

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. Navigating a post-COVID-19 era, 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 2023, Bergen Community College enrolled over 11,000 students in its credit offerings. In Fiscal Year 2023, Bergen enrolled 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:

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

### Student Financial Aid (2022-2023)

Federal Grants: \$30,283,649  
Federal Loans: \$11,696,314  
State Grants: \$9,843,290  
State Loans: \$45,758  
State Awards: \$13,025  
Institutional Funds: \$367,091

### Operating Budget (FY2024)

**Projected Revenues: \$154,070,231**  
Tuition/Fees: \$67,612,762  
State Funding: \$13,087,248  
County Funding: \$23,758,529  
Other NJ Counties: \$227,522  
Other Sources: \$1,884,170  
Student Aid and Grants: \$47,500,000

### Tuition per Credit (FY2024)

Bergen County Resident: \$152.50  
Out-of-County Resident: \$313.15  
Out-of-State Resident: \$329.50  
Student Fees per Credit: \$44.45

### Noncredit Enrollment (FY2023)

Number of Open Enrollments: 10,380  
Unduplicated Student Headcount: 5,437  
Customized Training Registrations: 1,433  
Number of Business Clients Served: 20

### Credit Enrollment (Fall 2023)

Total Headcount: 11,803  
Fall Student FTE (IPEDS): 8,030  
Degree-Seeking students: 10,598 (89.7%)

### Enrollment by Gender (Fall 2023)

Male: 5,470 (46.3%)  
Female: 6,333 (53.7%)

### Enrollment by Age (Fall 2023)

21 years and under: 7,049 (59.7%)  
22-24 years: 1,818 (15.4%)  
25-34 years: 1,892 (16.0%)  
35 and older and unknown: 1,044 (8.8%)  
Average Age: 23.4 | Median Age: 20.0

### Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity (Fall 2023)

American Indian/Alaska Native: 21 (0.2%)  
Asian: 1,085 (9.2%)  
Black/African American: 848 (7.2%)  
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 27 (0.2%)  
Hispanic, all races: 4,899 (41.5%)  
Two or more races: 196 (1.7%)  
White: 3,284 (27.8%)  
Nonresident: 570 (4.8%)  
Unknown Race/Ethnicity: 873 (7.4%)

### Enrollment by County (Fall 2023)

Bergen: 8,780 (74.4%)  
Passaic: 1,172 (9.9%)  
Hudson: 480 (4.1%)  
Essex: 457 (3.9%)  
Other NJ County/Out-of-State/County Unknown: 513 (4.3%)  
Nonresident: 401 (3.4%)

### Top 5 Non-U.S. Countries of Citizenship (Fall 2023)

Dominican Republic: 180  
Republic of Korea: 158  
Colombia: 151  
Ecuador: 142  
Turkey: 126

### Enrollment by Att. Status (Fall 2023)

Full-Time: 6,123 (51.9%)  
Part-Time: 5,680 (48.1%)

### Enrollment by Reg. Type (Fall 2023)

First-Time Students: 3,480 (29.5%)  
Transfer Students: 860 (7.3%)  
Stop-Out Students: 1,376 (11.7%)  
Continuing Students: 6,087 (51.6%)

### Degrees/Certificates Awarded (GY2023)

**Total Degrees/Certificates Awarded: 1,658**  
Associate of Arts (A.A.): 165  
Associate of Science (A.S.): 1,084  
Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.): 7  
Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.): 351  
Certificates: 51

### Outcomes

Fall Retention Rate (Fall 2022 FTFTDS): 64%  
3-Year Graduation Rate (Fall 2019 Cohort): 25%  
3-Year Transfer Rate (Fall 2019 Cohort): 12%