

What about students who work while in college?



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Field Name	Description	Notes
DISTRICT_TYPE	Whether the district is a K-12 school or legislative district.	
DISTRICT_NAME	The name of the California Public K-12 school district, State Assembly district, or State Senate district where a group of individuals graduated from high school. "All" refers to all California public K-12 school districts.	
DISTRICT_CODE	The seven digit local education agency (LEA) code for the K-12 school district (N/A for legislative districts or all districts)	LEA codes originated in California Department of Education (CDE) enrollment data.
ACADEMIC_YEAR	The academic year in which a group of individuals were enrolled in college. The current data begins with the 2018-2019 academic year.	
DEMO_CATEGORY	The high-level demographic category, with possible values of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Race - Gender - Foster Youth Status - K-12 Homeless Status 	
STUDENT_POPULATION	Within the high-level demographic category, the student population. Has possible values of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (Race): American Indian of Alaska Native - (Race): Asian - (Race): Black or African American - (Race): Hispanic or Latino - (Race): Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander - (Race): None Reported - (Race): Two or More Races - (Race): White - (Gender): Female - (Gender): Male - (Foster Youth Status): Foster Youth - (Foster Youth Status): Not Foster Youth - (K-12 Homeless Status): Experienced Homelessness in K-12 - (K-12 Homeless Status): Did Not Experience Homelessness in K-12 	Race categories align with Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) categories. Race/ethnicity data is observed at the time of high school graduation, based on data provided by CDE
INSTITUTION_TYPE	Whether the group of individuals attended California public 2-year or 4-year colleges.	
PERCENT_WORKING	The percent of individuals enrolled at a selected institution type that earned wages for at least 3 of the 4 quarters of a year(as reported on their W-2).	
MEDIAN_ANNUAL_WAGE	The median annual wages for a group of individuals in a given year. Individuals are only included in this calculation if they have four quarters of non-zero earnings starting from July 1st to June 30 in a given year. Wages are adjusted for inflation.	

* To protect student privacy, data may be suppressed (or appear blank) on the downloadable files based on the number of individuals at certain aggregation levels and within selected student populations that are 10 or fewer. For more information about the suppression policies applied to these data, please refer to the [Cradle-to-Career System Data Suppression Protocol for Summary Data](#).

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