



2022-23 REPORT

CalWORKs

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January 27, 2025

Secretary of the Senate
Erika Contreras
State Capitol, Room 305
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CalWORKs Recipients Education Program

Dear Secretary Contreras,

Pursuant to California Education Code subdivisions (c) and (d) of Section 79207, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the Board of Governors for California Community Colleges are pleased to release the CalWORKs Recipients Education Program report.

This report covers the past academic year, including:

- Program spending by category
- Number of CalWORKs students enrolled and receiving case management services
- Childcare services provided and average monthly enrollment of recipient dependents
- Work study hours and hourly wages for CalWORKs recipients
- Degrees, certificates, and awards obtained by CalWORKs students

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sonya Christian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sonya" and last name "Christian" clearly legible.

Sonya Christian, Chancellor

Enclosure: Report

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BACKGROUND

The California Community Colleges California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program provides education, training, support services and job opportunities to individuals receiving CalWORKs services from the county. CalWORKs program funds are for the purpose of assisting individuals in achieving long-term self-sufficiency through coordinated student services offered at community colleges.

This report includes information from the past academic year on the:

1. Use of funds (program spending by category).
2. Number of CalWORKs students enrolled.
3. Number of CalWORKs students receiving case management services.
4. Number of hours of childcare services provided.
5. Average monthly enrollment of CalWORKs recipient dependents served in childcare.
6. Number of work study hours provided.
7. Hourly salaries and type of jobs in which CalWORKs recipients were placed.
8. Types of degrees, certificates and awards obtained by CalWORKs students.

CALWORKS FUNDING

CalWORKs program funding must be utilized as prescribed in California Education Code, section 79200 through section 79209. CalWORKs can help students receiving public assistance get access to vital services to help guide them along their educational journey. Program services include the following: work study, childcare, job development and placement, and case management and counseling.

Table 1. CalWORKs Spending by Category

Category	2022-2023
Coordination	\$36,963,687
Work Study	\$5,559,232
Childcare	\$428,177
Job Development	\$4,934,121
Other Direct Student Support	\$4,542,366
Total	\$52,427,583

CALWORKS STUDENTS ENROLLED AND SERVED BY ELIGIBILITY DESIGNATION

CalWORKs student eligibility is categorized in four areas:

- County-Referred Program Participant students are referred to the community college by the county welfare office with an approved welfare-to-work plan.
- Self-Initiated Program Participant students are eligible for program services and are enrolled in a community college prior to county appraisal.
- Self-Referred Program Participant students applied for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program cash aid before enrolling at the community college and are in the process of obtaining an approved welfare-to-work plan through their county welfare office.
- Exempt Program Participant students are Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program recipients who are exempted from participation in all or part of the required welfare-to-work activities. These students may volunteer to participate.

Table 2. CalWORKs Students - Statewide

2022-2023
16,862

Table 3. CalWORKs Students by Eligibility Designation

Category	2022-2023
Received Needs Assessment Services	1,288
Received Other Case Management Services	3,181
Received Both	13,077

CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

All CalWORKs students were provided with an assessment and/or some other case management service(s). Case management services include academic and general counseling, work study placement, financial aid assistance, and coordination with available supportive services.

Table 5. Childcare Services

Category	2022-2023
Number of Dependents	64,526
Unduplicated Count of Children Served	3,011
Count of Students Whose Children Received On-Campus Care	50
Hours in On-Campus Care	8,094
Count of Students Whose Children Received Off-Campus Care	1,020
Hours in Off-Campus Care	90,341

WORK STUDY

CalWORKs Work Study is a subsidized employment program that provides CalWORKs students with an opportunity to gain valuable paid work experience that enhances their employability and helps to increase the overall income of their families. Work Study placements also enable CalWORKs students to meet their work participation requirements; this helps counties to meet the work requirements established by the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program guidelines.

Table 6. Work Study Activity Details

Work Activity	Number of Positions Held	Unduplicated Student Count	Unduplicated Count of Students Provided Employment Services
On-Campus Work Study	1,804	889	458
Off-Campus Work Study	315	178	84
Total	2,119	1,067	542

Table 7. Number of Hours Worked in Work Study Assignments

Number of Hours	2022-2023
Less than 10 hours per week	108
10 - 19.99 hours per week	501
20 – 29.99 hours per week	1,427
30 or more hours per week	83

Table 8. Work Study Jobs Held by CalWORKs Students

Job Type	2022-2023
Office Tech / Computer Applications	614
Customer Service	503
Business and Commerce, General	170
Child Development/Early Care & Education	107
Education, General	122
General Work Experience	56
Human Services	148
Culinary Arts	28
Educational Aid (Teacher Assistant)	37
Library Technician/Aide	29
Information Technology, General	11
Biology, General	8
Other	286

Table 9. Work Study Wages Earned by CalWORKs Students

The California Department of Labor guidelines state that although there are some exceptions, almost all employees in California must be paid the minimum wage as required by state law. The current minimum wage in California is \$16.00 per hour effective January 2024. Some cities and counties have higher minimum wages than the state's rate.

Number of Hours	2022-2023
Up to \$14 per hour	150
\$14 - \$16 per hour	1,630
\$16 - \$18 per hour	245
\$18 - \$20 per hour	65
More than \$20 per hour	29

DEGREE ATTAINMENT

Table 10. Degrees and Certificates Awarded to CalWORKs Students

Type of Degree/ Certificate	2022-23
Baccalaureate of Science Degree	5
Associate of Science for Transfer Degree	211
Associate of Arts for Transfer Degree	321
Associate of Arts Degree	875
Associate of Science Degree	492
Certificate 60+ units	9
Certificate 30-59 units	620
Certificate 16-29 units	467
Certificate 6-15 units	330
Certificate <6 units	15
Non-credit awards	1,430
Total	4,775

CONCLUSION

The California Community Colleges CalWORKs program provides critical services to a highly vulnerable population, students with dependents who are subject to strict state-based time restrictions associated with successfully completing their educational and career goals. Ongoing coordination between the college CalWORKs and county health and human services staff is essential to the success of these students. The supplemental services and resources provided help ensure that CalWORKs students are able to complete their goals and enter the workforce in a timely manner. Support provided through the CalWORKs program coupled with equitable financial aid resources will positively impact student outcomes, improve their employment prospects and increase their long-term self-sufficiency goals. In addition to supporting current CalWORKs students, the secondary beneficiaries of the program are the students' children. By observing their parents successfully navigating family responsibilities, completing their education and entering the workforce they are exposed, at a young age, to the wide reaching educational and career opportunities available to California community college students. Investing in CalWORKs students supports self-sufficiency for the immediate generation and has the potential to break the cycle of public benefit dependency for future generations.

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