

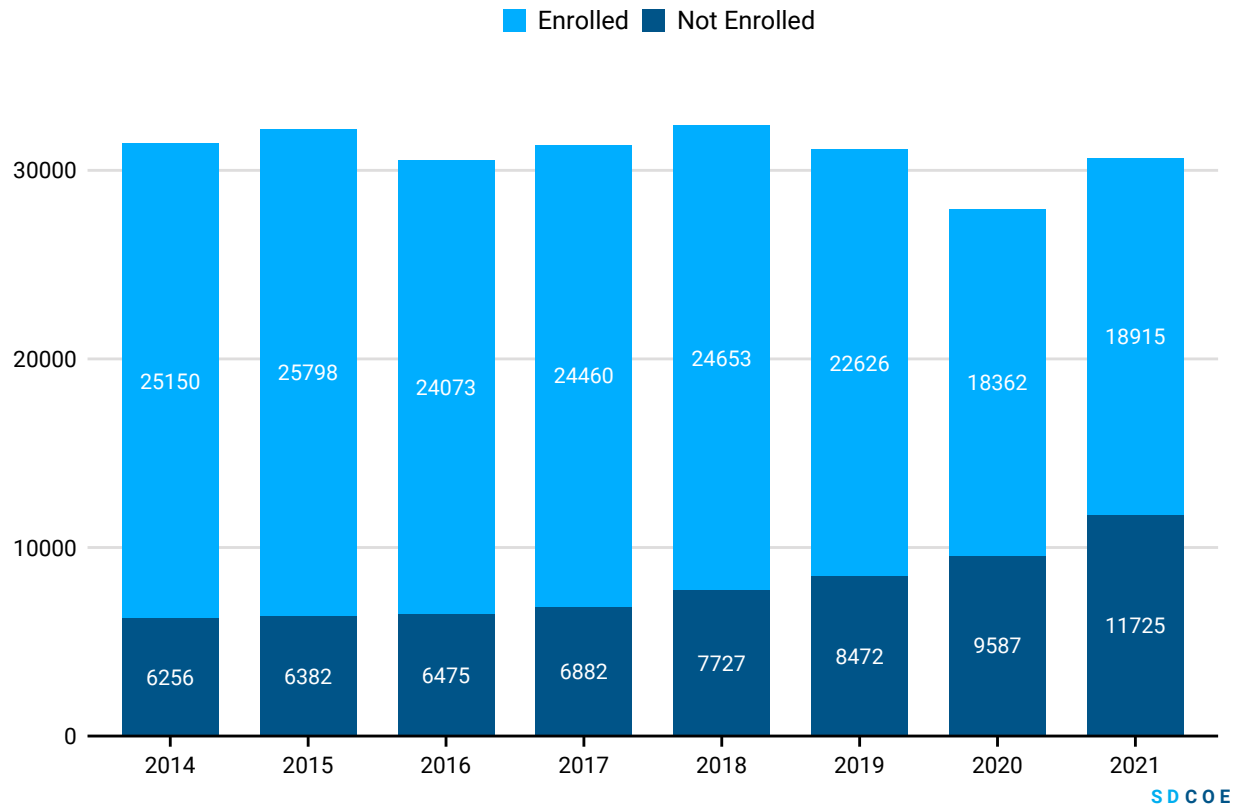
## College Enrollment

FIGURE 1

### Enrollment Figures Show a Steep Decline in College-Going

*The number of San Diego students opting out of college continues to climb*

*Number enrolled*



**Source:** National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker Report.

**Note:** We calculated enrollment numbers for each graduating cohort using data provided by the National Student Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse data file supplies information on whether a student enrolled in college or not with a 93 percent matching rate.

**Talking Point:** San Diego's total undergraduate enrollment has declined over 3,200 students in the past 2 years. The loss to these students' futures is significant and will greatly impact our community in years to come. We need to re-engage these and all students in the value of a college education.

## Upward Mobility

TABLE 1

### Top 10 Colleges Doing the Most for Low-Income Students by rank

*California universities lead the nation in creating upward mobility*

	Freshman Class	Pell grad share	Net price
College Name			
University of California-Irvine	5449	40	\$13k
University of California-Davis	5063	31	\$14k
University of California-Santa Barbara	4597	31	\$14k
University of California-San Diego	5218	28	\$13k
University of California-Los Angeles	5684	28	\$13k
University of Florida	6348	24	\$9k
University of California-Berkeley	4677	23	\$13k
Vassar	662	22	\$12k
Amherst	466	20	\$11k
Pomona	396	18	\$9k

**Source:** To measure top colleges' efforts on economic diversity, [The Upshot](#) created the College Access Index. It's based on the share of students who receive Pell grants, which typically go to families making less than 70k; the graduation rate of those students; and the price that colleges charge both low-and middle-income students.

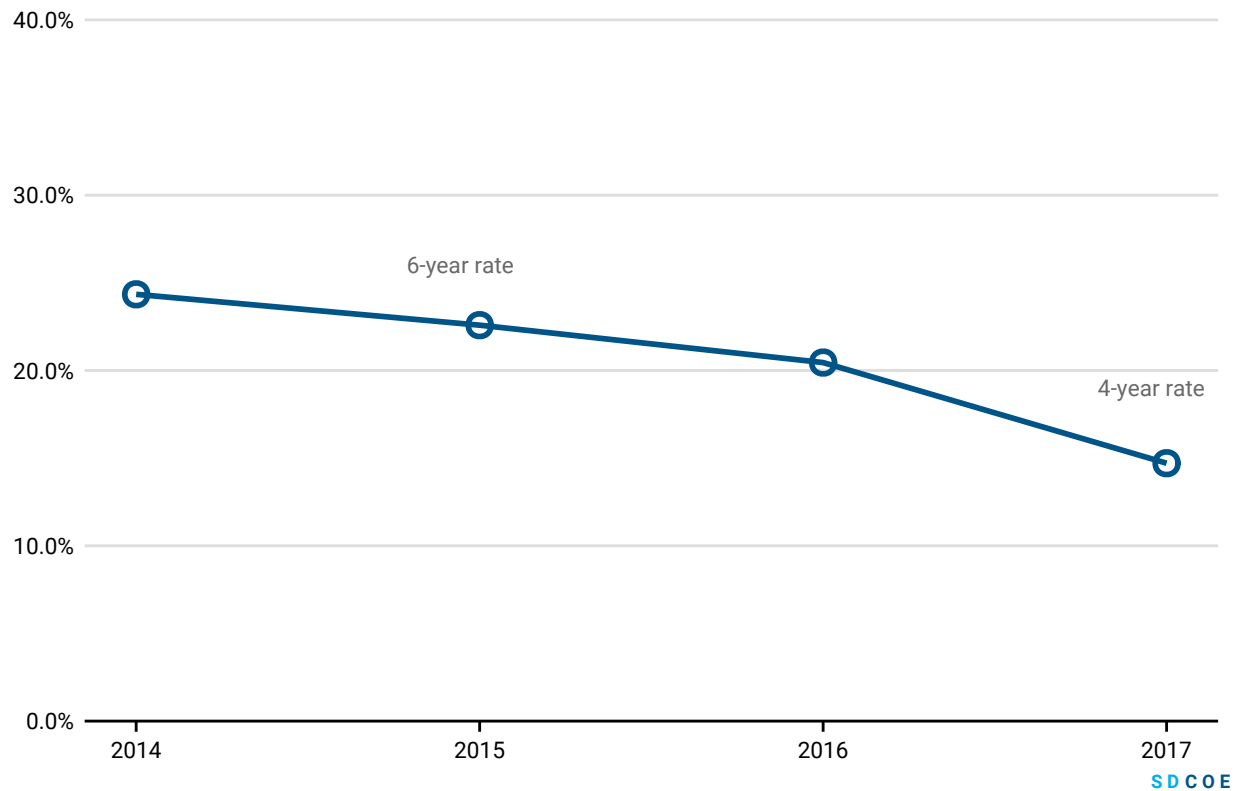
**Talking Point:** California's university system supports more low-income students than any other state's university system in the nation. With recent expansions to financial aid programs, a four-year college is more accessible to San Diego students than ever before.

## College Completion by Cohort

FIGURE 2

### Only 1 in 4 San Diego Students Earn a College Degree

*The percentage of students completing degrees in four and six years remains low*



**Source:** National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker Report.

**Note:** Colleges report graduation rates many different ways. We calculated graduation rates by cohort or year of high school graduation. The 2015 cohort represents the 6-year graduation cohort and the data point reflects the percentage of students from that cohort who earned a degree.

**Talking Point:** Currently about 1 in 4 students enrolled in college completes a degree. To improve upward mobility, supporting students to access college isn't enough. We need to get students to finish.