

The California State University

The individual California State Colleges were brought together as a system by the Donahoe Higher Education Act of 1960. In 1972 the system became The California State University and Colleges and in 1982 the system became The California State University. Today the campuses of the CSU include comprehensive and polytechnic universities and, since July 1995, the California Maritime Academic, a specialized campus.

The oldest campus—San Jose State University—was founded in 1857 and became the first institution of public higher education in California. The most recently opened campus—California State University, Monterey Bay, began admitting students in the fall of 1995. A new site has been conveyed and a 23rd campus—California State University, Channel Islands—is being formally established in Ventura County.

Responsibility for The California State University is vested in the Board of Trustees, whose members are appointed by the Governor. The Trustees appoint the Chancellor, who is the chief executive officer of the system, and the Presidents, who are the chief executive officers of the respective campuses.

The Trustees, the Chancellor, and the Presidents develop systemwide policy, with actual implementation at the campus level taking place through broadly based consultative procedures. The Academic Senate of The California State University, made up of elected representatives of the faculty from each campus, recommends academic policy to the Board of Trustees through the Chancellor.

Academic excellence has been achieved by The California State University through a distinguished faculty, whose primary responsibility is superior teaching. While each campus in the system has its own unique geographic and curricular character, all campuses, as multipurpose institutions, offer undergraduate and graduate instruction for professional and occupational goals as well as broad liberal education. All the campuses require for graduation a basic program of "General Education Requirements," regardless of the type of bachelor's degree or major field selected by the student.

The CSU offers more than 1,600 bachelor's and master's degree programs in some 240 subject areas. Many of these programs are offered so that students can complete all upper division and graduate requirements by part-time, late afternoon and evening study. In addition, a variety of teaching and school service credential programs are available. A limited number of doctoral degrees are offered jointly with the University of California and with private institutions in California.

Enrollments in Fall 1997 totaled nearly 344,000 students, who were taught by over 18,000 faculty. The system awards more than half of the bachelor's degrees and 30 percent of the master's degrees granted in California. Some 1.7 million persons have been graduated from CSU campuses since 1960.

Average Annual Cost of Education and Sources of Funds per Full-time Equivalent Student

The 23 campuses and the Chancellor's Office of The California State University are financed primarily through funding provided by the taxpayers of California. The total State appropriation to the CSU for 1998/99 (not including capital outlay funding in the amount of \$221,547,000) is \$2,164,046,000. However, the total cost of education for CSU is \$2,918,347,067, which must provide support for a projected 268,320 full-time equivalent students (FTES). The number of full-time equivalent students is determined by dividing the total academic student load by 15 units per term (the figure used here to define a full-time student's academic load).

The total cost of education in the CSU is defined as the expenditures for current operations, including payments made to students in the form of financial aid and all fully reimbursed programs contained in state appropriations, but excluding capital outlay appropriations and lottery funds. **The average cost of education** is determined by dividing the total cost by the total FTES. The average cost is further differentiated into three categories: State Support (the State appropriation, excluding capital outlay), Student Fee Support, and Support from Other Sources (including Federal Funds).

Thus, excluding costs that relate to capital outlay, the average cost of education per FTE student is \$10,876. Of this amount, the average student fee support per FTE is \$2,263. (The State University Fee, application fee, and nonresident tuition are included in the average costs paid by the students; individual students may pay less or more than \$2,263, depending on whether they are part-time, full-time, resident, or nonresident students.)

1998/99	Amount	Average Cost Per FTE Student	Percent
Total Cost of Education*	\$2,918,347,067	\$10,876	100.0
–State Appropriation*	2,164,046,000	8,064	74.2
–Student Fee Support	592,496,191	2,208	20.3
–Support from Other Sources	162,155,184	604	5.6
Detail:			
Total State Support (including capital outlay)	\$2,164,046,000		
Total Support (Including State General Fund appropriation, student fee support, and support from other sources)	\$2,918,347,067		

* Based on final campus budget submissions subsequent to the passage of the Budget Act. Totals may differ slightly from other CSU published amounts.

* Includes supplemental appropriations of \$17.8 million for a 1 percent increase in employee compensation; \$11.5 million for teacher preparation activities; \$77 million in one-time funding for critical need areas (instructional equipment replacement, technology support, libraries, deferred maintenance, teacher recruitment, and distance learning); and \$4 million to expand successful CSU student outreach programs. Also includes \$60,861,000 that will be removed as the result of a reduction in retirement rate contributions.

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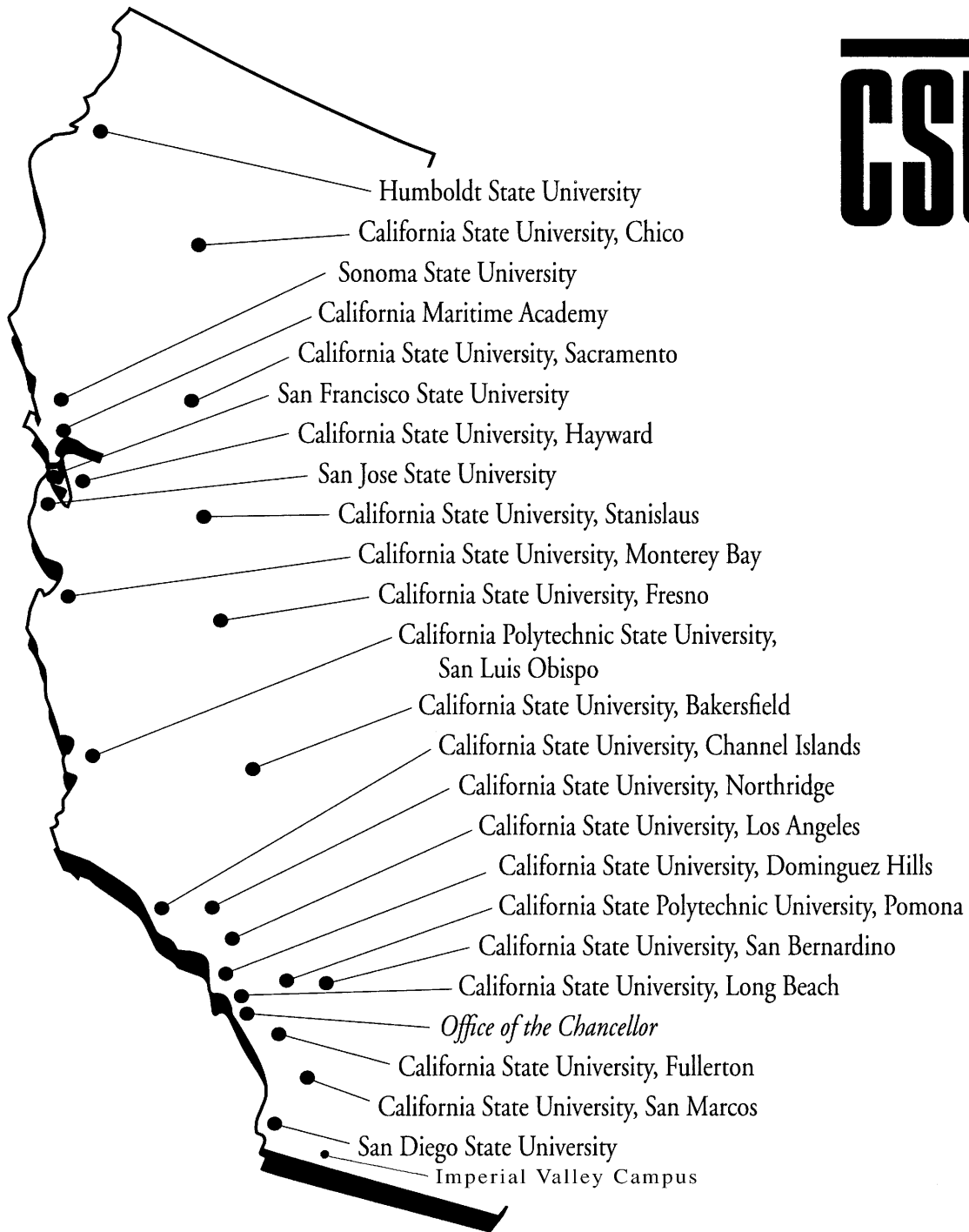
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