

# CUNY Enrollment Trends: Fall 1849-2010

Year	Enrollment
1849 <sup>1</sup>	202
1860	758
1870	1,788
1880	2,133
1890 <sup>2</sup>	3,112
1905	4,454
1930 <sup>3</sup>	36,249
1940 <sup>4</sup>	52,550
1950	71,223
1960 <sup>5</sup>	89,526
1965 <sup>6,7</sup>	130,922
1970 <sup>8,9</sup>	185,998
1975 <sup>10</sup>	250,784
1980 <sup>11,12</sup>	172,229
1985	182,626
1990	200,688
1995	205,835
2000	195,403
2005 <sup>13</sup>	220,727
2010 <sup>14</sup>	262,321

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## Notes:

- <sup>1</sup> 1847: A public referendum established the the Free Academy, renamed the College of the City of New York in 1866.
- <sup>2</sup> 1870: Hunter College established.
- <sup>3</sup> 1930: Brooklyn College established.
- <sup>4</sup> 1937: Queens College established.
- <sup>5</sup> 1955: Staten Island Community College, 1957: Bronx; 1958: Queensborough established.
- <sup>6</sup> 1961: The City University of New York was created by the State Legislature from the pre-existing municipal college system.
- <sup>7</sup> 1961: Graduate School, 1963: BMCC, KCC; 1964: John Jay; 1964: NYC Community College (reported as CC through 1979).
- <sup>8</sup> 1966: York, 1967: Mt. Sinai School of Medicine became affiliated with CUNY, 1968: Baruch, Lehman, Hostos; 1969: Medgar Evers.
- <sup>9</sup> Fall 1970 was the first semester of Open Admissions.
- <sup>10</sup> 1971: LaGuardia; 1973: Law School, Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education established at City College.
- <sup>11</sup> 1976: The College of Staten Island established, merging Staten Island CC and a bachelor's granting institution, Richmond College (1965). 1980: NYC Technical College was established in name (reported as a CC since 1964). NYCTC renamed NYCCT in 2002.
- <sup>12</sup> Fall 1976 was the first semester that tuition was required.
- <sup>13</sup> 2005: School of Professional Studies established.
- <sup>14</sup> 2006: School of Journalism established.