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**University Senate**

***Many Lived Experiences, One Community***

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**Interim Chancellor**

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# Celebrating Rutgers-Newark

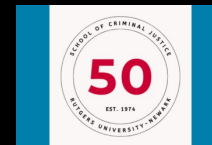


## 50 Years of Excellence

- **#5** Social Mobility (#21)
- **#39** Top Public Schools (#40)
- **#12** Graduation rates for students with Pell grants
- **#80** National Universities

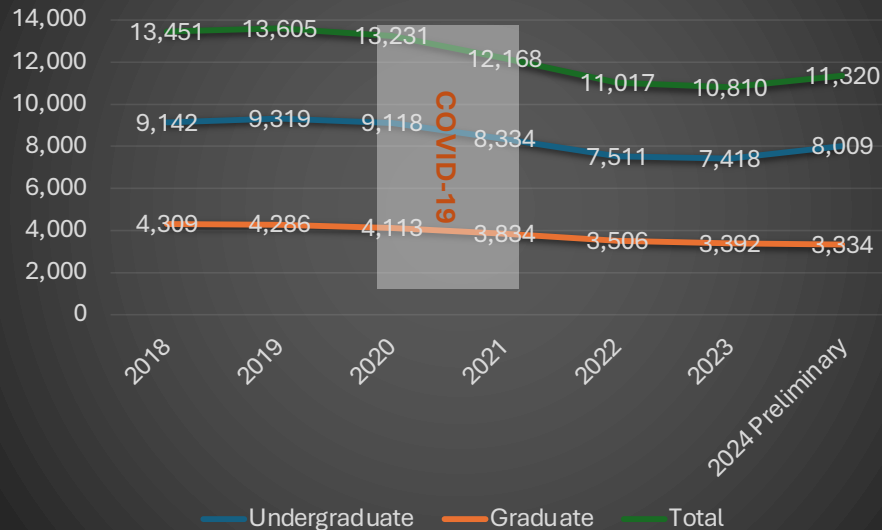
*U.S. News & World Report Rankings (2024)*

- New Dean
- Founded in 1974 focusing on Masters and PhD programs
- Added undergraduates in 2006
- Ranked in the top 10 Criminal Justice programs in the U.S.
- Groundbreaking scholars, researchers & research
- Home of NJSTEP & Mountain View Programs



# Fall 2024 Enrollment Update

## Total Undergraduate and Graduate Enrollment



Data pulled 10.4.2024

**Overall: 11,320 (4.7%↑)**

**UG: 7,989 (7.7%↑)**

**New Students: 2,598**

- **32%↑ FYs**
- **4.5%↓ TRs**

**Grad: 3,331 (4.7%↓)**



# Graduation Rates

## Six-Year Graduation Rate

### Rutgers-Newark vs National Average 4-Year Publics 2015-2025

#### Rutgers-Newark vs National Average of 4-Year Public

 **66.2%**

 **61.6%**

#### Pell Eligible Students\*

 **65.9%**

 **40.1%**

*\*2010 was the first year track Pell eligible students*

#### African-American/Black Students

 **60.9%**


 **42.8%**

#### Underrepresented Minority (URM) Students

 **61.1%**

 **49.9%**

 Rutgers-Newark

 Average 4-Year Publics

Source: IPEDS & Rutgers

# Social Mobility

## Undergrad Demographics Access and Affordability

- 73% Students of Color
- 54% Pell-Eligible
- 36% First-Generation
- 13% Newark Residents
- 31% Transfers
- 1,200 part-time students (10.5% of UG population)

## Federally Designated

- Hispanic-Serving Institution
- Asian and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution
- Minority-Serving Institution

## RU-N to the TOP

- New students with 0-59 credits
- Meet requirements for in-state tuition
- FY 23-24
  - 1,442 students
  - \$8.4 million awarded

## Garden State Guarantee

- New and continuing full-time students with 60-128 credits
- Meet requirements for in-state tuition
- FY 23-24
  - 1,479 students
  - \$7.2 million awarded

Data pulled 9.20.2024



# Social Mobility

## Campus Programs, Resources, and Services

- CARE Team
  - 365 cases
  - Mental Health; Food Insecurity; Housing Insecurity
- Intercultural Resources Center
  - Supporting over 2,800 students
- Pantry RUN+
  - 8,421 visitors impacting over 24K in households
  - 13,000 lbs food distributed during farmer markets
- Center for PreCollege Programs, Summer Camps, Dual Enrollment, Saturday Academy
  - Since 2020, over 9,000 students & families enrolled
- Student Health & Wellness
- GL-LSAMP
  - 2,687 since the beginning
  - \$12.5 million from NSF
- Braven & Office of Career Resources & Exploration
  - Over 1,600 enrolled



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New Jersey Scholarship and  
Transformative Education in Prisons

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# Social Mobility

## Bouncing Back Post COVID

- Despite COVID setback, substantial **increases** in key demographic groups have held since **2013**:
  - Latinx students  53%
  - First-Generation students  31.3%
  - Black students  13%
  - Pell-Eligible students  7.6%
- Re-Enrollment  37%
  - 2021-2023:  160% (post COVID)
  - RUN Rising special re-enrollment program to support students with outstanding balances
- NJ Step 2, 300 students completed 1 course
  - F24 enrolled: 390 (AA) • 96 (BA) • 12 (MA)
  - Graduated: 440+ (AA) • 57+ (BA) • 7 (MA)



# Rutgers-Newark & Braven



- ▶ Collaboration between **Rutgers-Newark, Career Resources & Exploration, & Braven**
- ▶ Began in 2015 and continues to grow
- ▶ **3-credit course** with RU-N faculty, staff and Braven
- ▶ Students enroll during sophomore year or 1<sup>st</sup> semester as a transfer
- ▶ **Over 1,600** students have completed the course and are now **Braven Fellows**
- ▶ **96%** of the graduating Fellows were **EMPLOYED** or **ENROLLED** in graduate school within **6 months** of graduation
- ▶ Braven Fellows who were employed had salaries **\$12,800 above** the national average



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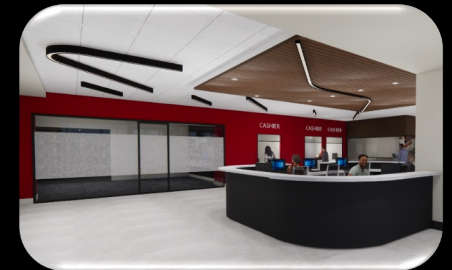
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# One Stop Update

## Conklin Hall

- Opening mid-summer 2025
- One Stop & Commuter Center
- Integrated student services offices
  - Call Center
  - Financial Aid
  - ID Services
  - Payment Center
  - Registrar
  - Student Accounting
- Enhanced Student Services
- Utilizing Best Practices
- Rutgers-Newark's Strategic & Master plan



# Anchor Mission



**Rutgers Business School**  
Center for Local Supply Chain Resiliency



**Kevin Lyons,**  
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Center on Law, Inequality and Metropolitan Equity

**David Troutt,**  
Rutgers Law School



# Research Excellence



- Home to **RUBIC**, New Jersey's most advanced brain imaging center
- **300+** active grants in 23-24
- **\$52.1 million** in total grants 2023
- Planning for the the **14,000 square foot new state-of-the-art** research space

# Challenges & Opportunities

- ✓ Adjusting to & supporting **new leadership**
- ✓ Preparing for the **enrollment cliff**; more competitive enrollment environment
- ✓ Pivoting to meet the **shifting needs of students**
- ✓ Confronting the ongoing **deferred maintenance**
- ✓ Creating and implementing plan **for fiscal sustainability**
- ✓ Adapting to the shifting **political winds** on federal, state, and local levels



# **Q&A Period**

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Interim Chancellor**

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