

FACT SHEET

COMMUNITY COLLEGE BASE AID PROPOSED TO DECREASE BELOW 1998 LEVEL



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State Support for Community Colleges would Decrease to \$2,034 per FTE

This year Governor Cuomo has proposed a decrease in Base Aid for community colleges from \$2,260 to \$2,034 per full-time equivalent (FTE), a decrease of \$226 per FTE. This follows last year's decrease of \$285 per FTE. Community colleges have reached record numbers for enrollment across the state. The following table provides a recent history of community college Base Aid per FTE.

Year	Base Aid Rate per FTE	Increase over Prior Year	SUNY CC Enrollment
1997-98	\$1,900	50	182,012
1998-99	\$2,050	150	182,061
1999-00	\$2,125	75	181,697
2000-01	\$2,250	125	181,448
2001-02	\$2,250	0	189,085
2002-03	\$2,300	50	198,525
2003-04	\$2,300	0	204,490
2004-05	\$2,235	-65	209,650
2005-06	\$2,350	115	208,374
2006-07	\$2,525	175	209,067
2007-08	\$2,675	150	214,129
2008-09	\$2,675	0	220,995
2009-10	\$2,545	-130	242,742
2010-11	\$2,260	-285	246,159**
2011-12*	\$2,034	-226	

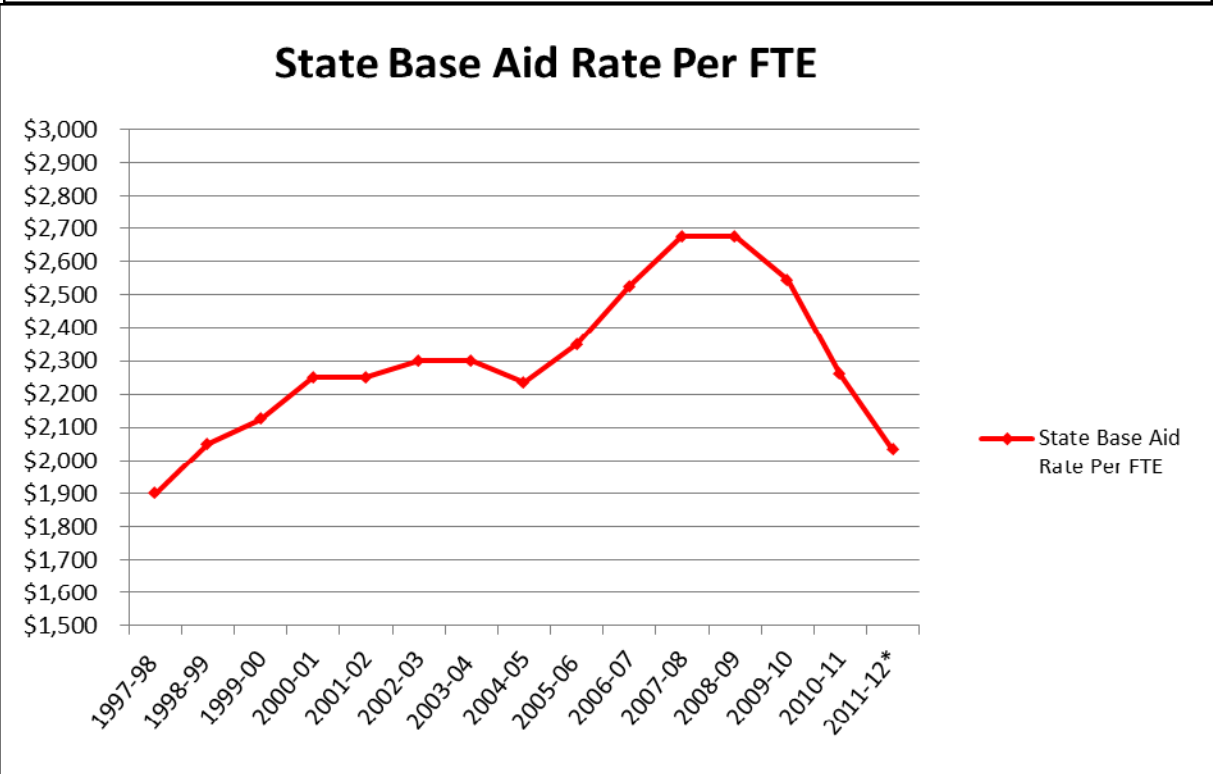
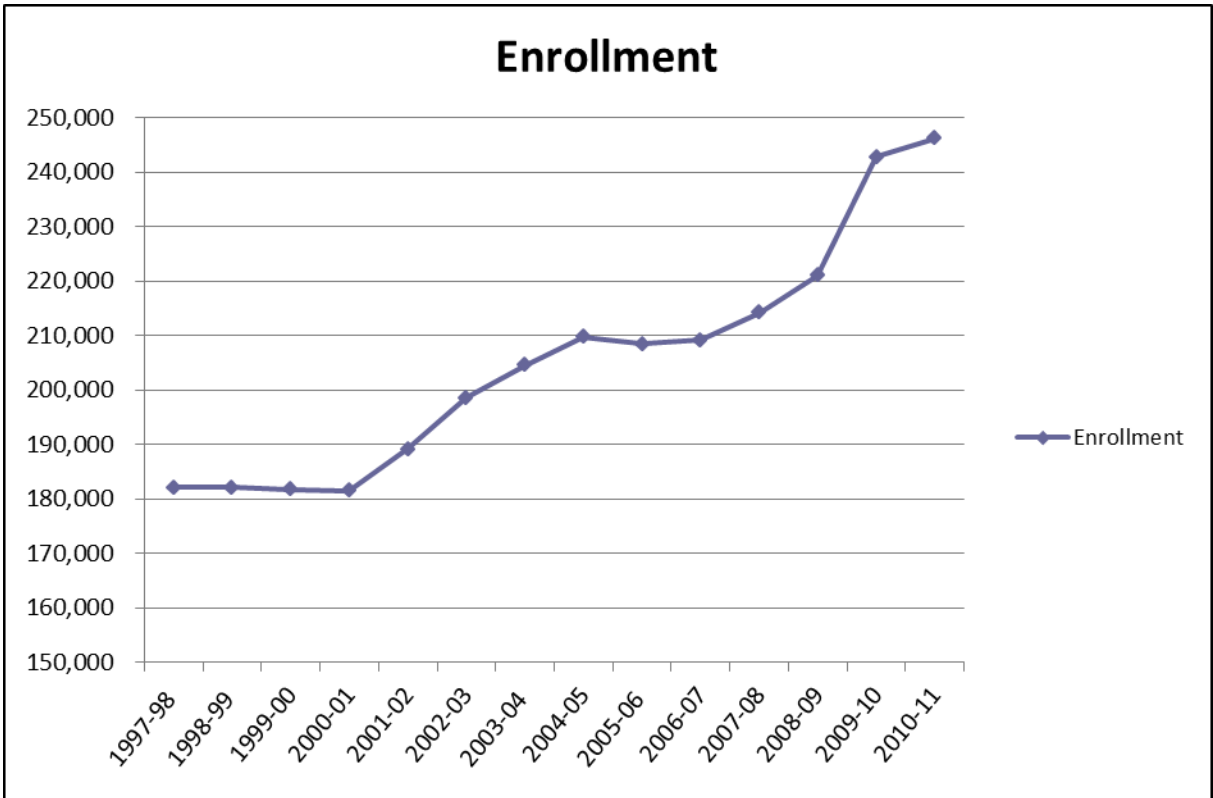
*Proposed Executive Budget

**Preliminary SUNY headcount numbers December 2010

With the continued decrease in state support the state falls further behind in their responsibility to fund 40% of the net operating cost for community colleges. Creating a budget gap that will further reduce services on New York campuses. There will be a decline in support by 10% reducing general fund support to \$427.8 Million for SUNY community colleges and \$172.5 Million for CUNY community colleges. SUNY estimates that this will be a \$33.2 Million decrease, and CUNY community colleges will receive a reduction of \$13.1 Million colleges.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENROLLMENT HIGH, SUPPORT LOW—

Community college enrolment has increased by of 64,000 students since 1998, with the largest increases coming during the economic decline. Community colleges give an opportunity for individuals hoping to attain new job skills and work toward a new career. However the level of state support has continued to decrease. When adjusted for inflation, community college base aid for 1997-1998 should be at the level of \$2,567 per FTE. This year's projected budget allocates \$2,034 per FTE. The state has continuously failed to fund their share of 40% of community college funding; it is estimated that in 2010-11 the state share will drop as low as 26.5%. This will continue to put the burden of funding on student's and localities.



* – Proposed 2011-12 Support from Executive Budget