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Students At UCSC

Classes began at UCSC Wednesday, with an estimated 6,000 students on campus and many still looking for places to live.

Lee Duffus, acting registrar, said about 5,650 undergraduate students and 350 graduate students are enrolled. But exact figures won't be available for awhile. Enrollment remains open to Oct. 7.

Duffus said the composition of new registering students has shifted more to junior-level transfers from community colleges and other universities.

"This will give us a more balanced student body," he said. UCSC in past years has been heavily weighted toward high school graduates and returning students in its enrollment.

Residence halls on campus are "filled to the windows," according to Rob Chrisler, housing assistant.

UCSC can house 2,484 students in resident halls, plus another 200 or so in married student housing.

This leaves about 2,000 undergraduates to be housed off-campus, though many students make their homes in Santa Cruz anyway.

Chrisler said the housing crunch "has started to level off," and that UCSC prepared well this year by trying to contact prospective landlords before school opened and arrange housing systems.

"But we still are getting 50 to 75 students a day in the housing office, and most of them have been here before," Chrisler said.