



CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

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WHAT WE DO

The City University of New York (CUNY) provides higher education to more than 246,500 degree and non-degree-seeking students and offers adult and continuing education with over 178,800 course registrations. CUNY consists of 26 institutions: 11 senior colleges, seven community colleges, and eight graduate, honors, and professional schools offering over 70 doctoral programs. CUNY enrolls students in over 2,850 academic programs, and has over 7,000 full-time faculty and over 12,000 part-time faculty. In the 2024–2025 academic year, CUNY granted nearly 9,300 graduate and professional degrees, over 22,000 baccalaureate degrees, over 11,700 associate degrees, over 500 certificates, and nearly 1,100 advanced certificates.

FOCUS ON EQUITY

CUNY is an important vehicle for the upward mobility of New Yorkers. Six CUNY senior colleges ranked among the top 10 universities for social mobility (North region), with Baruch College and Hunter College both ranked number one. CUNY serves a diverse population, with 32 percent of students born outside the mainland United States and almost three in four undergraduate students attending tuition-free. In the academic year 2024–2025, over 44,700 new CUNY graduates entered the workforce or began work on more advanced degrees.

With funding from the City, CUNY runs the Accelerated Study in Associate Programs (ASAP) initiative, which provides financial resources and other barrier breaking supports to associate degree students. ASAP has more than doubled associate degree completion rates for participating students, aiming to graduate at least 50 percent of students in three years. ASAP is now considered a national model, receiving the distinguished 2020 Innovations in American Government Award from the Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and has been replicated across nine states at nearly 70 institutions. In the 2025–2026 academic year, ASAP enrolled 23,536 students, 11,522 of whom were new students. The program has served over 125,000 students since its launch in 2007.

ASAP students are diverse and representative of the larger population of CUNY associate degree-seeking students. Based on the most current available data, of the students served in the 2025-2026 academic year, 37 percent identified as Hispanic, 37 percent Black, 14 percent Asian/Pacific Islander, and 11 percent White. Eighty three percent of ASAP students receive either or both the federal Pell and New York State Tuition Assistance Program grants. In addition, ASAP serves as an important entry point to CUNY's senior colleges, with nearly 70 percent of ASAP graduates transferring to a baccalaureate program within four years of entering ASAP.

OUR SERVICES AND GOALS

SERVICE 1 Provide access to higher education.

Goal 1a Increase enrollment and retention.

Goal 1b Increase access to higher education through improving affordability.

SERVICE 2 Improve student outcomes.

Goal 2a Promote academic excellence and provide student support.

Goal 2b Increase graduation rates.

Goal 2c Prepare students for professional success.

HOW WE PERFORMED IN FISCAL 2026

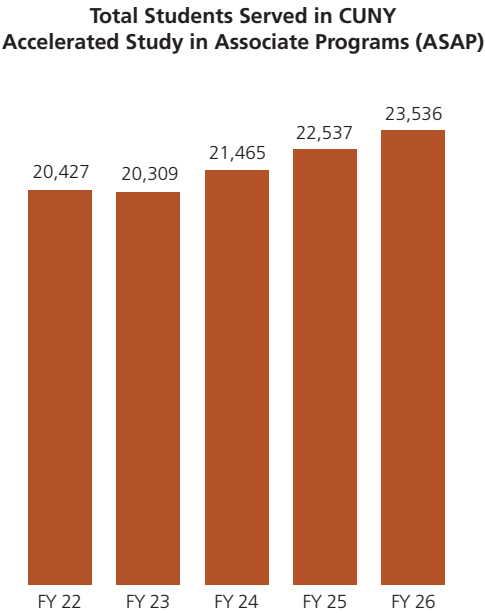
SERVICE 1 Provide access to higher education.

Goal 1a Increase enrollment and retention.

Total headcount enrollment increased four percent, from 237,671 in Fiscal 2025 to 246,503 in Fiscal 2026. At the community colleges, total enrollment increased seven percent, from 76,432 to 81,883. First-time freshman enrollment at both community and senior colleges increased, with community college freshman enrollment increasing 10 percent from 13,167 to 14,433 and senior college freshman enrollment increasing one percent from 22,323 to 22,543. The one-year retention rates of freshmen pursuing associate and baccalaureate degrees both increased from 61.5 percent to 68.7 percent and from 83.2 percent to 85.4 percent, respectively. Total ASAP enrollment increased by four percent, from 22,537 in Fiscal 2025 to 23,536 in Fiscal 2026. The one-year program retention rate of ASAP students increased over three percentage points, from 61.9 percent to 65.5 percent, during the same reporting period.

Enrollment of first-time freshmen in CUNY community colleges who are recent graduates of NYC public high schools increased 10 percent, from 8,688 in Fiscal 2025 to 9,582 in Fiscal 2026. This tracks with 10 percent in overall freshmen enrollment at community colleges.

The proportion of full-time students enrolled in partially or totally online courses slightly decreased one percentage point from 38.4 percent in Fiscal 2025 to 37.5 percent. CUNY continued to grow its remote options to promote accessibility. The number of degree programs that can be completed fully online increased to 223 by Fiscal 2026, a remarkable growth from 80 programs in Fiscal 2022.



Performance Indicators	Actual					Target		Trend	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY26	FY27	5-Year	Desired Direction
★ Total headcount enrollment	243,389	225,881	233,352	237,671	246,503	*	*	Neutral	*
Total full-time equivalent enrollment	181,034	166,813	172,520	175,011	180,016	*	*	Neutral	*
Total headcount enrollment at CUNY community colleges	73,031	67,584	74,636	76,432	81,883	*	*	Up	*
Enrollment in STEM disciplines at CUNY community colleges	11,519	10,483	11,323	11,280	11,301	*	*	Neutral	Up
Enrollment of first-time freshmen in CUNY community colleges	12,932	12,396	13,681	13,167	14,433	*	*	Up	*
Enrollment of first-time freshmen in CUNY senior colleges	21,787	22,161	22,538	22,323	22,543	*	*	Neutral	*
Enrollment of first-time freshmen in CUNY community colleges who are recent graduates of NYC public high schools	8,811	8,685	9,274	8,688	9,582	*	*	Neutral	*
One-year (fall-to-fall) retention rate of full-time first-time freshmen enrolled in CUNY associate degree programs (%)	59.1%	60.2%	62.3%	61.5%	68.7%	*	*	Up	Up
One-year (fall-to-fall) retention rate of full-time first-time freshmen enrolled in CUNY baccalaureate degree programs (%)	81.0%	80.4%	83.1%	83.2%	85.4%	*	*	Neutral	Up
One-year program retention rate of ASAP students (%)	62.4%	60.4%	58.8%	61.9%	65.5%	*	*	Neutral	Up
Total students served in CUNY Accelerated Study in Associate Programs	20,427	20,309	21,465	22,537	23,536	*	*	Up	Up
Students who transferred from a CUNY senior college to a non-CUNY college (%)	1.6%	2.1%	1.8%	1.7%	1.7%	*	*	Neutral	*
Students who transferred from a CUNY community college to a non-CUNY college (%)	2.0%	2.5%	2.3%	2.2%	2.2%	*	*	Neutral	*
Students who transferred from a CUNY community college to another CUNY college (%)	12.6%	11.5%	11.1%	10.9%	11.4%	*	*	Neutral	*
Students who leave a CUNY college and do not continue their education elsewhere (%)	18.4%	20.8%	18.7%	19.3%	19.1%	*	*	Neutral	Down
CUNY associate degree recipients who transfer to a CUNY baccalaureate program within one year (%)	51.5%	46.3%	47.9%	49.8%	49.0%	*	*	Neutral	Up
Instructional (student) full-time equivalencies enrolled in partially or totally online courses (%)	90.3%	40.9%	38.1%	38.4%	37.5%	*	*	Down	Up
Degree programs that can be completed fully online	80	94	158	218	223	*	*	Up	Up
★ Critical Indicator ● Equity Indicator "NA" Not Available ↕ Directional Target * None									

Goal 1b Increase access to higher education through improving affordability.

In Fiscal 2026, tuition remained the same at \$4,800 for the community colleges and \$6,930 for the senior colleges. There was a slight decrease in the percentage of community college students receiving federal financial aid, from 59.9 percent in Fiscal 2025 to 58.6 percent in Fiscal 2026. There was also an increase in the percentage of community college students receiving New York State financial aid through the Tuition Assistance program, from 36.6 percent in Fiscal 2025 to 41.8 percent in Fiscal 2026.

Performance Indicators	Actual					Target		Trend	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY26	FY27	5-Year	Desired Direction
Annual tuition at CUNY community colleges (full-time NYS resident)	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$4,800	*	*	Neutral	*
Annual tuition at CUNY senior colleges (full-time NYS resident)	\$6,930	\$6,930	\$6,930	\$6,930	\$6,930	*	*	Neutral	*
Expenditures per student (full-time equivalent) at CUNY community colleges	\$21,157	\$23,686	\$21,500	\$23,678	\$23,727	*	*	Neutral	*
CUNY community college students receiving federal financial aid (Pell) (%)	55.6%	57.6%	57.7%	59.9%	58.6%	*	*	Neutral	*
CUNY community college students receiving Tuition Assistance Program grants (%)	25.7%	28.9%	32.8%	36.6%	41.8%	*	*	Up	*
★ Critical Indicator ● Equity Indicator "NA" Not Available ↕ Directional Target * None									

SERVICE 2 Improve student outcomes.

Goal 2a Promote academic excellence and provide student support.

The percentage of instructional (student) full-time equivalencies taught by full-time faculty decreased at both senior and community colleges, from 40.9 percent in Fiscal 2025 to 39.7 percent in Fiscal 2026 at the senior colleges and from 60.5 percent to 58.9 percent at the community colleges. Overall student/faculty ratio rose slightly from 24:1 in Fiscal 2025 to 25:1 in Fiscal 2026, remaining at 24:1 for the senior colleges, and rising from 24:1 to 26:1 at the community colleges.

The proportion of students completing Gateway courses in English and math in their first year were mixed in Fiscal 2026 compared to Fiscal 2025, with students in Gateway English increasing from 81.8 percent to 83.6 percent, while those in Gateway Math declined from 62.6 percent to 61.0 percent.

Enrollment in College Now declined slightly, from 44,485 enrolled in Fiscal 2025 to 44,261 in Fiscal 2026, according to preliminary data. College Now is a free college transition, dual enrollment program for New York City Public Schools (NYCPS) high school students. College Now enables NYCPS high school students to develop academic momentum toward a college degree, make informed choices about college, and learn how their education can lead to a rewarding career.

Performance Indicators	Actual					Target		Trend	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY26	FY27	5-Year	Desired Direction
Instructional (student) full-time equivalencies taught by full-time faculty (%) – Senior colleges	38.1%	36.0%	38.1%	40.9%	39.7%	*	*	Neutral	Up
– Community colleges	54.2%	57.5%	61.2%	60.5%	58.9%	*	*	Neutral	Up
Student/faculty ratio – Overall	25:1	23:1	23:1	24:1	25:1	*	*	Neutral	Down
– Community colleges	24:1	21:1	24:1	24:1	26:1	*	*	Up	Down
– Senior colleges	26:1	23:1	23:1	24:1	24:1	*	*	Neutral	Down
Full-time faculty employed by CUNY community colleges	2,014	2,055	2,039	2,000	1,969	*	*	Neutral	Up
Students completing Gateway English in their first year (%)	72.5%	75.2%	74.7%	81.8%	83.6%	*	*	Up	Up
Students completing Gateway Math in their first year (%)	55.0%	57.9%	56.7%	62.6%	61.0%	*	*	Up	Up
High school students participating in college preparation program (College Now)	32,761	34,710	40,505	44,485	44,261	*	*	Up	*
★ Critical Indicator 🌟 Equity Indicator "NA" Not Available ⬆️⬆️ Directional Target * None									

Goal 2b Increase graduation rates.

Associate degrees awarded at the community colleges increased five percent, from 9,384 in Fiscal 2025 to 9,865 in Fiscal 2026. The six-year system graduation rate decreased from 36.5 percent in Fiscal 2025 to 35.5 percent in Fiscal 2026 for associate students and from 57.9 percent to 56.6 percent for baccalaureate students during the same reporting period. Three-year graduation rates among ASAP students also declined from 38.5 percent in Fiscal 2025 to 34.5 percent in Fiscal 2026. Six year graduation rate declines are still affected by the COVID-19 pandemic disruption, and also reflect changes in the freshman class composition.

Performance Indicators	Actual					Target		Trend	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY26	FY27	5-Year	Desired Direction
Associate degrees awarded at community colleges	14,900	12,364	10,342	9,384	9,865	*	*	Down	Up
★ 🌟 Three-year systemwide graduation rate (%) – CUNY Accelerated Study in Associate Programs students	44.0%	39.4%	36.2%	38.5%	34.5%	⬆️	⬆️	Down	Up
Six-year systemwide graduation rate (%) – Community college students in STEM disciplines	37.5%	38.6%	36.7%	35.6%	33.9%	*	*	Down	Up
★ 🌟 Six-year systemwide graduation rate (%) – CUNY associate degree students	38.9%	39.8%	37.6%	36.5%	35.5%	⬆️	⬆️	Down	Up
★ 🌟 Six-year systemwide graduation rate (%) – CUNY baccalaureate students	62.0%	61.9%	60.0%	57.9%	56.6%	⬆️	⬆️	Neutral	Up
★ Critical Indicator 🌟 Equity Indicator "NA" Not Available ⬆️⬆️ Directional Target * None									

Goal 2c

Prepare students for professional success.

Pass rates for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses declined, from 89.6 percent in Fiscal 2025 to 84.9 percent in Fiscal 2026. There was also a decline in the percentage of CUNY community college certificate and associate graduates from career and technical education programs who are employed six months after graduation, from 70.8 percent in Fiscal 2025 to 67.2 percent in Fiscal 2026. When combined with continued education, the outcome remained steady at 99.0 percent.

Performance Indicators	Actual					Target		Trend	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY26	FY27	5-Year	Desired Direction
Students passing the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (%) (CY)	85.3%	78.9%	89.1%	89.6%	84.9%	*	*	Neutral	Up
CUNY community college certificate and associate graduates from career and technical education programs who are employed six months after graduation (%)	69.8%	75.3%	75.3%	70.8%	67.2%	*	*	Neutral	Up
CUNY community college certificate and associate graduates from career and technical education programs who are employed or continuing their education six months after graduation (%)	92.2%	97.8%	99.1%	99.1%	99.0%	*	*	Neutral	Up
★ Critical Indicator ● Equity Indicator "NA" Not Available ⬆️⬆️ Directional Target * None									

AGENCY RESOURCES

Resource Indicators	Actual ¹					Plan ²		5yr Trend
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY26	FY27	
Expenditures (\$000,000) ³	\$1,396.7	\$1,269.7	\$1,281.9	\$1,409.0	\$1,643.6	\$1,627.8	\$1,643.1	Up
Revenues (\$000,000)	\$194.8	\$210.3	\$214.7	\$287.7	\$249.4	\$365.3	\$415.3	Neutral
Personnel	7,472	7,249	7,618	8,008	8,148	9,379	9,375	Neutral
Overtime paid (\$000,000)	\$2.9	\$7.3	\$8.3	\$9.9	\$4.2	\$4.2	\$3.6	Neutral
¹ Actual financial amounts for the current fiscal year are not yet final. Final fiscal year actuals, from the Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports, will be reported in the next PMMR. Refer to the "Indicator Definitions" at nyc.gov/mmr for details. ² Authorized Budget Level ³ Expenditures include all funds "NA" - Not Available * None								

SPENDING AND BUDGET INFORMATION

Agency expenditures and planned resources by budgetary unit of appropriation.

Unit of Appropriation	Expenditures FY25 ¹ (\$000,000)	Modified Budget FY26 ² (\$000,000)	Applicable MMR Goals ³
Personal Services - Total	\$951.4	\$1,046.7	
002 - Community College	\$928.7	\$1,023.4	All
004 - Hunter Schools	\$22.7	\$23.3	All
Other Than Personal Services - Total	\$457.6	\$597.0	
001 - Community College	\$456.4	\$560.6	All
003 - Hunter Schools	\$1.2	\$1.4	All
012 - Senior College	\$0.0	\$35.0	All
Agency Total	\$1,409.0	\$1,643.6	
¹ Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports (ACFR) for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2025. Includes all funds. ² Includes all funds. ³ Refer to agency goals listed at front of chapter. "NA" Not Available			

NOTEWORTHY CHANGES, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

- Félix V. Matos Rodríguez continues to serve as Chancellor of the City University of New York.
- The indicators 'One-year program retention rate of ASAP students (%)' and 'Students who leave a CUNY college and do not continue their education elsewhere' were added in Goal 1a.
- Previously published figures for the indicator 'Enrollment of first-time freshmen in CUNY community colleges who are recent graduates of NYC public high schools' in Goal 1a were revised after internal data review:
 - Fiscal 2022 figure was revised from 9,451 to 8,811.
 - Fiscal 2023 figure was revised from 9,128 to 8,685.
 - Fiscal 2024 figure was revised from 10,052 to 9,274.
 - Fiscal 2025 figure was revised from 9,622 to 8,688.
- Previously published figures for the indicator 'Degree programs that can be completed fully online' in Goal 1a were revised after internal data review:
 - Fiscal 2023 figure was revised from 163 to 94.
 - Fiscal 2024 figure was revised from 195 to 158.
 - Fiscal 2025 figure was revised from 196 to 218.
- Previously published Fiscal 2025 actual figure for the indicator 'Expenditures per student (full-time equivalent) at CUNY community colleges' in Goal 1b was revised from \$23,021 to \$23,678.
- Previously published Fiscal 2023 figure for the indicator 'Student/faculty ratio—Overall' in Goal 2a was revised from 22:1 to 23:1 after internal data review.
- Previously published Fiscal 2025 actual figures for the following indicators in Goal 2a were revised after internal data review:
 - 'Instructional (student) full-time equivalencies taught by full-time faculty (%)—Senior colleges' was revised from 40.8 percent to 40.9 percent.
 - 'Instructional (student) full-time equivalencies taught by full-time faculty (%)—Community colleges' was revised from 60.4 percent to 60.5 percent.
 - 'Students completing Gateway English in their first year (%)' was revised from 81.2 percent to 81.8 percent.
 - 'Students completing Gateway Math in their first year (%)' was revised from 61.3 percent to 62.6 percent.
- Previously published figures for the indicator 'High school students participating in college preparation program (College Now)' in Goal 2a were revised after internal data review:
 - Fiscal 2022 figure was revised from 32,166 to 32,761.
 - Fiscal 2023 figure was revised from 34,625 to 34,710.
 - Fiscal 2024 figure was revised from 39,999 to 40,505.
 - Fiscal 2025 figure was revised from 44,507 to 44,485.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For additional information go to:

- Office of Applied Research, Evaluation, and Data Analytics:
<https://www.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/oareda/>
- The Social Indicators and Equity Report, EquityNYC:
<https://equity.nyc.gov/>

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