

Minority Student Representation at UC

The University of California seeks to enroll a student body that reflects the diversity of the state. Recently, a [Hechinger Report analysis](#)¹ found that African American and Latino(a) students were underrepresented at many public flagship universities across the country when compared to their representation among high school graduates. California was found to be among the states with the largest gaps, between the percentage of Latino(a) public high school graduates and the percentage of Latino(a) freshman enrollment at flagship institutions.

UCOP's Institutional Research & Academic Planning (IRAP) and Office of Diversity & Engagement conducted follow-up analyses to better understand similar disparities across the entire UC system. IRAP compared the representation of each racial/ethnic group among public high school graduates, public high school graduates that completed a-g college preparatory courses with freshman applicants, admits and enrollees.

In parallel, Diversity & Engagement compared the racial/ethnic makeup of students through the pipeline from high school enrollment (12th grade), to graduates completing the SAT, through application, admission, enrollment, and retention at UC (See the section under Pipeline Analysis).

High School Graduates and A-G Completion

In 2016, almost 430,000 California public high school students graduated and almost 195,000 (or 45 percent) completed “a-g” college preparatory courses. This report examines the proportion of these populations that apply, are admitted and enroll at UC, findings reveal that:

- 22 percent of all California public high school graduates and 48 percent of those who completed “a-g”, applied to UC;
- 15 percent and 38 percent of those respective populations were admitted to UC;
- 8 percent and 18 percent of those respective populations enrolled at UC.

Appendix A provides similar data by campus, along with race and ethnicity.

¹ <http://hechingerreport.org/many-state-flagship-universities-leave-black-latino-students-behind/>
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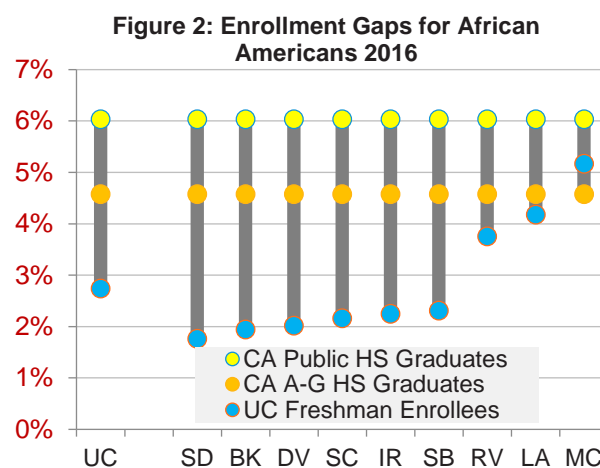
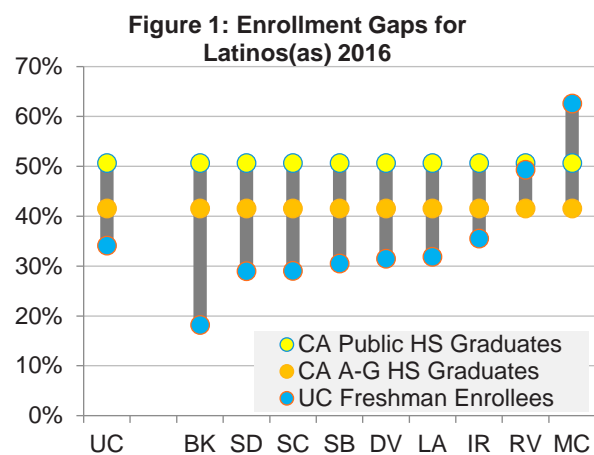
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Gap Analysis

Building on the Hechinger Report and providing data for the UC system and all undergraduate campuses, IRAP compared two measures:

- **HS graduates gaps** or the gap between the percentage of California public high school graduates and the percentage of UC new freshman enrollees (marked by the distance between the light yellow and blue dots)
- **A-G gaps** or the gap between the percentage of California "a-g" graduates and the percentage of new UC freshman enrollees (marked by the distance between the dark yellow and blue dots)

A full set of gap charts over time for the UC system and by campus is presented in Appendix B.



Note: The scale of charts are different.

Overall, the HS graduation gap was larger than the "a-g" gap for both Latino(a) and African American students at most campuses. For the system, there is a

- 17 point and 3 point HS graduation gap for Latino(a) and African American students
- 7 point and just over 1 point "a-g" gap for Latino(a) and African American students

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Looking at Latino(a) new freshman enrollees by campus:

- Berkeley was 16 percent enrollment, the lowest in the system, constituting a 30 percentage point HS graduates gap and 24 percentage point “a-g” gap;
- San Diego, Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara, Davis and Los Angeles were around 30 percent and Irvine was 36 percent new freshman enrollees;
- Riverside was 49 percent, a 2 point HS graduates gap but 7 points higher for “a-g”; and
- Merced was at 63 percent, 12 point higher for HS graduates and 21 points higher for “a-g”.

Over time, the Latino(a) population has grown in the state and across the UC system. UC Merced, Riverside, Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara and Irvine have all been designated Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI), and this year, UC Davis achieved eligibility to be designated an HSI.

For African American new freshman enrollees by campus:

- San Diego, Berkeley, Davis, Santa Cruz, Irvine and Santa Barbara had around 2 percent enrollment, constituting a 4 percentage point HS graduates gap and around 3 percentage point “a-g” gap;
- Riverside and UCLA were around 4 percent, with 2 point HS graduates gap and 1 point “a-g” gap; and
- Merced was 5 percent of enrollees, with 1 point HS graduates gap and no gap in “a-g”.

Most campuses saw slight increases in the share of African American enrollees over the last six years, with the exception of Berkeley and Riverside. UCLA has a larger number of African American applicants, which in part contributes to lower gaps. In addition, UCLA had a higher “relative” admit and yield rates (e.g., a comparison of the African American admit/yield rate to the overall campus admit/yield rate), indicating African American students are more likely to be admitted and once admitted, more likely to come to UCLA than the system average.

Table 1: Actual and Relative Admit and Yield Rates for African Americans at UCLA and UC System

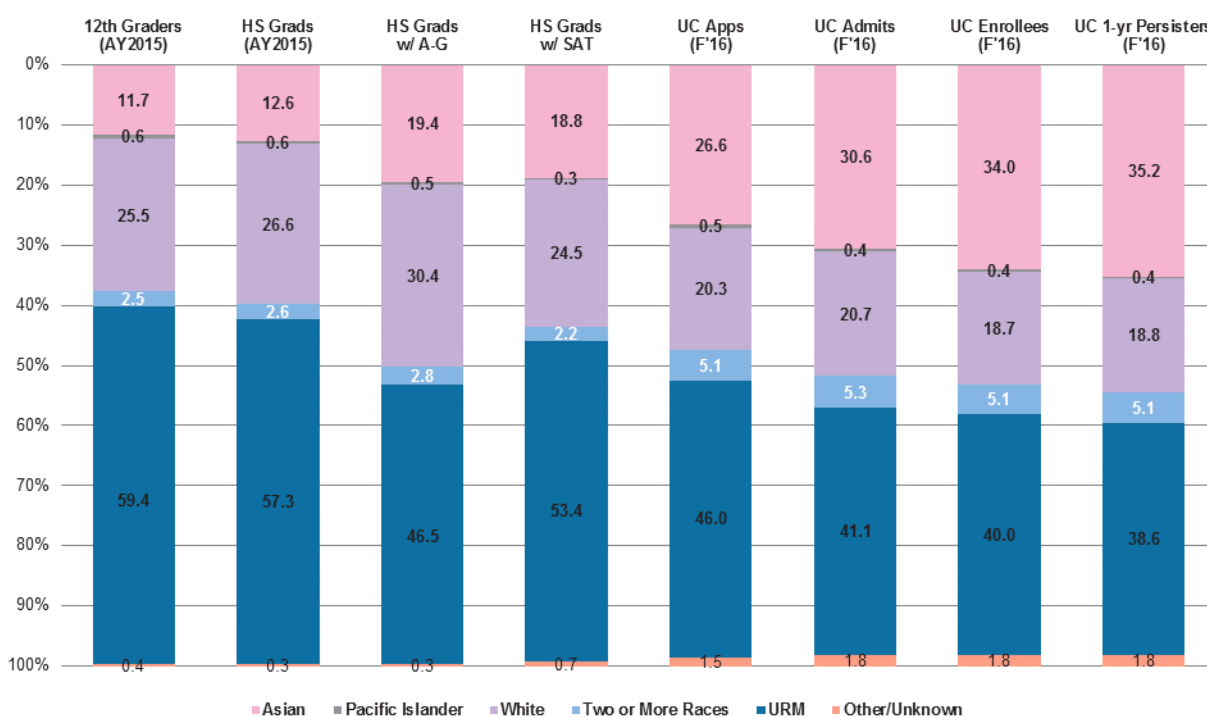
	UCLA		UC System	
	Admit Rate	Yield Rate	Admit Rate	Yield Rate
All Freshmen	17%	48%	68%	56%
African American Freshmen	15%	57%	50%	53%
Relative Admit/Yield Rates	90%	118%	74%	95%

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Pipeline Analysis

During the 2015-16 academic year, about six in ten California public high school 12th-graders were from underrepresented groups (URG). While about six in ten graduated from high school, less than half completed “a-g” courses with a grade C or better and only about four in ten of these 12th-graders who enrolled in UC and persisted past their first year were from URG backgrounds.

Figure 3: Racial/ethnic Distribution (% share) of Overall CA Public High School Pipeline to UC



Detailed data by campus (Appendix C) presents similar trends as in Figure 3, with some notable exceptions:

- Berkeley and Davis had lower shares of URGs applying (38%) and Berkeley had lower shares admitted (25%), enrolling (23%), and persisting (22%);
- Merced and Riverside had higher shares of URGs who applied (61% and 55%), were admitted (56% and 46%), enrolled (68% and 55%), and persisted past their first year (67% and 54%).

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UC campuses attract freshmen from their local regions and the major urban areas – Los Angeles County and the San Francisco Bay Area – with an overall local attendance rate of 34 percent within a 50 mile radius of the campus. Regional differences (Appendix D) likely have some effect on the outcomes noted above, specifically:

- the shares of URG students are much lower for students in Northern California and the San Francisco Bay Area (e.g., 25 percent and 27 percent completing “a-g”);
- the shares of URGs in the Central Valley and Los Angeles regions are much higher (e.g., 56 percent and 62 percent completing “a-g”).

In addition, Berkeley’s “relative” admit rate and yield rate for URGs are lowest in the system, particularly the relative yield rate which is above 100 percent for all other UC campuses. UCLA is one of Berkeley’s major competitors for URG admits, along with other private elite universities like Stanford, Harvard, Yale and Brown, which likely affects yield rates.

Table 2: Actual and Relative Admit and Yield Rates for URGs at Berkeley and UC System

	Berkeley		UC System	
	Admit Rate	Yield Rate	Admit Rate	Yield Rate
All Freshman	20%	52%	68%	56%
URG Freshman	13%	46%	59%	55%
Relative Admit/Yield Rates	66%	90%	88%	98%

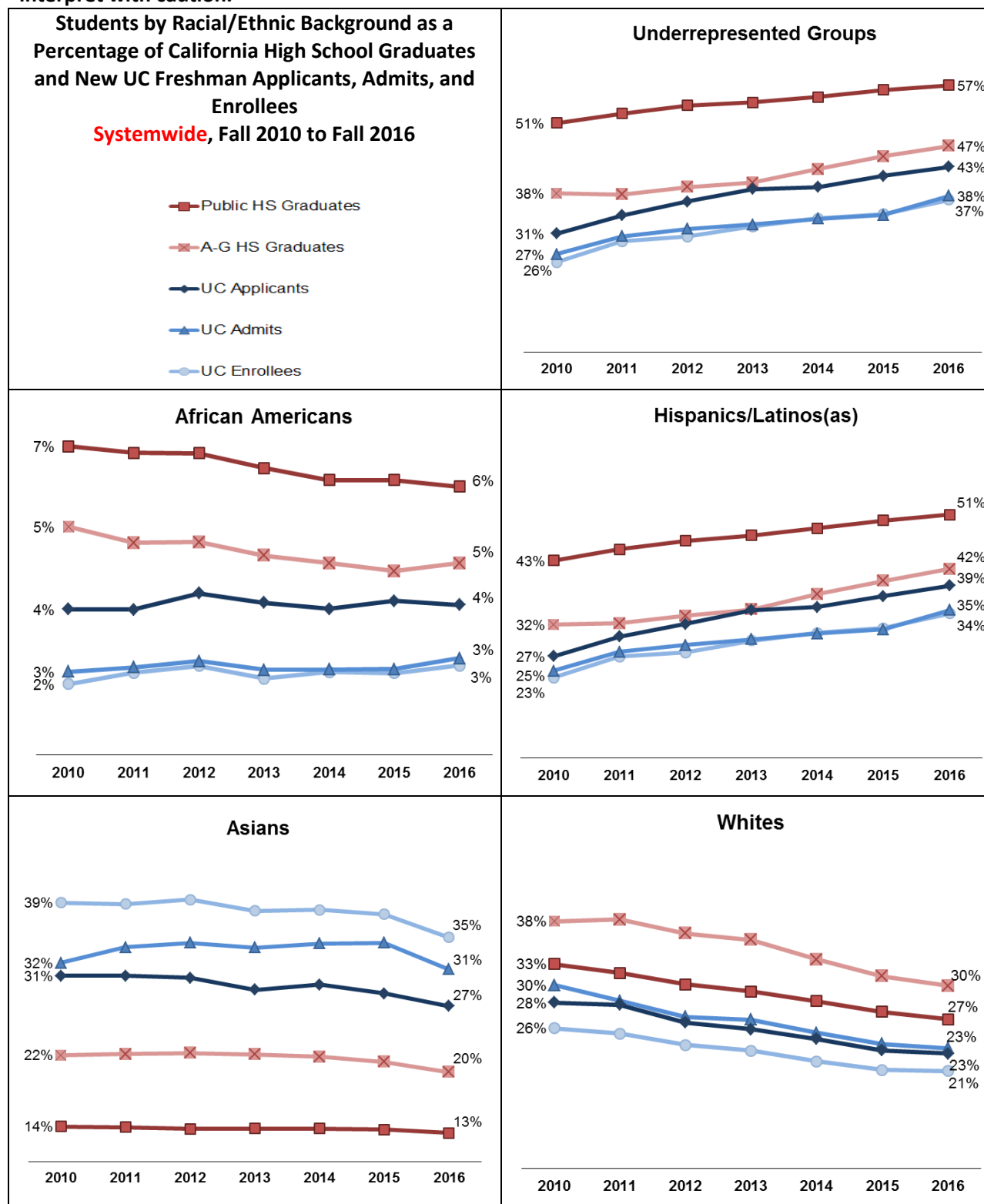
Appendix A: Number of AY2015 CA Public HS Grads, A-G Grads, and Fall2016 UC Freshman Applicants, Admits, and Enrollees by Ethnicity

	African American	American Indian	Hispanic/L atino(a)	Asian/ Pac Isl	White	Multi- Racial	Total
<i>CA Public HS Grads</i>	25,897	2,595	217,397	56,561	114,408	10,999	429,323
<i>CA A-G HS Grads</i>	8,912	812	80,903	38,793	59,157	5,539	194,698
<i>UC Applicants</i>							
UC	3,643	144	36,099	25,343	21,248	5,017	93,081
BK	1,468	67	11,885	13,475	9,172	2,294	39,302
DV	1,557	53	13,682	15,047	10,226	2,395	43,896
LA	2,020	82	17,883	16,584	10,832	2,808	51,308
RV	1,668	29	15,963	10,764	3,906	1,278	34,118
SD	1,607	66	15,059	17,427	10,801	2,757	48,778
SC	1,151	59	13,913	9,703	8,684	1,850	36,019
SB	1,596	79	17,008	14,028	12,167	2,579	48,442
IR	1,763	60	19,936	19,173	8,211	2,466	52,599
MC	817	12	9,677	4,691	1,911	614	17,961
<i>UC Admits</i>							
UC	1,811	84	21,816	19,694	14,720	3,477	62,892
BK	185	16	1,574	3,298	1,991	495	7,874
DV	360	20	4,379	6,068	4,438	945	16,666
LA	312	24	2,380	3,308	1,994	540	8,842
RV	769	16	8,795	8,454	3,042	954	22,442
SD	307	14	4,156	6,926	3,691	923	16,518
SC	381	38	5,145	6,260	6,031	1,194	19,524
SB	358	27	4,409	6,130	5,083	1,041	17,576
IR	387	10	5,721	8,400	3,437	954	19,408
MC	489	6	6,812	3,940	1,655	496	13,605
<i>UC Enrollees</i>							
UC	964	46	12,004	12,271	7,341	1,864	35,192
BK	79	4	740	1,829	997	242	4,066
DV	86	3	1,334	1,454	1,090	223	4,260
LA	179	12	1,364	1,415	970	250	4,283
RV	185	4	2,429	1,571	488	195	4,924
SD	68	5	1,118	1,712	668	209	3,862
SC	74	8	992	969	1,081	231	3,422
SB	89	9	1,176	990	1,265	249	3,854
IR	103	1	1,628	1,968	601	209	4,582
MC	101	0	1,223	379	181	56	1,955
% App of HS Grads	14%	6%	17%	45%	19%	46%	22%
% Adm of HS Grads	7%	3%	10%	35%	13%	32%	15%
% Enr of HS Grads	4%	2%	6%	22%	6%	17%	8%
% App of 'a-g' Grads	41%	18%	45%	65%	36%	91%	48%
% Adm of 'a-g' Grads	20%	10%	27%	51%	25%	63%	32%
% Enr of 'a-g' Grads	11%	6%	15%	32%	12%	34%	18%

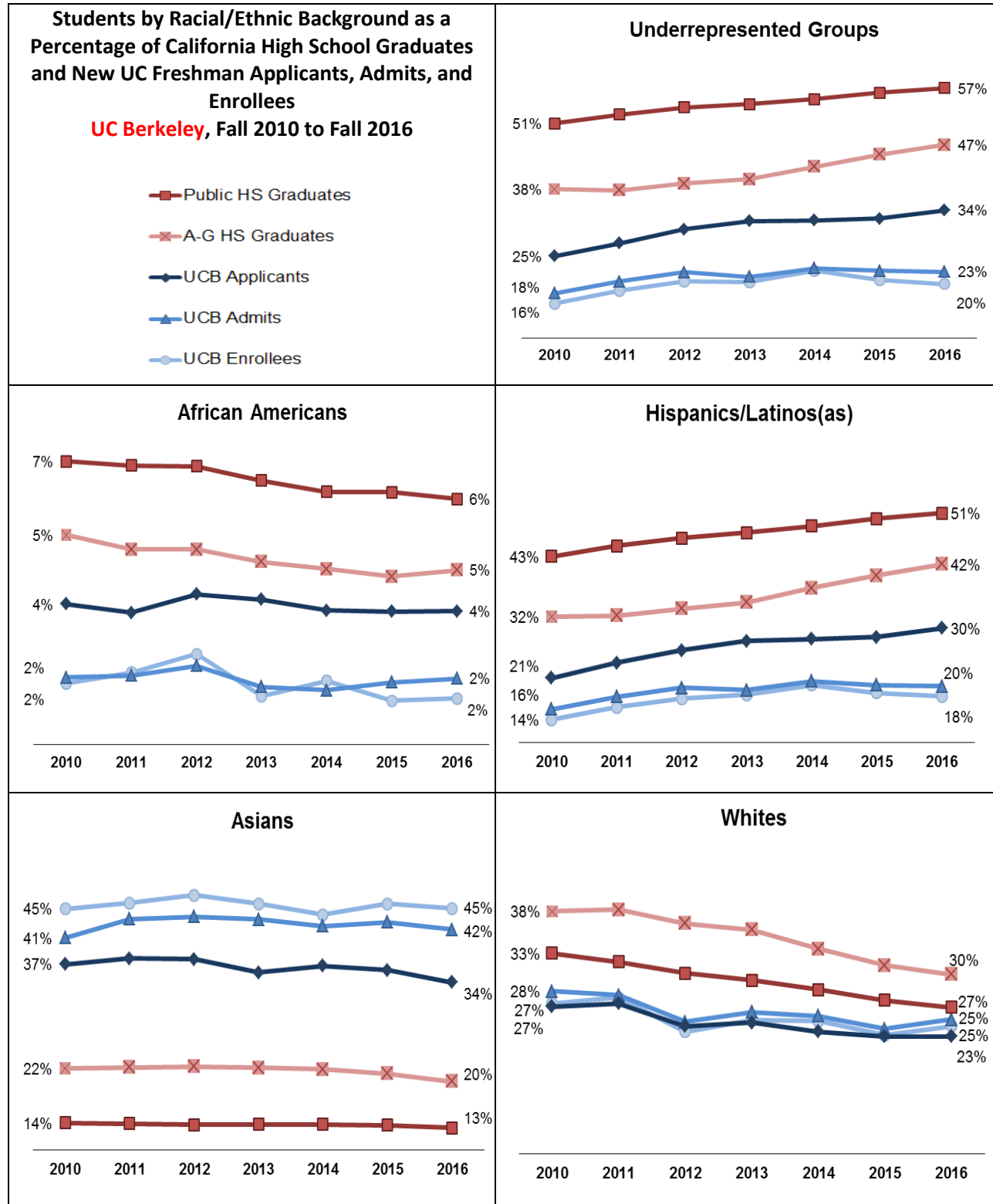
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Appendix B: Gap Charts, Systemwide

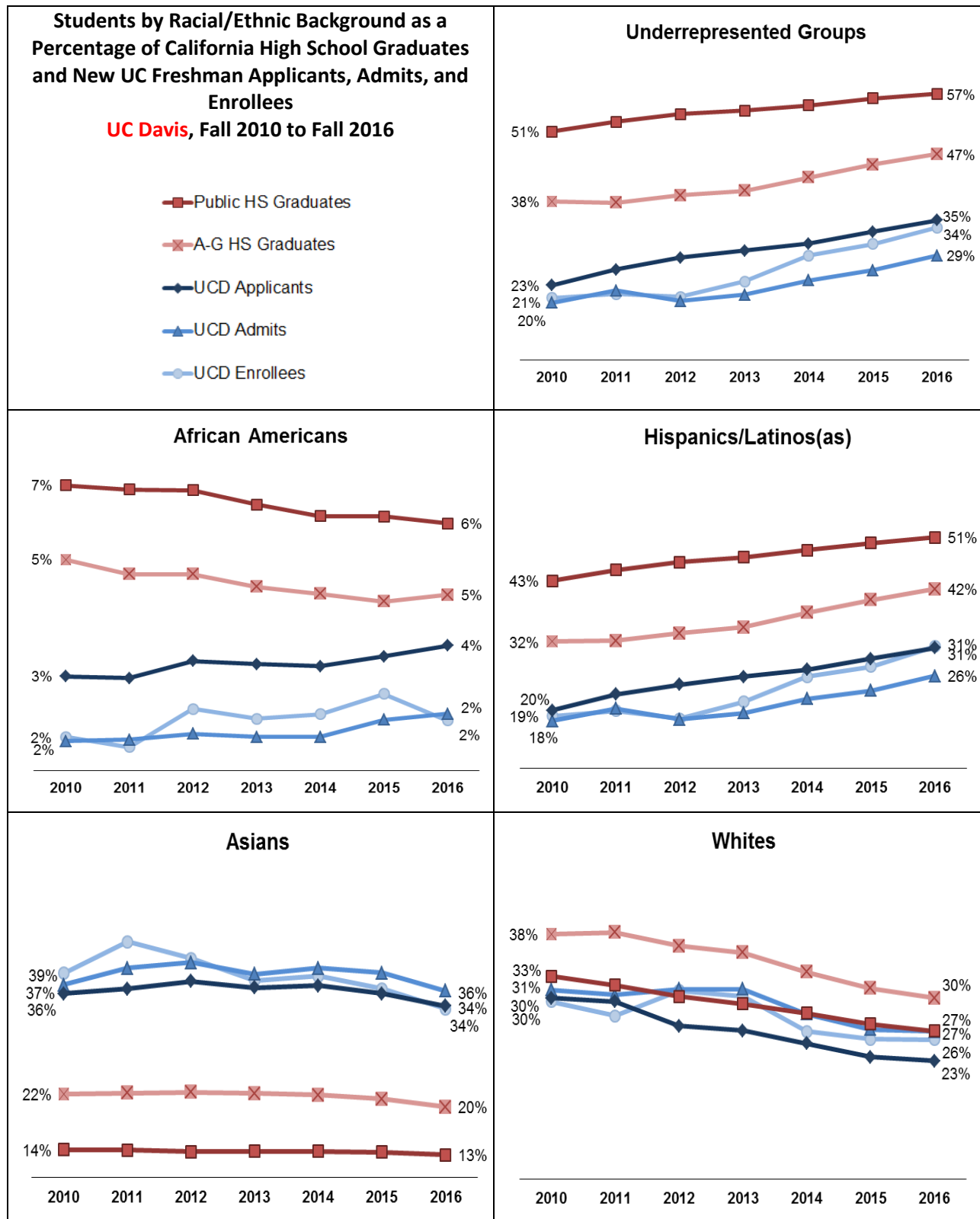
Ethnicities are based on IPEDS definitions. **Asians include pacific islanders.** Due to rounding, points of the same percentage numbers may not overlap. **The scales are different for each chart. Please interpret with caution.**



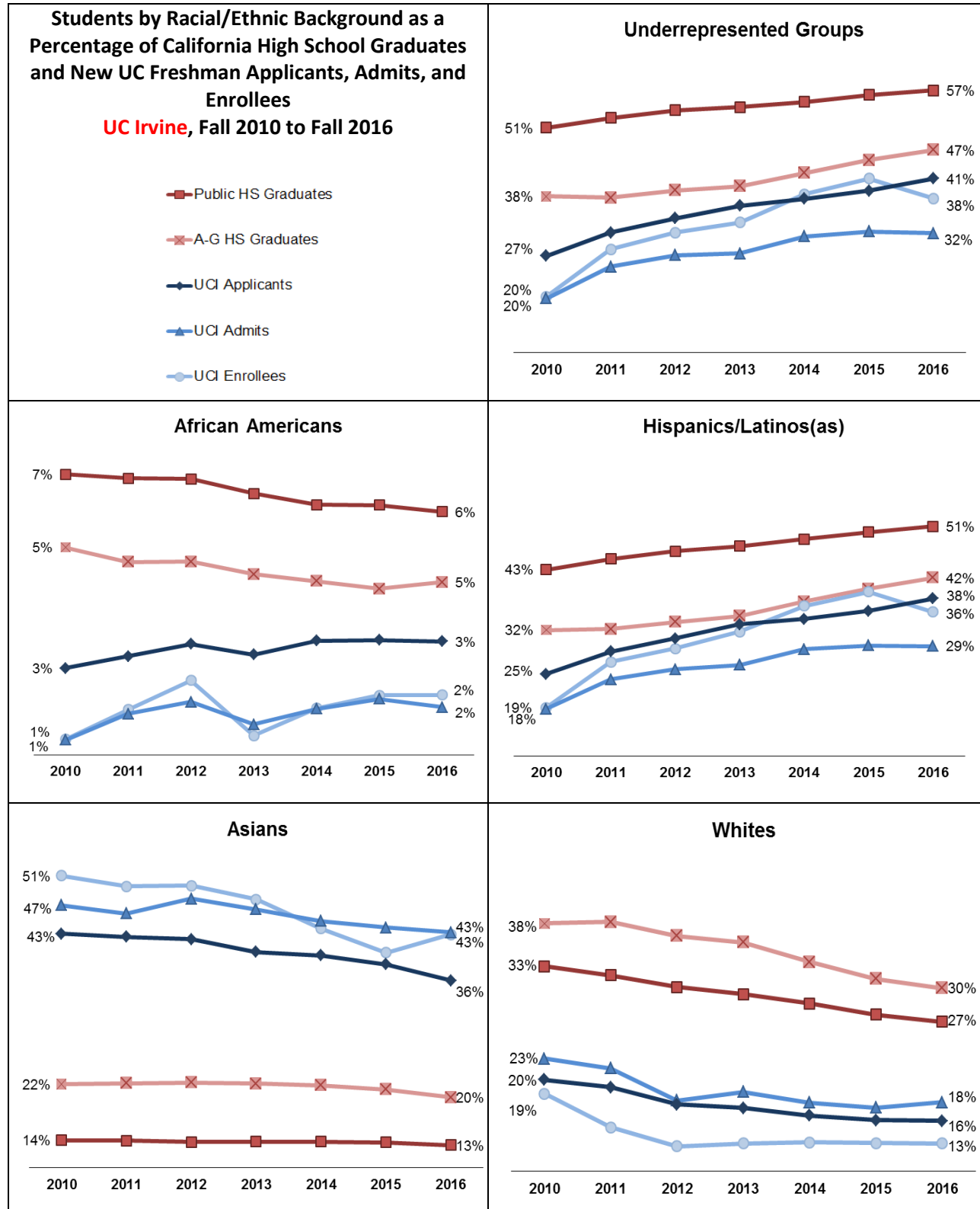
Appendix B: Gap Charts, UC Berkeley



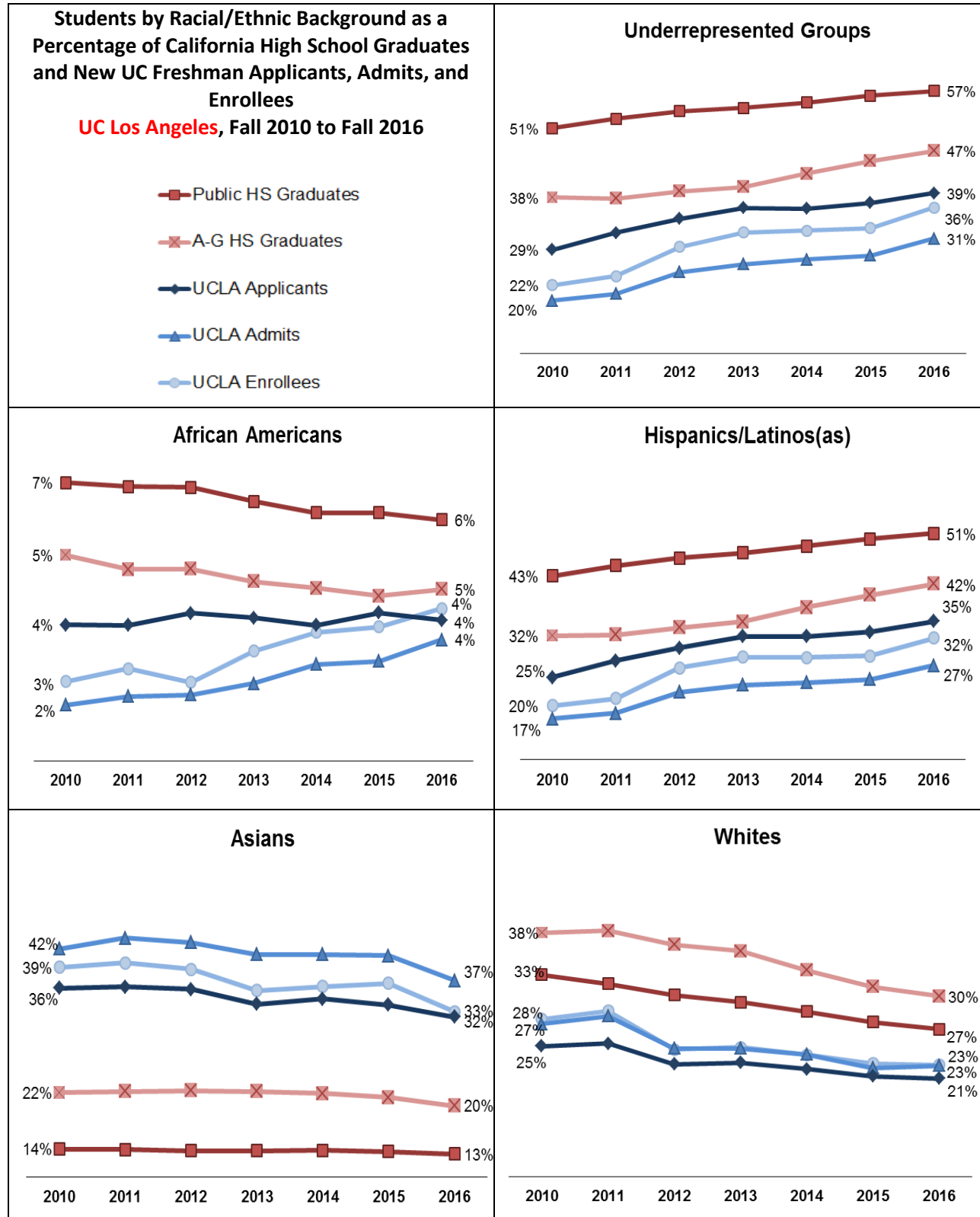
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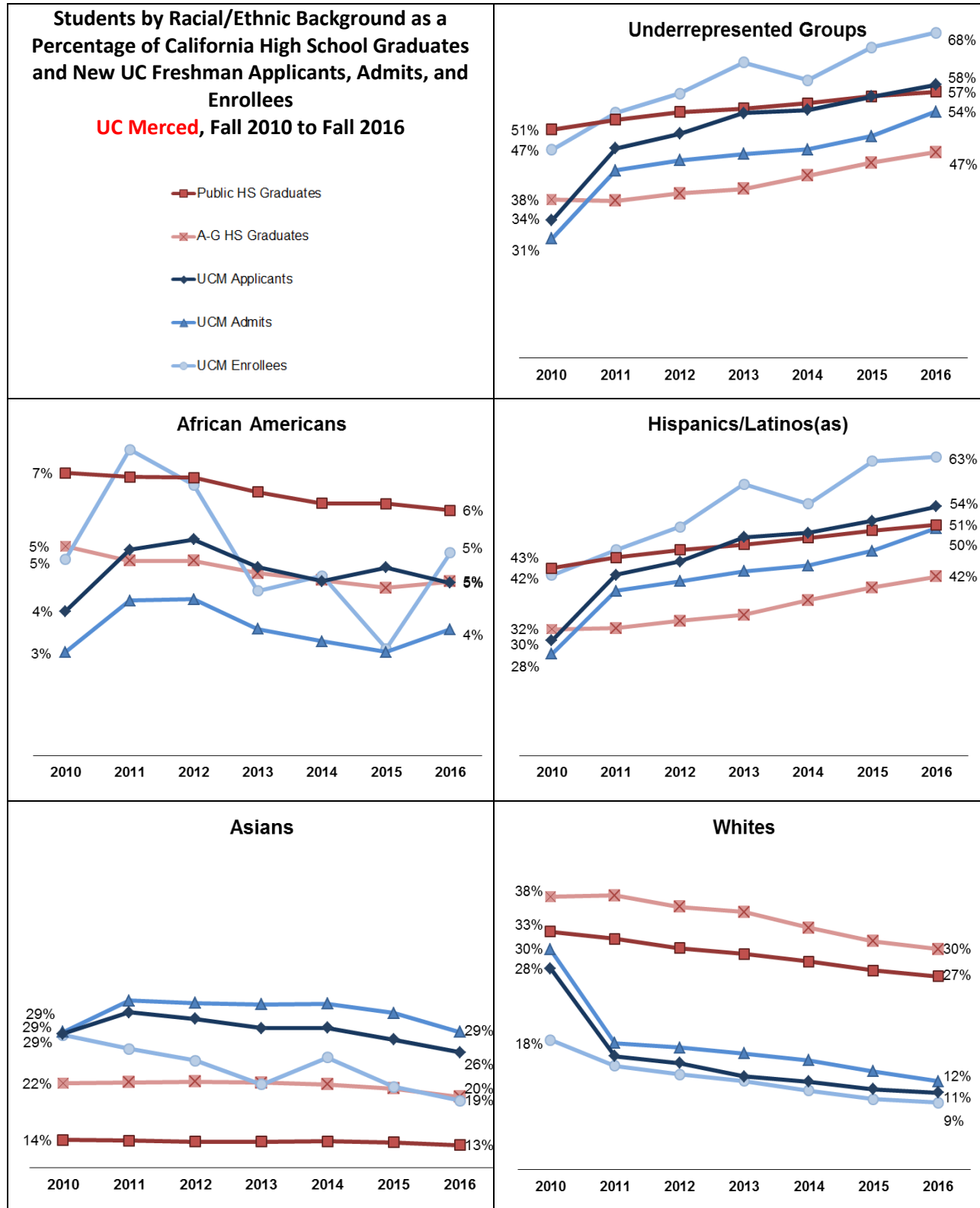
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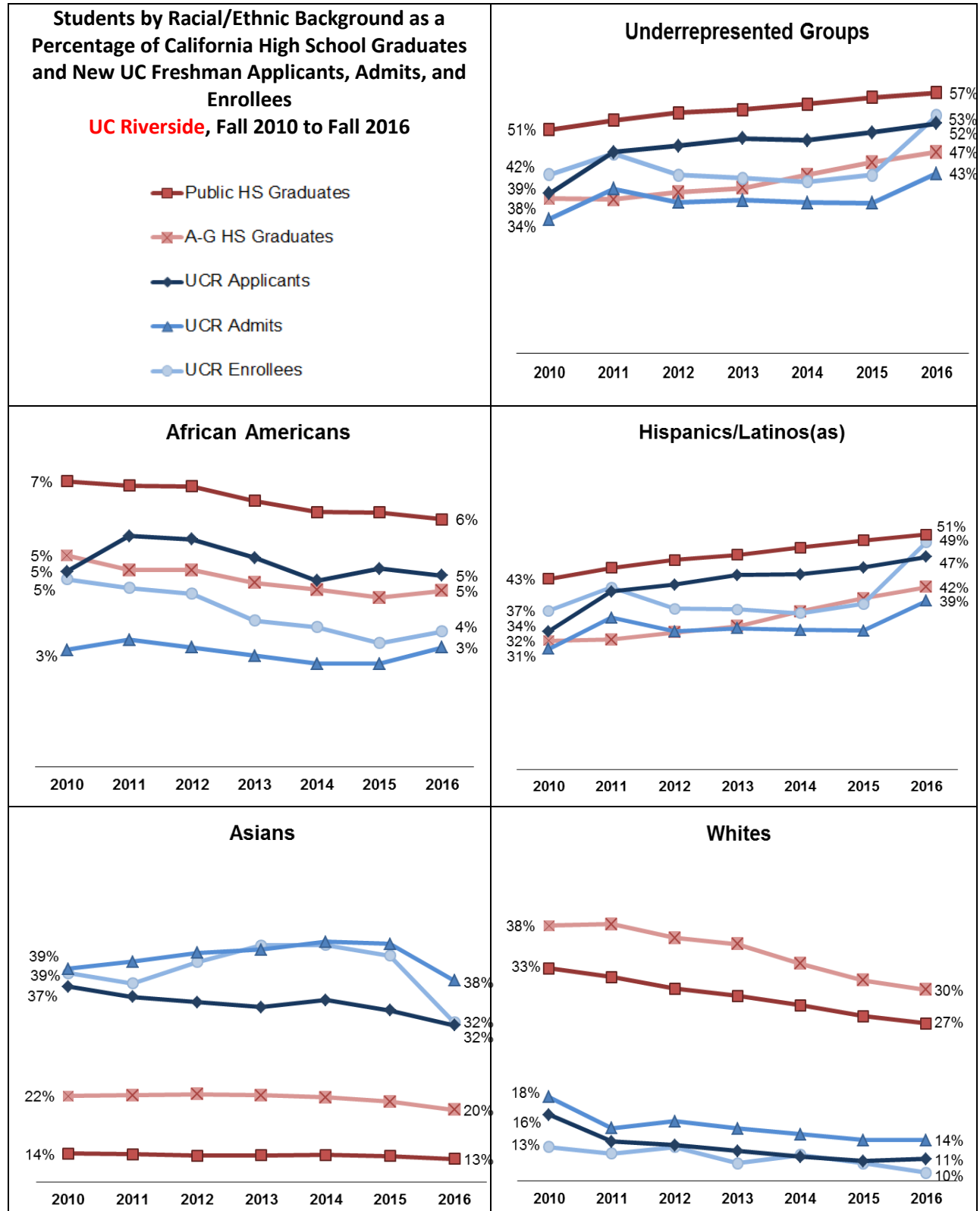
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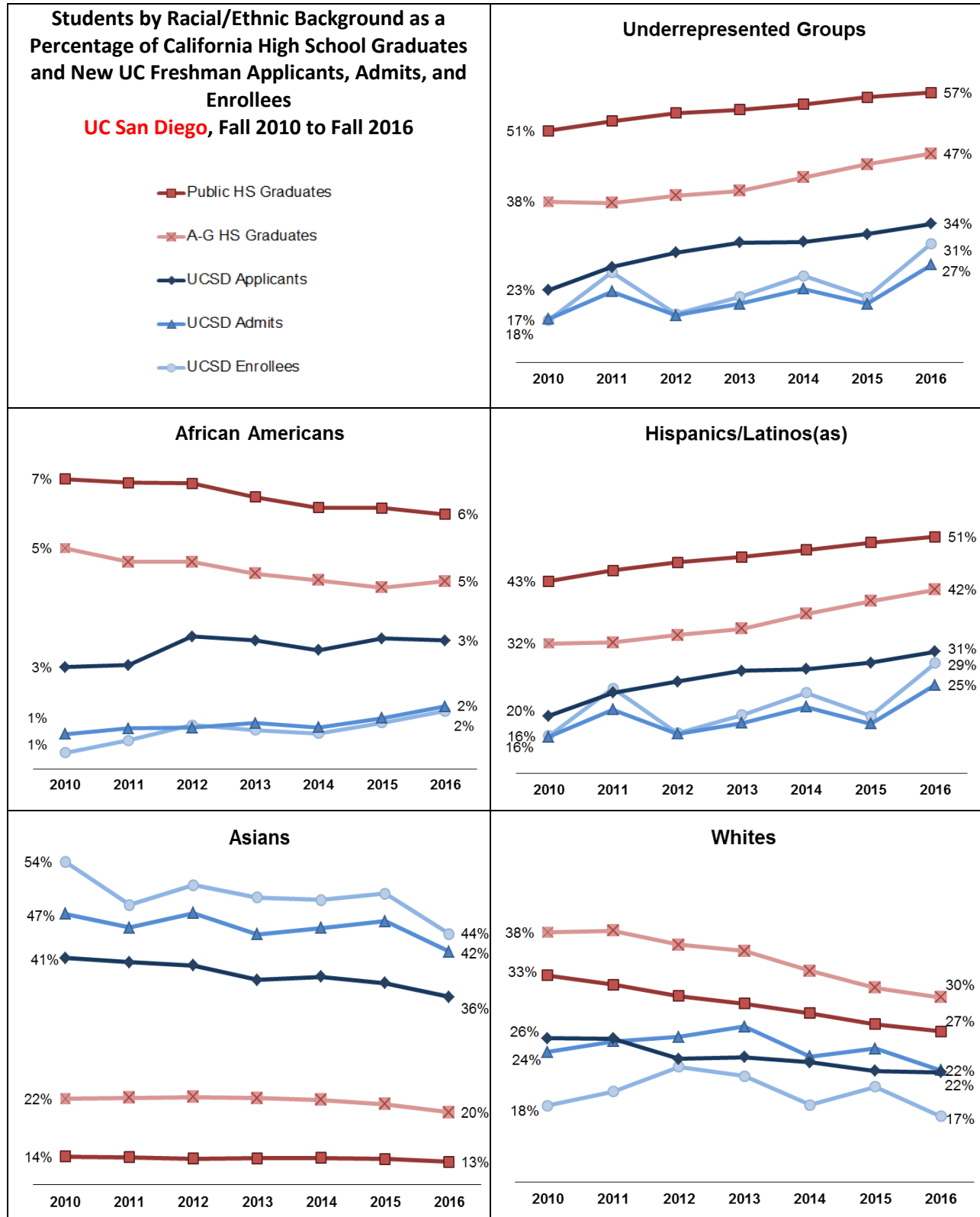
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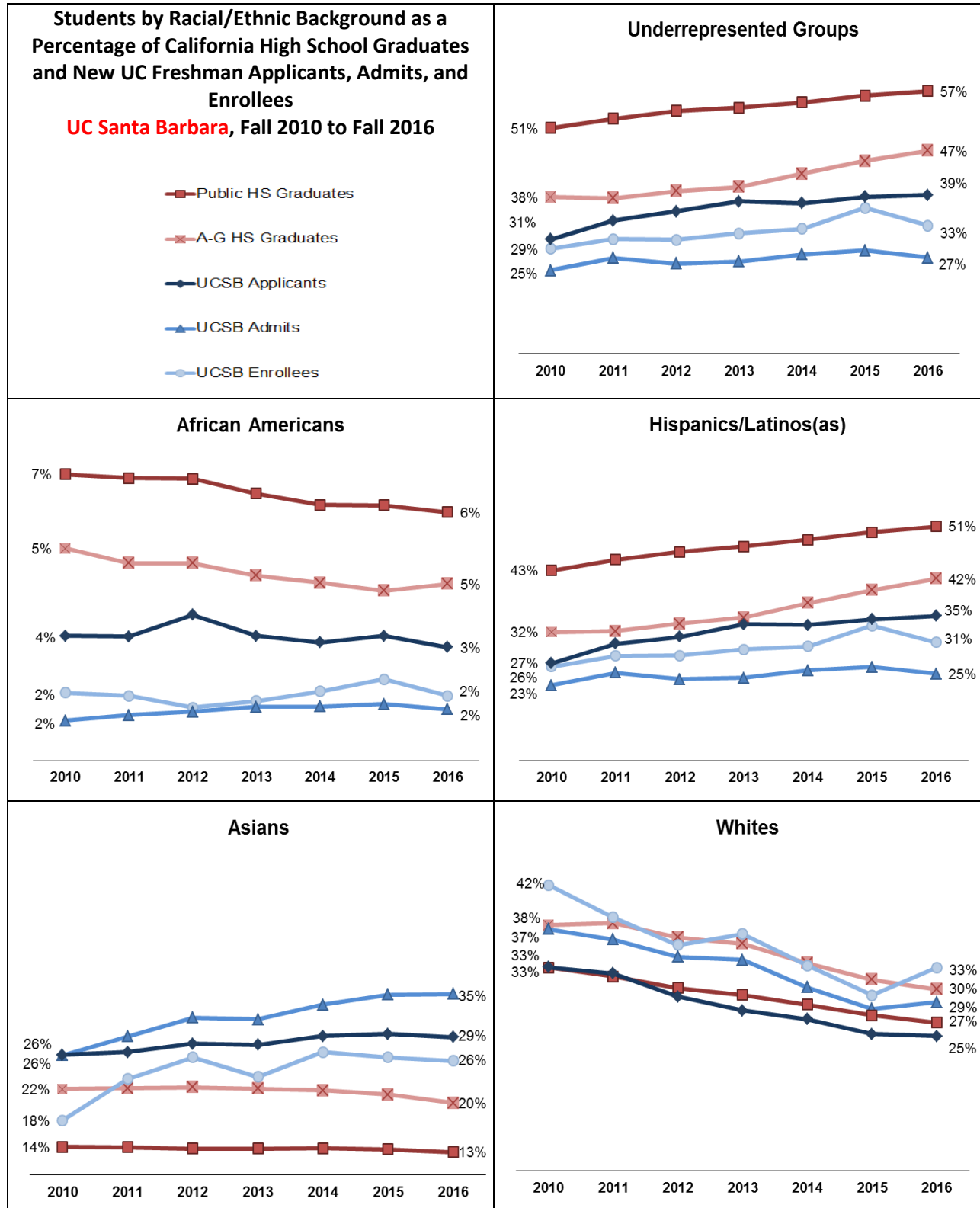
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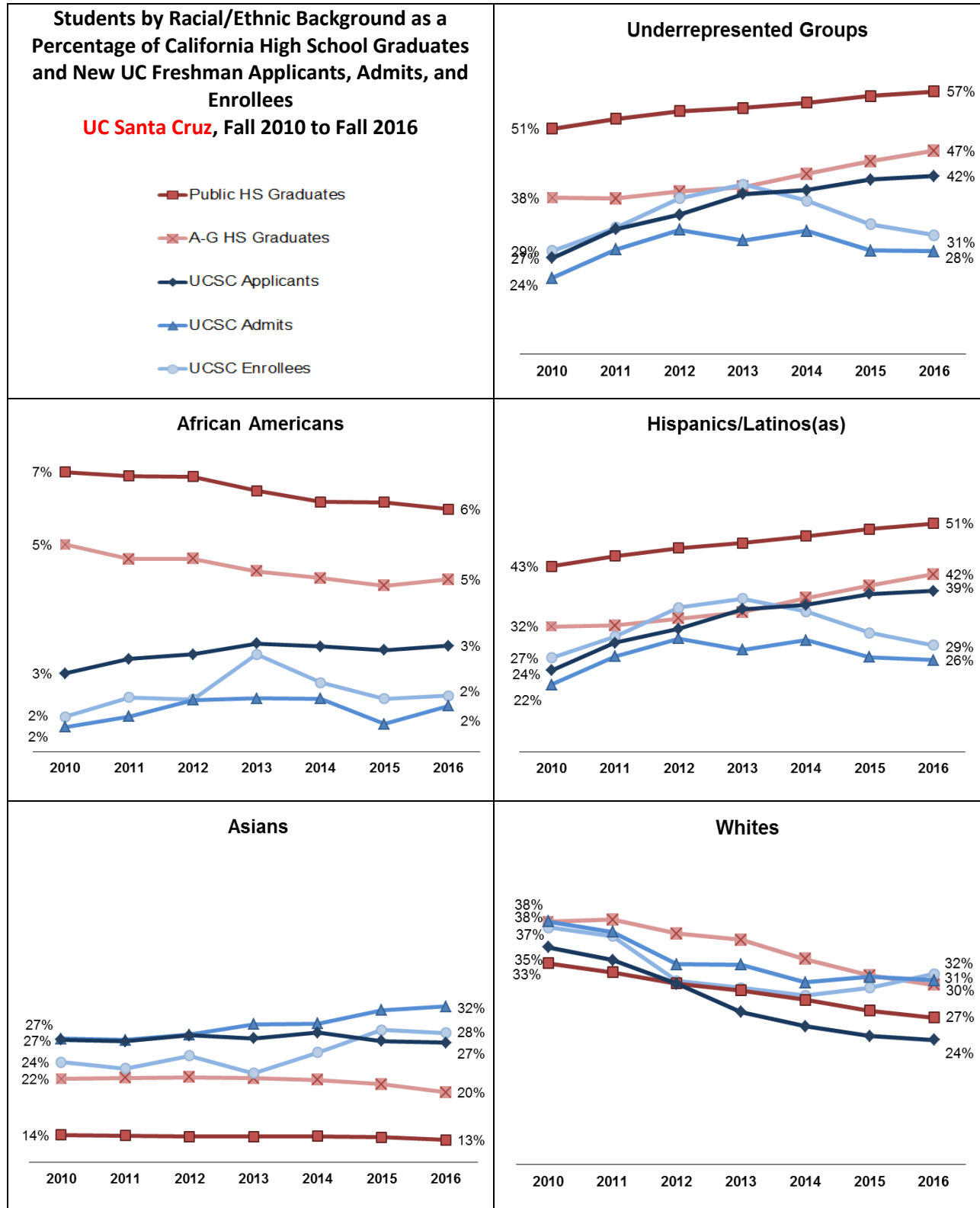
Appendix B: Gap Charts, UC San Diego



Appendix B: Gap Charts, UC Santa Barbara



Appendix B: Gap Charts, UC Santa Cruz



Appendix C: Racial/ethnic distribution (% share) of overall CA public high school pipeline to UC by Campus, fall 2016

Ethnicity definitions are IPEDS/US Census definitions. UC apps, admits, enrollees, and persisters are restricted to CA public high school graduates who took the SAT.

Figure 1. Systemwide

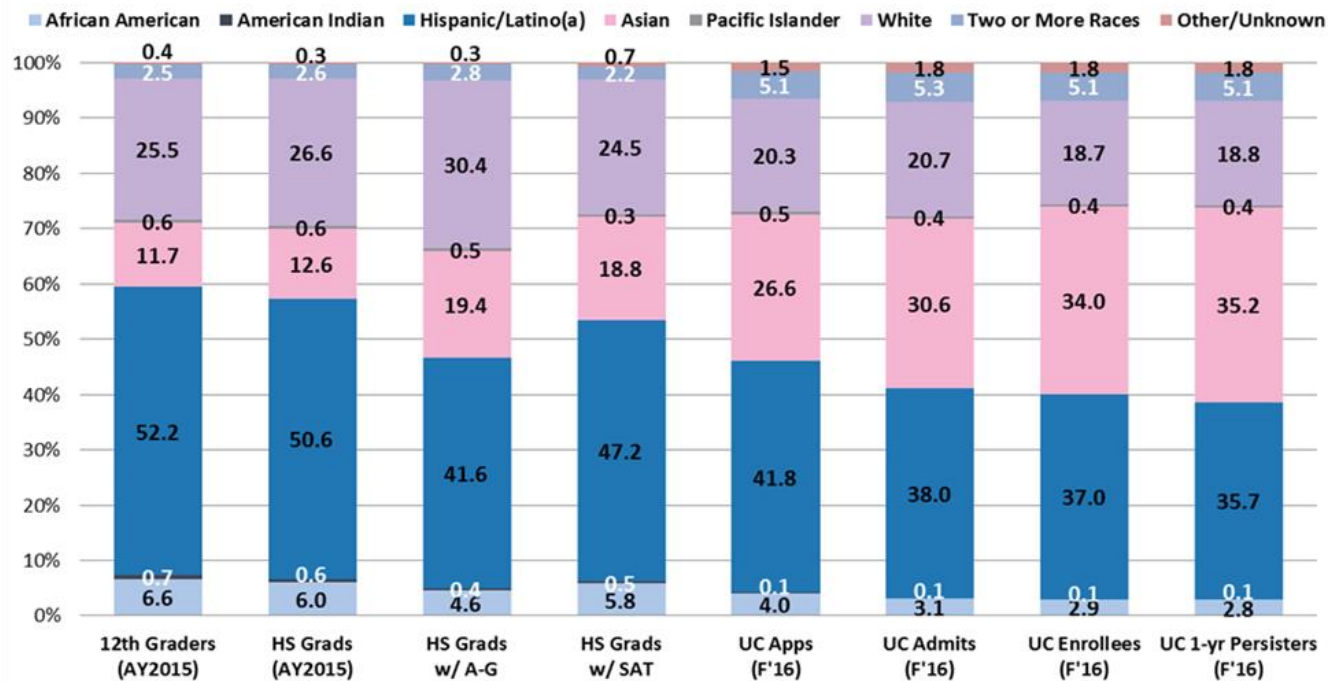


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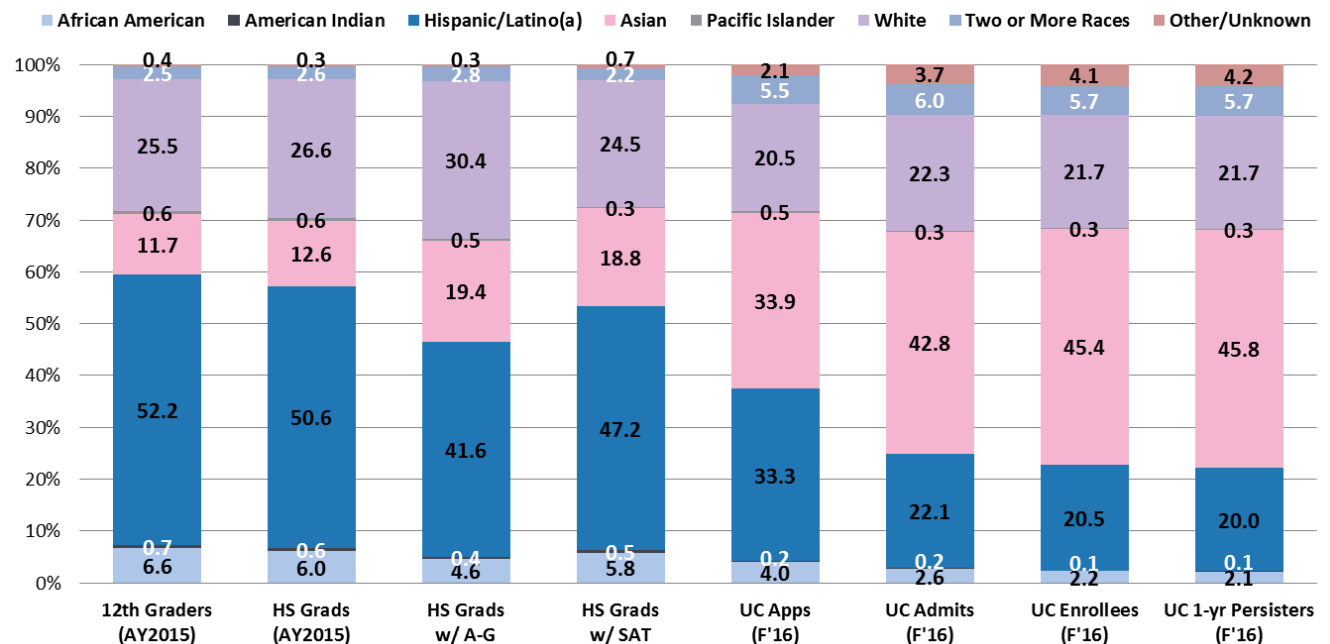


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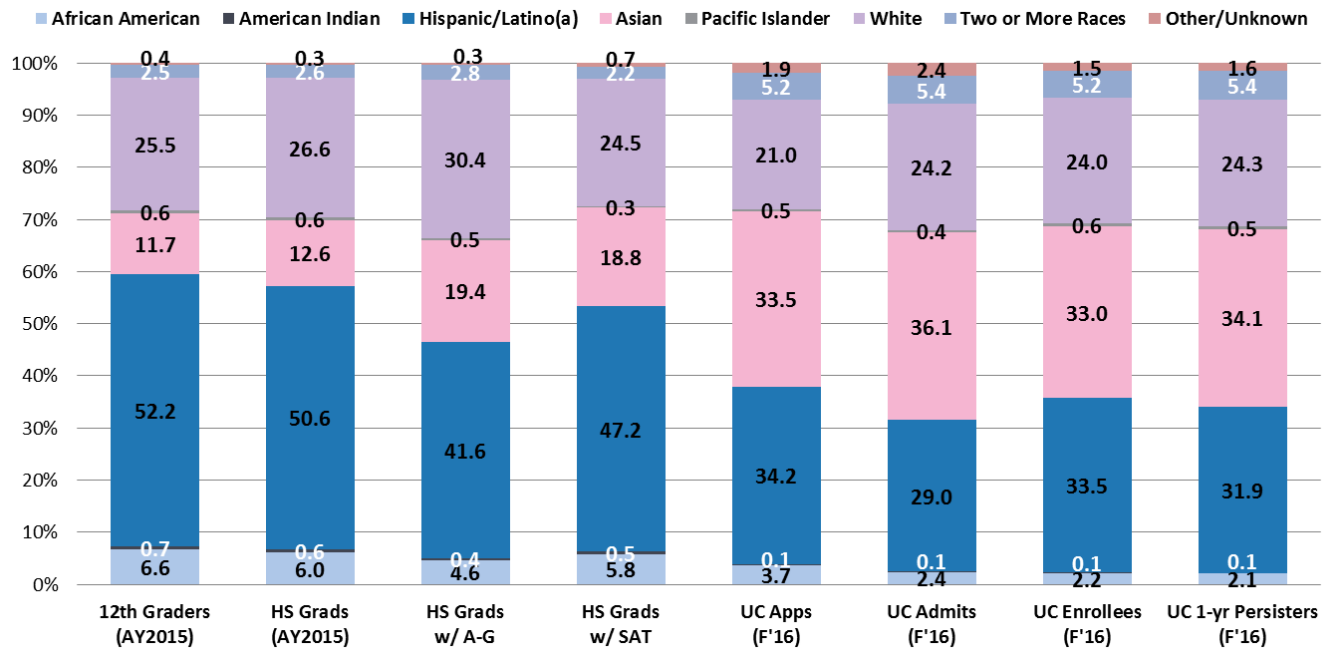


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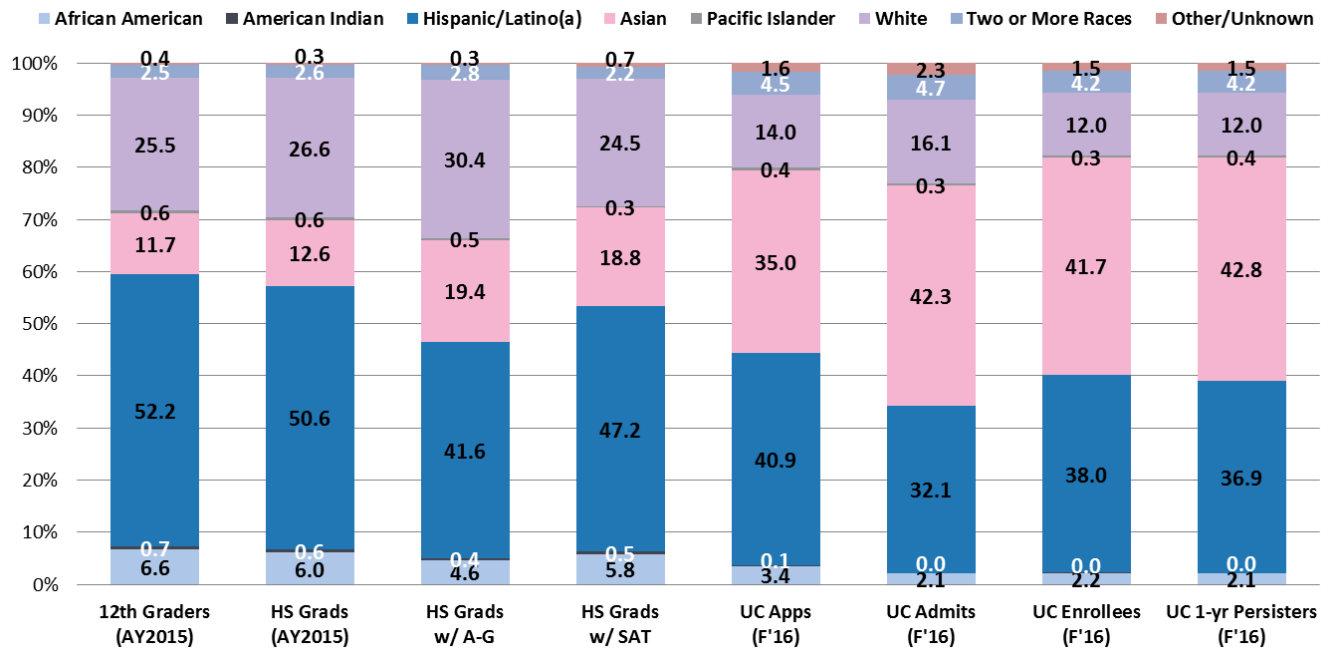


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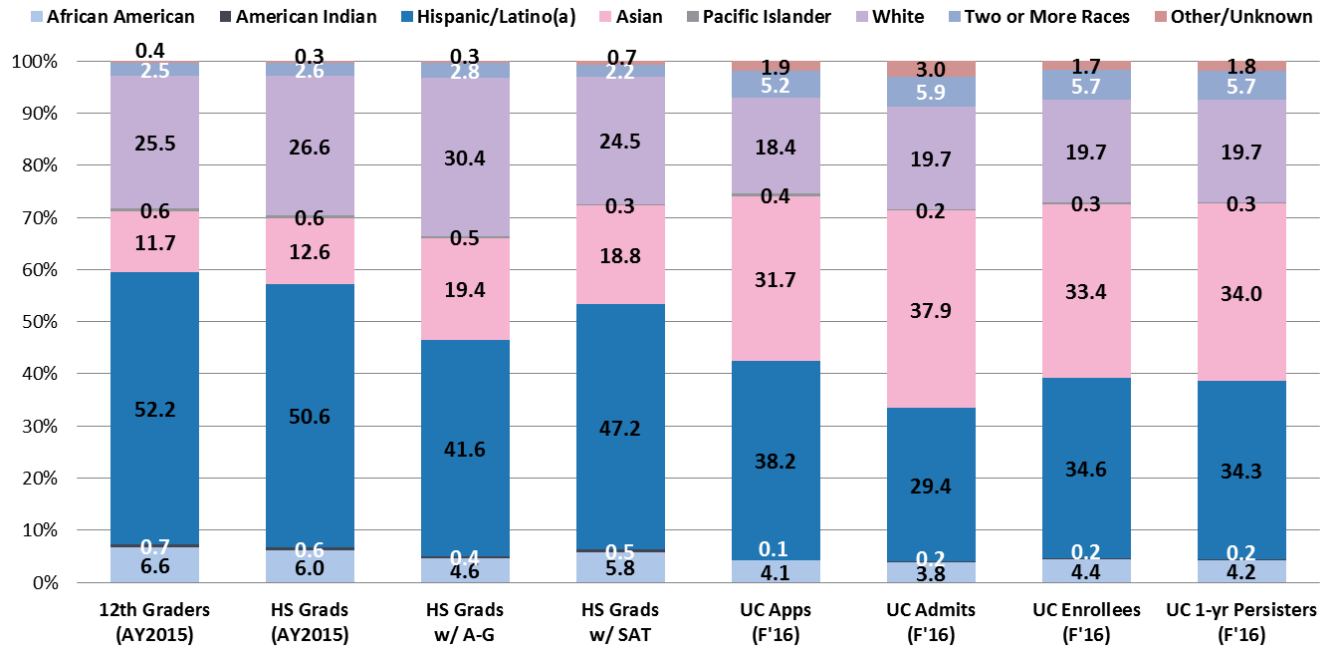


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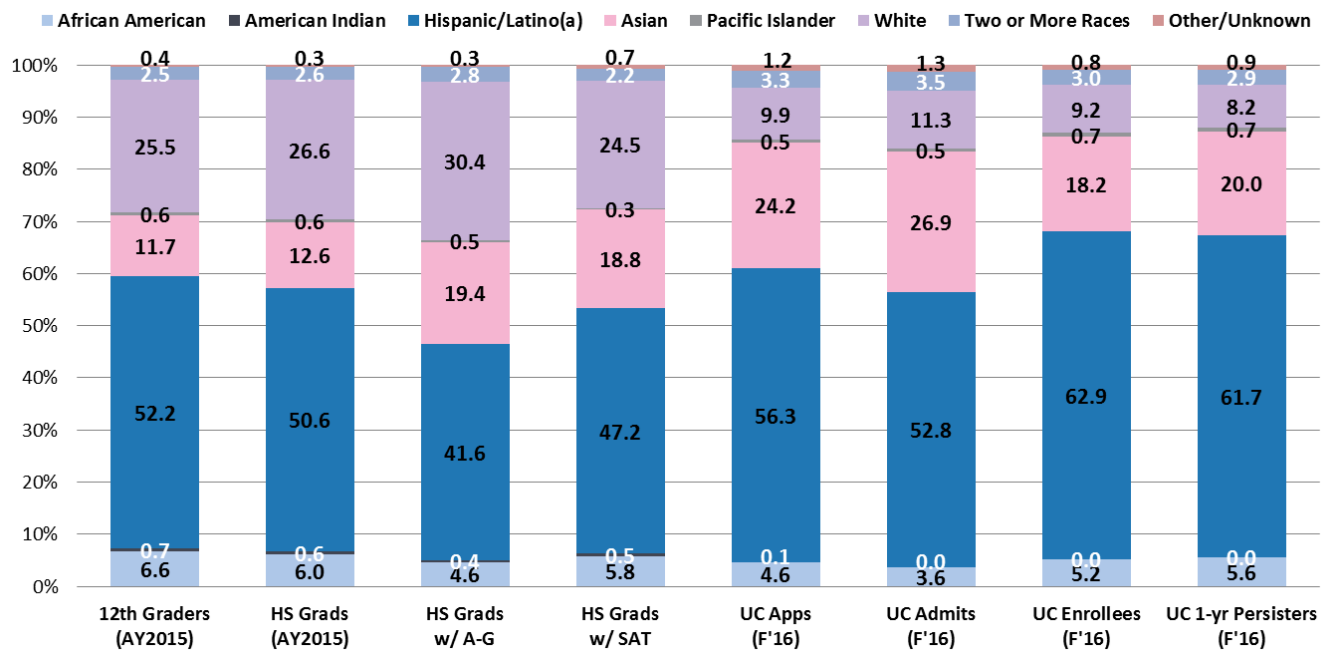


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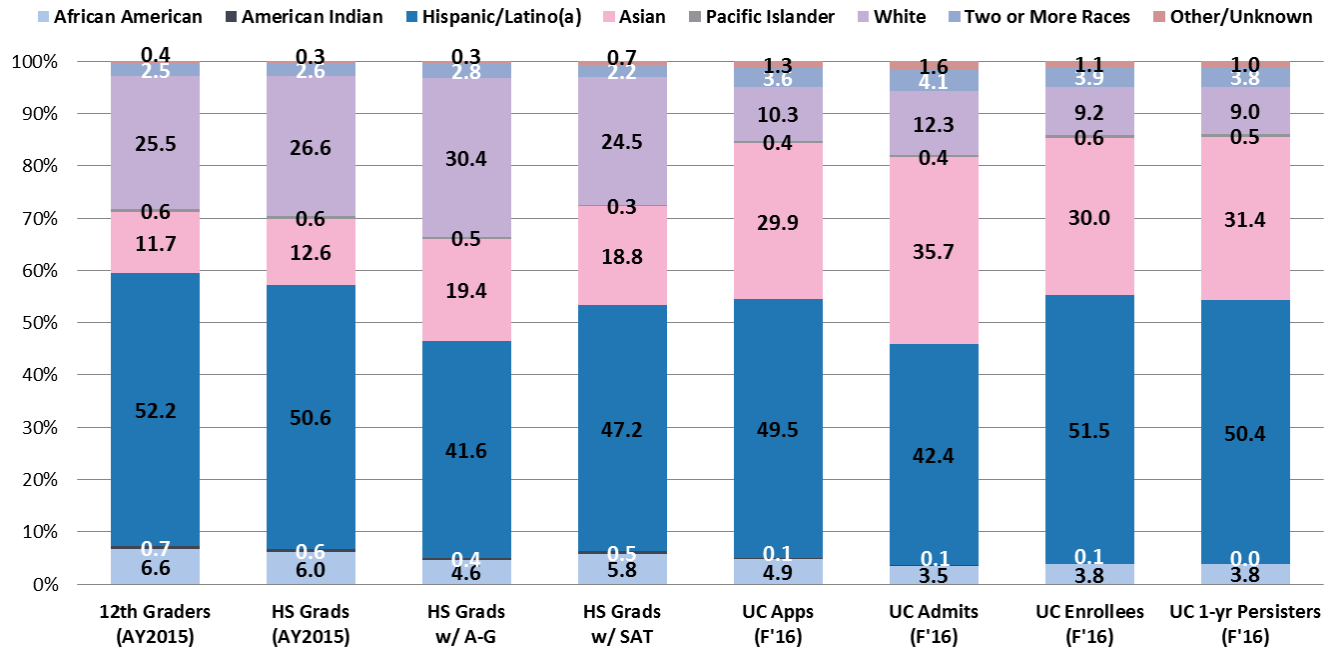


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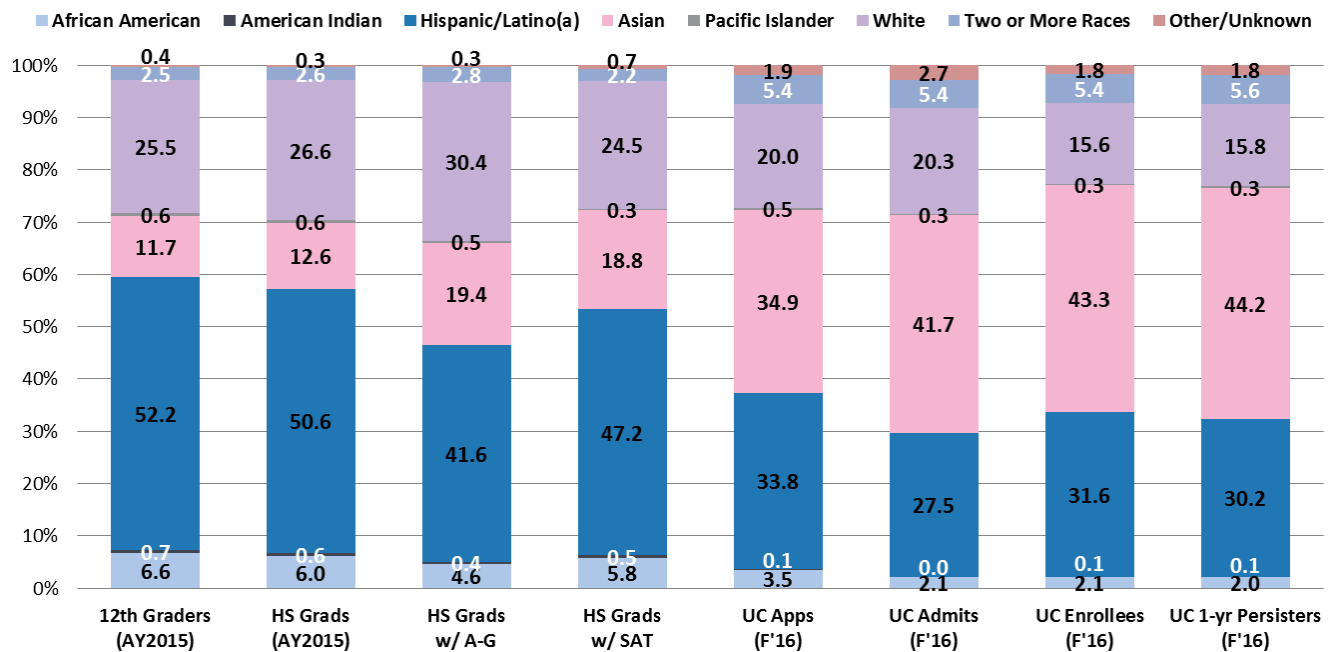


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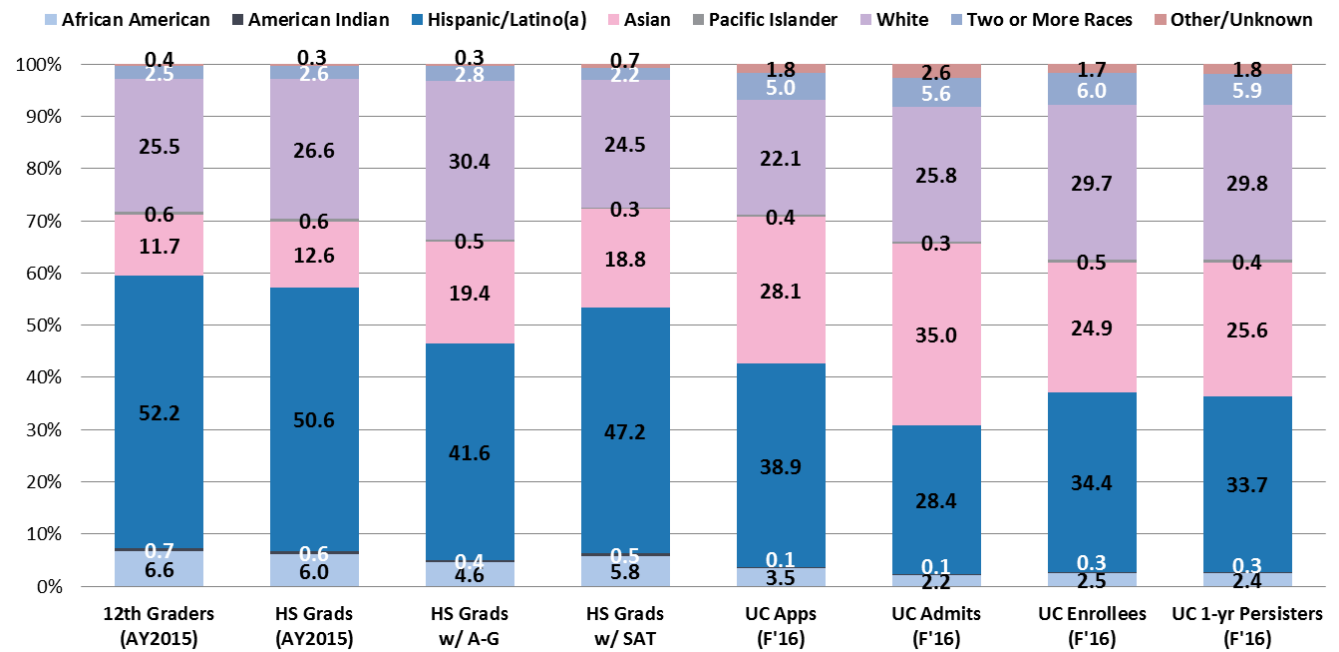
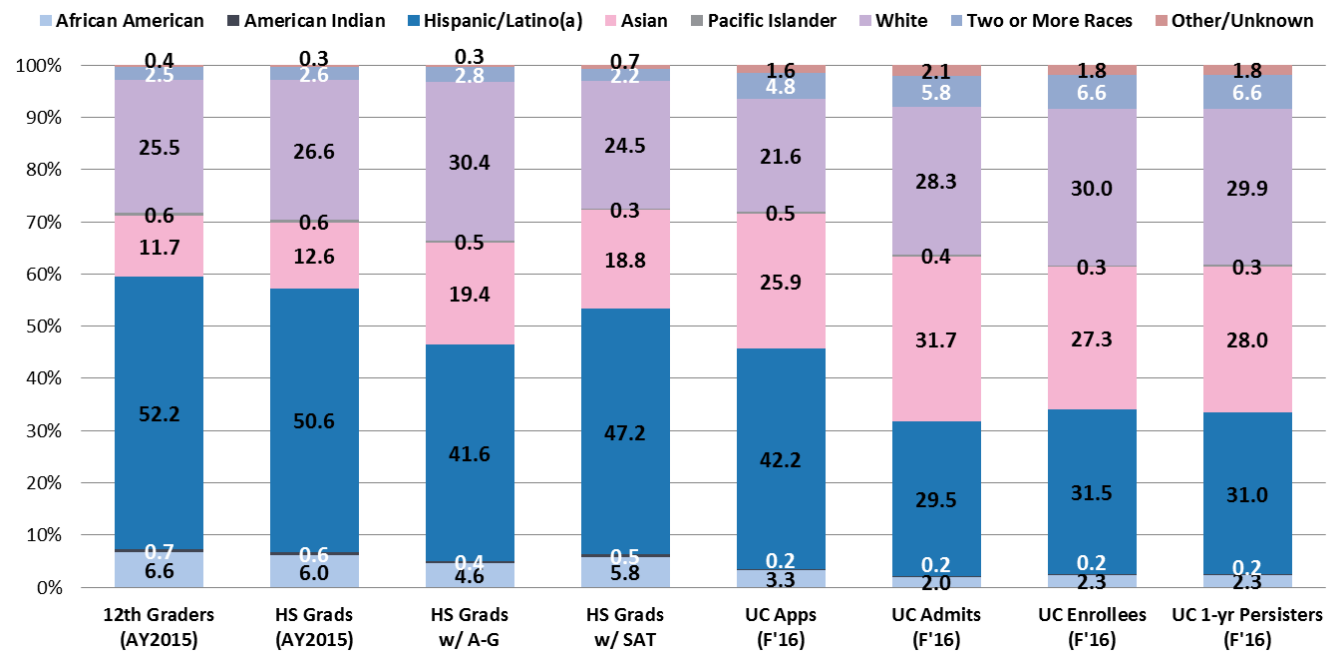


Figure 10. UC Santa Cruz



Appendix D: Racial/ethnic distribution (% share) of overall CA public high school pipeline to UC by Region, fall 2016

Central Coast includes Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and Ventura counties. **Central Valley** includes Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Tuolumne counties. **Northern CA** includes Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo and Yuba counties. **San Francisco Bay Area** includes Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma counties. **Los Angeles** includes Los Angeles county only. **Southern CA** includes Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties.

Figure 1. Central Coast

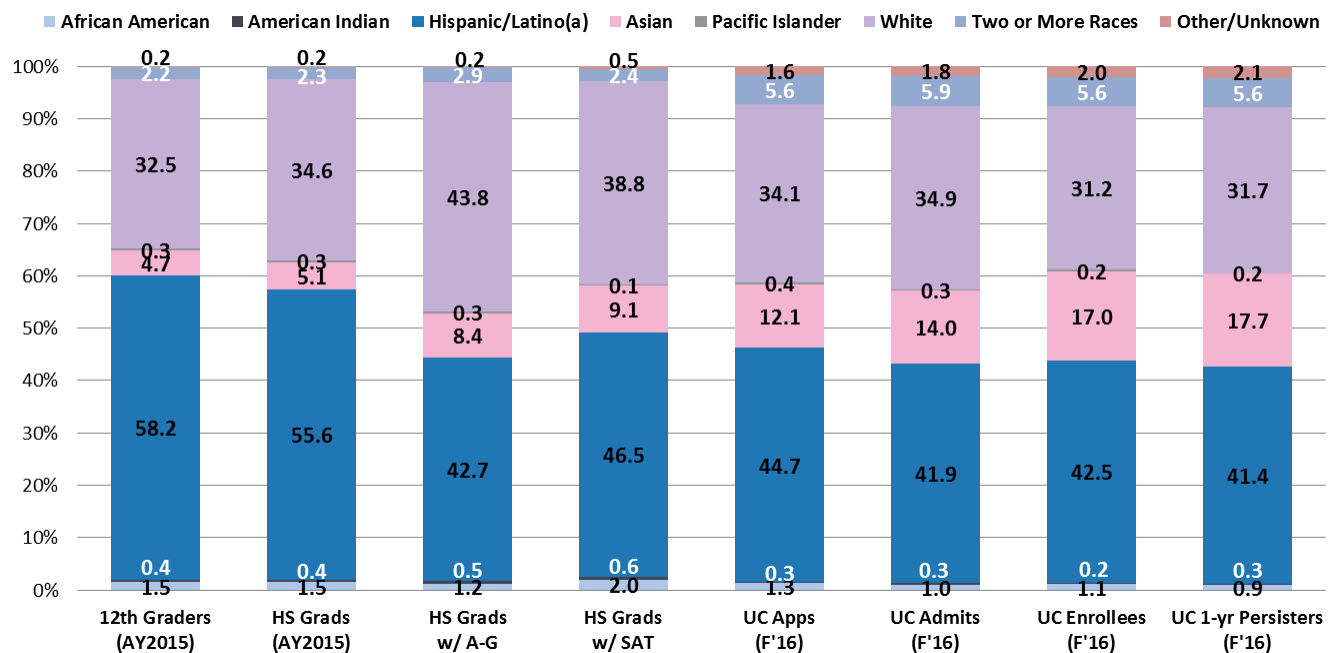


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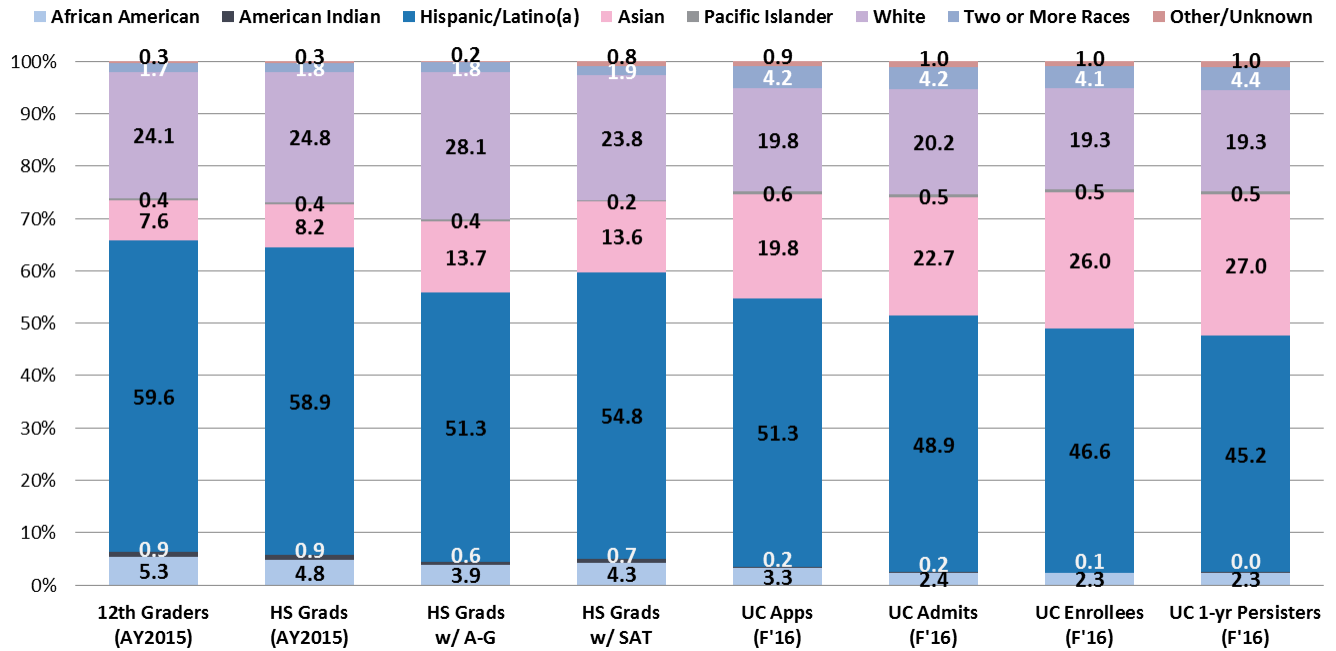


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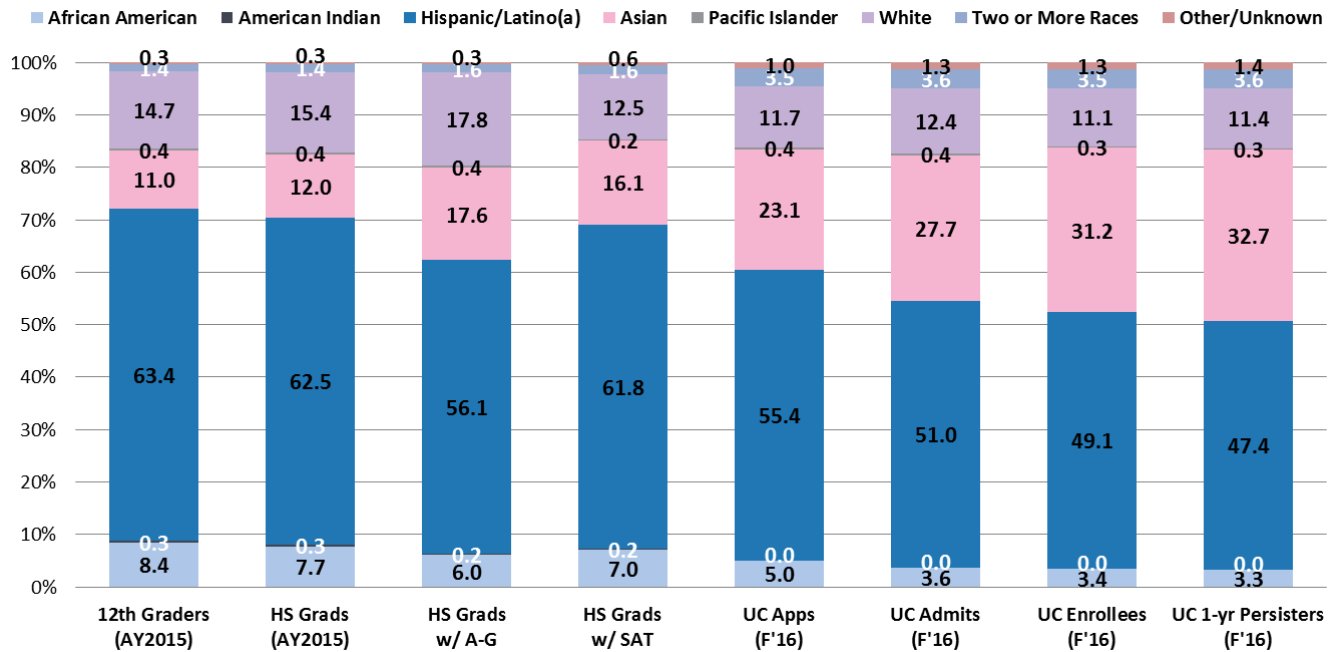


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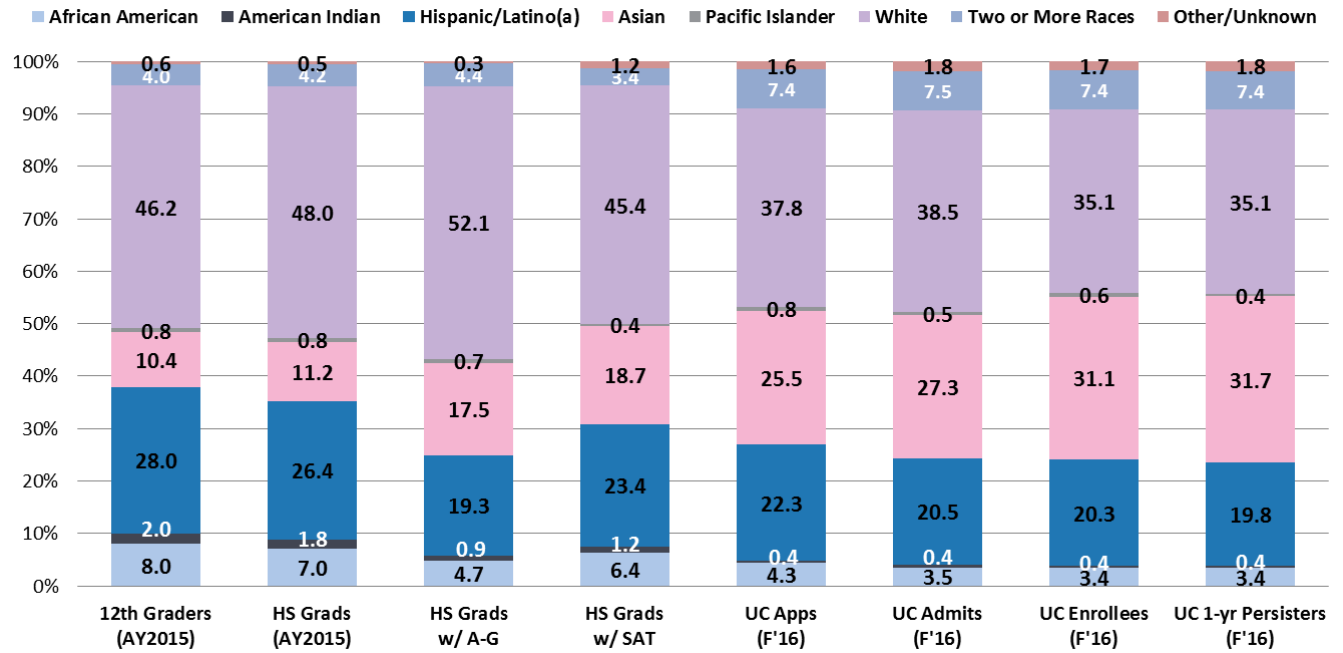


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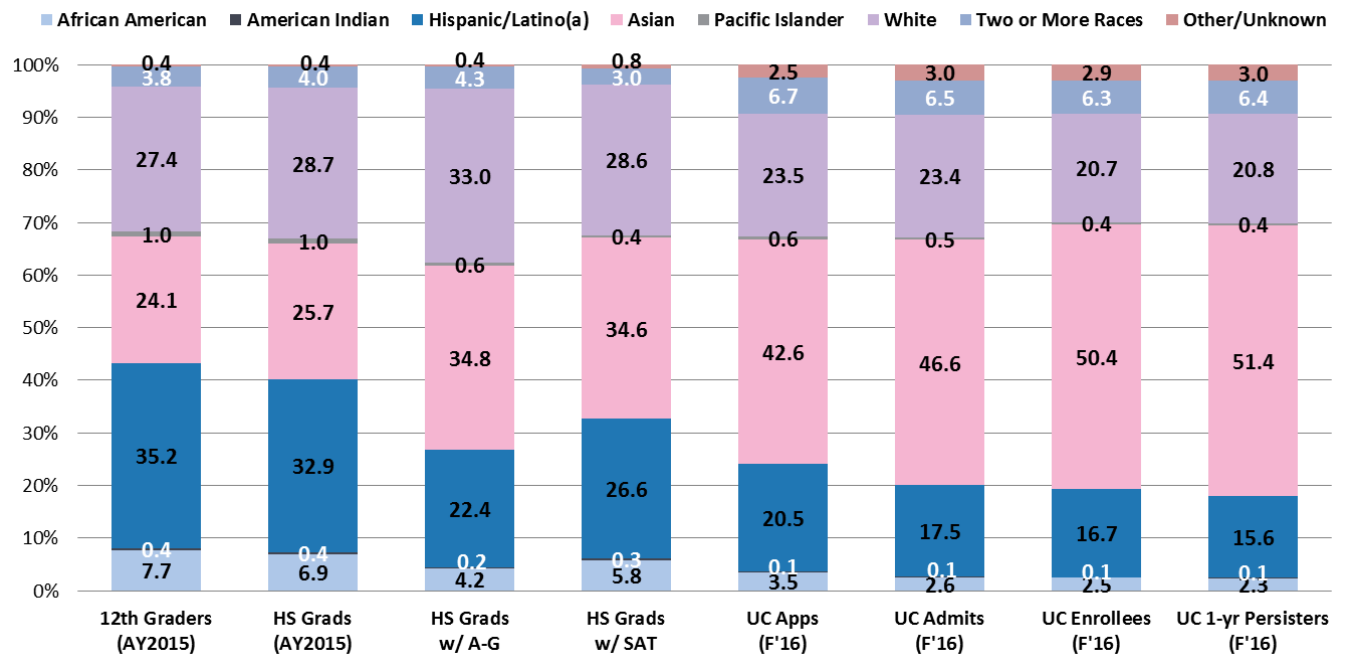


Figure 6. Southern California

