

803S: Median Annual Earnings Three Years After Exiting

Student Group: Comprehensive Snapshot

Background Information: <https://datavista.cccco.edu/background-info/S>

Metric Type/Category: Employment and Earnings

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Description	Among students who exited the community college system and who did not transfer to any postsecondary institution, median annual earnings three years after exiting
Notes	A student's academic year of exit is the end of the academic year in which they were last enrolled in the community college system Unemployment Insurance data contain wages only for those employed in an occupation or industry covered by Unemployment Insurance in California. This excludes individuals employed by the military or federal government, and those who are self-employed, employed out of state, unemployed, or not in the workforce after completion of an award Unemployment Insurance data contain wages only for those employed in an occupation or industry covered by Unemployment Insurance in California. This excludes individuals employed by the military or federal government, and those who are self-employed, employed out of state, unemployed, or not in the workforce after completion of an award Quarterly wages will always be calculated using Q4 of the year of exit (i.e., if a student was last enrolled in 2017-18, earnings will be calculated using wages in October-December 2018) COLA Table for 2024-25 (https://datavista.cccco.edu/resources/47)
Data Sources	Chancellor's Office Management Information System CTE Outcomes Survey National Student Clearinghouse CSU/UC Match
Data Elements	Student Enrollment File Transfer Bucket
Calculations	Calculate median annual earnings three years after exit, for 203S Students Who Exited Higher Education who are not enrolled in any postsecondary three years after selected or exiting year from community college: Annualize earnings in the second fiscal quarter three years after the academic year of exit Multiply quarterly fiscal wages by four, using the quarterly wages in the fourth fiscal quarter of the calendar year, three years after the year of exit AND adjust for inflation AND use the COLA table in the notes to adjust for inflation

AND count students at any college and on any TOP code where a student took 0.5 or more units or noncredit courses in the selected year

Denominator	203S Students who are not enrolled in any postsecondary three years after selected or exiting year from community college and were matched in the UI Wage File
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Value Type	Median earnings and unduplicated count of students
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Disaggregations	Age Group, Race/Ethnicity, Gender, Perkins Economically Disadvantaged
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