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## **State projections show California needs to prepare for 400,000 additional students by 2019**

*Without adequate funding, up to 277,000 students may be turned away through 2019*

SACRAMENTO — March 8, 2010 — Newly released enrollment projections for higher education will be discussed at the meeting of the California Postsecondary Education Commission, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 9 and 10. The findings will be used to support long-range planning and assist the Governor and Legislature in challenging budgetary deliberations.

The report — *Ready or Not, Here They Come* — presents projections showing that by 2019, the demand for undergraduate enrollment slots at UC, CSU and community college campuses will increase by 16 percent, or 387,000 students. Comparing enrollment projections with the capacity at campuses shows that most community college districts and CSU campuses, and every UC campus except UC Merced do not have enough classroom space to meet enrollment demand.

The projections take into account four key factors: recent trends in college-going rates of high school graduates, community college transfer rates, and persistence and graduation rates for students enrolled at the three systems. Enrollment demand is an estimate of the number of students who would enroll at a public college or university if fees were affordable and enrollment was not constrained by reduced state funding.

If the state does not fully fund enrollment for the three systems, to at least the 2008–09 level, 277,000 students face being turned away next year.

Enrollment demand by Latino students is growing particularly fast. By 2019, Latino undergraduate demand will increase by 42 percent. Enrollment demand by other groups is growing more moderately, with increases of 7.5 percent for Blacks and nearly 17 percent for Asians. Demand by White students declines 2 percent, consistent with a decline in their population.

CPEC staff will present the report on Wednesday, March 10 at 8:30 a.m.

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**Commission Meeting**

Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod has been invited to speak about the Legislature’s review of California’s Master Plan for Higher Education (March 9, 10 a.m.).

CPEC staff will report on recent increases in college and university fees (March 9, afternoon).

**Briefing Events**

CPEC has joined with the Campaign for College Opportunity to brief the media and stakeholders on the projections and their implications with a media call on March 11, 10–11 a.m. Those on the call are Commission Chair John Perez, CPEC Executive Director Karen Humphrey, CPEC Lead Researcher Stacy Wilson, and Campaign for College Opportunity Executive Director Michele Siqueiros. Higher education representatives will include CSU Chancellor Charles Reed.

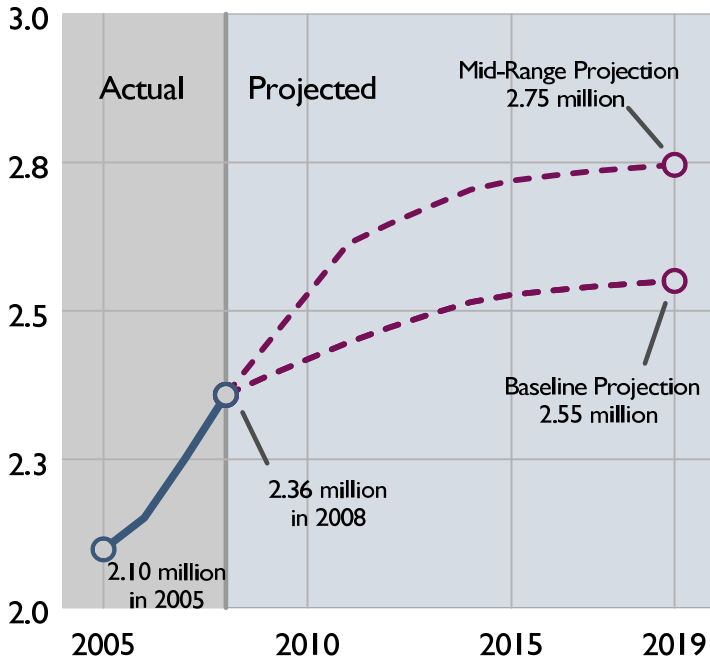
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A briefing is scheduled for Thursday, March 25, 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the State Capitol, Room 126. To reserve a space please respond using the contact information on Page 1 of this news release.

A meeting agenda and reports may be viewed at [www.cpec.ca.gov/agendas/agnd1003.asp](http://www.cpec.ca.gov/agendas/agnd1003.asp).

**Enrollment Demand Projections – UC, CSU, community colleges**

Millions



The Mid-Range Forecast continues upward trends in first-time freshman participation rates for the first three projection years and then holds rates constant for the remaining years.

The Baseline Forecast holds freshman and transfer participation rates constant at 2008 levels for the entire projection period.