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SUNY New Paltz graduates throw their mortarboards in the air after SUNY New Paltz's graduation ceremony in New Paltz, on May 18, 2019. ALLYSE PULLIAM/FOR THE TIMES HERALD-RECORD

SUNY system marks upward enrollment

Key takeaways from 2026 report

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A 2026 update to SUNY's Long Term Enrollment and Financial Sustainability Report shows significant growth for the system.

According to the report, SUNY schools have seen a 6.5% increase in enrollment over the past three years, the first time enrollment has grown in three consecutive years since 2009. At the center of the report are SUNY's four major pillars — student success, research and scholarship, diversity, equity and inclusion and economic development and upward mobility — all of which have seen major strides over the past year.

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Binghamton University's Harpur College of Arts and Sciences held its commencement ceremony for the Class of 2025 on May 17, 2025.

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Mamdani pushes 'tax the rich' proposal

Says increase is needed to close NYC budget gap

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Gov. Kathy Hochul's last-minute state funding boost aimed at helping close New York City's budget gap seemingly did little to sway Mayor Zohran Mamdani as he continued his "tax the rich" push during his preliminary budget presentation on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Throughout his campaign, Mamdani



Mamdani

consistently advocated for an additional city income tax of 2% on anyone earning more than \$1 million a year and an increase of the state's top corporate tax rate to 11.5%, claiming the two efforts could raise \$9 billion a year.

He asserted his main plan for reducing the city's "historic budget gap" requires just that — raising taxes on the wealthy— as well as fixing the imbalance between funding the city provides for the rest of the state and the funding the state returns to the city.

However, Mamdani's plan B may be

an even more difficult pill for city residents to swallow as it would include raising property taxes and tapping into the city's reserves.

"If we do not go down the first path, the City will be forced to go down a second, more harmful path of property taxes and raiding our reserves — weakening our long-term fiscal footing and placing the onus for resolving this crisis on the backs of working and middle-class New Yorkers," Mamdani said Tuesday.

"We do not want to have to turn to such drastic measures to balance our

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Collision leaves one dead

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TOWN OF CRAWFORD - The driver of a Toyota Camry was killed in a collision with an oil truck on Feb. 20 in the Town of Crawford.

According to Town of Crawford police, their officers were dispatched to the scene of a serious motor vehicle crash between a 2005 Toyota Camry and an oil delivery truck on State Route 302 at approximately 9:40 a.m. on Feb. 20.

When the officers arrived at the scene, they determined that the driver of the Toyota was trapped inside the vehicle and had suffered fatal injuries.

The driver of the Toyota, who was not immediately identified by police, was pronounced dead at the scene by a representative of the Orange County Medical Examiner's office.

The driver and passenger of the oil truck were evaluated at the scene by Pine Bush Ambulance.

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160 missing children found in NY

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Authorities say 160 missing children and teenagers have been located across New York through a series of coordinated, multi-agency recovery operations.

The effort, led by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Missing Persons Clearinghouse and the National Child Protection Task, spans three large-scale operations conducted in Westchester County, Erie County and the Capital Region.

Most recently, 43 children were found during a three-day recovery operation in Westchester County. Earlier efforts in Erie County and the Capital Region located more than 115 missing children combined. State officials said many of the children were considered runaways and were at risk of exploitation, endangerment or harm.

Children at heightened risk

Officials emphasized that children who run away are particularly vulnerable to trafficking and exploitation.

"Many people don't realize that children who run away are among the most vulnerable to trafficking and exploitation, which makes urgency and coordination essential," said Kevin Branzetti, co-founder and CEO of the National Child Protection Task Force.

The children located during the most recent operation ranged in age

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