

800S (U,W,X,Y,Z): Median Annual Earnings of Students After Exit

Student Group: Comprehensive Snapshot

Background Information: <https://datavista-staging.cccco.edu/background-info/S>

Metric Type/Category: Employment and Earnings

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Description Among students in selected student journey who exited the community college system and who did not transfer to any postsecondary institution, median earnings following the academic year of exit

Notes

The exiter definition only includes students as exiters if they did not re-enroll at any postsecondary institution from 07/01 of the selected year to 06/30 of the subsequent year.

This metric is adjusted for inflation. The SCFF does not adjust for inflation for this metric. Therefore, this metric will not align with the SCFF.

Unemployment Insurance data contain wages only for those employed in an occupation or industry covered by Unemployment Insurance in California. This excludes individuals employed by the military or federal government, and those who are self-employed, employed out of state, unemployed, or not in the workforce after completion of an award.

A student's academic year of exit is the end of the academic year in which they were last enrolled in the community college system

Quarterly wages will always be calculated using Q4 of the year of exit (i.e., if a student was last enrolled in 2017-18, earnings will be calculated using wages in October-December 2018)

Data Sources

Chancellor's Office Management Information System
 Employment Development Department Unemployment Insurance Dataset
 National Student Clearinghouse
 CSU/UC Cohort Match

Data Elements

COMIS:
 GI03 Term-Identifier (<https://webdata.cccco.edu/ded/gi/gi03.pdf>)
 SX Domain and Format (https://webdata.cccco.edu/ded/sx/sx_domain.pdf)
 Transfer Bucket

Calculations

For 505S students who met the following criteria, calculate median annual earnings:

Were matched in the UI wage file

Wage record found in the second fiscal quarter following the selected year

AND annualize earnings in the second fiscal quarter after the academic year of exit

AND multiply quarterly fiscal wages by four, using the quarterly wages in the second fiscal quarter immediately following the selected year

AND adjust for inflation

AND use the CA deflator in the index table to adjust for inflation

AND count students at the selected college where enrolled as a 122SX, 122SY, 122SZ, 122SU, 122SW in the selected year

Denominator	505S All Students Who Exited Higher Education and Who Were Employed in the Second Fiscal Quarter After Exit
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Value Type	Median earnings and unduplicated count of students
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