

Affirmative Action in Education

Why Percent Plans Don't Work Enrollment in California Flagship Schools

In California, proportional representation of enrolled Blacks and Hispanics on the flagship campuses has decreased since the end of race-conscious policies.

This data must be read in context with the state's 15-to 19-year old population, which in 2000 was 34 percent White, 7 percent African American, 39 percent Hispanic, and 11 percent Asian.

University of California, Berkeley and UCLA Freshman Enrollment, by Race/Ethnicity, Fall 1995-2001

[Source: The Civil Rights Project at Harvard University, "Percent Plans in College Admissions: A Comparative Analysis of Three States' Experiences," Table 29 (2003)]

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
UC Berkeley							
White (%)	29.5	29.1	28.3	28.2	30.5	29.5	28.6
Black(%)	6.7	6.5	7.8	3.7	3.8	4.3	3.9
Hispanic(%)	16.9	15.7	14.6	8.0	10.0	9.6	10.8
Asian(%)	38.5	39.7	42.3	44.0	44.9	45.2	45.4
Unknown(%)	5.1	5.7	4.6	14.6	8.4	9.2	9.3
Total (N)	3034	3390	3215	3333	3218	3343	3522
UCLA							
White (%)	25.6	30.6	32.6	30.0	33.2	32.3	30.6
Black(%)	7.4	6.3	5.6	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.4
Hispanic(%)	22.4	19.0	15.8	11.0	12.6	13.2	14.4
Asian(%)	38.3	36.4	39.2	40.0	40.1	40.9	42.0
Unknown(%)	3.3	4.7	4.1	13.4	7.8	7.4	7.3
Total (N)	3523	3662	3571	3937	3872	3928	3980

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