

Bergen Community College was founded in 1965 to address the region's need for a convenient, affordable, and comprehensive higher education destination. Over the years, the College has expanded its main campus in Paramus to include a library, theater, student center, and, most recently, a new state-of-the-art Health Profession Integrated Teaching Center. In 1970, the Ciarco Learning Center (Hackensack, NJ) was founded to provide non-credit education, including GED and adult ESL courses. Expanding its offerings to the southern portion of Bergen County, Bergen Community College at the Meadowlands began offering courses in 2008. The College continues to invest in virtual and distance education with the development of the Center for Online Learning in the spring of 2023. As of Fall 2024, Bergen Community College enrolled over 11,000 students in its credit offerings. In Fiscal Year 2024, Bergen enrolled over 5,400 students in continuing and adult education programs.

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Accreditation and Degrees

Bergen maintains accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Twelve individual programs are accredited by specific associations and commissions. Bergen offers programs in Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Science (A.S.), Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.), Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.), and certificate programs.

Mission

Bergen Community College provides accessible and transformative programs and services to its diverse community. As a comprehensive community college, we are committed to student success, innovation, and inclusivity.

Vision

Bergen Community College will be:

- A first-choice option for its community.
- A national model for innovation and partnerships.
- An institution recognized for its ability to meet the needs of an ever-changing student population in a landscape of evolving employers' workforce needs.

Values

Consistent with Bergen Community College and who we are as a community, these core values guide our daily work:

- Commitment
- Creativity
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Care
- Challenge
- Celebration

Student Financial Aid (2023-2024)

Federal Grants: \$22,036,116
Federal Loans: \$12,080,037
State Grants: \$9,993,877
State Loans: \$116,452
State Awards: \$14,278
Institutional Funds: \$451,131

Operating Budget (FY2025)

Projected Revenues: \$159,948,309
Tuition/Fees: \$71,387,902
State Funding: \$13,187,248
County Funding: \$24,233,700
Other NJ Counties: \$239,605
Other Sources: \$2,599,854
Student Aid and Grants: \$48,300,000

Tuition per Credit (FY2025)

Bergen County Resident: \$157.45
Out-of-County Resident: \$323.35
Out-of-State Resident: \$340.15
Student Fees per Credit: \$45.86

Noncredit Enrollment (FY2024)

Number of Open Enrollments: 11,848
Unduplicated Student Headcount: 5,464
Customized Training Registrations: 2,404
Number of Business Clients Served: 766

Credit Enrollment (Fall 2024)

Total Headcount: 11,720
Fall Student FTE (IPEDS): 7,836
Degree-Seeking students: 10,558 (90.1%)

Enrollment by Gender (Fall 2024)

Male: 5,036 (43.0%)
Female: 5,967 (50.9%)
Unknown: 717 (6.1%)

Enrollment by Age (Fall 2024)

21 years and under: 7,018 (59.9%)
22-24 years: 1,832 (15.6%)
25-34 years: 1,875 (16.0%)
35 and older and unknown: 995 (8.5%)
Average Age: 23.2 | Median Age: 20.0

Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity (Fall 2024)

American Indian/Alaska Native: 12 (0.1%)
Asian: 1,043 (8.9%)
Black/African American: 822 (7.0%)
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 17 (0.1%)
Hispanic, all races: 5,104 (43.5%)
Two or more races: 223 (1.9%)
White: 2,973 (25.4%)
Nonresident: 652 (5.6%)
Unknown Race/Ethnicity: 874 (7.5%)

Enrollment by County (Fall 2024)

Bergen: 8,629 (73.6%)
Passaic: 1,122 (9.6%)
Hudson: 439 (3.7%)
Essex: 434 (3.7%)
Other NJ County/Out-of-State/County Unknown: 665 (5.7%)
Nonresident: 431 (3.7%)

Top 5 Non-U.S. Countries of Citizenship (Fall 2024)

Dominican Republic: 173
Colombia: 163
Turkey: 158
Ecuador: 142
Republic of Korea: 134

Enrollment by Att. Status (Fall 2024)

Full-Time: 5,873 (50.1%)
Part-Time: 5,847 (49.9%)

Enrollment by Reg. Type (Fall 2024)

First-Time Students: 3,561 (30.4%)
Transfer Students: 866 (7.4%)
Stop-Out Students: 1,407 (12.0%)
Continuing Students: 5,886 (50.2%)

Degrees/Certificates Awarded (GY2024)

Total Degrees/Certificates Awarded: 1,776
Associate of Arts (A.A.): 167
Associate of Science (A.S.): 1,145
Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.): 12
Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.): 413
Certificates: 39

Outcomes

Fall Retention Rate (Fall 2023 FTFTDS): 64%
3-Year Graduation Rate (Fall 2020 Cohort): 24%
3-Year Transfer Rate (Fall 2020 Cohort): 17%