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Update on FAFSA & CADAA Submissions March 2021

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Year Over Year FAFSA & CADAA Submission Trends

	2021	2020	Annual Change	% change
Overall	1,656,746	1,676,480	(19,734)	-1.2
First-Time	459,767	485,221	(25,454)	-5.2
Overall Undergraduates	1,463,539	1,510,895	(47,356)	-3.1
Dream Act Applicants	31,102	35,543	(4,441)	-12.5

*Year over year change as of March 3rd

All Applications by Age

Age	2021	2020	Annual Change	% change
Age 17 & under	306,726	323,288	(16,562)	-5.1
Age 18-19	406,651	441,481	(34,830)	-7.9
Age 20-24	407,753	418,867	(11,114)	-2.7
Age 25-29	148,223	147,111	1,112	0.8
Age >= 30	194,186	180,148	14,038	7.8

*Year over year change as of March 3rd

All Applications by EFC

EFC	2021	2020	Annual Change	% change
EFC 0	594,124	638,236	(44,112)	-6.9
EFC 1-5k	371,613	389,586	(17,973)	-4.6
EFC 5k-10k	144,233	140,656	3,577	2.5
EFC 10k-25k	200,176	190,049	10,127	5.3
EFC OVR 25k	233,753	214,781	18,972	8.8

*Year over year change as of March 3rd

First-Time Undergrad Applications by Segment

Segment	2021	2020	Annual Change	% change
CCC	122,298	162,592	(40,294)	-24.8
CSU	69,011	74,487	(5,476)	-7.4
UC	53,431	44,986	8,445	18.8
FOR-PROF	10,236	9,204	1,032	11.2
PRIV-IND	35,211	33,525	1,686	5.0

*Year over year change as of March 3rd

Total Undergrad Applications by Segment

Segment	2021	2020	Annual Change	% change
CCC	451,912	517,867	(65,955)	-12.7
CSU	344,341	348,278	(3,937)	-1.1
UC	171,053	161,870	9,183	5.7
FOR-PROF	45,453	40,236	5,217	13
PRIV-IND	101,944	101,408	536	0.5

*Year over year change as of March 3rd

FAFSA & CADAA Submission Trend Summary

- Overall FAFSA/CADAA are slightly down year over year with larger declines in undergraduate entering & first year applications at the California Community Colleges & CSU system
- By segment, overall applications are down at California Community Colleges & the CSU system but are up at UC
- Dream Act applications are down year over year
- By student characteristics application declines are most pronounced for those age 19 and under and those with an EFC <\$5k

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