



Brand New Bulldogs: Where are they from?

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Fresno State serves a diverse student population. By examining where these students come from, educators may be in a better position to tailor learning experiences to student backgrounds. The Office of Institutional Effectiveness last produced a brief that looked at new undergraduates in 2007.

Over the past ten years, students from Fresno County have increased from 49% to 57% of the total of new undergraduates. In 2012, 36% of the nation's young adults ages 18 to 31 were living in their parents' home. This is the highest share in four decades and may contribute to the high number of undergraduates from the Fresno area (Pew Research Center, 2013).

Table 1.
New Undergraduate Headcount and Percentage by Enrollment Status
Fall 2009-13

		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
First-time Freshmen	N	2,764	2,700	2,925	3,139	3,265
	%	64%	56%	60%	65%	59%
New Ugrad Transfer	N	1,569	2,138	1,942	1,666	2,305
	%	36%	44%	40%	35%	41%
Total	N	4,333	4,838	4,867	4,805	5,570

For first-time freshman, feeder high schools have changed substantially over the past seven years. For the fall 2013 cohort, Sunnyside High School was the source of the highest number of first-time freshman. This is a 58% increase since 2006.

First-time freshman compose the majority of Fresno State's new undergraduate students. This has been consistent over the last 5 years with a 60/40 split between first-time freshman and new transfers.

Enrollment numbers have fallen for several high schools. Buchanan High School and Clovis West High School had the largest numbers of students enrolling at Fresno State in 2006. Since then, they have seen a 29% and 28% drop in student enrollment, respectively.

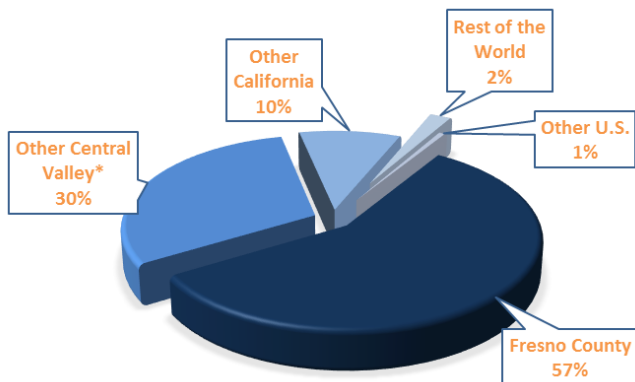
Among two-year colleges, Fresno City College is still the leading feeder for new undergraduate transfers.

The majority of new undergraduates come from Fresno County (Figure 1). In fact, most of these students originate somewhere in the Central Valley (88%), while only three percent of students come from outside of California.

Table 2.
Top 15 Feeder Schools for New Undergraduates

High Schools	2013	2006	2-Year Colleges	2013	2006
Sunnyside High	139	88	Fresno City College	819	648
Central High East Campus	134	34	Reedley College	527	264
Edison High	119	62	College Of The Sequoias	288	177
Bullard High	106	77	Merced Community College	76	49
Sanger High	104	48	West Hills College at Lemoore	71	-
Clovis High	95	93	Modesto Junior College	66	50
Clovis West High	94	131	West Hills College Coalinga	52	75
McLane High	86	66	Porterville College	34	25
Roosevelt High	82	58	Hartnell Community College	31	29
Clovis East High	80	97	Bakersfield College	27	32
Buchanan High	78	110	Allan Hancock College	22	17
Clovis North High	72	-	Cuesta College	15	26
Fresno High	65	32	San Joaquin Delta College	12	18
Duncan Polytechnical High	59	29	Santa Rosa Junior College	8	3
Madera High North	59	49	College Of The Canyons	5	5

FIGURE 1. NEW UNDERGRADUATES BY RESIDENCY - FALL 2013



*Other Central Valley includes Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare Counties

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