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**BUDGET CUTS THREATEN OVER 250,000 COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS**  
*New poll finds that 83% of Californians are concerned about cuts to higher education*

SACRAMENTO, CA – Budget cuts proposed last week will cause community colleges to turn away 262,845 current students if implemented, analysis released today by the Community College League of California shows. The loss of a quarter of a million students is the equivalent of closing the University of California.

The state’s rising unemployment rate and decisions by the California State University to limit enrollment will likely lead to even more students finding the doors to higher education closed.

California’s community colleges are seeing skyrocketing enrollments as Californians return to college amid high unemployment to retrain for the changing economy. The Department of Finance is now estimating that another 400,000 Californians will be jobless by 2010 as the unemployment increases from 7.7% to 9.7%.

<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Full-time equivalent students</u>	<u>Headcount students</u>
<b>Reduce enrollment by 5%</b>	64,070	96,745
<b>Deny additional growth funding for existing unfunded students</b>	110,000	166,100
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED LOST STUDENTS</b>		<b>262,845</b>

Meanwhile, a poll released today by the Public Policy Institute of California finds that 66% of Californians believe community colleges are doing an “excellent” or “good” job, putting the two-year colleges on par with the California State University and University of California. However, 83% of the public is concerned that the state’s budget gap will cause significant spending cuts in higher education, and 68% believe that more

funding is needed to provide “major improvements” to California’s higher education system.

“California’s community colleges are our state’s best economic stimulus,” said Scott Lay, president and chief executive officer of the Community College League of California. “We must decide now to make the investment needed to emerge from this downturn with a more equipped and knowledgeable workforce that translates into quality jobs for our taxpayers and a stronger economy.”

With 110 accredited colleges and more than 200 locations throughout California, community colleges serve over 1.7 million students each term from nearly every community in the state.

The Community College League of California is a nonprofit public benefit corporation whose voluntary membership consists of the 72 local community college districts in California. The League promotes student access and success by strengthening colleges through leadership development, advocacy, policy development and district services.

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## CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACTS

**Districts:** 72 districts  
**Colleges:** 110 colleges

**Full-time equivalent students (annual):** 1,297,600 (+10.2% Fall 2008)  
**Headcount enrollment (term):** 1,823,600 (+6.2% Fall 2008)

### Student demographics:

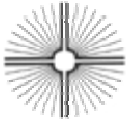
African-American	7.2%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.9%
Asian	11.9%
Filipino	3.5%
Hispanic	30.0%
Other Non-White	1.9%
Pacific Islander	0.7%
Unknown	8.8%
White Non-Hispanic	35.0%

**State-determined funding per full-time student:** \$5,845 (Budget Act)  
**Per-student credit funding:** \$4,595\*

### Proposed Special Session Budget Cuts:

- Eliminate 0.68% cost-of-living adjustment \$39,800,000
  - Reduce general per-student funding by 5% \$292,400,000
- \$332,200,000**

\* This is the rate colleges receive for each new student, and with which the enrollment decline is projected on under the general student funding cut.



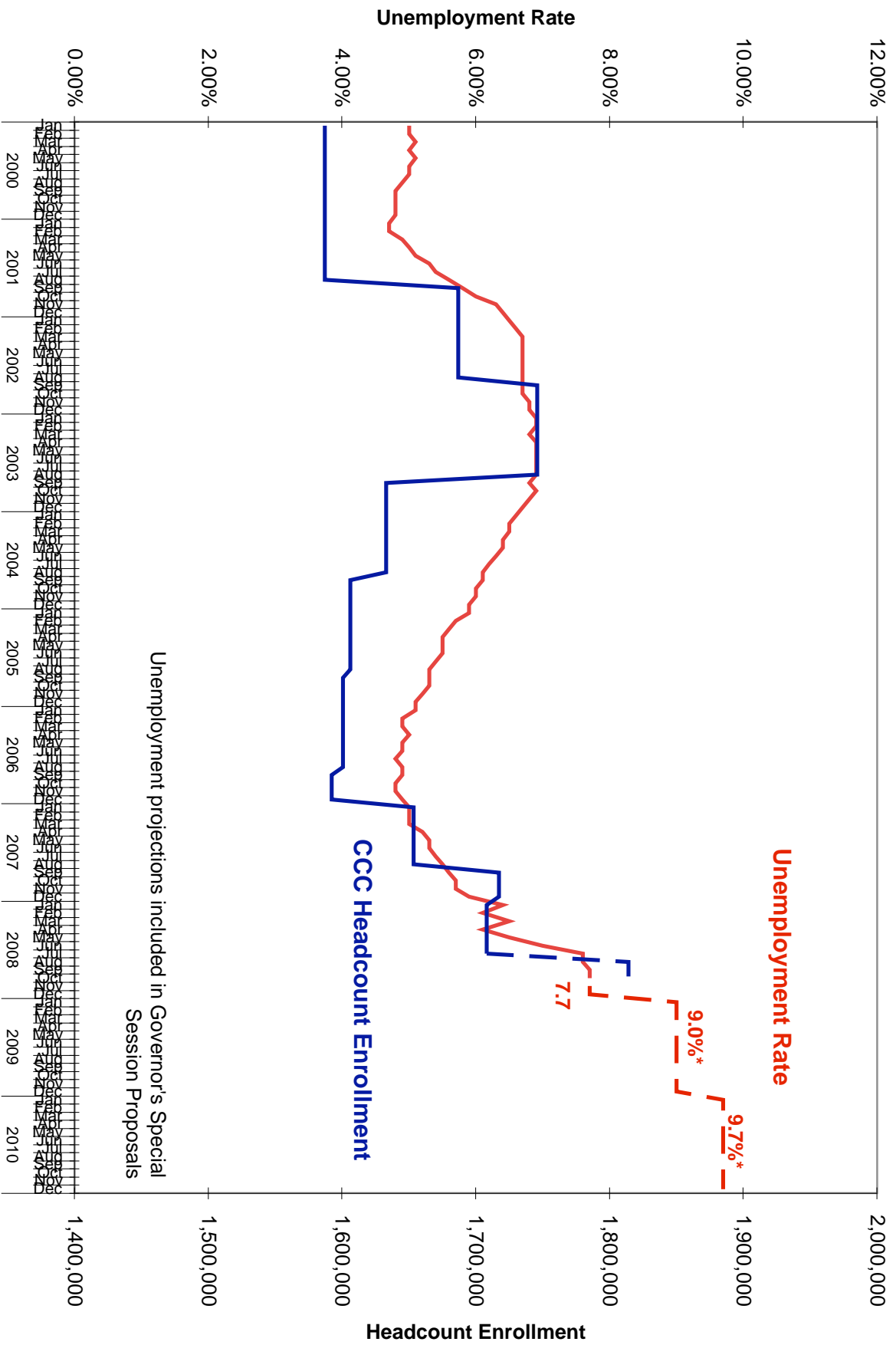
## Estimated Impact of Proposed Special Session Cuts

<u>District</u>	<u>Projected Impact</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Projected Impact</u>
Allan Hancock	\$2,800,000	North Orange County	\$9,500,000
Antelope Valley	\$3,300,000	Ohlone	\$2,600,000
Barstow	\$900,000	Palo Verde	\$700,000
Butte	\$3,100,000	Palomar	\$5,600,000
Cabrillo	\$3,500,000	Pasadena Area	\$6,500,000
Cerritos	\$4,900,000	Peralta	\$6,100,000
Chabot-Las Positas	\$5,100,000	Rancho Santiago	\$8,300,000
Chaffey	\$4,300,000	Redwoods	\$1,600,000
Citrus	\$3,300,000	Rio Hondo	\$3,800,000
Coast	\$10,300,000	Riverside	\$7,900,000
Compton	\$1,100,000	San Bernardino	\$4,100,000
Contra Costa	\$9,200,000	San Diego	\$11,700,000
Copper Mt.	\$600,000	San Francisco	\$10,000,000
Desert	\$2,300,000	San Joaquin Delta	\$4,700,000
El Camino	\$5,900,000	San Jose-Evergreen	\$4,500,000
Feather River	\$600,000	San Luis Obispo	\$2,800,000
Foothill-DeAnza	\$9,600,000	San Mateo	\$5,600,000
Gavilan	\$1,600,000	Santa Barbara	\$4,500,000
Glendale	\$4,500,000	Santa Clarita	\$4,300,000
Grossmont-Cuyamaca	\$5,400,000	Santa Monica	\$5,600,000
Hartnell	\$2,000,000	Sequoias	\$2,400,000
Imperial	\$2,000,000	Shasta-Tehama-Trinity	\$2,200,000
Kern	\$6,100,000	Sierra	\$4,500,000
Lake Tahoe	\$700,000	Siskiyou	\$900,000
Lassen	\$600,000	Solano	\$2,700,000
Long Beach	\$6,200,000	Sonoma	\$5,800,000
Los Angeles	\$29,900,000	South Orange	<b>Local tax sustaining</b>
Los Rios	\$15,400,000	Southwestern	\$4,600,000
Marin	<b>Local tax sustaining</b>	State Center	\$8,000,000
Mendocino-Lake	\$1,000,000	Ventura	\$7,900,000
Merced	\$2,900,000	Victor Valley	\$2,800,000
Mira Costa	<b>Local tax sustaining</b>	West Hills	\$1,800,000
Monterey Peninsula	\$2,300,000	West Kern	\$1,200,000
Mt. San Antonio	\$8,100,000	West Valley-Mission	\$4,800,000
Mt. San Jacinto	\$3,100,000	Yosemite	\$5,000,000
Napa Valley	\$1,800,000	Yuba	\$2,500,000
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			<b>\$332,200,000</b>

\* Based on 2007-08 Second Principle Apportionment. Actual amounts would vary based on final calculations.

\*\* Local tax sustaining districts do not receive general support from the state and thus would not be included in a reduction in cost-of-living adjustment or general apportionment.

## Community College Headcount Enrollment Tracks Unemployment Rate



Sources: California Employment Development Department, California Community Colleges