



CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

WHAT WE DO

The City University of New York (CUNY) provides higher education to more than 237,000 degree and non-degree-seeking students and offers adult and continuing education with almost 224,000 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 1,900 academic programs, and has close to 7,000 full-time faculty and nearly 11,000 part-time faculty. In the academic year 2023–2024, CUNY granted almost 10,000 graduate and professional degrees, over 23,000 baccalaureate degrees, over 11,000 associate degrees, almost 400 certificates, and over 1,000 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 north region universities for social mobility, with one CUNY senior college ranked number one. CUNY offers all levels of training, from certificate programs to doctoral degrees, with an unprecedented number of students currently taking advantage of the opportunity to obtain high-quality and affordable education. CUNY serves a diverse population, with 32 percent of students born outside the mainland United States and almost two in three undergraduate students attending tuition-free. In the academic year 2023–2024, over 46,000 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-seeking 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 60 institutions. In the 2023–2024 academic year, ASAP enrolled 22,537 students, 11,383 of whom were new students. The program has served over 116,000 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 2024–2025 academic year, 38 percent identified as Hispanic, 37 percent Black, 14 percent Asian/Pacific Islander, and 11 percent White. Eighty-four percent of ASAP students receive either or both the federal Pell and New York State Tuition Assistance Program grants, underscoring the initiative's aim of providing educational opportunities for low-income students. 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

SERVICE 1 Provide access to higher education.

Goal 1a Increase enrollment and retention.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY25	FY26
☛ Total headcount enrollment	225,881	233,352	237,671	*	*	NA	NA
Total full-time equivalent enrollment	166,813	172,520	175,011	*	*	NA	NA
Total headcount enrollment at CUNY community colleges	67,584	74,636	76,432	*	*	NA	NA
Enrollment in STEM disciplines at CUNY community colleges	10,483	11,323	11,280	*	*	NA	NA
Enrollment of first-time freshmen in CUNY community colleges	12,396	13,681	13,167	*	*	NA	NA
Enrollment of first-time freshmen in CUNY senior colleges	22,161	22,538	22,323	*	*	NA	NA
Enrollment of first-time freshmen in CUNY community colleges who are recent graduates of NYC public high schools	9,128	10,052	9,622	*	*	NA	NA
One-year (fall-to-fall) retention rate of full-time first-time freshmen enrolled in CUNY associate degree programs (%)	60.2%	62.3%	61.5%	*	*	NA	NA
One-year (fall-to-fall) retention rate of full-time first-time freshmen enrolled in CUNY baccalaureate degree programs (%)	80.4%	83.1%	83.2%	*	*	NA	NA
Total students served in CUNY Accelerated Study in Associate Programs	20,309	21,465	22,537	*	*	NA	NA
Students who transferred from a CUNY senior college to a non-CUNY college (%)	2.1%	1.8%	1.7%	*	*	NA	NA
Students who transferred from a CUNY community college to a non-CUNY college (%)	2.5%	2.3%	2.2%	*	*	NA	NA
Students who transferred from a CUNY community college to another CUNY college (%)	11.5%	11.1%	10.9%	*	*	NA	NA
CUNY associate degree recipients who transfer to a CUNY baccalaureate program within one year (%)	46.3%	47.9%	49.8%	*	*	NA	NA
Instructional (student) full-time equivalencies enrolled in partially or totally online courses (%)	40.9%	38.1%	38.4%	*	*	NA	NA
Degree programs that can be completed fully online	163	195	196	*	*	NA	NA
★ Critical Indicator ☛ Equity Indicator "NA" Not Available ⬆️⬆️ Directional Target * None							

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

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY25	FY26
Annual tuition at CUNY community colleges (full-time NYS resident)	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$4,800	*	*	NA	NA
Annual tuition at CUNY senior colleges (full-time NYS resident)	\$6,930	\$6,930	\$6,930	*	*	NA	NA
Expenditures per student (full-time equivalent) at CUNY community colleges	\$23,686	\$21,500	\$23,021	*	*	NA	NA
CUNY community college students receiving federal financial aid (Pell) (%)	57.6%	57.7%	59.9%	*	*	NA	NA
CUNY community college students receiving Tuition Assistance Program grants (%)	28.9%	32.8%	36.6%	*	*	NA	NA
★ Critical Indicator ☛ Equity Indicator "NA" Not Available ⬆️⬆️ Directional Target * None							

SERVICE 2 Improve student outcomes.

Goal 2a

Promote academic excellence and provide student support.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY25	FY26
Instructional (student) full-time equivalencies taught by full-time faculty (%) – Senior colleges	36.0%	38.1%	40.8%	*	*	NA	NA
– Community colleges	57.5%	61.2%	60.4%	*	*	NA	NA
Student/faculty ratio – Overall	22:1	23:1	24:1	*	*	NA	NA
– Community colleges	21:1	24:1	24:1	*	*	NA	NA
– Senior colleges	23:1	23:1	24:1	*	*	NA	NA
Full-time faculty employed by CUNY community colleges	2,055	2,039	2,000	*	*	NA	NA
Students completing Gateway English in their first year (%)	75.2%	74.7%	81.2%	*	*	NA	NA
Students completing Gateway Math in their first year (%)	57.9%	56.7%	61.3%	*	*	NA	NA
High school students participating in college preparation program (College Now)	34,625	39,999	44,507	*	*	NA	NA
★ Critical Indicator ● Equity Indicator “NA” Not Available ⇅ Directional Target * None							

Goal 2b

Increase graduation rates.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY25	FY26
Associate degrees awarded at community colleges	12,364	10,342	9,384	*	*	NA	NA
★ ● Three-year systemwide graduation rate (%) – CUNY Accelerated Study in Associate Programs students	39.4%	36.2%	38.5%	↑	↑	NA	NA
Six-year systemwide graduation rate (%) – Community college students in STEM disciplines	38.6%	36.7%	35.6%	*	*	NA	NA
★ ● Six-year systemwide graduation rate (%) – CUNY associate degree students	39.8%	37.6%	36.5%	↑	↑	NA	NA
★ ● Six-year systemwide graduation rate (%) – CUNY baccalaureate students	61.9%	60.0%	57.9%	↑	↑	NA	NA
★ Critical Indicator ● Equity Indicator “NA” Not Available ⇅ Directional Target * None							

Goal 2c

Prepare students for professional success.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY25	FY26
Students passing the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (%) (CY)	78.9%	89.1%	89.6%	*	*	NA	NA
CUNY community college certificate and associate graduates from career and technical education programs who are employed six months after graduation (%)	75.3%	75.3%	70.8%	*	*	NA	NA
CUNY community college certificate and associate graduates from career and technical education programs who are employed or continuing their education six months after graduation (%)	97.8%	99.1%	99.1%	*	*	NA	NA
★ Critical Indicator ● Equity Indicator “NA” Not Available ⇅ Directional Target * None							

AGENCY RESOURCES

Resource Indicators	Actual			Sept. 2025 MMR Plan	Updated Plan	Plan	4-Month Actual	
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY26 ¹	FY27 ¹	FY25	FY26
Expenditures (\$000,000) ²	\$1,269.7	\$1,281.9	\$1,409.0	\$1,554.3	\$1,627.8	\$1,550.3	\$375.9	\$419.2
Revenues (\$000,000)	\$210.3	\$214.7	\$287.7	\$415.3	\$365.3	\$415.3	\$39.2	\$47.6
Personnel	7,249	7,618	8,008	9,375	9,379	9,375	8,268	8,742
Overtime paid (\$000,000)	\$7.3	\$8.3	\$9.9	\$3.6	\$4.2	\$3.6	\$2.6	\$2.8
¹ February 2026 Financial Plan. ² Expenditures include all funds "NA" - Not Available								

SPENDING AND BUDGET INFORMATION

Agency expenditures and planned resources by budgetary unit of appropriation.

Unit of Appropriation	Expenditures FY25 ¹ (\$000,000)	February 2026 Financial Plan FY26 ² (\$000,000)	Applicable MMR Goals ³
Personal Services - Total	\$951.4	\$1,069.7	
002 - Community College	\$928.7	\$1,047.8	All
004 - Hunter Schools	\$22.7	\$21.8	All
Other Than Personal Services - Total	\$457.6	\$558.1	
001 - Community College	\$456.4	\$521.8	All
003 - Hunter Schools	\$1.2	\$1.4	All
012 - Senior College	NA	\$35.0	All
Agency Total	\$1,409.0	\$1,627.8	
¹ Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) 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

None.

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:
<http://equity.nyc.gov/>

For more information on the agency, please visit: www.cuny.edu.

