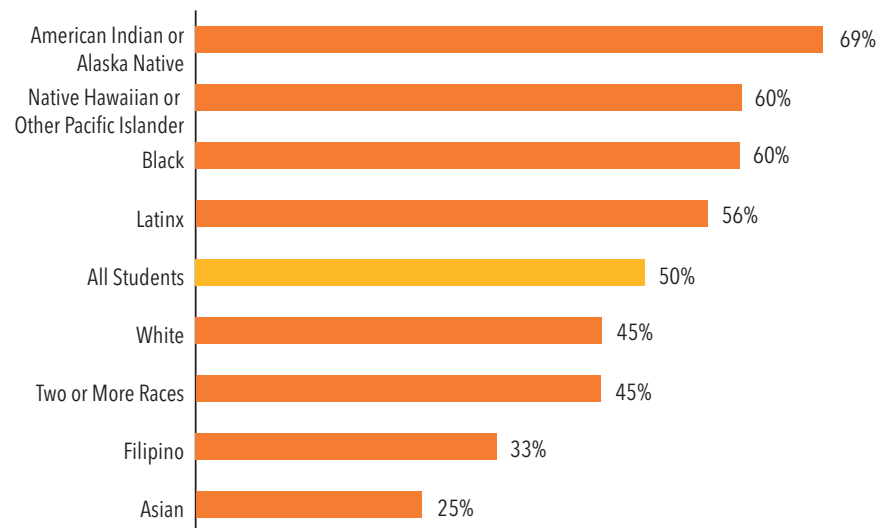




AUGUST 2021 | BY ESI HUTCHFUL

Many Students of Color Are Less Likely to Complete the Courses Required for Admission to CSU or UC

Percentage of High School Graduates Not Meeting A-G Course Requirement, 2018-19



Note: Students must complete at least 15 college preparatory courses ("A-G") with a grade of C or better to be eligible for admission to the California State University or the University of California.
Source: Budget Center analysis of California Department of Education data

- California is home to the California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC), which educate thousands of students every year and help them build strong futures for themselves and their communities. CSU and UC require that high school students complete certain courses, known as A-G courses, to be eligible for admission.
- However, California high school students do not have an equal opportunity to successfully fulfill this requirement on their pathways to higher education. In 2018-19, among students of differing racial and ethnic backgrounds, the **A-G course requirements were most likely to create a barrier for American Indian or Alaska Native graduates**, and least likely to create a barrier for Asian graduates – though disparities exist among Asian students.
- Policymakers can improve CSU and UC access by reforming course requirements so that all students have an equitable chance at pursuing higher education, irrespective of their socioeconomic backgrounds.