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fall 2019 to fall 2020

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HOW THE ANALYSIS WAS DONE

The analysis of California's community colleges enrollment was based on data downloaded from the systemwide [Chancellor's Office's Data Mart](#) in March 2021. The two primary sources of data were [Annual/Term Student Count](#), for fall 2019 and fall 2020, which is the total head count of full-time and part-time students and [Enrollment Status Summary](#) for fall 2019 and fall 2020 which breaks students by classification such as first-year and continuing students. EdSource calculated the percentage change systemwide, by district, and by college using these data files. Enrollment over time was calculated using the total number of students – head count – enrolled in the fall for each year from 2011 through 2020. Fall term enrollments were used for all 10 years.

Source: EdSource analysis of data from California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

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Enrollment at California's community colleges has plummeted during the pandemic creating uncertainty for some colleges. Online classes, job loss and child care are among the reasons students have not enrolled.

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