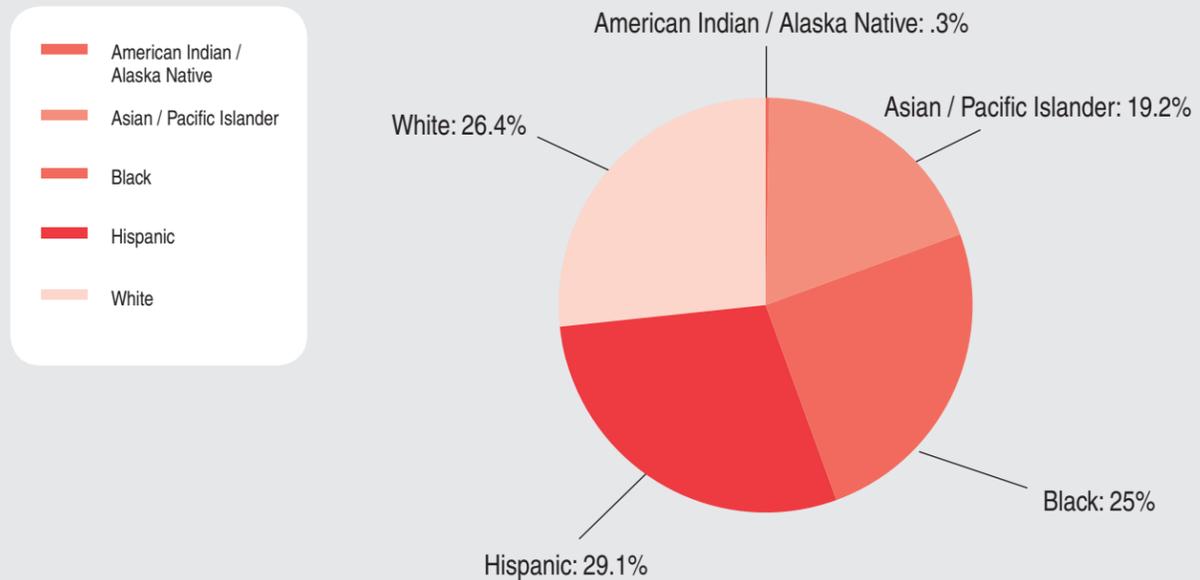


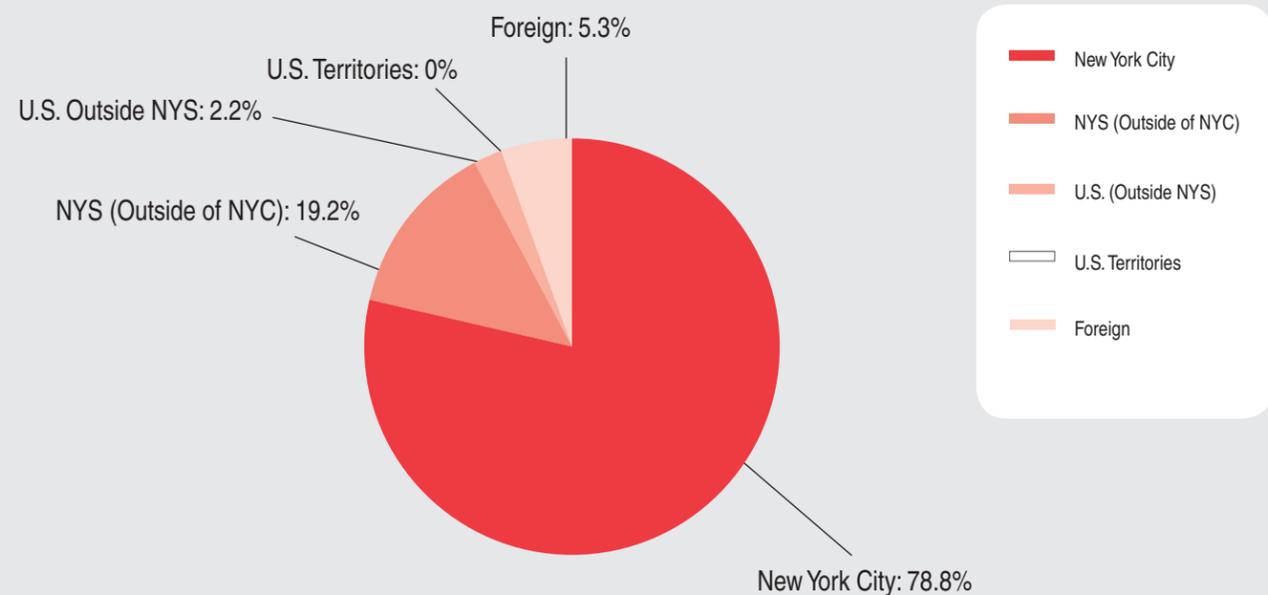
CUNY ENROLLMENT BY ETHNICITY

Source: http://www.cuny.edu/irdatabook/rpts2_AY_current/ENRL_0031_RACE_GEN_TOT_PCT.rpt.pdf



CUNY ENROLLMENT BY RESIDENCY

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CONDITION CRITICAL: CUNY's Low Graduation Rates Threaten NYC Economy



A Message from Assemblyman Luis R. Sepúlveda
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It has been said that statistics are human stories with the tears wiped off. In the case of the seriously-low graduation rates for the huge number of Latino and black students attending City University of New York (CUNY), the statistics provided in this brief are indeed a sad picture of a very disturbing reality.

The overview provided in this brief is not an indictment of CUNY, its staff, administrators, or students; it is meant to help shape the discussion of how we can better strengthen New York City's higher education system and properly train and educate the masses of its citizens.

For decades, CUNY has been asked to perform a herculean task: to educate a mass of academically ill-prepared students to handle college. To put this into perspective, approximately 82% of NYC high school graduates were ill-equipped in basic literacy, math, and writing skills upon entering any of the six 2-year CUNY institutions in 2014.

The graduation rates at 2-year colleges paint a bleak picture for the future of these students. Low graduation rates are also a dangerous precursor of to the future of labor and fiscal policy. For example, Medgar Evers College has a graduation rate of 11% and Bronx Community College has a graduation rate of 16%. Between these two colleges, over 18,000 students were enrolled in 2015 but only about 2,300 students will graduate.

CUNY's 17 public colleges have an annual enrollment of approximately 270,000 undergraduate students and 550,000 students overall. Their work to train and educate the future workforce of one of the world's largest cities has been complicated by the failures of our K-12 education system which has intensified due to years of disinvestment and underfunding for their critical work.

Overall, only 32% of the students follow through the gauntlet of higher education in the CUNY system—comparatively lower than the national average of 44%.

In the fall of 2014, 64,196 black and 75,307 Hispanic students were enrolled throughout the CUNY campuses. Taking into account the average graduation rates for these two groups, only 86,400 of the 270,000 total students will eventually graduate.

The poor graduation rate reduces the availability of a trained and educated workforce in minority and immigrant communities. They provide an obstacle for the proper integration of the masses of immigrants settling in our city and State. This factor alone raises serious future questions as we observe the impact of unsuccessful integration efforts of immigrants in Western European societies.

Continuous disinvestment of CUNY at a time when the majority of its students are minorities and immigrants is impacting the academic achievement and educational attainment of tens of thousands of students.

Their failures or successes will impact the failures and successes of the Big Apple and the Empire State. We can do better and these statistics should compel us to make that effort.



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Graduation Rates on CUNY Campuses: A Brief Overview of Student Educational Attainment

National Average

Graduation Rate: 44% Earning After Degree Awarded: \$34,343

(Earnings are average after 10 years following college graduation and labor force participation.)

Source: U.S. Department of Education College Scorecard, Fall 2015

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CUNY Bernard M. Baruch College

- Total Undergraduate Students: 13,698
CUNY Baruch – 14,857
 - Asian: 6,231
 - Black: 1,612
 - Hispanic: 2,313
 - White: 4,674
- Graduation Rate: 65%**
Earning After School: \$54,000

CUNY Hunter

- Total Undergraduate Students: 15,697
Predominantly White
CUNY Hunter – 16,879
 - Asian: 4,901
 - Black: 2,028
 - Hispanic: 3,474
 - White: 6,447
- Graduation Rate: 48%**
Earning after school: \$44,800

CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice

- Total Undergraduate Students: 12,838
Predominantly Hispanic
CUNY John Jay – 13,305
 - Asian: 1,705
 - Black: 2,776
 - Hispanic: 5,469
 - White: 3,324
- Graduation Rate: 33%**
Earning after school: \$43,700

CUNY City College (Manhattan, NY)

- Total Undergraduate Students: 11,820
Predominantly Hispanic
CUNY City College – 12,893
 - Asian: 3,485
 - Black: 2,613
 - Hispanic: 4,205
 - White: 2,573
- Graduation Rate: 42%**
Earning after school: \$44,500

CUNY Borough of Manhattan Community College

- Total Undergraduate Students: 23,658
Predominantly Hispanic
CUNY Borough of Manhattan Community College – 26,606
 - Asian: 3,908
 - Black: 8,363
 - Hispanic: 10,956
 - White: 3,302
- Graduation Rate: 21%**
Earning after school: \$34,900

STATEN ISLAND

CUNY College of Staten Island

- Total Undergraduate Students: 12,974
Predominantly White
CUNY College of Staten Island – 13,343
 - Asian: 1,665
 - Black: 1,966
 - Hispanic: 2,336
 - White: 7,350
- Graduation Rate: 28%**
Earning after school: \$41,600

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CUNY Lehman

- Total Undergraduate Students: 9,020
Predominantly Hispanic
CUNY Lehman – 10,326
 - Asian: 794
 - Black: 3,316
 - Hispanic: 5,184
 - White: 1,011
- Graduation Rate: 36%**
Earning after school: \$41,500

BRONX

CUNY Bronx Community College

- Total Undergraduate Students: 10,577
Predominantly Hispanic
CUNY Bronx Community College – 11,506
 - Asian: 388
 - Black: 3,728
 - Hispanic: 7,024
 - White: 344
- Graduation Rate: 16%**
Earning after school: \$31,900

CUNY Hostos Community College

- Total Undergraduate Students: 6,438
Predominantly Hispanic
CUNY Hostos – 6,985
 - Asian: 231
 - Black: 2,159
 - Hispanic: 4,358
 - White: 226
- Graduation Rate: 16%**
Earning after school: \$29,800

MANHATTAN

QUEENS

CUNY LaGuardia Community College

- Total Undergraduate Students: 16,832
Predominantly Hispanic
CUNY LaGuardia Community College – 20,231
 - Asian: 4,315
 - Black: 4,305
 - Hispanic: 8,611
 - White: 2,928
- Graduation Rate: 22%**
Earning after school: \$33,000

CUNY Queensborough Community College

- Total Undergraduate Students: 14,354
Predominantly Hispanic
CUNY Queensborough – 16,182
 - Asian: 4,407
 - Black: 4,054
 - Hispanic: 4,749
 - White: 2,831
- Graduation Rate: 22%**
Earning after school: \$35,900

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CUNY Queens

- Total Undergraduate Students: 14,424
CUNY Queens – 15,773
 - Asian: 4,934
 - Black: 1,405
 - Hispanic: 3,216
 - White: 6,175
- Graduation Rate: 56%**
Earning after school: \$48,000

CUNY York College

- Total Undergraduate Students: 7,361
Predominantly Black
CUNY York – 8,438
 - Asian: 2,295
 - Black: 3,736
 - Hispanic: 1,718
 - White: 619
- Graduation Rate: 26%**
Earning after school: \$38,200

BROOKLYN

CUNY Brooklyn

- Total Undergraduate Students: 12,625
Predominantly White
CUNY Brooklyn – 14,115
 - Asian: 2,632
 - Black: 3,905
 - Hispanic: 2,110
 - White: 5,442
- Graduation Rate: 52%**
Earning after school: \$44,500

CUNY Medgar Evers College

- Total Undergraduate Students: 6,085
Predominantly Black
CUNY Medgar Evers – 6,701
 - Asian: 192
 - Black: 5,856
 - Hispanic: 507
 - White: 125
- Graduation Rate: 11%**
Earning after school: \$35,900

CUNY New York City College of Technology

- Total Undergraduate Students: 15,917
Predominantly Black
CUNY New York City College of Technology – 17,374
 - Asian: 3,785
 - Black: 5,926
 - Hispanic: 5,154
 - White: 2,442
- Graduation Rate: 14%**
Earning after school: \$37,700

CUNY Kingsborough Community College

- Total Undergraduate Students: 14,381
Predominantly White
CUNY Kingsborough – 17,757
 - Asian: 2,644
 - Black: 5,676
 - Hispanic: 3,136
 - White: 6,266
- Graduation Rate: 29%**
Earning after school: \$35,300