

**RUSH University**

# **Enrollment At-A-Glance Report: Fall 2023**

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## About RUSH University

RUSH University is a private health sciences institution based in the Illinois Medical District, near Chicago's Loop. We offer more than 24 degree and certificate programs across medicine, nursing, allied health and biomedical research; more than 60 postgraduate training programs for medical residents and fellows; and continuing education options.

The University is located on the campus of RUSH University Medical Center, a nationally ranked academic medical center specializing in leading-edge patient care and research.

RUSH University offers a wide range of education and training options to prepare students for the next step in their health care career. Academic programs are offered through our four colleges:

- RUSH Medical College (founded in 1837)
- RUSH University College of Nursing (founded in 1885)
- The College of Health Sciences at RUSH University (founded in 1975)
- The Graduate College at RUSH University (founded in 1981)

## Mission

RUSH University provides outstanding health sciences education and conducts impactful research in a culture of inclusion, focused on the promotion and preservation of the health and well-being of our diverse communities.

## Vision

The RUSH learning community will be the leading health sciences university committed to transforming health care through innovative research and education.

## Values

RUSH University's core values — innovation, collaboration, accountability, respect and excellence — are the roadmap to our mission and vision.

These five values, known as our ICARE values, convey the philosophy behind every decision RUSH employees make.

RUSH employees also commit themselves to executing these values with compassion. This translates into a dedication — shared by all members of the Rush community — to providing the highest quality patient care.

# RUSH University

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## Executive Summary

The Enrollment-At-A-Glance Report provides five-year data that include the total student headcount, headcount for newly enrolled students, student demographics, and degrees awarded. The report is updated each term.

Enrollment data are obtained from the Student Information System and are based on the official Census Date established by the Registrar. The Census Date is the date on which enrollment counts are frozen for purposes of internal and external reporting. Students not registered in the Student Information System by the Census Date cut-off may not be included in the count for that term. This report also includes the fall 2023 budgeted vs. actual enrollments obtained from the University Finance Team.

### Total Student Headcount by College and Program

- Fall 2023 total headcount decreased by approximately 3% over Fall 2022, from 2870 to 2782.
  - Greatest % increases occurred in the Imaging Sciences, BS (38%, +14 students); M4, MD (9%, +12 students); Health Sciences, PhD (8%, +4 students); and Physician Assistant Studies, MS (7%, +6 students) programs.
  - Greatest % decreases occurred in the Post-Graduate Nursing, Cert (-36%, -5 students); Speech-Language Pathology, MS (-33%, -36 students); Clinical Research, MS (-16%, -7 students); Medical Laboratory Science, MS (-15%, -7 students); and Vascular Ultrasound, BS (-14%, -3 students) programs.
  - The College of Nursing accounts for 42% of the total enrollments, followed by the College of Health Sciences (29%), Rush Medical College (21%), The Graduate College (5%), and Non-Degree Seeking (2%).
  - Undergraduates comprise 4% of the total student population; MS/MSN programs 32%; professional doctorates 56%; research doctorates 5%; certificates 1%; and Non-Degree Seeking or Students-at-Large 2%.
- Enrollment had a slight decrease in 2022 and has now dropped nearly 3% in Fall 2023 when compared to Fall 2022. However, enrollment for Fall 2023 is about 1% higher than Fall 2019. When compared to 2019, Fall 2023 had the greatest increase in undergraduate students (9%, +10 students) followed by research doctorates (6%, +9 students). There was a decrease in certificates (-53%, -19 students) and in professional doctorate programs (<-1%, -7 students).

### Total Student Headcount by Demographics

- Gender distribution and average age have remained steady since 2019, with 77% female on the average and 23% male. The average age of the student body is 29 years.
- The proportion of all known minority students has steadily increased since 2019.
  - Underrepresented minorities account for approximately 25% of the total student population.
  - The Fall 2023 enrollment of Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic, and Multiracial (Two or More Races) students as a percentage of the total student population each had an increase of about 1% over Fall 2022.
  - The Fall 2023 proportion of Black/African American students has increased to about 10% of the total student population. The proportion of Hispanic students has increased from 12% (n=322) in 2019 to 15% (n=414) in 2023.
  - Approximately 43% of the student population identify as minority; with about 25% of the student population identifying as underrepresented minority.

### Degrees Awarded

- The University awarded 931 degrees during the 2022-2023 academic year, an <1% decrease over the 2021-2022 academic year. An increase of 14% (from 815 to 931) occurred between Fall 2021 and Fall 2023; some of this increase is believed to be delayed graduation a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

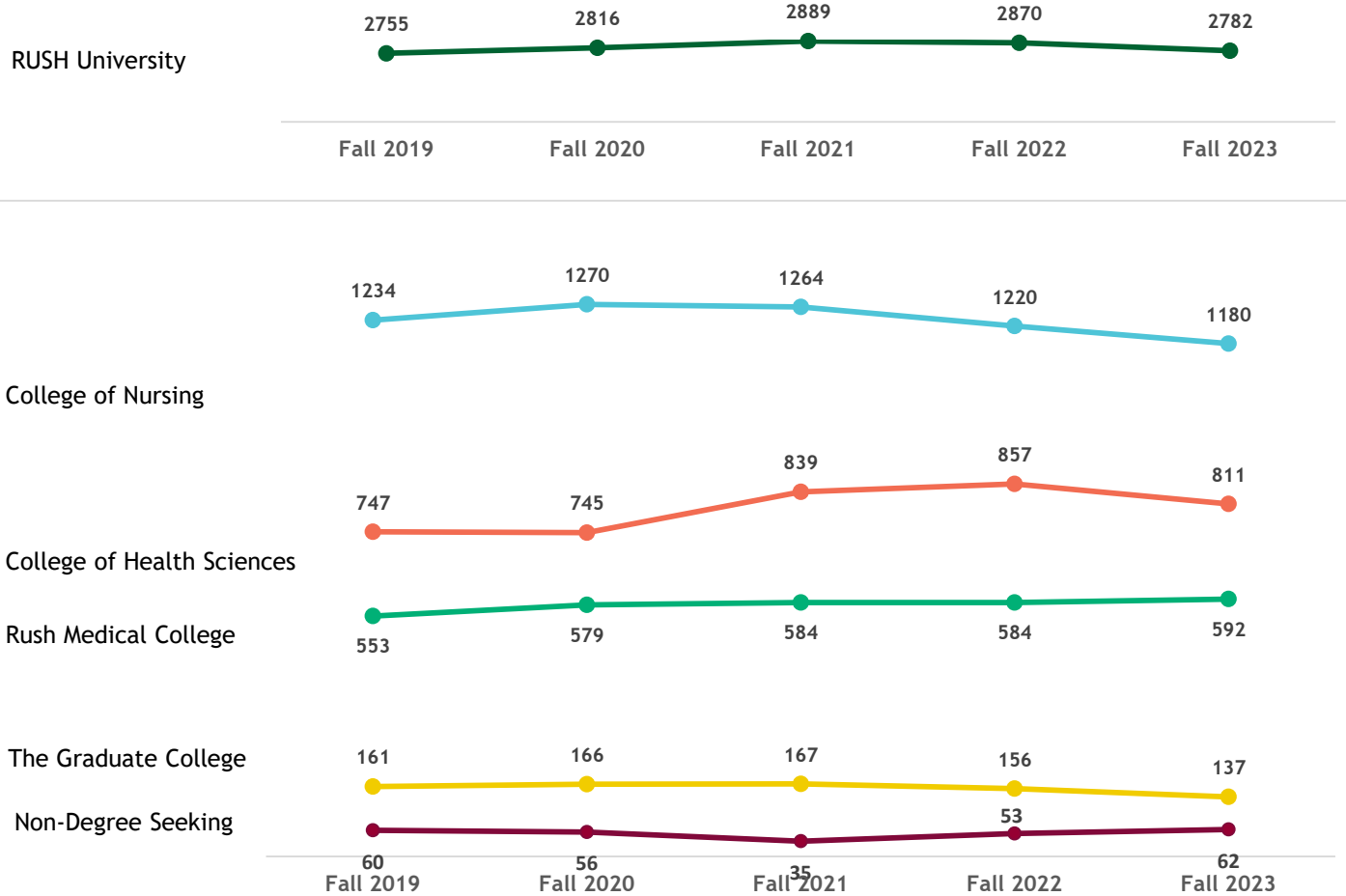
### Budgeted vs. Actual fall 2023 Enrollments

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## Headcount Enrollment by College

College/Term	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023
College of Health Sciences	747	745	839	857	811
College of Nursing	1234	1270	1264	1220	1180
RUSH Medical College	553	579	584	584	592
The Graduate College	161	166	167	156	137
Non-Degree Seeking	60	56	35	53	62
<b>Rush University</b>	<b>2755</b>	<b>2816</b>	<b>2889</b>	<b>2870</b>	<b>2782</b>

### Headcount Enrollment by College: Fall 2019 to Fall 2023



## Enrollment by Program

College of Health Sciences (CHS)	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023
Audiology, AuD	62	51	50	52	53
Cardiovascular Perfusion, MS	33	36	38	40	40
Clinical Laboratory Management, MS	37	34	38	42	42
Clinical Nutrition, MS	34	40	49	54	53
Health Sciences, BS	36	38	50	56	50
Health Sciences, PhD	49	51	53	53	57
Health Systems Management, MS	63	63	95	102	94
Imaging Sciences, BS	50	47	39	37	51
Medical Laboratory Science, MS	38	41	49	48	41
Occupational Therapy, MS	1	--	--	--	--
Occupational Therapy Doctorate	109	110	110	110	106
Physician Assistant Studies, MS	87	87	87	86	92
Respiratory Care, BS	--	--	1	--	--
Respiratory Care, MS	30	36	43	38	33
Specialist in Blood Bank Technology, Cert.	22	15	14	9	8
Speech Language Pathology, MS	72	77	95	108	72
Vascular Ultrasound, BS	24	19	28	22	19
<b>Total College of Health Sciences</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>811</b>
College of Nursing (CON)	FA2019	FA2020	FA2021	FA2022	FA2023
Masters of Science in Nursing, MSN	359	367	351	341	340
PhD in Nursing	29	30	30	31	33
Post-Graduate Nursing, Cert.	14	20	18	14	9
Doctor of Nursing Practice, DNP	832	853	865	834	798
<b>Total College of Nursing</b>	<b>1,234</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>1,180</b>
RUSH Medical College (RMC)	FA2019	FA2020	FA2021	FA2022	FA2023
M1	149	156	157	147	143
M2	147	147	149	152	149
M3	125	151	133	148	151
M4	132	125	145	137	149
<b>Total RUSH Medical College</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>592</b>
Graduate College (GC)	FA2019	FA2020	FA2021	FA2022	FA2023
Biochemistry, MS/PhD	4	--	--	--	--
Biotechnology, MS	24	32	34	35	32
Clinical Research, MS	62	56	47	45	38
Immunology/Microbiology, MS/PhD	1	--	--	--	--
Integrated Biomedical Sciences, MS	14	15	18	10	9
Integrated Biomedical Sciences, PhD	55	63	68	66	58
Neuroscience, PhD	1	--	--	--	--
<b>Total Graduate College</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>137</b>
Non-Degree Seeking	FA2019	FA2020	FA2021	FA2022	FA2023
CHS, SAL	3	--	--	1	13
CON, SAL	52	55	34	52	45
GC, SAL	5	1	1	0	4
<b>Total Non-Degree Seeking</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>62</b>

Headcount Enrollment by Degree Level	Fall 2019		Fall 2020		Fall 2021		Fall 2022		Fall 2023	
	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total
Undergraduate Students	110	4%	104	4%	118	4%	115	4%	120	4%
Graduate Students (MS/MSN)	854	31%	884	31%	944	33%	949	33%	886	32%
Research Doctorates (PhD)	139	5%	144	5%	151	5%	150	5%	148	5%
Professional Doctorates (AUD, OTD, DNP, MD)	1556	56%	1593	57%	1609	56%	1580	55%	1549	56%
Certificates	36	1%	35	1%	32	1%	23	1%	17	1%
Non-Degree Seeking	60	2%	56	2%	35	1%	53	2%	62	2%
<b>RUSH University</b>	<b>2755</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2816</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2889</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2870</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2782</b>	<b>100%</b>

Headcount Enrollment by Full-time/Part-time Status	Fall 2019		Fall 2020		Fall 2021		Fall 2022		Fall 2023	
	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total
Full-time	1676	61%	1735	62%	1811	63%	1809	63%	1758	63%
Part-time	1079	39%	1081	38%	1078	37%	1061	37%	1024	37%
<b>RUSH University</b>	<b>2755</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2816</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2889</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2870</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2782</b>	<b>100%</b>

Headcount Enrollment by Gender	Fall 2019		Fall 2020		Fall 2021		Fall 2022		Fall 2023	
	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total
Female	2078	75%	2147	76%	2211	77%	2220	77%	2153	77%
Male	677	25%	669	24%	678	23%	647	23%	615	22%
Other/Unknown	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	0%	14	1%
<b>RUSH University</b>	<b>2755</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2816</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2889</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2870</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2782</b>	<b>100%</b>



Headcount Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity	Fall 2019		Fall 2020		Fall 2021		Fall 2022		Fall 2023	
	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total
American Indian or Alaskan Native	3	0%	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%	1	0%
Asian	245	9%	227	8%	350	12%	420	15%	433	16%
Black/African American	203	7%	240	9%	245	8%	252	9%	281	10%
Hispanic	322	12%	347	12%	378	13%	396	14%	414	15%
Two or More Races	51	2%	48	2%	53	2%	59	2%	76	3%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	3	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	0%
Unknown	247	9%	258	9%	133	5%	113	4%	93	3%
White	1681	61%	1693	60%	1729	60%	1629	57%	1481	53%
<b>RUSH University</b>	<b>2755</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2816</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2889</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2870</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2782</b>	<b>100%</b>
All Minority	827	30%	865	31%	1027	36%	1128	39%	1208	43%
URM	531	19%	590	21%	624	22%	649	23%	699	25%

\* Unknown includes: Unknown race/ethnicity and international students

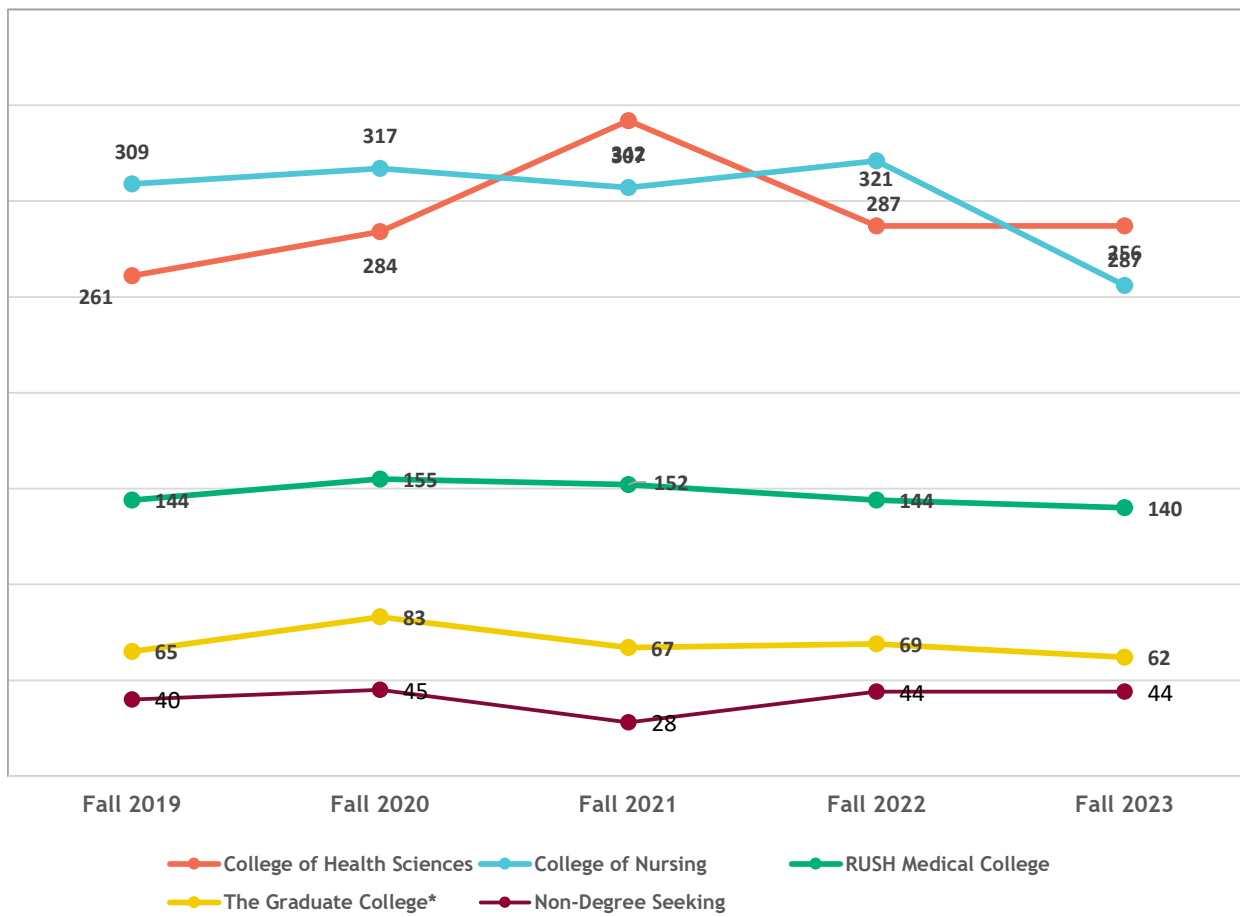
Headcount Enrollment by Age Group	Fall 2019		Fall 2020		Fall 2021		Fall 2022		Fall 2023	
	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total
Under 20 or 20	1	0%	4	0%	2	0%	0	0%	6	0%
21-25	875	32%	880	31%	886	31%	876	31%	843	30%
26-30	1070	39%	1107	39%	1120	39%	1126	39%	1120	40%
31-35	397	14%	410	15%	457	16%	457	16%	404	15%
36-40	191	7%	193	7%	191	7%	187	7%	194	7%
Over 40	221	8%	219	8%	231	8%	224	8%	215	8%
Age Unknown	0	0%	3	0%	2	0%	0	0%	0	0%
<b>RUSH University</b>	<b>2755</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2816</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2889</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2870</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2782</b>	<b>100%</b>
Average Age	29		29		29		29		29	

New Students\*\* Enrollment by College

College/Year	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023
College of Health Sciences	261	284	342	287	287
College of Nursing	309	317	307	321	256
Rush Medical College	144	155	152	144	140
The Graduate College*	65	83	67	69	62
Non-Degree Seeking	40	45	28	44	44
<b>RUSH University</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>789</b>

\*\*New students who started in the fall term only.

New Students Enrollment by College: Fall 2019 to Fall 2023



**New Students Enrollment by Program**

<b>College of Health Sciences (CHS)</b>	<b>Fall 2019</b>	<b>Fall 2020</b>	<b>Fall 2021</b>	<b>Fall 2022</b>	<b>Fall 2023</b>
Audiology, AuD	13	10	16	18	14
Cardiovascular Perfusion, MS	18	18	20	20	20
Clinical Laboratory Management, MS	17	14	14	19	16
Clinical Nutrition, MS	16	22	24	25	28
Health Sciences, BS	12	21	23	11	15
Health Sciences, PhD	4	10	9	4	9
Health Systems Management, MS	28	28	61	37	51
Imaging Sciences, BS	11	18	8	17	22
Medical Laboratory Science, MS	17	22	29	20	22
Occupational Therapy Doctorate	38	38	36	36	34
Respiratory Care, MS	17	21	19	13	16
Specialist in Blood Bank, Cert.	21	11	11	8	6
Speech Language Pathology, MS	39	40	55	53	20
Vascular Ultrasound, BS	10	11	17	6	14
<b>Total College of Health Sciences</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>287</b>

<b>College of Nursing (CON)</b>	<b>FA2019</b>	<b>FA2020</b>	<b>FA2021</b>	<b>FA2022</b>	<b>FA2023</b>
Masters of Science in Nursing, MSN	89	93	93	88	82
PhD in Nursing	7	5	5	8	5
Post-Graduate Nursing, Cert.	3	6	5	4	3
Doctor of Nursing Practice, DNP	210	213	204	221	166
<b>Total College of Nursing</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>256</b>

<b>RUSH Medical College (RMC)</b>	<b>FA2019</b>	<b>FA2020</b>	<b>FA2021</b>	<b>FA2022</b>	<b>FA2023</b>
Doctor of Medicine (MD)	144	155	152	144	140

<b>Graduate College (GC)</b>	<b>FA2019</b>	<b>FA2020</b>	<b>FA2021</b>	<b>FA2022</b>	<b>FA2023</b>
Biotechnology, MS	24	32	33	33	32
Clinical Research, MS	24	27	13	21	15
Integrated Biomedical Sciences, MS	5	11	6	3	6
Integrated Biomedical Sciences, PhD	12	13	15	12	9
<b>Total Graduate College</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>62</b>

<b>Non-Degree Seeking</b>	<b>FA2019</b>	<b>FA2020</b>	<b>FA2021</b>	<b>FA2022</b>	<b>FA2023</b>
CHS, SAL	3	--	--	1	13
CON, SAL	33	44	27	43	28
GC, SAL	4	1	1	0	3
<b>Total, SAL</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>

### New Students Enrollment by Degree Level

	Fall 2019		Fall 2020		Fall 2021		Fall 2022		Fall 2023	
	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total
Undergraduate Students	33	4%	50	6%	48	5%	34	4%	51	6%
Graduate Students (MS/MSN)	294	36%	328	37%	367	41%	332	38%	308	39%
Research Doctorates (PhD)	23	3%	28	3%	29	3%	24	3%	23	3%
Professional Doctorates (AUD, OTD, DNP, MD)	405	49%	416	47%	408	46%	419	48%	354	45%
Certificates	24	3%	17	2%	16	2%	12	1%	9	1%
Non-Degree Seeking	40	5%	45	5%	28	3%	44	5%	44	6%
<b>Rush University</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>100%</b>

### New Students Enrollment by Gender

	Fall 2019		Fall 2020		Fall 2021		Fall 2022		Fall 2023	
	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total
Female	635	78%	671	76%	684	76%	688	80%	182	23%
Male	184	22%	213	24%	212	24%	174	20%	596	76%
Unknown/Other	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	0%	11	1%
<b>RUSH University</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>100%</b>

### New Students Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity

	Fall 2019		Fall 2020		Fall 2021		Fall 2022		Fall 2023	
	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Asian	58	7%	77	9%	141	16%	147	17%	124	16%
Black/African American	70	9%	80	9%	79	9%	80	9%	96	12%
Hispanic	117	14%	119	13%	125	14%	129	15%	135	17%
Two or More Races	17	2%	11	1%	19	2%	21	2%	30	4%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	0%
Unknown*	93	11%	84	10%	25	3%	26	3%	26	3%
White	462	56%	513	58%	507	57%	462	53%	376	48%
<b>RUSH University</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>All Minority</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>49%</b>

\* Unknown includes: Unknown race/ethnicity and international students

**Degrees Awarded\* by College**

	AY 2018-19	AY 2019-20	AY 2020-21	AY 2021-22	AY 2022-23
College of Health Sciences	277	273	241	320	332
College of Nursing	375	390	385	389	395
RUSH Medical College	127	131	122	145	136
The Graduate College	80	73	67	85	68
<b>RUSH University</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>931</b>

\*Degrees Awarded between July 1 and June 30 of years indicated.

**Degrees Awarded by Degree Type**

	AY 2018-19	AY 2019-20	AY 2020-21	AY 2021-22	AY 2022-23
Bachelor's	43	46	33	33	51
Master's	435	385	386	417	416
Research Doctorates (PhD)	17	15	18	18	20
Professional Doctorates (AUD, DNP, MD, OTD)	333	397	337	441	416
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate	17	15	27	19	21
Post-Master's Certificate	14	9	14	11	7
<b>RUSH University</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>931</b>