

Inside TRS

Information from the Teachers' Retirement System of the City of New York

Winter 2025

New Law Makes UFT Titles TRS-Eligible

On December 11, 2024, Chapter 551 of 2024 was signed into law, affecting New York City job titles that a) are covered by the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) and b) provided membership in the City's Board of Education Retirement System (BERS).

Those job titles are now eligible for membership in TRS. Affected titles include substitute, per-session, and per-diem teaching titles, educational analysts/officers, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and more. This means that all job titles covered by the UFT now provide for TRS membership.

- For active BERS members in one of the affected job titles, the law provides a one-year window to transfer membership to TRS. TRS and BERS are finalizing a process for transfers under Chapter 551, but at this time interested members should not take any action until they know whether transferring will benefit them.
- For new hires in a UFT-covered job title, the law provides the option to join TRS at any time. They are not eligible to join BERS.

TRS will publish updates on our website about our implementation of Chapter 551.

New Online Application Makes Retiring Easier

If you have a supply of TRS retirement applications, please toss them in the recycle bin. TRS has introduced a new online retirement application, and we are "retiring" our paper applications this spring.

Members who want to retire should log in at www.trsnyc.org and navigate to our **Electronic Forms** page. There, eligible members (55 and older) can access the new retirement application — an intuitive "wizard" that guides members through the process step by step. With the new online application, members can save their progress and finish later or cancel a filing if necessary.

Also coming to the website this spring is a Retirement Application Worksheet that will show members the information they'll need to enter and the choices they'll make on the online application.

Our popular educational program "Getting Ready for Retirement" has also been updated and will be offered through the summer.

Visit our website for the latest materials and be sure to direct retiring members online!

Note: Members in Tier I or II should contact TRS when they are ready to file for retirement.

TRS Calendar

April

- Retiree payment statements for 1st quarter 2025 (see story below)

May

- Account statements for 1st quarter 2025
- Spring 2025 newsletters (*In-Service News* and *Benefits Report*)

Office Closures

- May 26, June 19

Online Payment Statements for Retirees

Starting this spring, retirees will be able to view a new Quarterly Payment Statement on TRS' website. This will replace the quarterly statements that the City issued to our retirees through 2024.

The City decided to stop mailing quarterly statements to retirees, but TRS will be making the same information available online for the first time.



Partner Profile: Tamika Young, Employer Management Group

Meet Tamika Young, Assistant Manager in TRS’ Employer Management Group (EMG). Tamika joined the team last August, but has worked in member-facing roles at TRS for more than a decade. Her extensive experience assisting members and understanding their needs has been a great asset in her current role.

As part of EMG, Tamika helps facilitate enrollment, address account deficits, manage employer data feeds, track performance metrics, and supervise staff. These days, Tamika’s biggest challenge is maintaining a smooth experience for employers as

TRS transitions to new computer systems. This dynamic environment requires strong problem-solving, collaboration, and an ability to adapt.

Tamika shows dedication to TRS members by ensuring accurate enrollment and pension contributions, helping to safeguard retirement benefits.

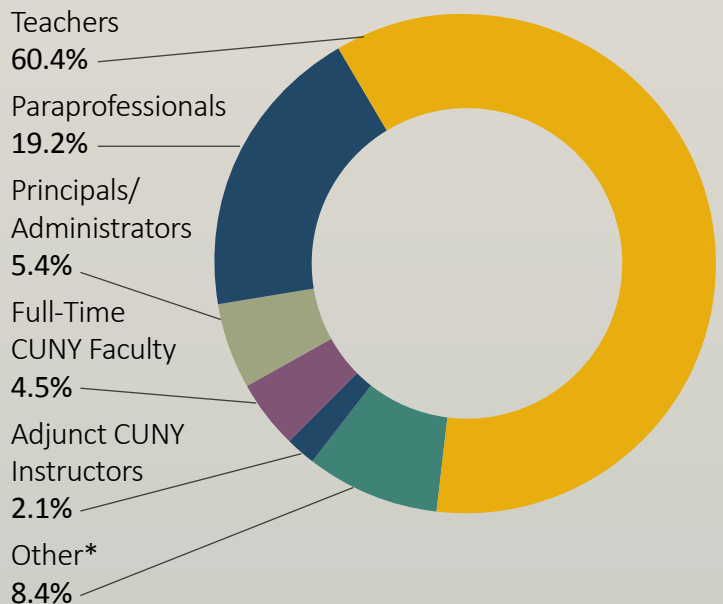
Outside of work, Tamika has a deep passion for photography. She embraces this creative outlet by exploring the world from different perspectives and sharpening her attention to detail — skills that also benefit her at TRS.

TRS Membership Stats

Our 2024 *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report* (ACFR) includes interesting statistical information about our membership — *e.g.*, a breakdown by job titles as of June 30, 2024 (shown here). Notably:

- Over the past 10 years, the breakdown percentages have remained stable. However, the number of paraprofessionals and full-time CUNY faculty members has shown a gradual increase.
- Members categorized as “Other” have also increased their ranks.
- The average age of in-service members is 45.3 years, up slightly in 10 years.

For more details about TRS’ membership and financial trends, check out the [ACFR’s Statistical section](#).



*Titles in this category include guidance counselor, school psychologist, school social worker, and school secretary.

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