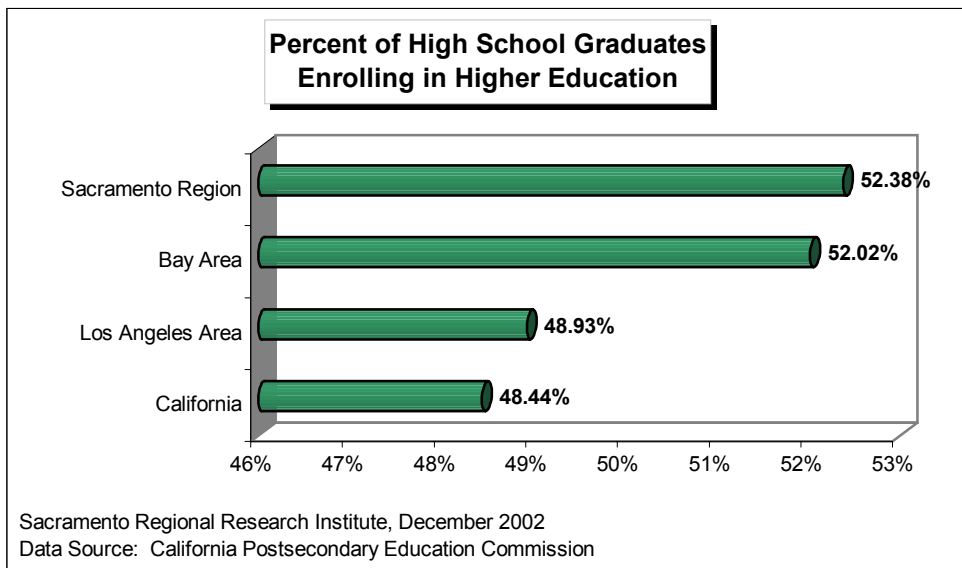


## The Sacramento Region leads the state in terms of high school graduates enrolling in higher education institutions

Nearly 52 percent of the Sacramento Region's 2001 high school graduates enrolled in higher education institutions as first time freshmen. Sacramento County saw almost 57 percent of its high school graduates continue on to higher education, while Yolo and El Dorado Counties followed closely behind at 54 and 51 percent, respectively. The Sacramento Region's percentage was the highest among the large areas of the state and well above the statewide average of 48 percent. While the Bay Area had a similar percentage, the Los Angeles Area was lower than both Sacramento and the Bay Area with approximately 49 percent of its high school graduates enrolling in higher education institutions.



In all areas, close to one third of high school graduates enrolled in community colleges. About 34 percent of the Sacramento Region's high school graduates moved on to attend a community college as a first time freshmen. In terms of the University of California (UC) system, the Bay Area saw the highest enrollment at about 12 percent, while only 7 percent of the Sacramento Region's high school graduates enrolled in a UC school (lower than the statewide average). The California State University system attracted about 13 percent of the Bay Area's high school graduates, however, the Sacramento Region was close behind at nearly 11 percent.

PERCENT OF 2001 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES  
ENROLLING IN HIGHER EDUCATION AS  
FIRST TIME FRESHMEN

<i>Area</i>	Percent of High School Graduates			
	<i>UC</i>	<i>CSU</i>	<i>CC</i>	<i>Total</i>
Sacramento Region	6.63%	11.01%	34.73%	52.38%
Bay Area	11.87%	13.06%	27.09%	52.02%
Los Angeles Area	8.09%	10.12%	30.72%	48.93%
California	7.93%	10.68%	29.83%	48.44%

Sacramento Regional Research Institute, December 2002  
Data Source: California Postsecondary Education Commission

Overall, the Sacramento Region appears to be the leader in the state in terms of high school graduates enrolling in higher education institutions—it is well above the statewide average and either higher than or close to the other major areas in the state. This demonstrates the Sacramento Region’s ability to produce a well-trained labor force comparable to or better equipped than other areas in the state. Additionally, these trends show the strength of the Region’s education system and the potential for growth in higher education in the Sacramento Region.