



# Meeting the Needs of Underserved Communities

**The Potential of the University of California Programs in  
Medical Education**

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# Webinar logistics



**Audio connection**



**Questions**



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assistance**

# Welcome

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- / California is facing a persistent and widespread physician shortage**
- / The racial and ethnic make-up of California's physician workforce is not aligned with the state's overall population**
- / California's physician supply is not distributed equitably throughout the state**

# Introductions



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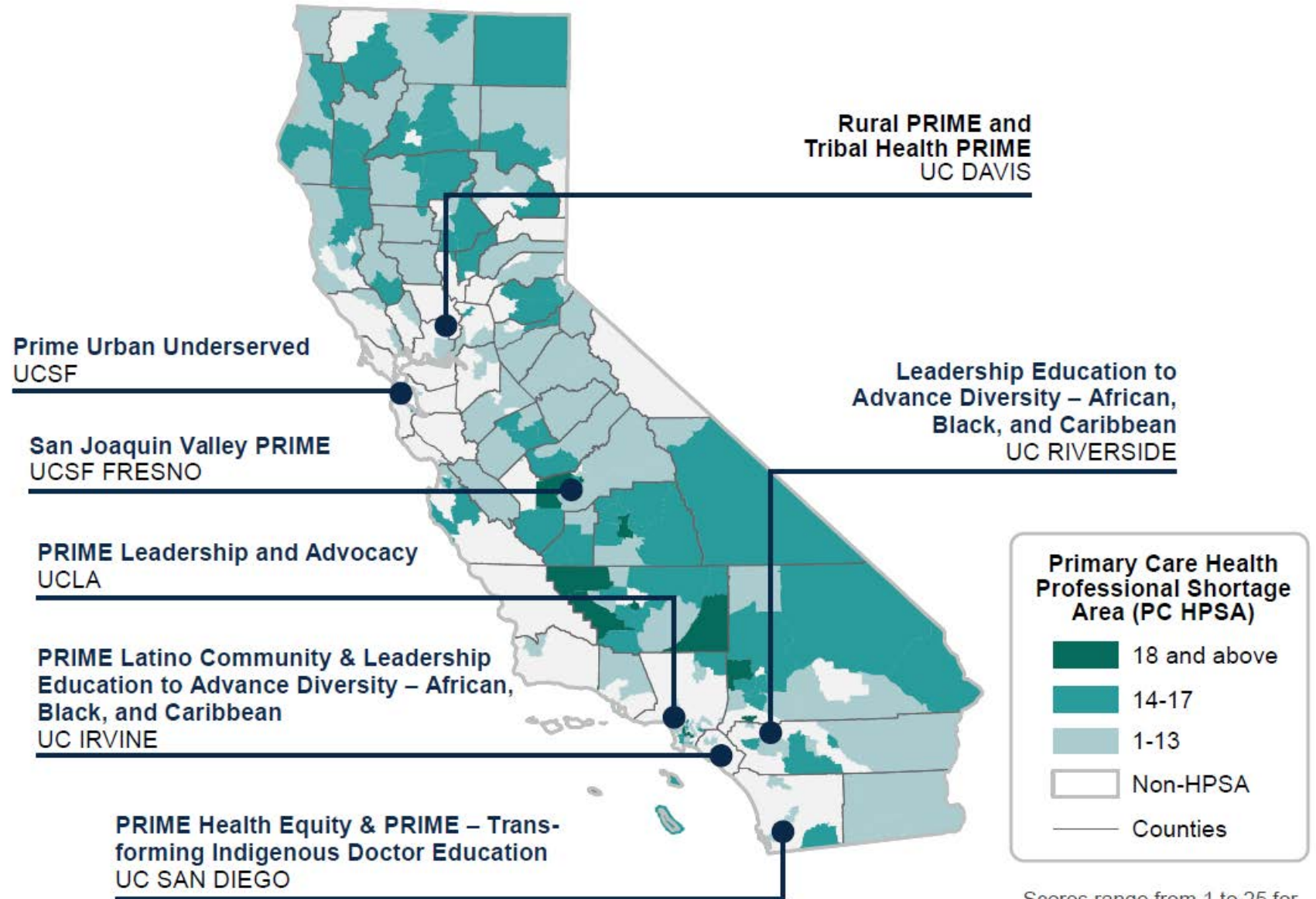
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# University of California Programs in Medical Education

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# What is UC PRIME?



Scores range from 1 to 25 for primary care. The higher the score, the greater the priority.

# Connected to broader workforce issues

## / **Supply**

Since 2004, 40% of the growth in UC medical school enrollment has been for the PRIME programs

## / **Diversity**

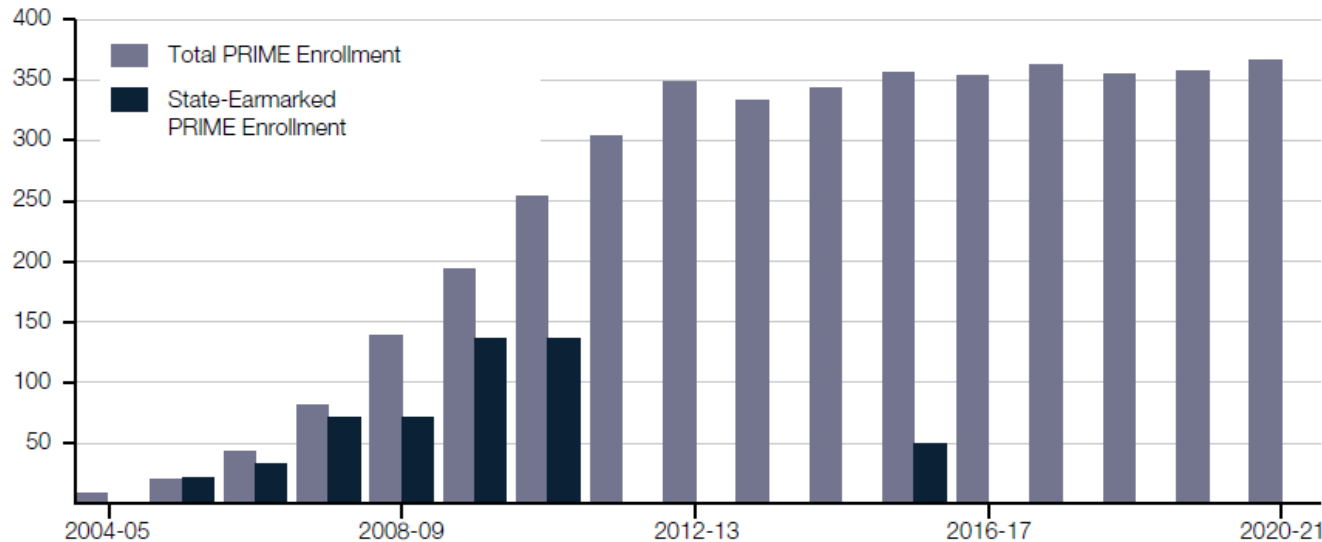
Of the 366 UC PRIME students enrolled in 2021, 68% are from groups underrepresented in medicine

## / **Maldistribution**

UC PRIME recruits students from underserved areas and provides tailored clinical experiences in underserved communities

# Budget and policy

**PRIME Enrollment Has Grown With, and Without, State Earmarks**  
*Student Headcount*



PRIME = Programs in Medical Education.

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- / **\$35,000 per student per year**
- / **The state first provided funding in 2005–06**
- / **Funding was discontinued in 2011–12**
- / **Funding was renewed in 2021–22**
- / **The future funding landscape remains uncertain**



# State of the research

- / Searches identified six peer-reviewed journal articles
- / UC PRIME may contribute to the diversification of medical school classes
- / The evidence around primary care practice and practice in underserved areas is limited
- / No formal assessment of UC PRIME's cost effectiveness or return on investment exists





# Panel Discussion

# Audience Questions & Answers



# Thank you for attending today's session.

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