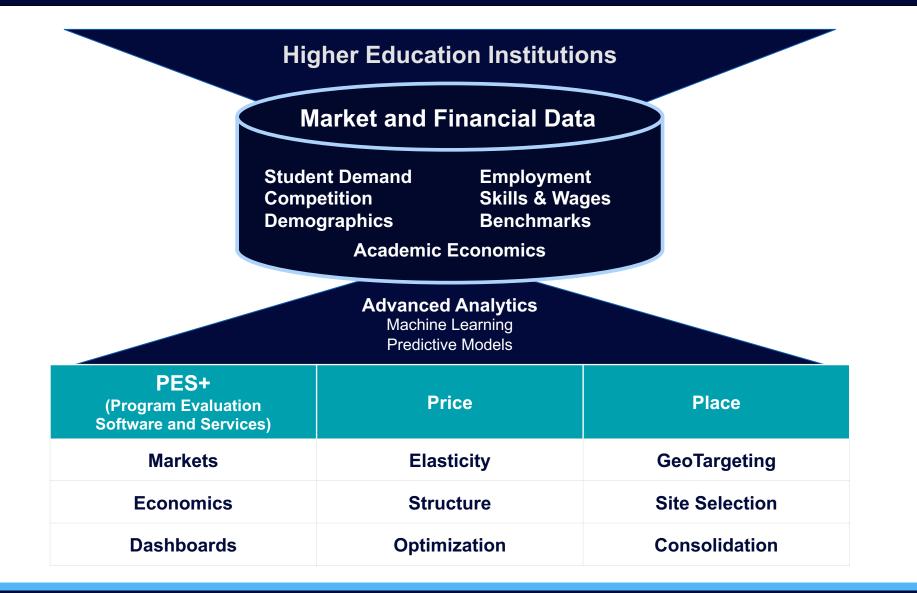


# **Demand for Higher Education Programs**

Results through March 2022

ROBERT GRAY ATKINS Start, Stop, or Grow? A DATA-INFORMED APPROACH TO ACADEMIC PROGRAM EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT



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# Google Search International Student Demand Enrollment

Employment Trends

**Non-Degree Courses** 

**Program of the Month** 

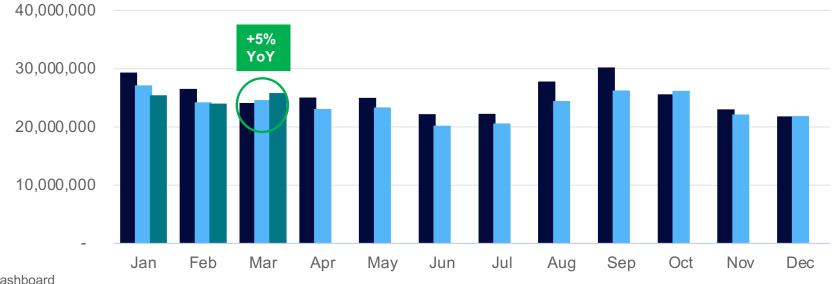
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## **Google Search Trends: Programs**

### 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.

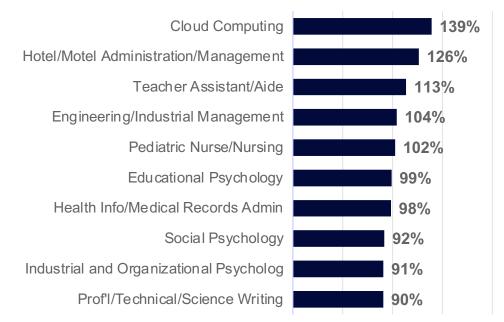


U.S. Google Search Volume for Academic Programs

Source: Gray's Keyword Search Dashboard

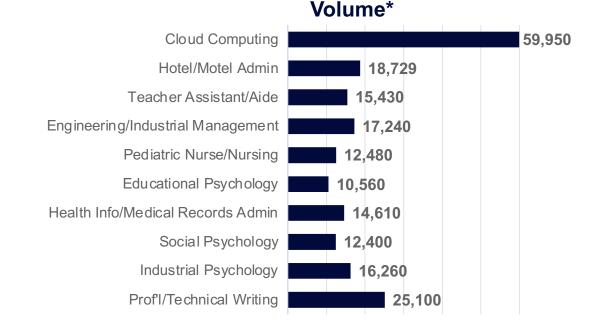
# **Google: Fastest-Growing Programs, Nationwide**

### In March, searches for Cloud Computing Programs grew 139%.



#### March 2022 YoY Growth\*

\*Google search volume for standardized list of approximately 70 academic keywords for 1,037 programs. Source: Gray's Keyword Search Dashboard



March 2022 Fastest-Growing Programs

\*Minimum 5,000 searches 2021

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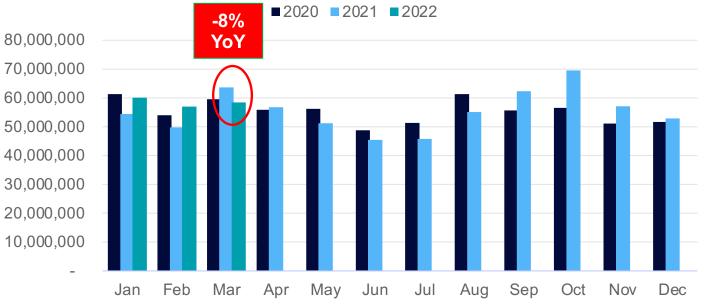
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# **Google Brand Search**

# Searches for college brands fell 8% in March.

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## **International Student Demand**

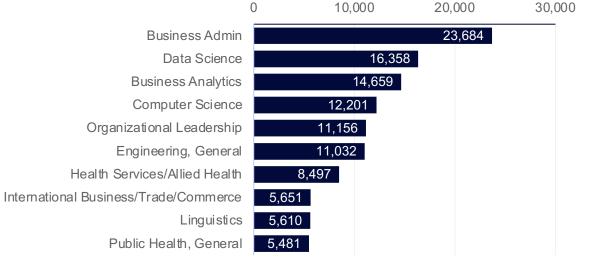
# International student interest in U.S. programs was unchanged YoY in March.

### **International Page Views**



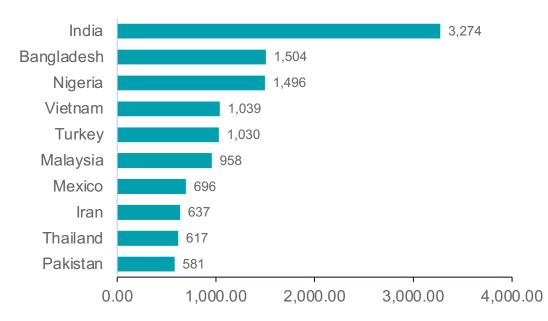
# The most-viewed programs were Business and Data Science.

### Top 10 Programs: March 2022 International Page Views



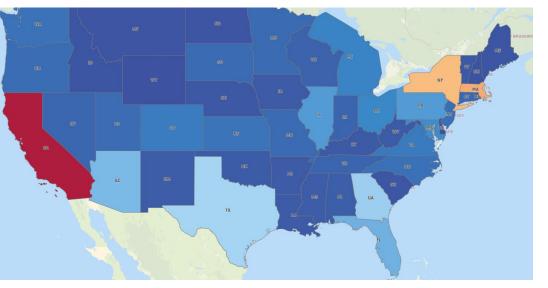
## **International Page Views: Business**

### India led in page views for Business.



#### International Page Views by Originating Country Business, March 2022

California was the most popular destination – but Massachusetts was close behind!



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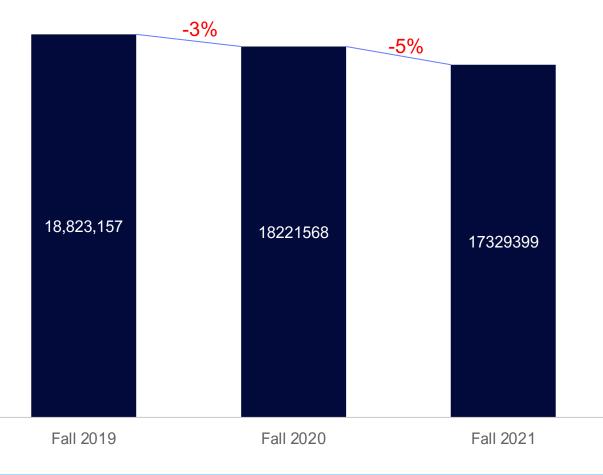
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## Year-over-year enrollment in U.S. higher education was down by 5% in Fall 2021.

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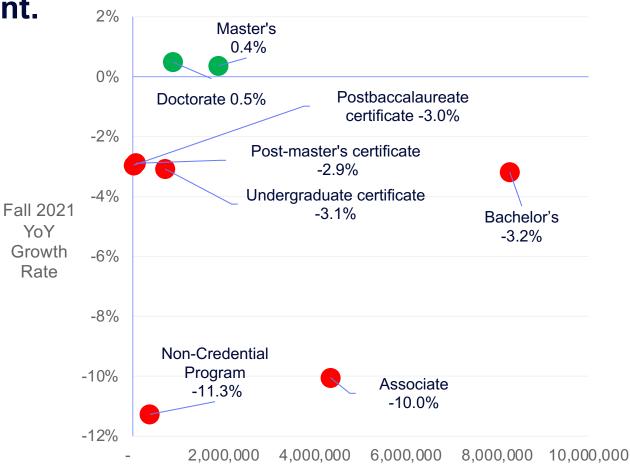
### **Total Fall Enrollment**\* Reported to National Student Clearinghouse



# In Fall 2021, U.S. Master's and Doctorate enrollment grew less than one percent.

- Bachelor's enrollment fell over three percent.
- Associate enrollment fell 10%.





Source: National Student Clearinghouse, Gray Analysis

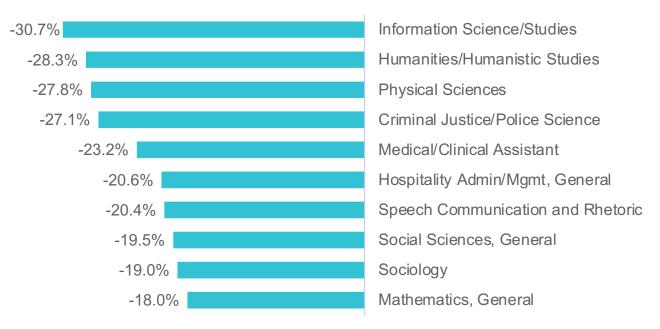
### In 2020 – 2021, Natural Sciences enrollment was the fastestgrowing associate program.\*

### 2021 Enrollment: YoY Growth Rates for the 10 Fastest-Growing Associate Programs

Natural Sciences	24.6%
Real Estate	17.4%
Diag. Med. Sonogr'y/Ultrasound Tech	14.2%
Cyber Security/Info. Assurance	7.8%
Electrician	7.4%
HVAC Maintenance Tech	5.6%
Welding Technology/Welder	4.0%
Engineering Technology	1.9%
Radiologic Tech/Radiographer	1.4%
Visual and Performing Arts	1.2%

# Information Science and Humanities had the highest declines.\*

### 2021 Enrollment: 10 Fastest-Declining Associate Programs



\*Minimum program enrollment 5,000 in 2020

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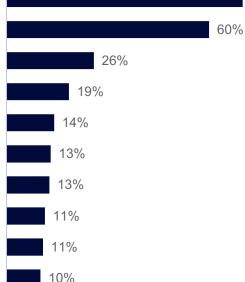
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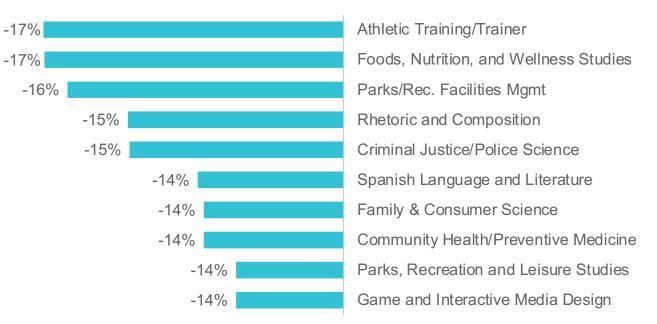
### 2021 Enrollment 10 Fastest-Growing Bachelor's Programs

	Behavioral Sciences
	Experimental Psychology
20	Teacher Educ., Multiple Levels
19%	Research/Experimental Psychology
14%	Real Estate Development
13%	Marine Biology/ Oceanography
13%	Illustration
11%	Computer Graphics
11%	Architectural & Building Sciences/Tech
10%	Applied Psychology



## Three wellness programs were among the ten fastest falling bachelor's programs 2021.

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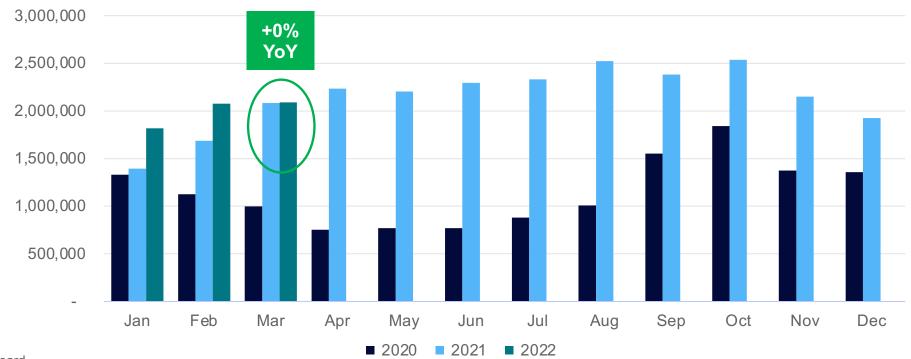
Source: National Student Clearinghouse, Gray Analysis

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## In March 2022, job postings were flat year-over-year.



U.S. Job Postings by Month

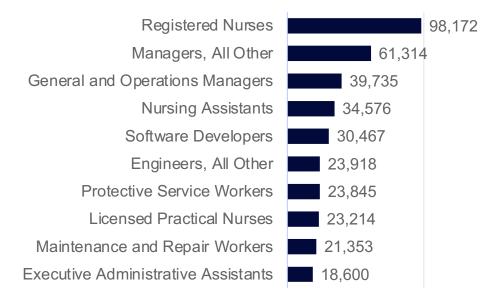
Source: Gray's Job Postings Dashboard

# U.S. Job Postings Trends, March 2022

# Registered Nurses had the highest volume of postings among the top ten.

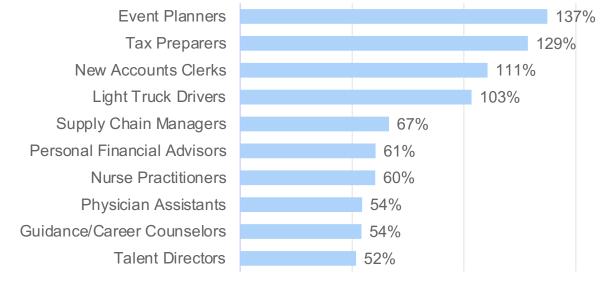
### March 2022 Top Job Postings

By Standard Occupational Code



### **Event planners increased 137%.\***

### March 2022 Fastest-Growing Job Postings



\*Excludes postings that don't require any post-secondary education.

Source: Gray's Job Postings Dashboard

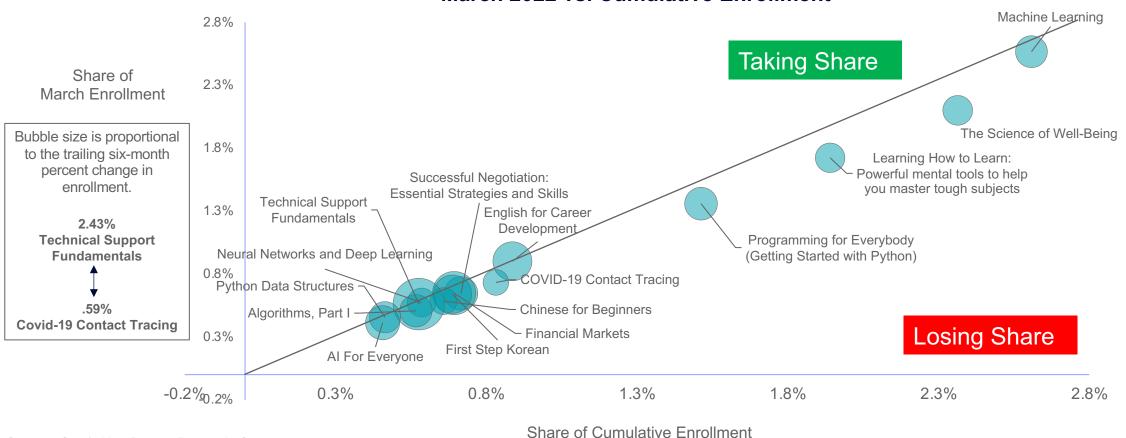
\*Minimum 1000 jobs prior year.

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### **Coursera: Largest Courses**



March 2022 vs. Cumulative Enrollment

Source: Gray's Non-Degree Demand: Coursera

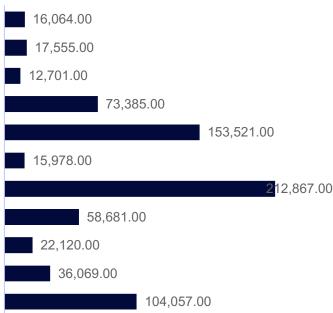
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### On Coursera, Personal Development was the largest category after Data Analysis and Software Engineering.

### **Personal Development Enrollment Volume**

Fastest-Growing Courses Trailing Six Months

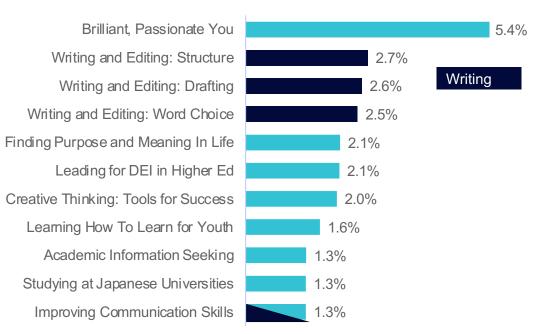
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# Within Personal Development, enrollment in personal fulfillment and writing courses grew the most.

### Fastest-Growing Course Enrollment\*

Personal Development, Trailing Six Months



\*Minimum enrollment 10,000 in October

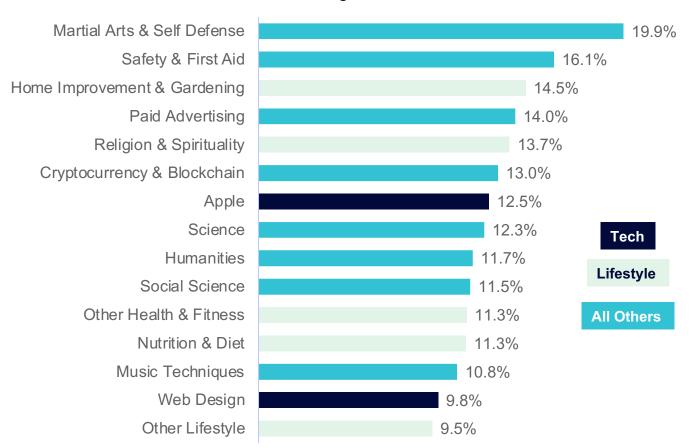
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## **Udemy: Fastest-Growing Categories**

# Two of Udemy's Top fastest-growing categories are in tech.

## Fastest-Growing Categories on Udemy

**Trailing Six Months** 



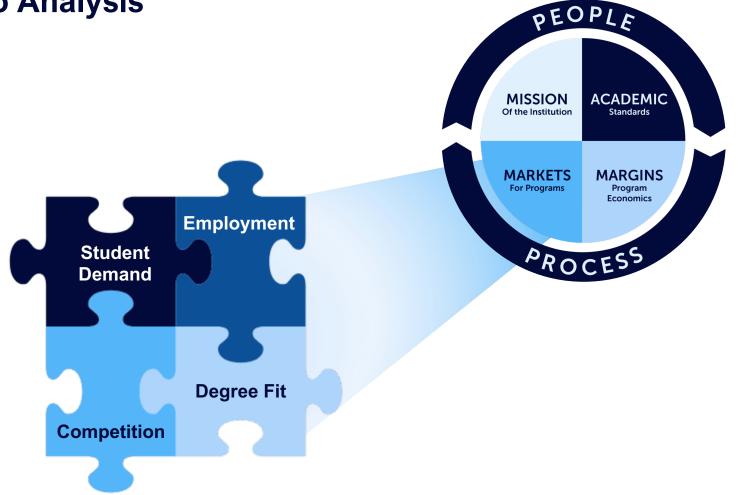
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### **Program Portfolio Analysis**



(Double-click Field headers to change sorting.)

# **Program Markets: Program Rank**

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

Let's focus on the Bachelor's of English Language and Lit., General

CIP Q	Total Percentile	Student Demand Percentile	Competitive Intensity Percentile	Employment Percentile	Degree Fit Percentile
14.4201 Mechatronics/Robotics/Automation Eng'g	S 96	50	50	99	50
43.0100 Crim. Justice & Corrections, Gen'l	95	99	0	73	50
23.0101 English Language and Lit., Gen'l	95	99	0	17	50
03.0104 Environmental Science	95	98	6	66	50
44.0501 Public Policy Analysis, General	95	95	16	78	50
11.0401 Information Science/Studies	95	94	6	94	50
51.0201 Communication Science, Gen'l	95	93	28	83	50
42.2707 Social Psychology	95	92	99	20	50
27.0301 Applied Mathematics, General	95	92	25	91	50
30.3101 Human Computer Interaction	95	88	97	89	50
26.0999 Physiology/Pathology/Related Sciences, Other	95	86	99	50	50
14.4501 Biological/Biosystems Engineering	95	85	97	93	50
14.0803 Structural Engineering	95	80	95	96	50
45.0699 Economics, Other	95	50	99	91	50
52.0807 Investments and Securities	95	50	50	99	50
52.0899 Finance and Financial Mgmt Services, Other	95	50	50	99	50
38.0101 Philosophy	94	97	25	20	50
09.0100 Communication, General	94	97	13	31	50

### California Program Ranking

Bachelor's Award Level

## **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%+
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## **Program Scorecard: Student Demand**

# English scores in the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile for Student Demand in CA.

- Completions are strong for this program.
  - Almost all completions are on campus.
  - Completion volume grew 4% year-over-year.
- Google search volume is decent and grew 23% year-over-year.
- International students are interested in English programs in California.

### Student Demand Score: 33 Percentile: 99

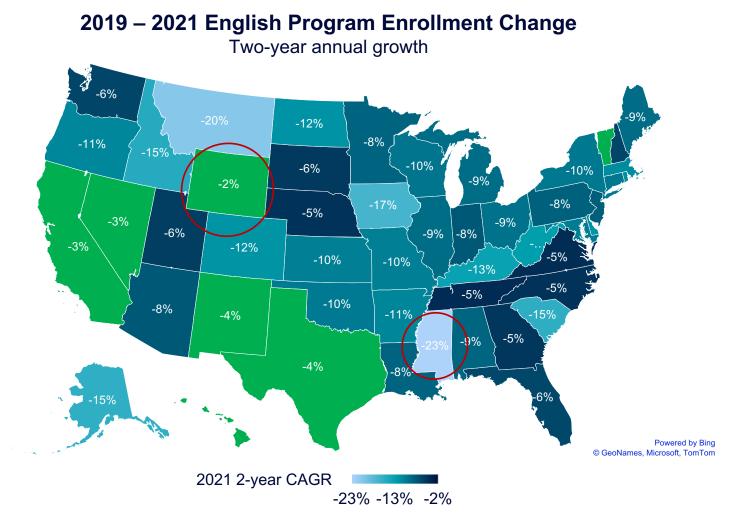
Catego	Pctl	Criterion	Value	Score
99		Inquiry Volume (12 Months)	1,691	4
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Size	-99	On-ground Completions at In-Market Institutions	4,022	12
98 99	Online Completions by In-Market Students	94	4	
	Sum of On-ground and Online Completions	4.116	3	
	98	Inquiry Volume YoY Change (Units)	709	1
Growth 74 83	Google Search YoY Change (Units)*	1,715	1	
	98	Completion Volume YoY Change (Units)	146	3
	73	Inquiry Volume YoY Change (%)	72%	NS
	83	Google Search YoY Change (%)*	23%	1
	56	Completion Volume YoY Change (%)	4%	0

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## From 2019 to 2021, enrollment in all U.S. English programs dropped.

- Enrollment decline was the lowest in Wyoming.
- The decline was the highest in Mississippi.
- The average total enrollment in California from 2019 – 2021 was 26,124.
- The U.S. average was 79,280.



# **Program Scorecard: Employment**

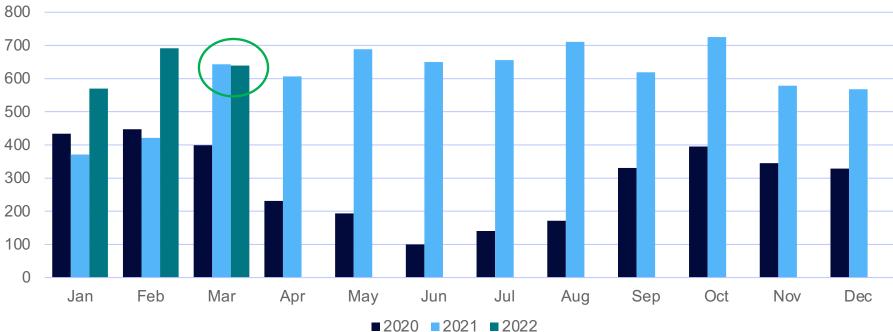
# English ranks in the 17<sup>th</sup> percentile for Employment in CA.

- Job postings for English graduates are high.
  - Seven percent of English graduates are in jobs for which they were directly prepared.
- For direct prep jobs, the market is saturated.
- For the 30 60 age group, wages are at the 49<sup>th</sup> percentile which is about average. Unemployment rates are low.

#### Employment\* Score: -4 Percentile: 17

Category	Pctl	Criterion	Value	Score
	87	Job Postings Total (12 Months)*	2,705	1
Size: Direct Prep	84	BLS Current Employment*	12,430	1
	84	BLS Annual Job Openings*	1,087	0
Size: Bachelors	98	Job Postings Total (12 Months)*	18,095	NS
with ACS	99	BLS Current Employment*	127,494	NS
	51	BLS 1-Year Historical Growth*	-3.0%	0
Growth (Direct Prep)	27	BLS 3-Year Historic Growth (CAGR)*	-2.5%	-1
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Saturation	28	Job Postings per Graduate*	0.4	-1
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Wages (Direct	39	BLS 10th-Percentile Wages*	\$41,582	NS
Prep)	46	BLS Mean Wages*	\$73,591	NS
_	26	Wages (Age < 30)	\$39,540	0
	49	Wages (Age 30-60)	\$86,926	0
American	66	% with Any Graduate Degree	47%	NS
Community Surgery Bashalar's	72	% with Masters	32%	NS
Survey Bachelor's Degree	76	% with Doct/Prof Degree	16%	NS
Outcomes	86	% Unemp. (Age < 30)**	4%	-2
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	55	% in Direct Prep Jobs	7%	NS

# California job postings for English graduates dropped 1% year-over-year.



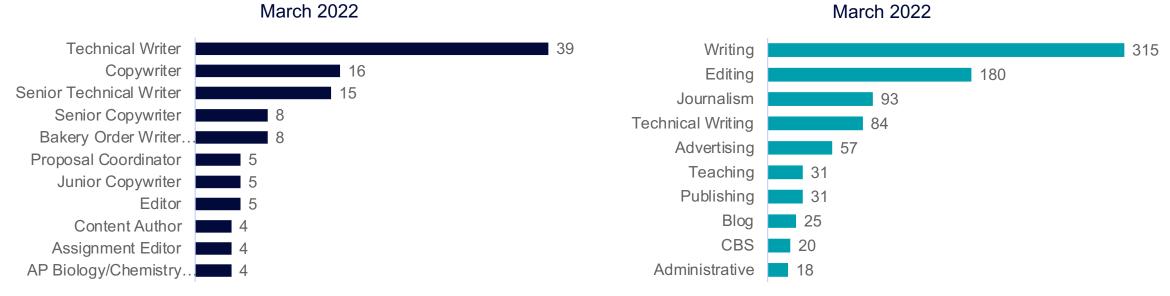
Job Postings Volume, English California 2020 - 2022

# **Job Postings: English**

### In March, Technical Writers were in demand in California.

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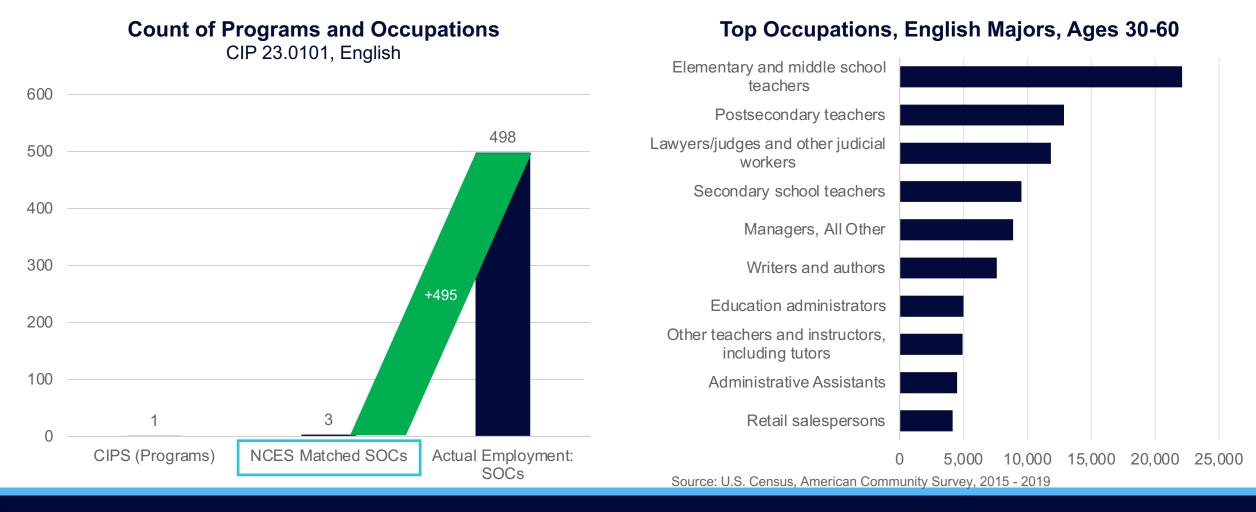
**Top Job Postings, English** 



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Top Skills, English

# In CA, English majors go into 498 SOCS and earn \$86,926 (49<sup>th</sup>).



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# **Program Scorecard: Competitive Intensity**

# English is in the bottom percentile for Competitive Intensity in CA.

- Students complete this program at 86 institutions.
  - Six competitors have entered the market.
- 12 online institutions graduated California students.
- Marketing costs are high.
- 62 online institutions offer the program nationally.

#### Competitive Intensity Score: -9 Percentile: 0

Category	Pctl	Criterion	Value	Score
Volume of	99	Campuses with Graduates**	86	-4
In-Market	99	Campuses with Grads YoY Change (Units)**	6	-3
Competition	98	Institutions with Online In-Market Students**	12	NS
	82	Average Program Completions	50	0
In-Market Program Sizes	67	Median Program Completions	21	0
	68	YoY Median Prog. Compl. Change (Units)	1	0
	59	YoY Median Prog. Compl. Change (%)	4%	0
	39	Average Cost per Inquiry**	\$50	0
In-Market Saturation	80	Google Search * Cost per Click**	\$20	-2
	32	Google Competition Index**	0.24	0
National	98	National Online Institutions (Units)**	62	NS
Online	70	Nat'l Online % of Institutions	5%	NS
Competition	66	Nat'l Online % of Completions	3%	NS

# **Program Scorecard: Degree Fit**

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

- 59% of completions are at the Bachelor's level in CA.
- 44% of the national workforce hold a bachelor's degree.

National Completions by Level Score: 0

Award Level	Completions (National)	Completions (Market)	Inquiries (Market)
Certificate	1%	1%	0%
Associates	7%	32%	0%
Bachelors	79%	59%	75%
Postbaccalaureate Certificate	0%	0%	0%
Masters	9%	7%	24%
Post-masters Certificate	0%	0%	0%
Doctoral	3%	1%	0%
Unknown	0%	0%	0%

#### Degree Fit:

Score: 0 Percentile: 50

#### National Workforce Ed. Attainment Score: 0

Award Level	BLS Educational Attainment
No College	5%
Some College	8%
Associates	5%
Bachelors	44%
Masters	24%
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## **Program Scorecard: English ranks in the 91<sup>st</sup> percentile in California.**

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Total Percentile	0	20+	40+	70+	90+	95+	98+	100
Total Score	-48	-21	-20	-1	8	13	20	45

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#### CIP Description:

A general program that focuses on the English language, including its history, structure and related communications skills; and the literature and culture of English-speaking peoples.

\*\* Color Scale in Reverse



Tot	al Sco	vre: 9 P	ercentile	:91
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Google search, employment data and Jobs Per Grad Ratio

- do not filter by award level. \*\* - Color scale in reverse.
- NA No data available/not currently tracked.
- NS Not Scored in Rubrics (values = 0).
- 2-Yr Associates & certificate programs only. PCTL - Percentile

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  - Searches for college brands dropped 8%.
- Fall 2021 enrollment declined 5% year-over-year.
  - Enrollment declined at every award level except for Master's and Doctorate.
- The highest volume of U.S. job postings was for registered nurses and managers.
  - Postings for event planners increased 137% year-over-year.
- Market demand for English programs at the Bachelor's level is high in CA.
  - Enrollment has declined 3% since 2019.
- Graduates of English programs have many employment options and low unemployment rates.
  - Opportunities are low for direct prep jobs.

# **Upcoming Webinars**

Торіс	Date
Master Class IV: The Future of Academic Program Evaluation and Management	<i>Thursday</i> May 5 <sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm ET
Demand Trends Webcast	<i>Thursday</i> May 26 <sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm ET

