

# **Demand for Higher Education Programs**

Results through February 2022

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### **Market and Financial Data**

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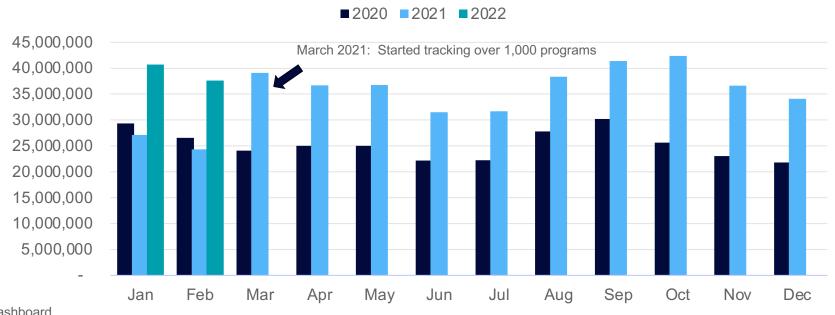
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### **Google Search Trends: Programs**

### Gray now tracks a curated list of approximately 70 keywords for over 1,000 programs.

This is an expansion from about 25 keywords for 200 programs.

#### **Google Search Volume for Academic Programs**



Source: Gray's Keyword Search Dashboard

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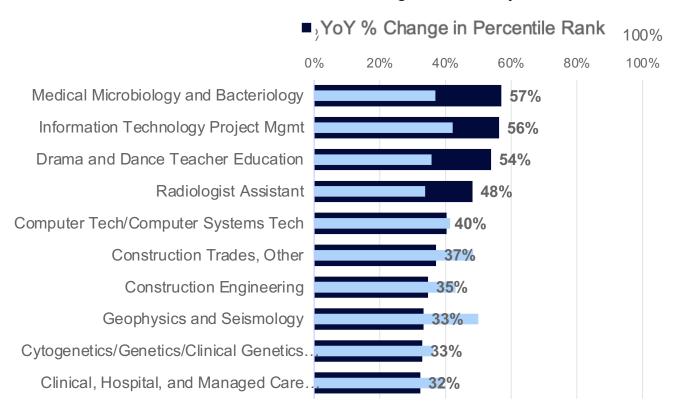
### **Google: Fastest-Growing**

# In February, the search rank for Medical Microbiology and Bacteriology rose 57% year-over-year.

 Geophysics and Seismology ranked the highest for search volume.

#### **Google Searches for Programs\***

Percentile Rank and YoY % Change in February 2022



Feb. 2022 Search Volume Percentile Rank

Source: Gray's Keyword Search Dashboard

<sup>\*</sup>Google search volume for standardized list of approximately 70 academic keywords for 1,037 programs.

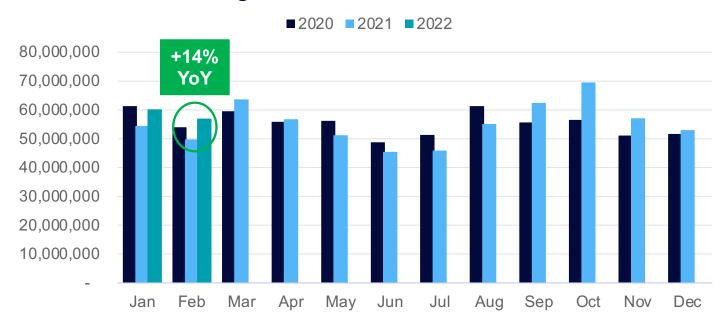
### **Google Brand Search**

# Searches for college brands rose 14% in February.

 Searches for higher-education brands have risen every month since August.



#### **Google Search Volume for Brands**



Source: Gray's Keyword Search Dashboard

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### **International Student Demand**

International student interest in U.S. programs decreased 3% YoY in February.

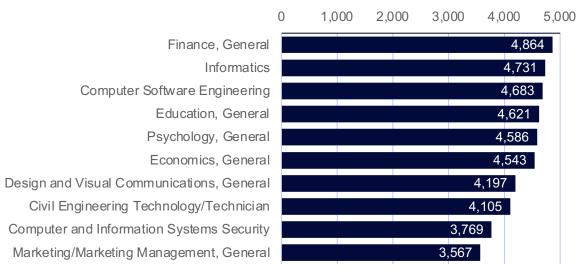
#### **International Page Views**



Excluding the top 10, the most-viewed programs were Finance and Informatics.

#### Top 11-20 Programs: February 2022

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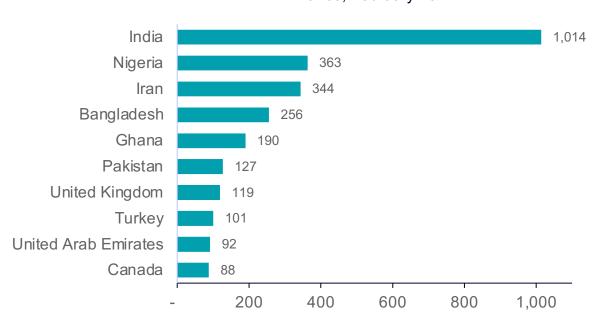


Source: Gray's International Student Demand Dashboard

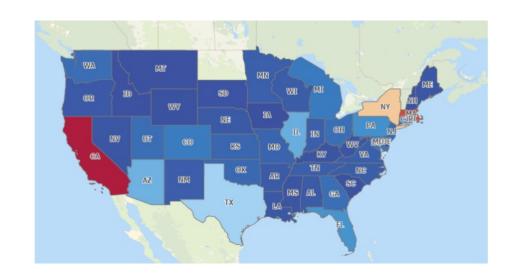
### **International Page Views: Finance**

India led the page views for Finance.

# International Page Views by Originating Country Finance, February 2022



# California was the most popular destination.



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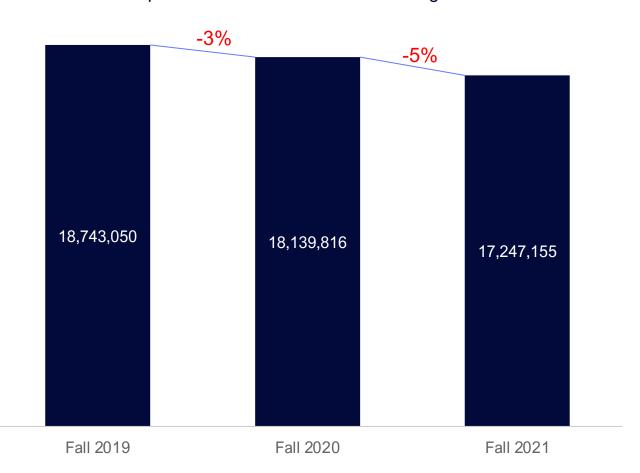
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# Year-over-year enrollment in U.S. higher education was down by 5% in Fall 2021.

Enrollment is down 1.5 million from 2019.

#### Total Fall Enrollment\* Reported to National Student Clearinghouse

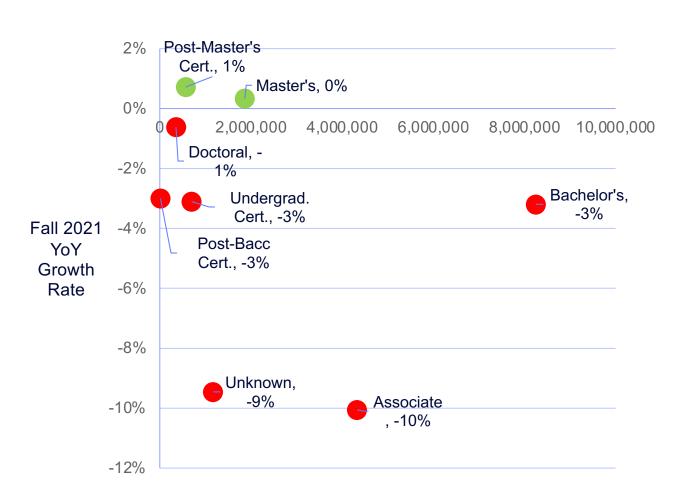


\*Excludes Doctoral

# Not all award-level enrollment declined.

- Enrollment in Master's degrees and Post-Master's certificates both increased yearover-year.
- Doctoral enrollment fell slightly.
- Bachelor's enrollment decreased 3%.
- Associate enrollment fell 10%.

#### 2021 Fall Enrollment\*



# Total enrollment was down from Summer 2020 to 2021.

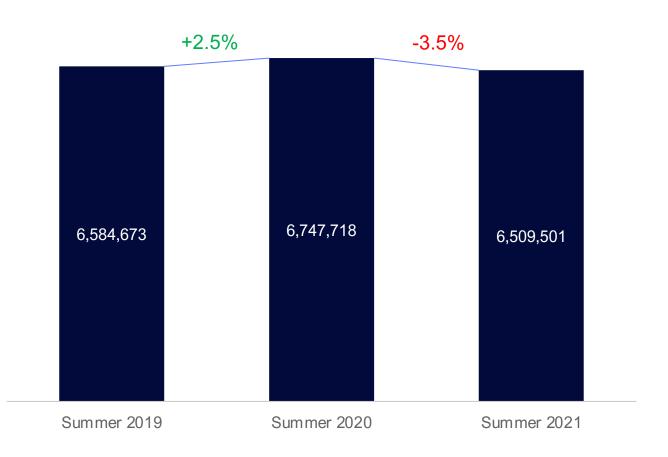
 Summer enrollment increased by 2.5% in 2020, but declined by 3.5% in 2021.

Position as "Planning for summer 2022".

Spring 2022 will be the next data update we get in April. ZP

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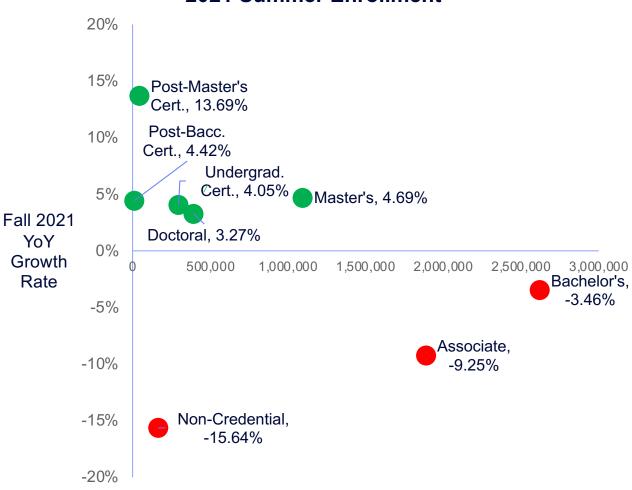
# Many award levels increased enrollment during Summer 2021.

 Bachelor's, Associate, and Non-Credential programs declined year-overyear in summer 2021.

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#### **2021 Summer Enrollment**



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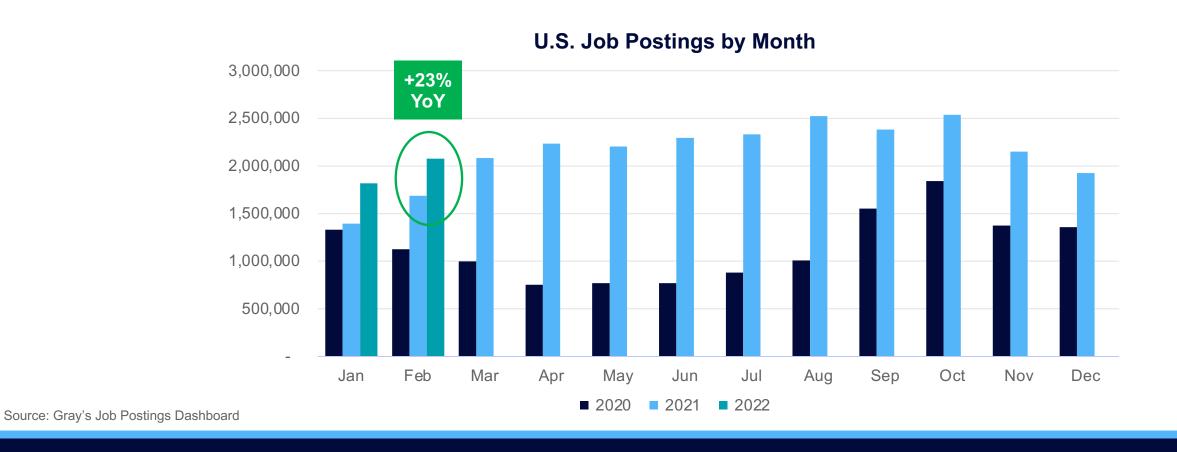
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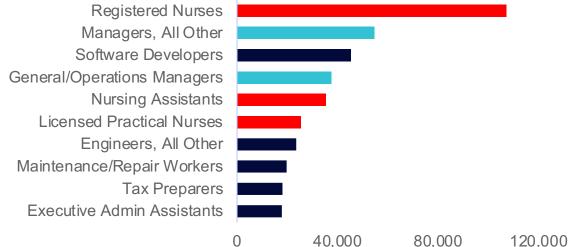
### In February 2022, job postings grew 23% year-over-year.



### **Job Posting Volumes: February 2022**

In February, the largest number of job postings requiring a post-secondary degree were for Registered Nurses.

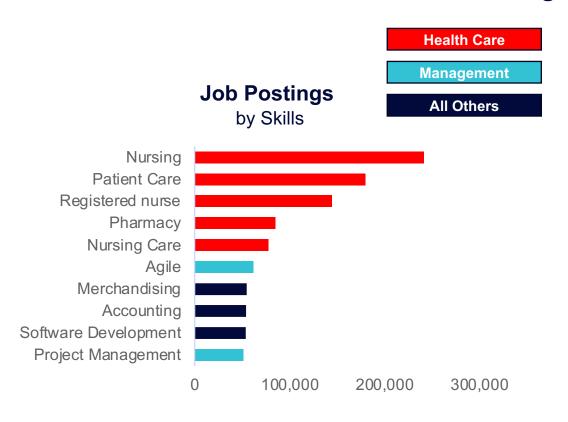
# Job Postings by Standard Occupational Code



Prior year had minimum 500 jobs. Excludes postings for retail jobs.

Source: Gray's Job Postings Dashboard

#### The most in-demand skills were in Nursing.

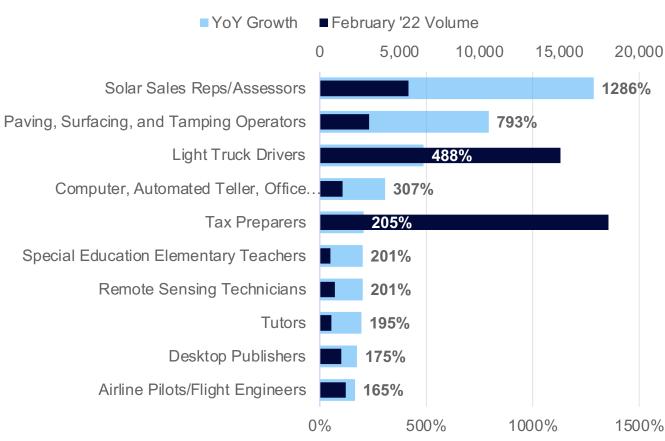


## **Job Postings Trends: February 2022**

# Solar Sales Representatives and Assessors increased 1286%.

- Demand for various technicians grew.
- Tax preparers had the highest volume of postings among the top ten.

#### February Job Postings 2021-22



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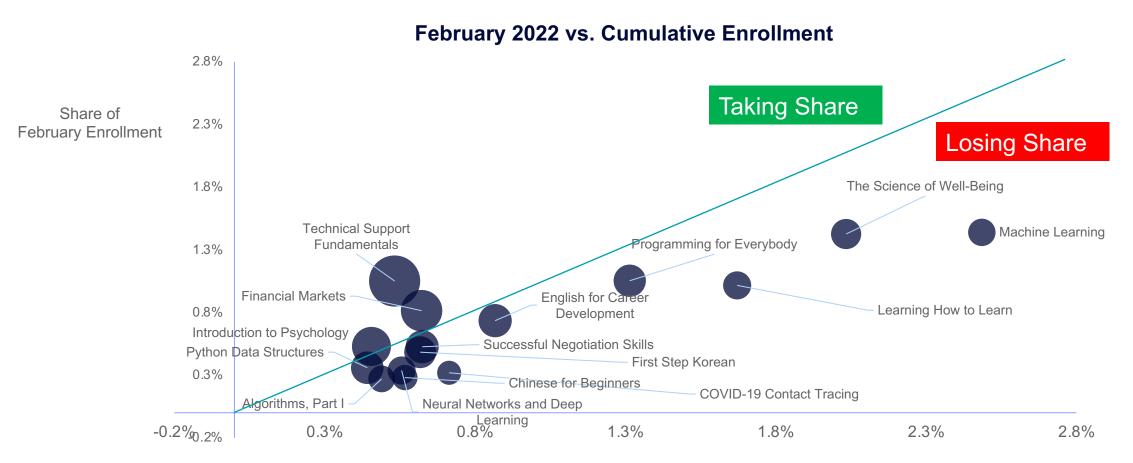
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### **Coursera: Largest Courses**



Share of Cumulative Enrollment

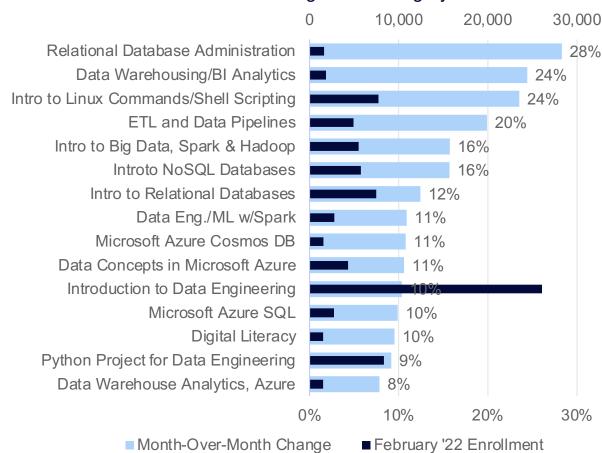
### Data Management grew 53%.

# This was the fastest-growing Coursera category.

- Within the category, enrollment in the course Relational Database Administration grew 28% month-overmonth.
- Introduction to Data Engineering dwarfs the other courses for February enrollment.

### **Enrollment and Month-Over-Month Change**



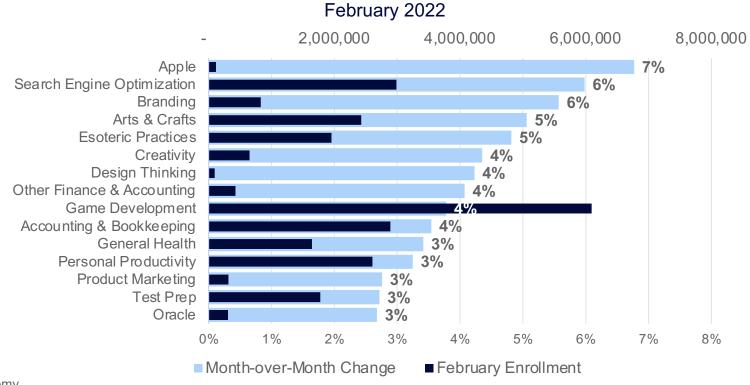


Source: Gray's Non-Degree Demand: Coursera

### **Udemy: Fastest-Growing Categories**

On Udemy, only two of the fastest-growing categories are in software.





Source: Gray's Non-Degree Demand: Udemy

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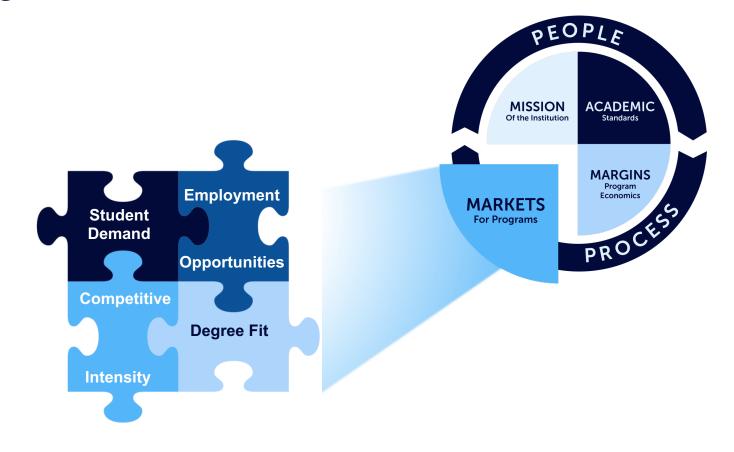
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### **Integrated Program Evaluation**



### **Program Markets: Program Rank**

### We score on Student Demand, Employment, Competitive Intensity, and Degree Fit.

Let's focus on the Bachelor's of Econometrics and Quantitative Economics.

#### **National Program Ranking**

Bachelor's Award Level

CIP Q	Total Percentile	Student Demand Percentile	Competitive Intensity Percentile	Employment Percentile	Degree Fit Percentile
51.3801 Registered Nursing	S 100	100	96	97	50
26.0101 Biology/Biological Sciences, Gen'l	99	99	93	88	50
52.0201 Business Admin. and Mgmt, General	99	99	86	92	50
52.0801 Finance, General	99	99	37	99	50
11.0701 Computer Science	99	99	37	92	50
52.0301 Accounting	99	99	18	98	50
14.1901 Mechanical Engineering	99	98	93	99	50
14.0801 Civil Engineering, General	99	98	90	99	50
30.7102 Business Analytics	99	98	50	95	50
45.0601 Economics, General	99	98	37	96	50
52.0203 Logistics, Materials, and Supply Chain Mgmt	99	98	37	95	50
14.1001 Electrical/Electronics Engin'g	99	97	29	98	50
45.0603 Econometrics and Quantitative Economics	99	96	97	95	50
14.0501 Bioengineering and Biomedical Engineering	99	96	95	94	50
01.0901 Animal Sciences, General	99	95	99	82	50
14.0201 Aero/Astro/Space Engineering	99	95	98	99	50
14.3501 Industrial Engineering	99	94	96	97	50
14.0701 Chemical Engineering	99	92	98	96	50
11.0103 Information Technology	98	99	10	92	50

### **Program Scorecard: Percentiles**

All data are color-coded by their percentile rank in the local market compared to over 1,400 IPEDS programs (CIP codes).

#### **Percentile Color-Code:**

<40%     40%+     70%+     90%+     95%+     98%+	<40%	40%+	70%+	90%+	95%+	98%+
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### **Program Scorecard: Student Demand**

# **Econometrics scores in the 98th** percentile for Student Demand.

- A good number of international students are interested in Econometrics programs in the U.S.
- Google search volume is moderate but grew 32% year-over-year.
- Completions are strong for this program.
  - Completions are mostly on-campus.
  - Completion volume grew 35% year-over-year.

#### Student Demand Score: 21 Percentile: 98

Catego	Pctl	Criterion	Value	Score
	0	Inquiry Volume (12 Months)	0	0
	90	Int'l Page Views (12 Months)	177	NS
et	40	Google Search Volume (3 Months)*	57,410	2
Size	98	On-ground Completions at In-Market Institutions	12,025	8
	83	Online Completions by In-Market Students	41	1
	98	Sum of On-ground and Online Completions	12,066	4
	95	Inquiry Volume YoY Change (Units)	0	NS
	83	Google Search YoY Change (Units)*	13,742	1
Counth	99	Completion Volume YoY Change (Units)	3,126	3
Growth		Inquiry Volume YoY Change (%)	NA	NS
	95	Google Search YoY Change (%)*	32%	1
	90	Completion Volume YoY Change (%)	35%	1

### **Google Searches: Econometrics**

# Searches for Econometrics programs rose 14% year-over-year in February.

 Searches for this program have been rising since September 2021.

# Google Searches Search Volume for Econometrics



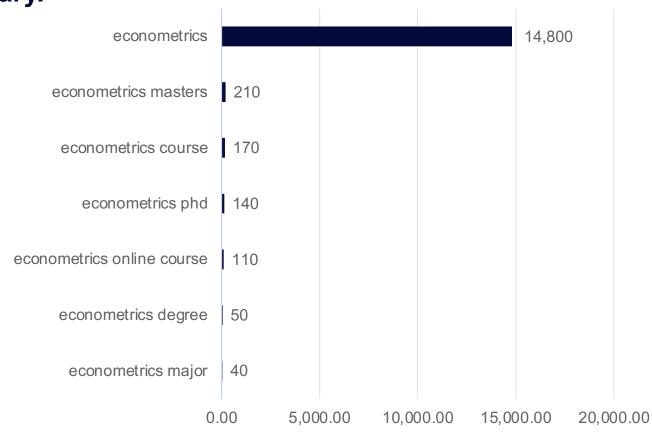


### **Most-Searched Keywords: Econometrics**

**Econometrics had 14,800 searches in February.** 

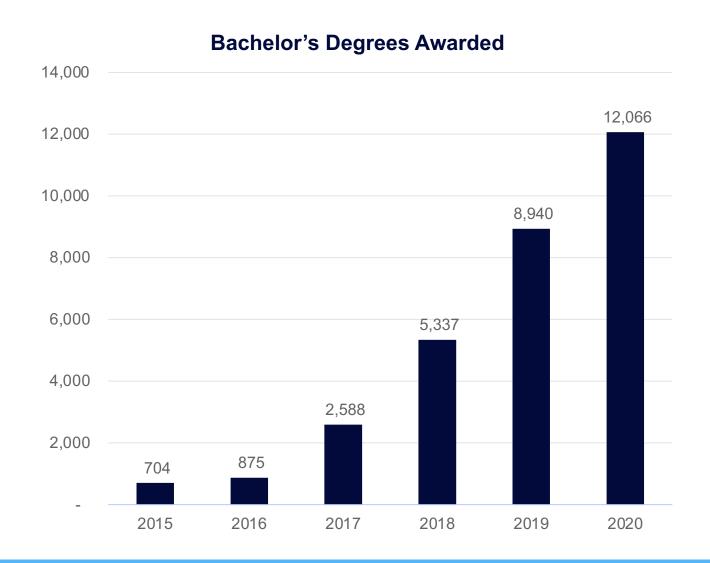
#### **Keyword Search Volumes**

Econometrics and Quantitative Economics February 2022



# Bachelor's Degrees in Econometrics and Quantitative Economics (CIP 45.0603)

The compound annual growth rate in Bachelor's completions in Econometrics was 77% from 2015 to 2020.



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### **Schools with Most Growth in Bachelor's Econometrics**

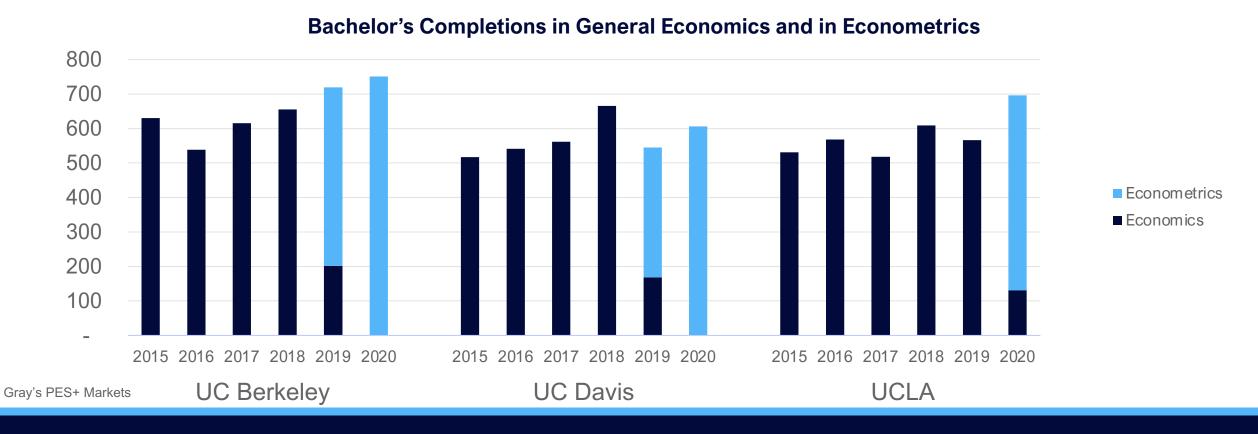
In 2017, programs began appearing mature at launch.

Campus	Q	2015 Completions	2016 Completions	2017 Completions	2018 Completions	2019 Completions	2020 Completions	5-year Unit Change
University of California-Berkeley		0	0	0	0	517	751	751
University of California-Davis		0	0	0	0	377	606	606
University of California-Los Angeles		0	0	0	0	0	565	565
New York University		0	0	437	475	413	464	464
University of Chicago		0	0	366	349	404	423	423
University of California-San Diego		0	0	0	0	299	403	403
University of California-Santa Barbara		313	365	387	362	582	703	390
Northwestern University		0	0	0	382	364	331	331
Columbia University in the City of New York		7	9	43	270	290	311	304
Boston College		0	0	0	0	357	304	304

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### Top Three Schools in Bachelor's Econometrics and Quantitative Economics

UC Berkeley, UC Davis, and UCLA no longer report their programs to the "Economics, General" CIP code.



### The Real Story: STEM Qualification

The Economics CIP code (45.0601) is not STEM-qualified, but Econometrics (45.0603) is.

- Foreign students who graduate from a STEM-qualified program are allowed to work in the U.S. for three
  years after graduation. That compares with only one year for other programs.
- Foreign students represent a high share of these programs:
  - 26% of Bachelor's Econometrics graduates
  - 63% of Master's Econometrics graduates (which saw a similar shift from Economics)
  - 65% of Doctoral Economics graduates (which saw a similar shift from Economics)
- This pattern is not unique to Economics and Econometrics.
  - From 04.0201 Architecture to 04.0902 Architectural and Building Sciences/Tech (45% foreign for Master's)
  - From 52.0801 Finance to 30.7104 Financial Analytics (72% foreign for Master's)

## **Program Scorecard: Employment**

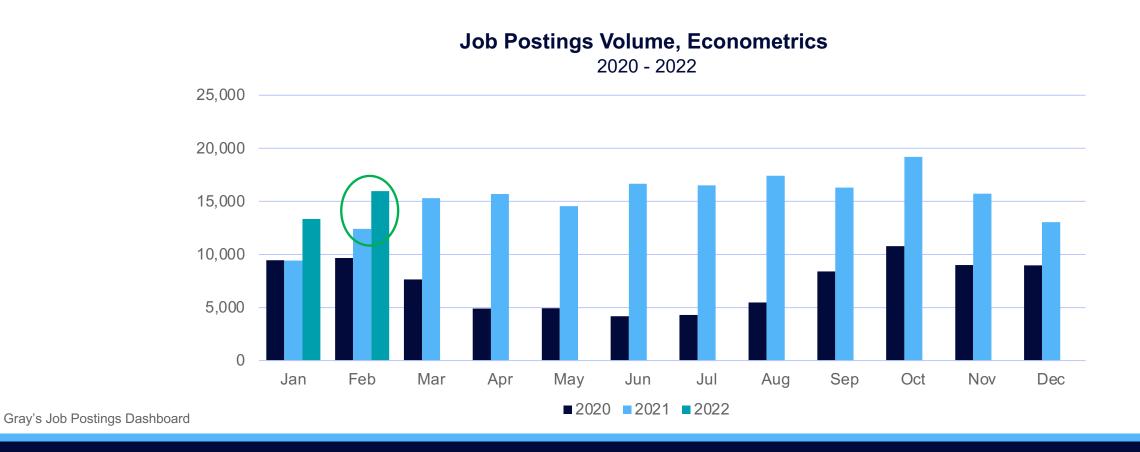
# Econometrics ranks in the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile for Employment.

- Total job postings are strong for graduates with a Bachelor's degree.
- Saturation is high.
- ACS Wages for Econometrics graduates are in the 96<sup>th</sup> percentile.
- Unemployment rates are high.

#### Employment\* Score: 11 Percentile: 95

Category	Pctl	Criterion	Value	Score
	78	Job Postings Total (12 Months)*	10,936	1
Size: Direct Prep	74	BLS Current Employment*	35,448	0
_	74	BLS Annual Job Openings*	3,402	NS
Size: Bachelors	94	Job Postings Total (12 Months)*	26,275	NS
with ACS	94	BLS Current Employment*	122,287	NS
	72	BLS 1-Year Historical Growth*	-0.7%	NS
Growth (Direct Prep)	44	BLS 3-Year Historic Growth (CAGR)*	0.2%	-1
Prep)	88	BLS 10-Year Future Growth (CAGR)*	1.6%	0
Saturation	37	Job Postings per Graduate*	0.7	-1
(Direct Prep)	40	BLS Job Openings per Graduate*	0.3	NS
Wages (Direct	56	BLS 10th-Percentile Wages*	\$41,280	NS
Prep)		BLS Mean Wages*	\$70,991	NS
	96	Wages (Age < 30)	\$66,468	9
	98	Wages (Age 30-60)	\$152,279	6
American Community	62	% with Any Graduate Degree	45%	NS
Survey	64	% with Masters	30%	NS
Bachelor's	75	% with Doct/Prof Degree	15%	NS
Degree Outcomes	86	% Unemp. (Age <30)**	4%	-2
	73	% Unemp. (Age 30-60)**	2%	-1
_	66	% in Direct Prep Jobs	12%	NS

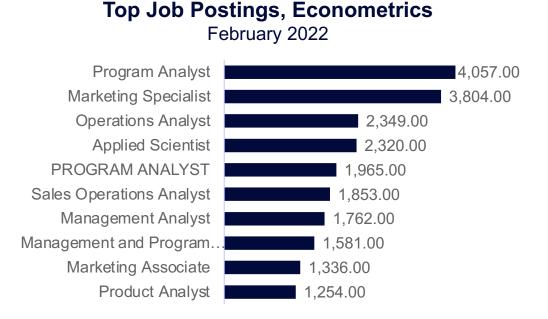
## In February, job postings for Econometrics graduates rose 29% year-over-year.

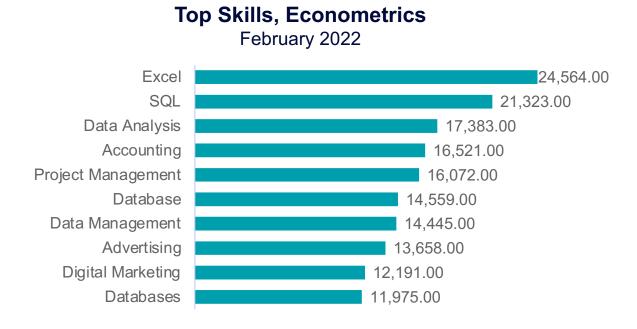


### **Job Postings: Econometrics**

### In February, Program Analysts with Excel skills were in high demand.

SQL and Data Analysis skills were also in high demand.





## **Program Scorecard: Competitive Intensity**

# Econometrics is in the 98<sup>th</sup> percentile for Competitive Intensity.

- Students complete this program at 122 institutions.
  - Many competitors have entered the market.
- Median program size is high and growing.
- Google cost-per-click is cheap.
- Only 2 institutions offer the program online.

#### Competitive Intensity Score: 8 Percentile: 98

Category	Pctl	Criterion	Value	Score
Volume of	92	Campuses with Graduates**	122	-4
In-Market	arket 99 Campuses with Grads YoY Change (Units)**			-3
Competition	0	Institutions with Online In-Market Students**	0	NS
	99	Average Program Completions	99	6
In-Market	96	Median Program Completions	46	4
Program Sizes 96	YoY Median Prog. Compl. Change (Units)	6	2	
80		YoY Median Prog. Compl. Change (%)	15%	1
		Average Cost per Inquiry**	NA	NS
In-Market Saturation	7	Google Search * Cost per Click**	\$2	1
0		Google Competition Index**	0.02	1
National	81	National Online Institutions (Units)**	2	NS
Online	61	Nat'l Online % of Institutions	2%	NS
Competition	0	Nat'l Online % of Completions	0	NS

### **Program Scorecard: Degree Fit**

# A Bachelor's degree is an appropriate degree level for this program.

- 77% of completions are at the Bachelor's level.
- 38% of the national workforce hold a Bachelor's degree.

#### National Completions by Level Score: 0

Award Level	Completions (National)
Certificate	0%
Associates	0%
Bachelors	77%
Postbaccalaureate Certificate	0%
Masters	18%
Post-masters Certificate	0%
Doctoral	5%
Unknown	0%

#### Degree Fit:

Score: 0 Percentile: 50

#### National Workforce Ed. Attainment

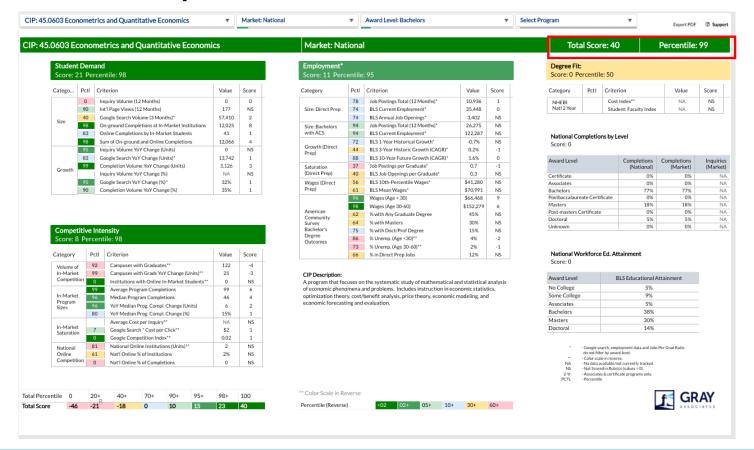
Score: 0

Award Level	BLS Educational Attainment
No College	5%
Some College	9%
Associates	5%
Bachelors	38%
Masters	30%
Doctoral	14%

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### **Program Scorecard: Econometrics and Quantitative Methods**

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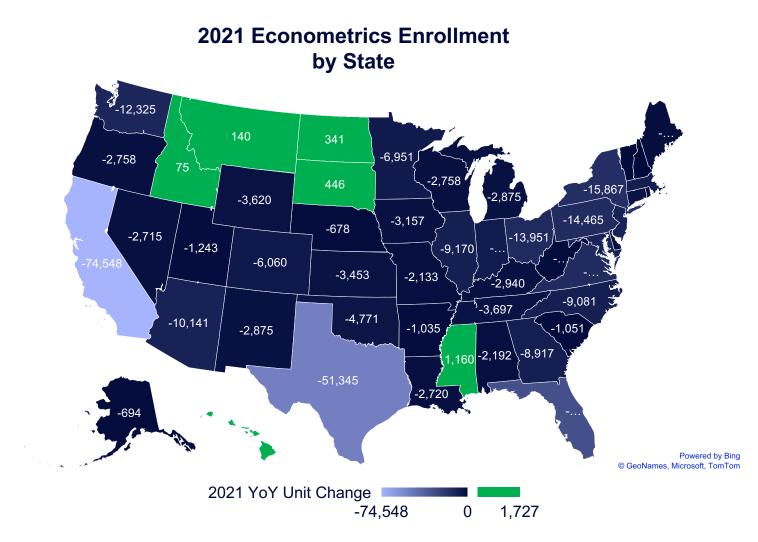
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# Seven states produced more enrolled students in Summer 2021 versus 2020.

All other states declined.

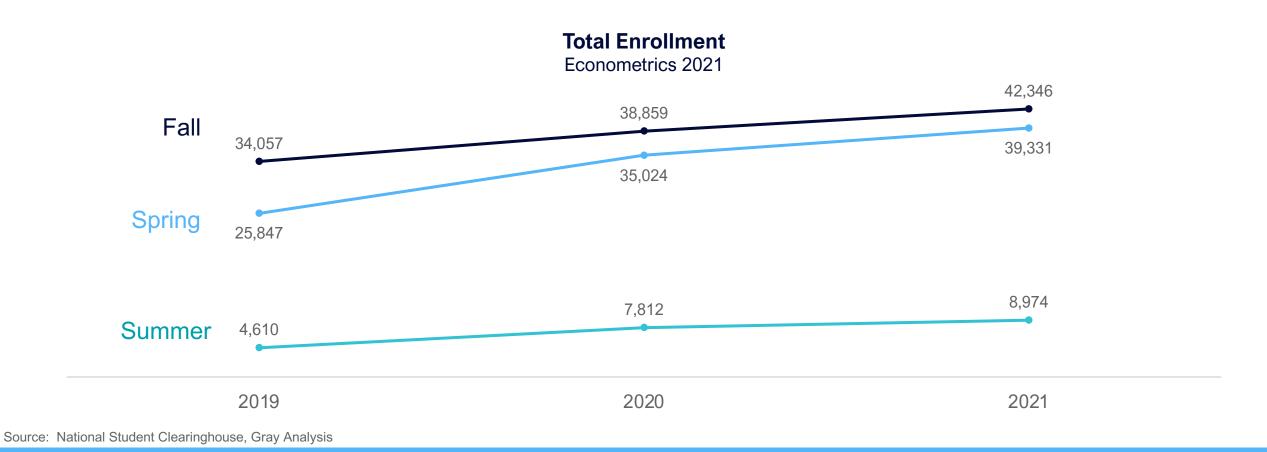
#### **States with Growing Enrollment**

State	Summer 2021	YoY Unit Change
Hawaii	21,622	1,727
Mississippi	65,967	1,160
South Dakota	14,071	446
North Dakota	12,525	341
Montana	13,803	140
Idaho	25,353	75
District of Columbia	9,536	8



Source: National Student Clearinghouse, Gray Analysis, Student Location

# Econometrics enrollment has grown every term since 2019.



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- Google searches for programs declined 2% year-over-year in February.
  - Google searches for brands increased 14%.
- Fall 2021 enrollment declined 5% year-over-year.
  - Enrollment increased in Master's degrees and Post-Master's certificates.
- The highest volume of U.S. job postings was for health care workers.
  - Postings for solar sales reps and appraisers increased 1286% year-over-year.
- Market demand for Econometrics programs at the Bachelor's level is very high.
  - Enrollment has steadily grown since 2019.
- Foreign students represented a large share of Econometrics completions in 2020.
  - Program reporting in Economics may switch CIP codes to become STEM-qualified for foreign students.

# **Upcoming Webinars**

Topic	Date
Master Class II: Reaching Curricular Efficiency	<i>Thursday</i> April 5 <sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm ET
Demand Trends Webcast	<i>Thursday</i> April 28 <sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm ET

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