don't forget to check out our [Useful Links](#) with over 4,000 categorized links to higher education resources. We constantly check the links to make sure they are up-to-date. Still, with over 4,000 links, it might take us several days to notice a broken link. If you see a broken link anywhere on the website, or with our external Useful Links, send us an email and we'll fix it quickly.

## **Feedback – For more information**

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