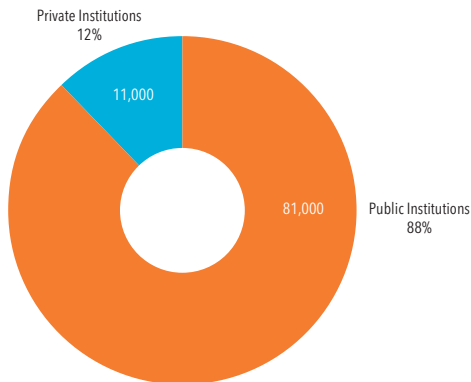




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Tens of Thousands of Undocumented College Students in California Are Barred From Receiving Federal COVID-19 Aid

Total Estimated Number of Undocumented College Students in California = 92,000



Note: The number of students reflects unduplicated counts of fall and spring enrollment in 2018. Private institutions include for-profit schools. Public institutions reflect the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California.

Source: New American Economy and President's Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration

● The federal COVID-19 response efforts include measures to help college students weather this crisis. For example, California students will receive at least \$854 million in emergency aid for expenses related to disruptions to pursuing their education, such as housing, food, and child care costs.

● However, students who are undocumented are barred from receiving this federal assistance, including 92,000 students in California. Of these, 81,000 students attend the state's public institutions – the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California – and 11,000 attend private institutions.

● State policymakers should work with college officials to provide undocumented students emergency aid to help with their education and basic needs. Policymakers could partner with higher education institutions to develop options to support these students, whose legal status should not prevent them from receiving help during this crisis.