

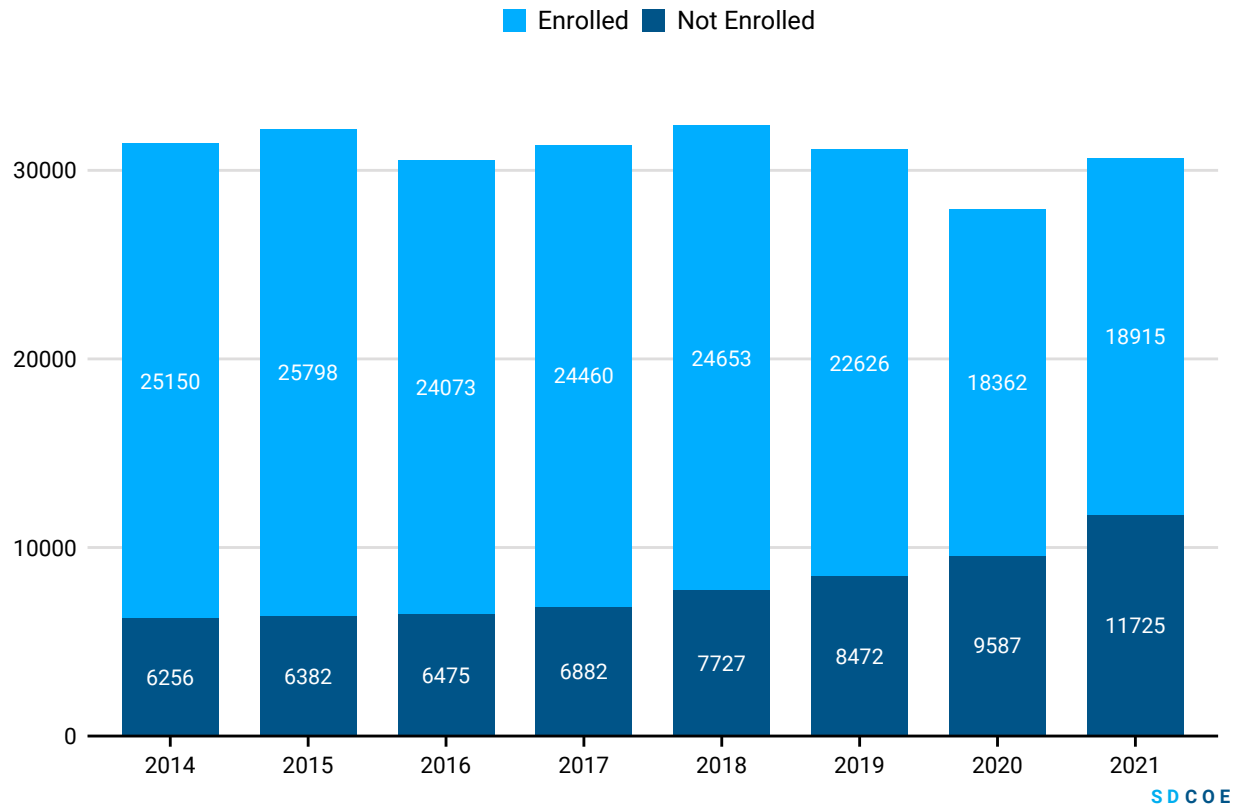
College Enrollment

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.

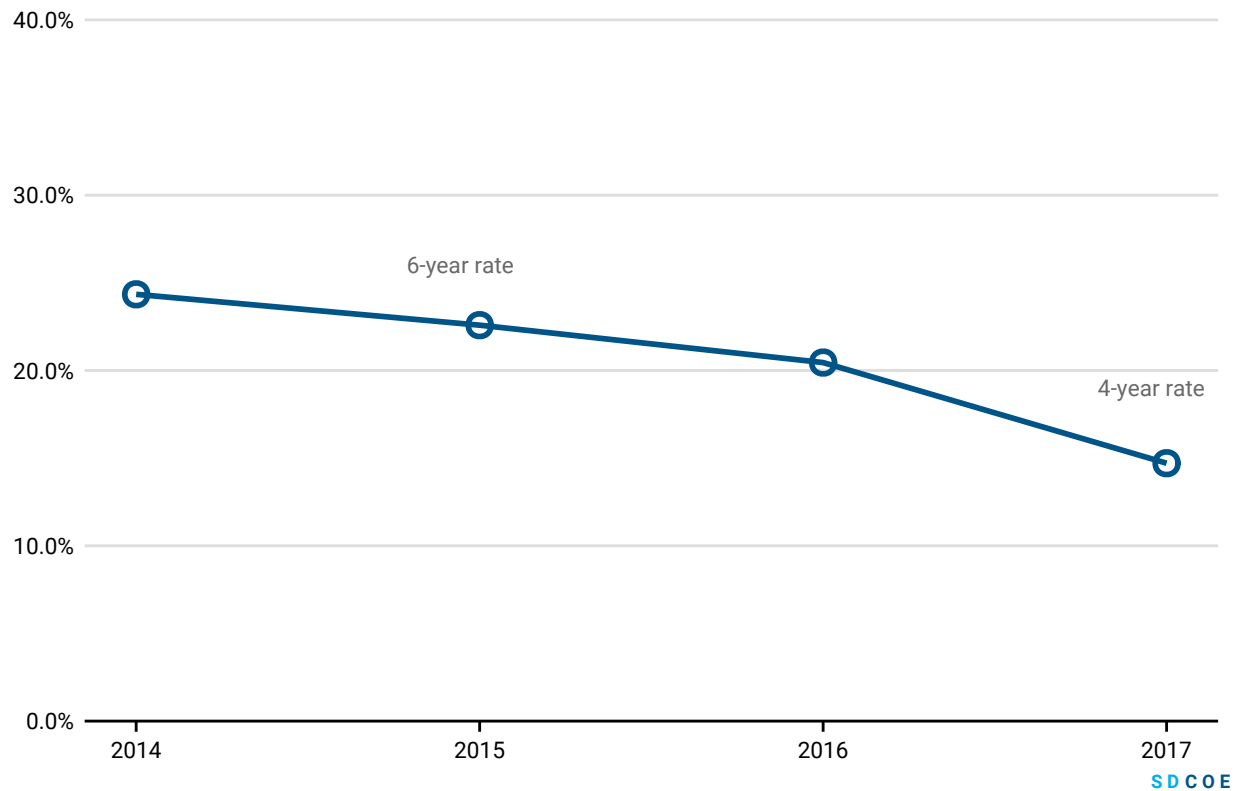
Talking Point: California's university system supports more low-income students than any other state's university system in the nation. With recent expansions to financial aid programs, a four-year college is more accessible to San Diego students than ever before.

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.