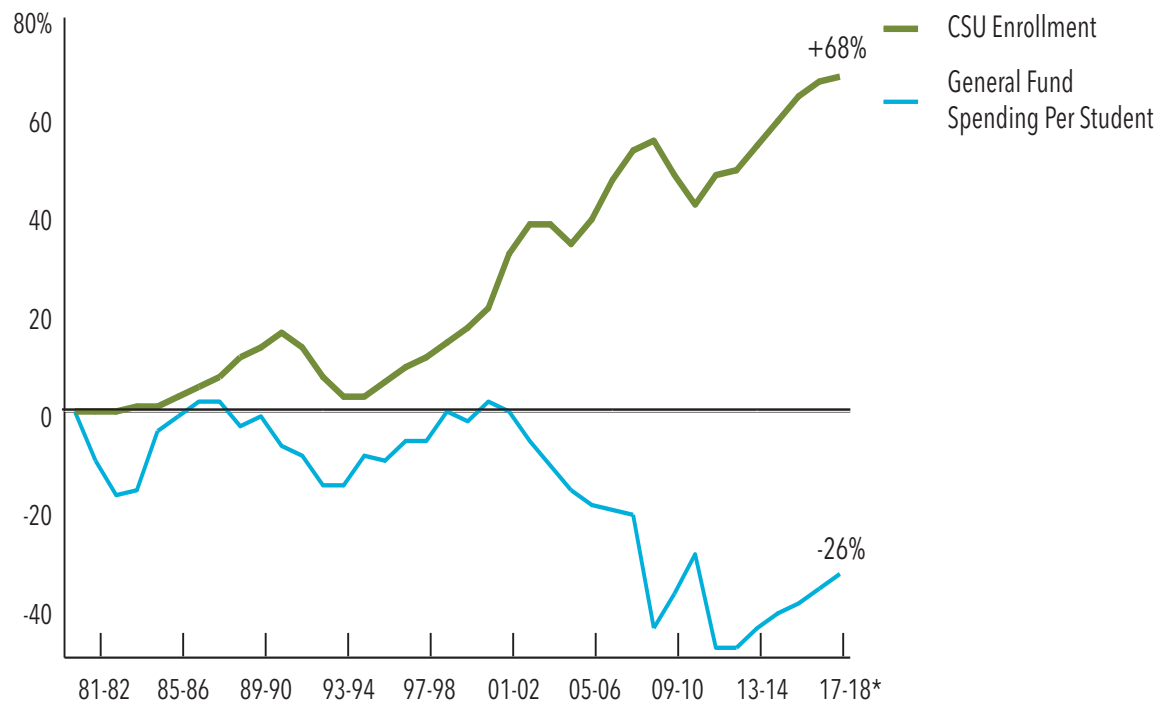




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Even as CSU Enrollment Has Increased, State General Fund Support Has Declined

Percent Change in Enrollment and Direct General Fund Spending Since 1981-82



* Estimated.

Note: Figures reflect "full-time equivalent" enrollment, which accounts for credits taken by each student relative to a full-time course load. Expenditures are inflation-adjusted and exclude indirect state funding for the CSU attributable to Cal Grant tuition and fee payments.

Source: California State University and Department of Finance

- Enrollment at the California State University (CSU) has increased significantly. More high school graduates are eligible for the CSU, and more students are applying to and enrolling in the university. Enrollment has increased by 68% since the early 1980s, rising from 240,387 in 1981-82 to 403,116 in 2017-18.

- At the same time, direct state investment in the CSU has dropped. Despite recent state funding increases, inflation-adjusted General Fund spending per student is down by a quarter since the early 1980s, falling from \$11,409 in 1981-82 to \$8,433 in 2017-18.

- State disinvestment in the CSU negatively impacts California's students and economy. Inadequate state support fails students – many of whom are turned away from the CSU due to capacity limitations – as well as our economy, which relies on having a highly educated workforce.

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