

Enrollment increasing at Calif. community colleges

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California community colleges are starting the fall term on an upbeat note, with most boosting enrollment and the number of classes offered, according to a survey of the state's two-year schools released Wednesday.

About 90 percent of the campuses reported higher enrollment than last fall and 84 percent are increasing course sections.

Of the state's 112 community colleges, 95 responded to the survey from the chancellor's office. Overall, enrollment is expected to increase by 2.5 percent and course sections by 5 percent.

The colleges represented a broad cross-section of the state, including Sierra College in Rocklin, which is increasing enrollment by about 5% and course sections by nearly 8 percent. About 254 course sections are being restored, opening 6,500 seats for students, said Sierra President William H.Duncan.

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