

# Vision 2030 Noncredit Summit

*Reimagining Noncredit Education for Equity and  
Economic Mobility*

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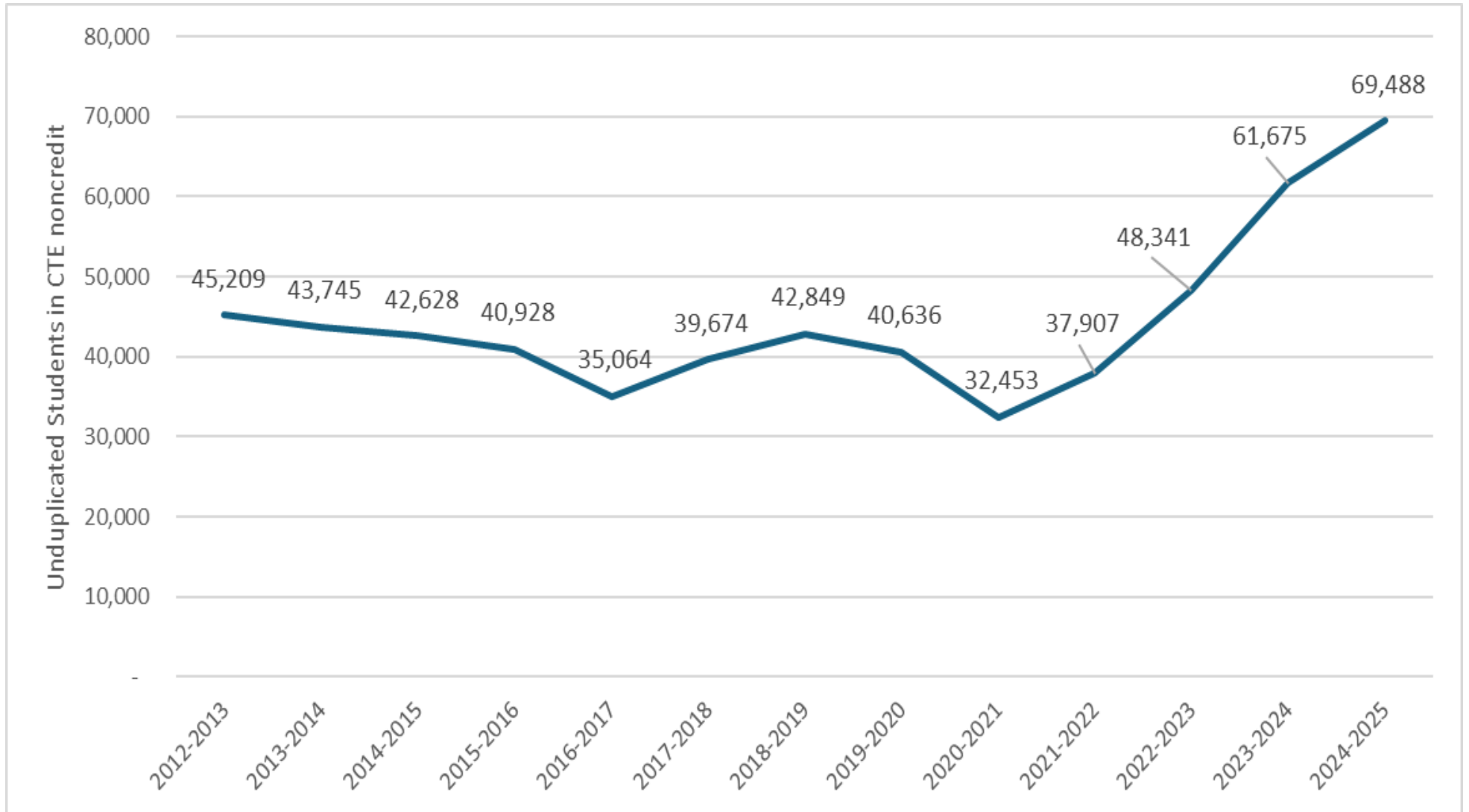
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# How are we doing?

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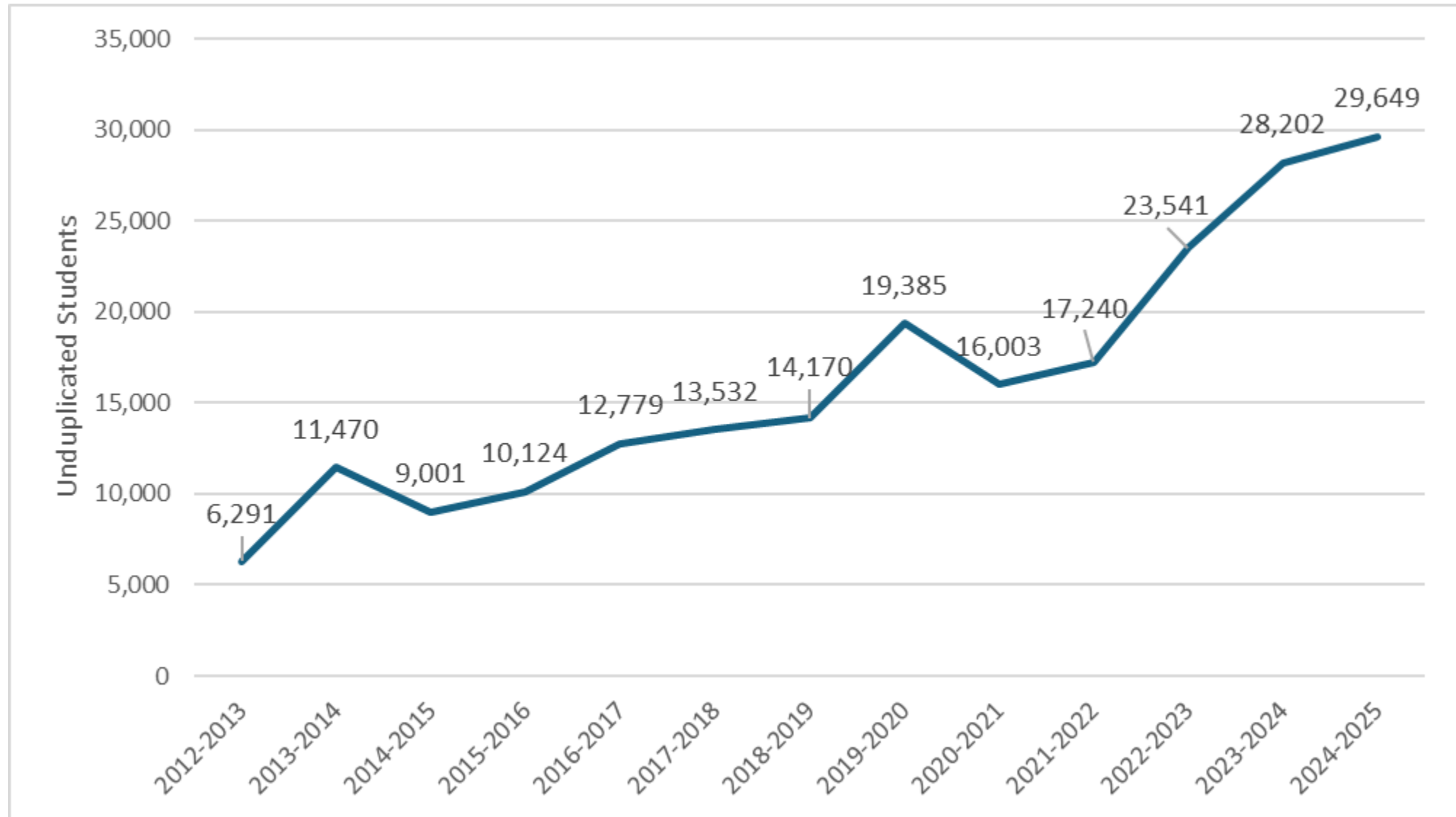
# Students enrolled in CTE noncredit courses

- Roughly  $\frac{1}{4}$  of CCC students enroll in at least one noncredit section each year
- However, less than 4% of students are enrolling in occupation oriented noncredit



Source: COMIS, distinct students enrolled in at least one noncredit CTE course (SAM Code = A, B, C) within each academic year

# Students earning noncredit awards



Source: COMIS, distinct students earning noncredit awards regardless of enrollment status within each academic year

# Career Development and College Preparation (CDCP) Full Time Equivalent Student (FTES) History

Academic Year	Noncredit CDCP FTES	% Difference
2019-2020	38,952	
2020-2021	34,230	-12%
2021-2022	37,026	8%
2022-2023	44,617	21%
2023-2024	51,831	16%
2024-2025	56,244	9%

# Career Development and College Preparation (CDCP)

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## **SB 361 in 2006**

Authored by Senator Jack Scott,  
signed by Gov. Arnold  
Schwarzenegger on Sept 29, 2006.

Mark Drummond was chancellor

Introduced enhanced funding for  
Career Development and College  
Preparation (CDCP) courses.

## **CDCP Programs Include**

Workforce Preparation

Short-Term Vocational Training

## **Impact**

\$159M in new funding statewide.

Expanded access to noncredit  
education and workforce  
pathways.

# California

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## Funding and Cost

- California: State apportionment pays for noncredit; students don't pay enrollment fees.

A priority subset (Career Development & College Preparation, "CDCP") receives enhanced funding.

- Elsewhere (typical): Noncredit is often self-supporting (tuition/fees, employer contracts, grants). Formula funding (if any) is usually lower and uneven; many colleges must run noncredit at break-even.

# Funding Noncredit Programs

➤ State Apportionment

Category	2024-25 Rates	2025-26 Rates
FTES – Credit*	\$5,294.42	\$5,416.20
FTES – Incarcerated Credit*	\$7,424.53	\$7,595.29
FTES – Special Admit Credit*	\$7,424.53	\$7,595.29
FTES – CDCP	\$7,424.53	\$7,595.29
FTES – Noncredit	\$4,464.58	\$4,567.26
Supplemental Point Value	\$1,251.96	\$1,280.76



# California

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Why pathways? Worker focused.

## **Credentials & pathways**

California: Colleges issue state-approved noncredit certificates (completion/competency). Many districts build noncredit-to-credit bridges (mirrored courses, competency mapping, CPL) so learners step into credit certificates/Associates/Bachelors.

Elsewhere: Credentials are frequently CEUs or provider certificates; stackability into for-credit awards is less consistent. Some bright spots (e.g., Washington's I-BEST model; selected states with "clock-hour" pathways), but policy support varies.

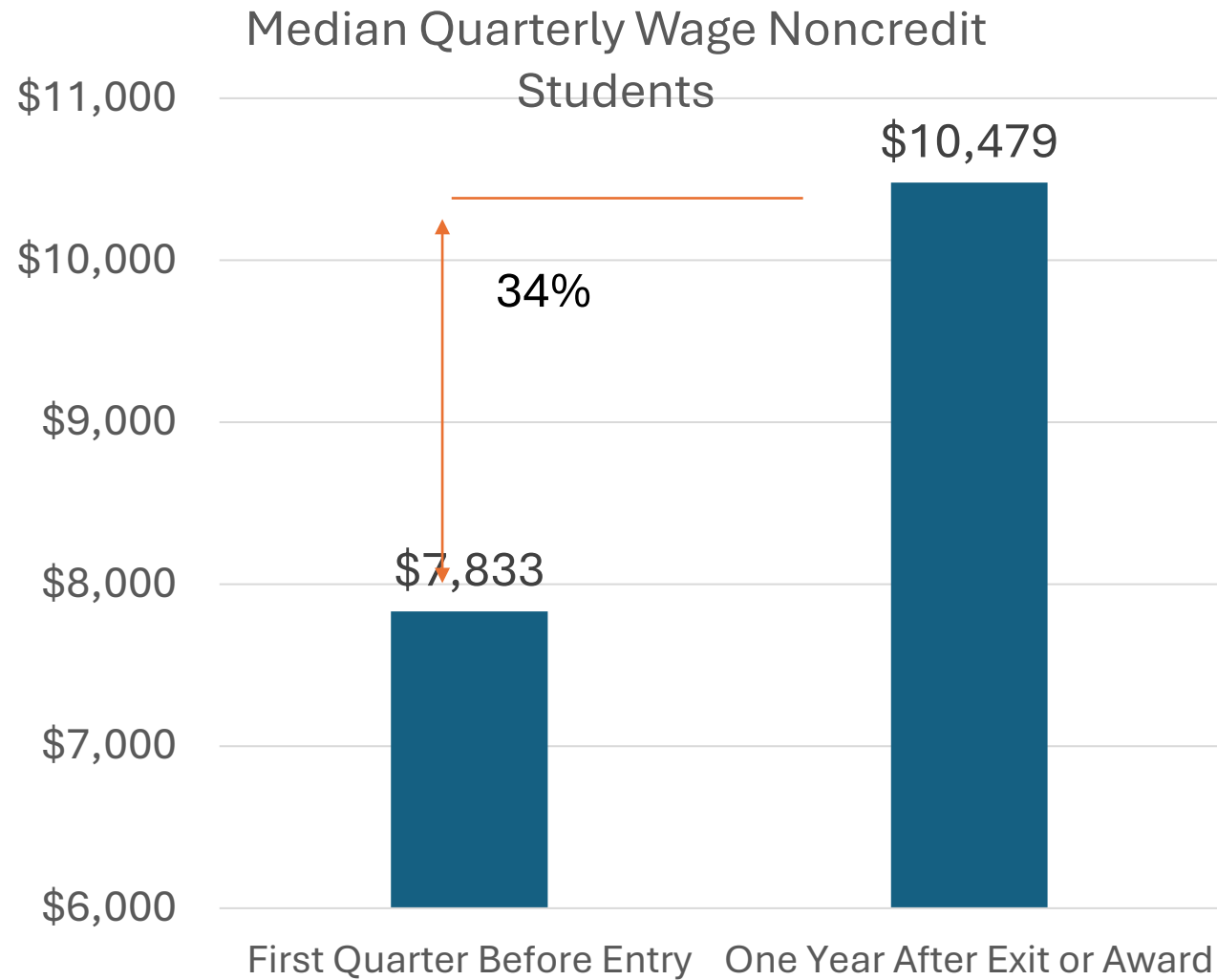
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## Data and Accountability

- California: Noncredit is reported in the system's MIS, appears in statewide dashboards, and can tap student-support dollars; results (transition, employment, milestones) are increasingly tracked.
- Elsewhere: Noncredit data are fragmented—often outside student information systems; outcomes are harder to aggregate, which makes scaling and funding cases tougher.

# Statewide Noncredit Wage Gains



# A few focus areas for the next two years?

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Credit for Prior Learning

Supporting new HR 1 requirements

Critical community literacies like AI

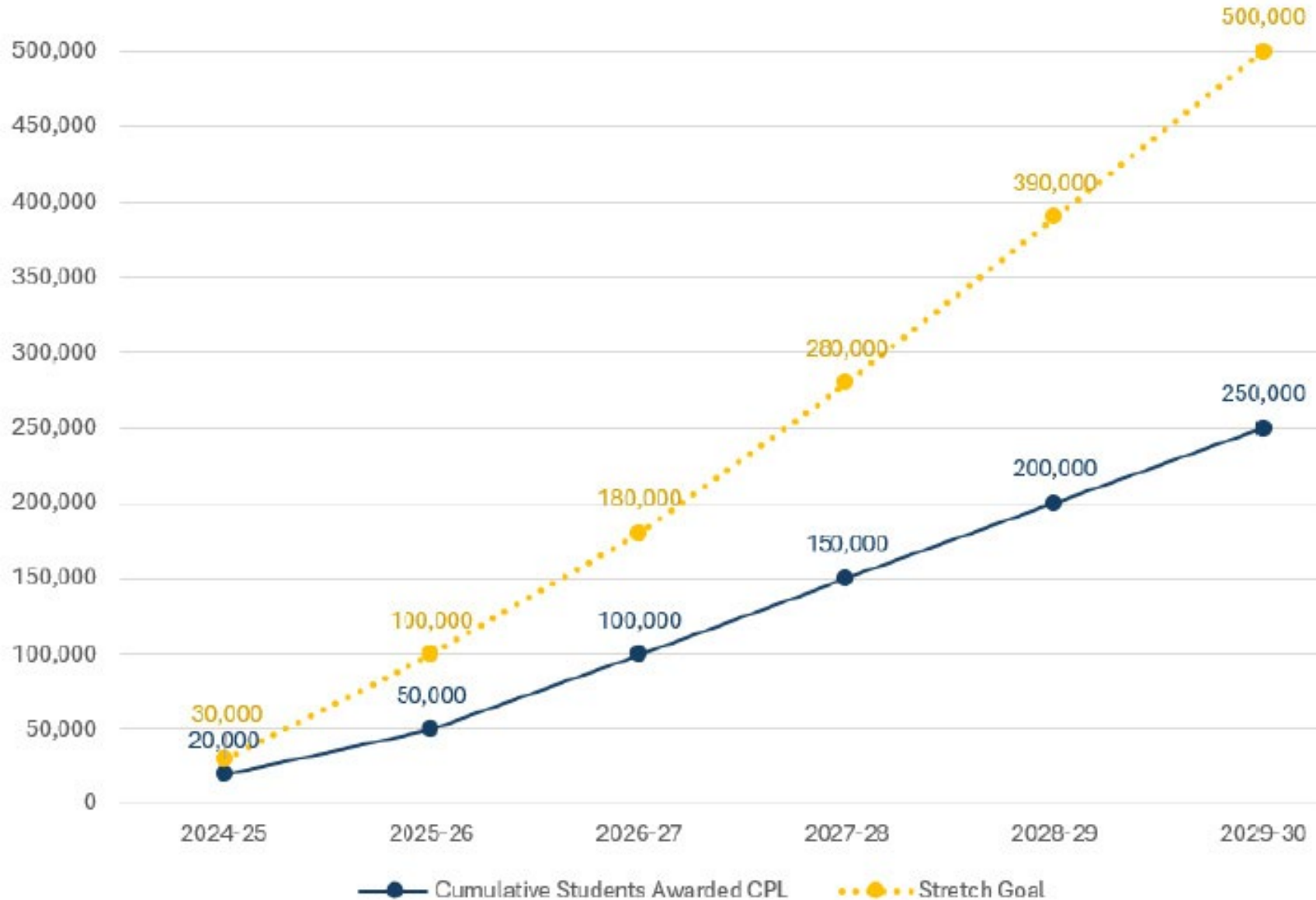
# Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)

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# Who are adult learners?

- ☑ Adults living in poverty (more than 2.5 million Californians)
- ✓ Over age 25 with less than a high school diploma (over 4 million Californians)
- ✓ Adults with some college experience but no postsecondary degree (about 6.8 million Californians)
- ✓ Immigrants, roughly half of which are naturalized citizens (more than 10 million Californians)
- ✓ Adult learners come from a highly diverse variety of cultural backgrounds, income levels, and life experiences, and have very specific educational and career goals

# Credit for Prior Learning Goal



220,000 working adults and apprentices, and 30,000 veterans and military-connected learners.

**Noncredit and Not-for-Credit learners will be key to meeting this goal.**

# Ways of approaching CPL

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Groups that have the same work (outside the classroom learning) experience

- Veterans (2025 veterans sprint announcement on Nov 11, 2025)
- Apprenticeships
- UDW
- Recent EMS Corps

Academic Senate model curriculum

AI Projects

- AI-enabled common course crosswalk to standardize course identifiers (noncredit and credit) to facilitate CPL (2026)
- AI-enabled skills to outcomes alignment (noncredit and credit) to facilitate CPL (2026)



# Moreno Valley EMT Noncredit Pathway

**EMT/EMS License**

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**8.5 Units CPL**

**Choose:** AS Paramedic **or** AS Fire Technology

**Next:** BS Emergency Services

**Or:** Potential CCC Baccalaureates

**Public Safety Mgmt:** Miramar

**Paramedicine:** Siskiyou

**Respiratory Care:** Antelope Valley, Crafton Hills, El Camino, Foothill,  
Hartnell, LA Valley, Modesto, Skyline, Victor Valley

# EMT/EMS AS Pathways for Potential CPL

## **Paramedic** **HIGHEST**

Emergency Medical Services / Paramedic

### **CCC COLLEGES**

#### **15+ Programs**

- College of the Siskiyous
- City College of San Francisco
- Foothill College
- Mt. San Antonio College
- Santa Rosa Junior College
- American River College

**6-12 UNITS**

## **Fire Technology** **HIGH**

Fire Technology / Fire Science

### **CCC COLLEGES**

#### **50+ Programs**

- Santa Ana College
- Glendale Community College
- West Los Angeles College
- College of the Canyons
- Crafton Hills College
- City College of San Francisco

**6-10 UNITS**

## **Respiratory Care** **MEDIUM**

Respiratory Care / Respiratory Therapy

### **CCC COLLEGES**

#### **25+ Programs**

- American River College
- Antelope Valley College
- Butte College
- Crafton Hills College
- East Los Angeles College
- El Camino College

**5-8 UNITS**

## **Health Information**

Health Information Technology

### **CCC COLLEGES**

#### **10+ Programs**

- San Diego Mesa College
- Shasta College
- Fresno City College
- City College of San Francisco
- Cypress College
- Loma Linda University (partnered)

**4-6 UNITS**

## **Nursing (ADN)**

Associate Degree Nursing

### **CCC COLLEGES**

#### **60+ Programs**

- Available at most CCCs
- Highly competitive programs
- EMT experience valuable
- Examples:
  - City College of San Francisco
  - Santa Monica College

**3-6 UNITS**

## **Allied Health**

Biotechnology / Kinesiology / Public Health

### **CCC COLLEGES**

#### **Various Programs**

- **Biotechnology:**
  - Bakersfield College
  - City College of San Francisco
  - Solano Community College
- **Kinesiology:**
  - Available at most CCCs

**3-6 UNITS**

# Supporting new HR 1 requirements

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# CCC – CDSS – CalHHS partnership

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## HR1 reshapes health and nutrition assistance programs

- **Revised work requirements** for Medi-Cal and CalFresh create an urgent need to connect Californians with qualifying workforce activities
- **Heightened program oversight** requires stronger inter-agency verification and reporting processes
- **Increased State fiscal responsibility** amplifies the need to align resources and delivery across agencies to ensure sustainability under new regulations

# Critical Community Literacies (AI)

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# AI literacy type certificates

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From a preliminary scan ...

- Bakersfield College, Artificial Intelligence (AI) Proficiency for College and Career
- San Bernardino College, Artificial Intelligence (AI) Essential Skills
- San Diego Adult School, Artificial Intelligence for Business
- Santiago Canyon College, Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Workforce, CC

# Critical Community Literacies – AI

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## Prompt and Verify

By December 2026 can we have 200,000 Californians who have completed wither an inperson workshop or virtual workshop to learn how to prompt and verify?

Puzzling on how we can tap into the “service corps” mindset to scale the workshops.



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