

CSU Students: 1985 vs Today

1985	2015
State funding per student = \$11,607* ➔	State funding per student = \$6,888*
63% of CSU students = white+ ➔ 27% of CSU students = students of color	26% of CSU students = white+ 62% of CSU students = student of color
CSU students had to work 199 hours at minimum wage to pay for tuition/fees ➔	CSU students had to work 682 hours at minimum wage to pay for tuition/fees
CA spent 4.4% of overall budget on the CSU ➔	CA spent 2.4% of overall budget on the CSU
Tuition/Fees = \$666 ➔	Tuition/Fees = \$6,815
Average personal income in CA = \$28,241* ➔	Average personal income in CA = \$52,651*
	1 in 10 CSU students was homeless & 1 in 5 didn't always have enough to eat
	3 out of 4 CSU students worked more than 20 hours/week

* adjusted for inflation
* self-reported

What does this all mean?

As more students of color have started attending the CSU, the state legislature has decreased the CSU's funding, despite all of the wealth that exists in California. This has led to huge tuition increases, and students taking on more jobs and more debt.

Affordability is a racial justice issue!

Figure 8: General Fund Dollars per CSU Student (real dollars) and the Percentage of Students of Color, by Year

