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College Application and Post-secondary Planning Season for AY 2020-21 College and Career Counseling

I'm pleased to share some highlights and reflections from the 18th Wave's college application and post-secondary planning season. Here are some headlines that I've gleaned from the data:

- Despite COVID-19, Making Waves Academy is maintaining its goal of 95% of graduates having a post-secondary plan (Table 1).
- Low academic performance, low family income, unstable housing, stressful family events, and the availability of job opportunities that do not require formal schooling are among some of the contextual factors related to some of our graduates with no post-secondary plans (Table 2).
- Over the last six years, college admission rates for Wave-Makers have risen, with this year's overall rate landing within our target range of 60-70%, indicating an optimal mix of offers from target, reach, and safety schools (Table 3).
- The Class of 2021 submitted applications to 90 institutions, with college-going graduates applying to an average of 8 schools, and 79 choosing to opt-in to CAP, our college success program (Tables 4, 5, and 6).
- Based on commitment data, the 18th Wave is expected to have an estimated college completion (ECC) rate that outperforms prior cohorts, meeting our growth expectations for the ECC over time (Tables 7 and 8).
- We expect that with each graduating class, the cohort ECC will increase at an annual rate of approximately 1-2% until it approaches our goal of 70%, at which point we believe it will level out and maintain.

I am so proud of what our graduates have accomplished. They will certainly go on to do great things as newly-minted alumni of Making Waves Academy, whether they are entering the workforce, going to college, or still deciding what their future holds.

The opportunities that await the members of the Class of 2021 are the result of their individual accomplishments combined with, and accompanied by, the environment and community that nurtured them. These students were encouraged to pursue their dreams by multiple people across time from within the community. A special thank you goes to our senior advisors, our team within the College and Career Counseling office, and to our partners at CAP, our college success program.

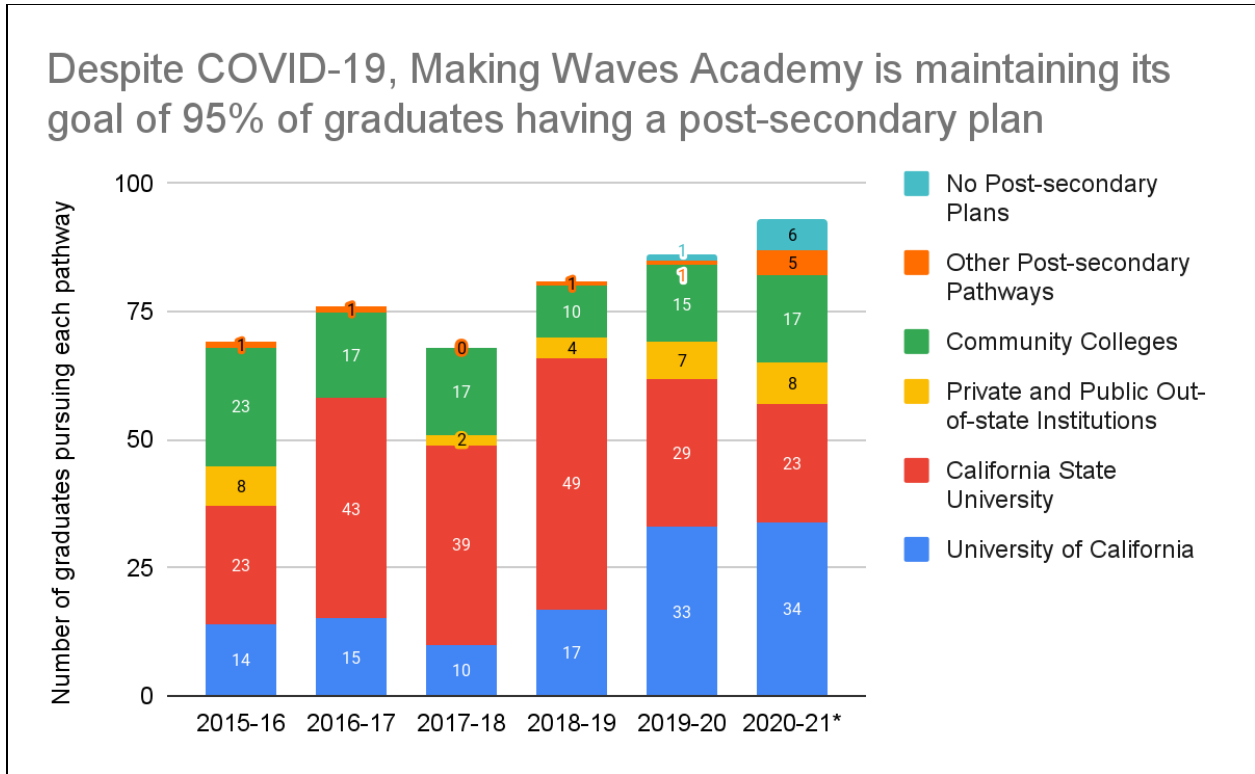
Congratulations to you -- our families, faculty, advisors, staff, leaders, partners, governing board, and Making Waves Foundation -- for a job well done. Here's to the 18th Wave!



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Table 1

Despite COVID-19, Making Waves Academy is maintaining its goal of 95% of graduates having a post-secondary plan.



* Numbers and percentages within this report were accurate as of its time of publication, Summer 2021. Final rates for the Class of 2021 will be updated once graduation rates are published by the California Department of Education.



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Table 2

Contextual Factors of Projected Graduates with No Post-secondary Plan

	Rising Graduates	
	Communicative	Non-communicative
Projected graduates with no post-secondary plan	3	3
Below are contextual factors of graduates with no post-secondary plan, based on a review of literature from REL Pacific that identified factors contributing to non-enrollment and chronic absenteeism ¹ . In some instances, multiple contextual factors apply to a single student.		
Student-specific		
Teenage motherhood		
Low academic performance and repeating grades	3	3
Lack of caring relationships with adults		
Negative peer influence		
Bullying		
Family-specific		
Low family income	2	
Low parent involvement		
Unstable housing	1	
At-home responsibilities		
Stressful family events conflicting home and school priorities	1	
Language differences		
School-specific		
Poor conditions or lack of school facilities		
Low-quality teachers		
Teacher shortages		
Poor student-teacher interactions		
Geographic access to school		
Less challenging courses and student boredom		
Community-specific		
Availability of job opportunities that do not require formal schooling	2	
Unsafe neighborhoods		
Low compulsory education requirements		
Lack of social and education support services		
Additional factors identified by staff and faculty at Making Waves Academy		
Students wanting alternate pathways, straight into career, vocational, or family-business	2	
Avoidance / Refusal	1	

¹ Black, A. T., Seder, R. C., & Kekahio, W. (2014). Review of research on student nonenrollment and chronic absenteeism: A report for the Pacific Region (REL 2015-054). Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance, Regional Educational Laboratory Pacific. Retrieved from <http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/edlabs>.



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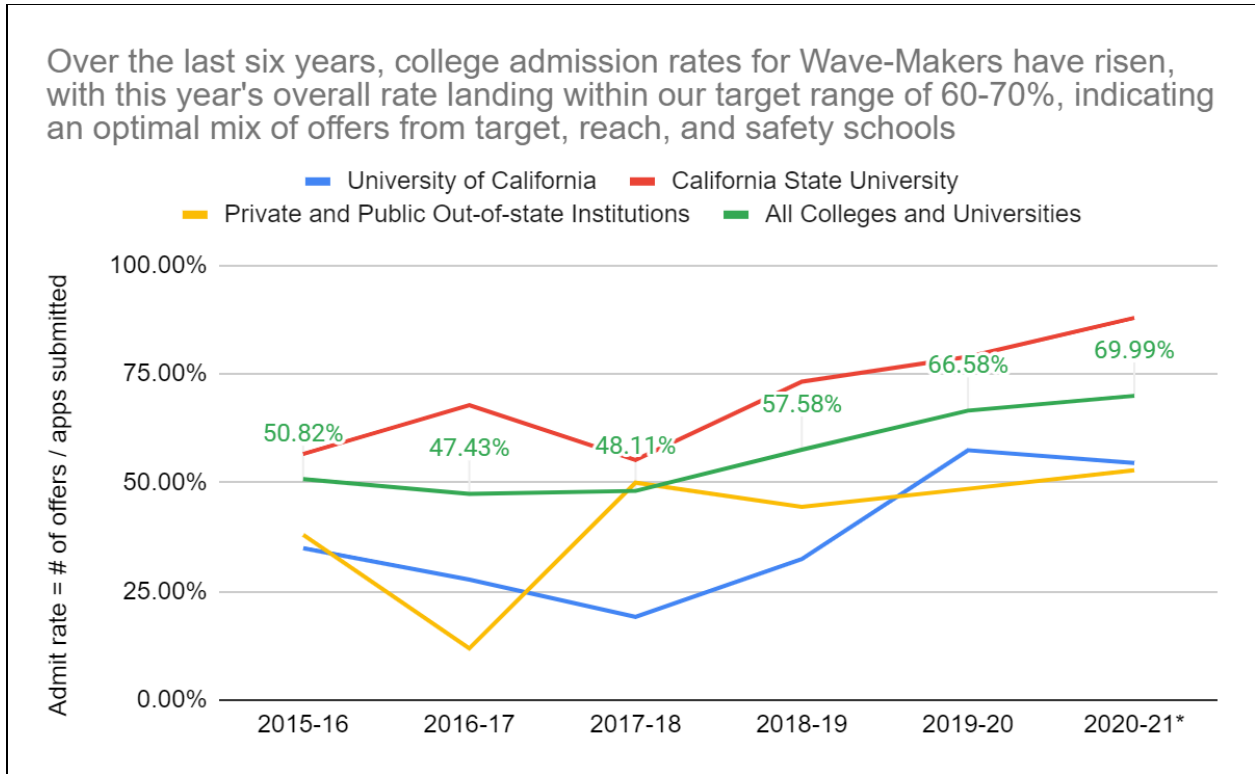
Family non-responsive to school outreach attempts	1	
Mental health	1	
WiFi / Technology challenges		2



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Table 3

Over the last six years, college admission rates for Wave-Makers have risen, with this year's overall rate landing within our target range of 60-70%, indicating an optimal mix of offers from target, reach, and safety schools.





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Table 4

The Class of 2021 submitted college applications to 90 institutions.

		2020-21*				
		18th Wave				
Institution Type	Institution Name	Apps Submitted	Admissions Offers	Students Committing	MWA Admission Rate	IPEDS Admission Rate ²
University of California	University of California, Berkeley	45	17	13	37.78%	17%
University of California	University of California, Davis	42	21	6	50.00%	42%
University of California	University of California, Irvine	12	5		41.67%	41%
University of California	University of California, Los Angeles	23	5	4	21.74%	18%
University of California	University of California, Merced	57	54	6	94.74%	74%
University of California	University of California, Riverside	11	5		45.45%	66%
University of California	University of California, San Diego	19	6		31.58%	36%
University of California	University of California, Santa Barbara	18	8		44.44%	36%
University of California	University of California, Santa Cruz	37	23	5	62.16%	58%
California State University	California State University Maritime Academy	1	1		100.00%	68%
California State University	California Polytechnic State University, Pomona	8	2		25.00%	59%
California State University	California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	11	7	1	63.64%	29%
California State University	California State University, Bakersfield	2	2		100.00%	68%
California State University	California State University, Channel Islands	3	3		100.00%	74%
California State University	California State University, Chico	15	14		93.33%	65%
California State University	California State University, Dominguez Hills	2	2		100.00%	48%
California State University	California State University, East Bay	45	45	5	100.00%	70%
California State University	California State University, Long Beach	11	3		27.27%	48%
California State University	California State University, Los Angeles	7	6		85.71%	32%
California State University	California State University, Monterey Bay	10	10		100.00%	64%
California State University	California State University, Northridge	3	3		100.00%	35%

² Admission rates for 4-year institutions are based on IPEDS data received from Bellwether Education Partners for the 2011 cohort of first-time, full-time students seeking a bachelor degree or equivalent (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System from the National Center for Education Statistics).



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California State University	California State University, San Bernardino	2	2		100.00%	48%
California State University	California State University, San Marcos	1	1		100.00%	52%
California State University	California State University, Stanislaus	4	4		100.00%	74%
California State University	Humboldt State University	4	4		100.00%	77%
California State University	Sacramento State University	31	31	4	100.00%	72%
California State University	San Diego State University	17	5		29.41%	35%
California State University	San Francisco State University	58	57	7	98.28%	68%
California State University	San Jose State University	27	24	3	88.89%	53%
California State University	Sonoma State University	36	36	3	100.00%	76%
In-state Private Institutions	California Institute of Technology	1	0		0.00%	8%
In-state Private Institutions	Dominican University	4	3	1	75.00%	64%
In-state Private Institutions	Holy Names University	2	2		100.00%	48%
In-state Private Institutions	Loyola Marymount University	2	2	1	100.00%	54%
In-state Private Institutions	Mills College	3	3		100.00%	84%
In-state Private Institutions	Saint Mary's College of California	2	2	1	100.00%	80%
In-state Private Institutions	Santa Clara University	3	2		66.67%	48%
In-state Private Institutions	Scripps College	1	1		100.00%	30%
In-state Private Institutions	Stanford University	5	0		0.00%	5%
In-state Private Institutions	University of San Diego	1	1		100.00%	51%
In-state Private Institutions	University of San Francisco	8	6	1	75.00%	71%
In-state Private Institutions	University of Southern California	7	3		42.86%	17%
In-state Private Institutions	University of the Pacific	1	1		100.00%	66%
Historically Black Colleges and Universities	Howard University	2	1		50.00%	30%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Barnard College	2	0		0.00%	17%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Baylor University	1	0		0.00%	40%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Beloit College	1	1		100.00%	70%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Boston University	3	0		0.00%	29%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Brown University	3	0		0.00%	9%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Bucknell University	1	0		0.00%	30%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Carnegie Mellon University	3	0		0.00%	22%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Creighton University	1	0		0.00%	71%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Dartmouth College	1	0		0.00%	11%



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Out-of-state Private Institutions	Dickinson College	1	1		100.00%	43%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Earlham College	1	1		100.00%	58%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Hamilton College	1	0		0.00%	26%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Harvard University	1	0		0.00%	5%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Hawaii Pacific University	2	2		100.00%	75%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Kalamazoo College	2	2		100.00%	66%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Kettering University	1	1		100.00%	72%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Lehigh University	1	1	1	100.00%	26%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Marquette University	1	0		0.00%	84%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1	0		0.00%	8%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	New York University	3	0		0.00%	32%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Northeastern University	1	0		0.00%	29%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Otis College of Art and Design	1	1		100.00%	93%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Rhode Island School of Design	1	0		0.00%	34%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Saint Olaf College	1	0		0.00%	45%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	The New School	1	0		0.00%	60%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Union College	1	0		0.00%	67%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	University of Denver	1	1		100.00%	53%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	University of Pennsylvania	2	0		0.00%	9%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	University of Portland	2	2		100.00%	61%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	University of Puget Sound	1	1		100.00%	79%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Vassar College	2	1		50.00%	27%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Washington University in St. Louis	1	0		0.00%	17%
Out-of-state Private Institutions	Yale University	3	0		0.00%	6%
Out-of-state Public Institutions	Michigan State University	1	1		100.00%	66%
Out-of-state Public Institutions	Northern Arizona University	1	1		100.00%	78%
Out-of-state Public Institutions	Pennsylvania State University	1	1		100.00%	56%
Out-of-state Public Institutions	Portland State University	1	1		100.00%	89%
Out-of-state Public Institutions	University of Houston	1	1		100.00%	59%
Out-of-state Public Institutions	University of Nevada, Reno	3	3	2	100.00%	83%
Out-of-state Public Institutions	University of Oregon	4	4		100.00%	78%
Out-of-state Public Institutions	The University of Texas at Austin	1	1	1	100.00%	40%



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Community Colleges	Berkeley City College	2	2	2	100.00%	100%
Community Colleges	Contra Costa College	8	8	8	100.00%	100%
Community Colleges	Diablo Valley College	3	3	3	100.00%	100%
Community Colleges	Laney College	1	1	1	100.00%	100%
Community Colleges	Lone Star College	1	1	1	100.00%	100%
Community Colleges	Undecided	2	2	2	100.00%	100%
Post-secondary Pathways other than College	Job or Job Offer	5	5	5	100.00%	-%



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Table 5

College-going graduates from the 2020-21 school year applied to an average of 8 schools per student.

Institution or Plan Type	2018-19				2019-20				2020-21*			
	16th Wave				17th Wave				18th Wave			
	<i>Apps Submitted</i>	<i>Admissions Offers</i>	<i>MWA Admission Rate</i>	<i>Students Committing</i>	<i>Apps Submitted</i>	<i>Admissions Offers</i>	<i>MWA Admission Rate</i>	<i>Students Committing</i>	<i>Apps Submitted</i>	<i>Admissions Offers</i>	<i>MWA Admission Rate</i>	<i>Students Committing</i>
University of California	191	62	32.46%	17	261	150	57.47%	33	264	144	54.55%	34
California State University	370	271	73.24%	49	357	282	78.99%	29	298	262	87.92%	23
Private and Public Out-of-state Institutions	108	48	44.44%	4	142	69	48.59%	7	104	55	52.88%	8
Community Colleges	10	10	100.00%	10	15	15	100.00%	15	17	17	100.00%	17
All Colleges and Universities	679	391	57.58%	80	775	516	66.58%	84	683	478	69.99%	82
Pathways Other than College				1				1				5
No Plan or Undecided								1				6
Average # of applications submitted among college-going graduates	8				9				8			



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Table 6

79 graduates from the Class of 2021 chose to opt-in to CAP, our college success program.

Projected Graduation Rates and Post-secondary Plans

	Rising Graduates	
	12 th Graders	11 th Graders*
Total number of rising graduates at the start of AY 2020-21	101	3
Projected graduates by June 2021	90	0
Projected graduates by August 2021	93	0
Post-secondary plans among projected graduates (n=93)		
Projected graduates with a post-secondary plan	93.5% (87)	-
Projected graduates committing to college	88.2% (82)	-
Projected graduates committing to four-year college	70.0% (65)	-
Projected graduates committing to community college	18.3% (17)	-
Projected graduates committing to a job or job offer	5.4% (5)	-
Projected graduates with no post-secondary plan (See Table 2)	6.5% (6)**	-
Projected graduates who have opted-in to CAP	84.9% (79)	-
Projected graduates who have not opted-in to CAP (See Below)	15.1% (14)	-
Reasons why projected graduates have not opted-in to CAP		
Projected graduates who have not opted-in to CAP	14	-
No post-secondary plan (See Table 2)	6	-
Committing to a job or job offer	5	-
Still considering opting-in to CAP and pursuing community college	2	-
Pursuing college, but displeased with Making Waves	1	-

* Three 18th Wavers were retained in a previous year and were offered high school to post-secondary transition programming, with the possibility of catching up on academic credits and graduating with their original wave. At this point in time, it looks like these students will not graduate within four years – they will return next year.

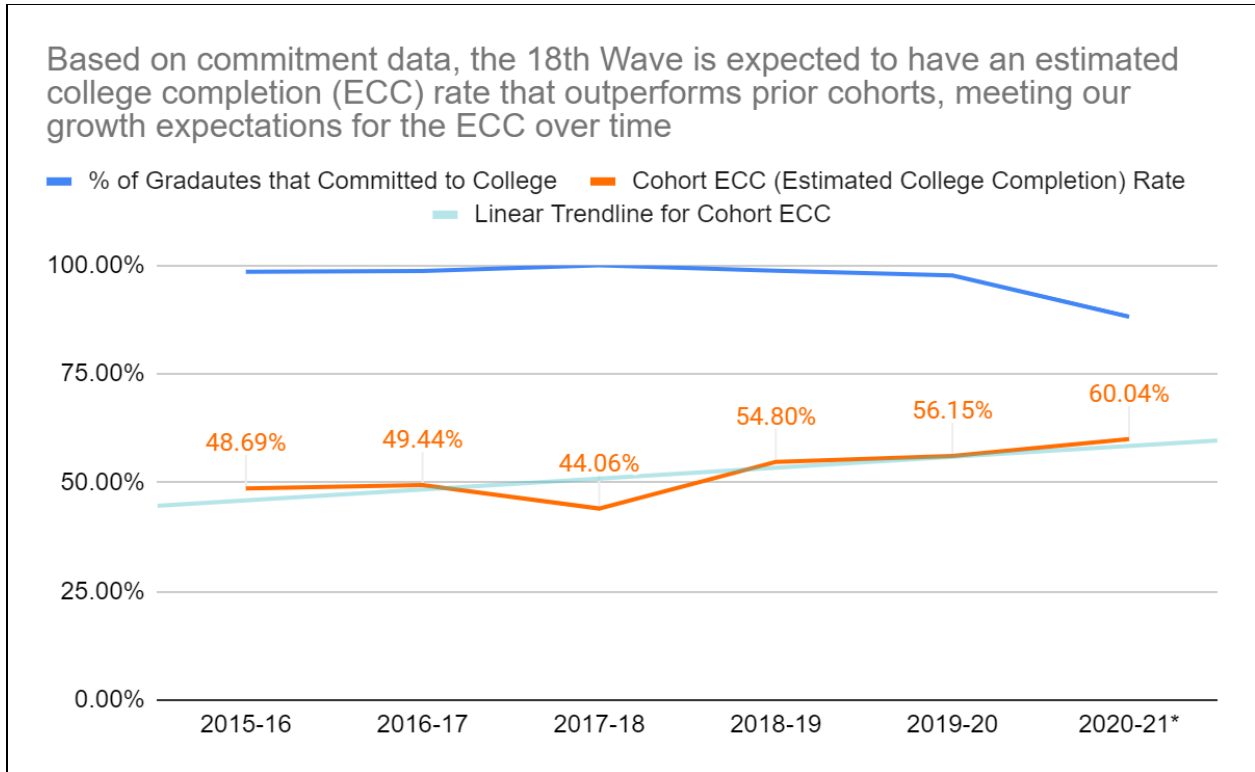
** All six of our projected graduates with no post-secondary plans had initially indicated interest in attending community colleges, according to a survey administered at the start of the academic year. Additionally, three had expressed interest in pursuing employment while also attending community college, with one having indicated interest in pursuing a tattoo apprenticeship, and another expressing interest in continuing work as a barber.



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Table 7

Based on commitment data, the 18th Wave is expected to have an estimated college completion (ECC) rate that outperforms prior cohorts, meeting our growth expectations for the ECC over time.



We expect that with each graduating class, the cohort ECC will increase at an annual rate of approximately 1-2% until it approaches 70%, at which point it will level out and maintain.



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Table 8

Among college-going graduates from the Class of 2021, 60% are estimated to earn their degrees within six years, meeting our growth expectations for the ECC.

Institutions that, as of June 1, college-going graduates from the Class of 2021 have committed to attending this fall. An institution is listed for each graduate that is committed to attending.	6-year graduation rates ³
University of California-Berkeley	91.0%
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University of California-Los Angeles	91.0%
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University of California-Los Angeles	91.0%
University of California-Los Angeles	91.0%
Lehigh University	86.0%
University of California-Davis	85.0%
University of California-Davis	85.0%
University of California-Davis	85.0%
University of California-Davis	85.0%
University of California-Davis	85.0%
University of California-Davis	85.0%
The University of Texas at Austin	83.0%

³ Graduation rates for 4-year institutions are based on IPEDS data received from Bellwether Education Partners for the 2011 cohort of first-time, full-time students seeking a bachelor degree or equivalent (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System from the National Center for Education Statistics). 6-year graduation rates appear for 4-year institutions, while 3-year graduation rates appear for community colleges, which are based on data from College Scorecard (U.S. Department of Education). According to Bellwether Education Partners, “undermatching” occurs when a student attends a college that is less selective than their credentials would otherwise allow. Students from low-income families are more likely to undermatch when enrolling in college. Less selective institutions often have less financial aid to give, fewer supports for students, and lower graduation rates. Undermatched students face longer odds to complete a post-secondary degree or certificate. Our goal is to match college-going students to institutions with high graduation rates.



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California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo	79.0%
Loyola Marymount University	79.0%
University of California-Santa Cruz	77.0%
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University of California-Santa Cruz	77.0%
University of California-Santa Cruz	77.0%
University of California-Santa Cruz	77.0%
University of San Francisco	77.0%
Saint Mary's College of California	76.0%
University of California-Merced	64.0%
University of California-Merced	64.0%
University of California-Merced	64.0%
University of California-Merced	64.0%
University of California-Merced	64.0%
University of California-Merced	64.0%
Dominican University of California	62.0%
Sonoma State University	58.0%
Sonoma State University	58.0%
Sonoma State University	58.0%
San Jose State University	57.0%
San Jose State University	57.0%
San Jose State University	57.0%
University of Nevada-Reno	55.0%
University of Nevada-Reno	55.0%
San Francisco State University	54.0%
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California State University-Sacramento	48.0%
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California State University-Sacramento	48.0%
California State University-Sacramento	48.0%
California State University-East Bay	42.0%
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California State University-East Bay	42.0%
Contra Costa College	21.6%
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Contra Costa College	21.6%
Diablo Valley College	19.8%
Diablo Valley College	19.8%
Diablo Valley College	19.8%
Diablo Valley College	19.8%
Lone Star College	19.0%
Laney College	13.0%
Berkeley City College	10.4%
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Cohort Estimated College Completion (ECC) Rate	60.3%