

Rush University

Enrollment At-A-Glance Report: Spring 2026

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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 healthcare career. Academic programs are offered through our three colleges:

- **Rush Medical College** (founded in 1837)
 - Effective October 23, 2023, all programs associated with The Graduate College were formally moved to Rush Medical College – Division of Translational Science.
- **Rush University College of Nursing** (founded in 1885)
- **The College of Health Sciences at Rush University** (founded in 1975)

Mission

RUSH University champions a learning environment in health and biomedical sciences through collaboration, education, research and equity for our students, faculty, staff and the communities we serve.

Vision

RUSH University is a model for improving health through innovative research and transformative education in a culture of excellence and equity.

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 I CARE 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.

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Executive Summary

The Spring 2026 Enrollment-At-A-Glance Report provides a snapshot of student enrollment data to support institutional planning, accreditation, and data transparency. Information included in the report is based on data obtained from the Student Information System as of the official Census Date—January 14, 2026. Students not registered on or by this date are excluded.

The Enrollment-at-a-Glance report provides a three-year overview of student headcount, demographic trends, and degree completions.

This Executive Summary highlights key data points from the Spring 2026 Enrollment-at-a-Glance Report.

Student Headcount

Spring 2026 total headcount **increased by 2%** compared to Spring 2025 (2700 vs. 2637). The overall increase in enrollment is primarily driven by increases in non-degree seeking students (i.e., students-at-large) and CHS college enrollments.

The College of Nursing accounted for **41%** of Spring 2026 student headcount, followed by the College of Health Sciences (**30%**), Rush Medical College (**25%**), and non-degree seeking students (**3%**).

Detailed below are the most significant year-over-year changes by college, as well as the major program-level changes that are contributing to the college variances.

- **College of Nursing (+1%, +14 students)**
 - **Master of Science in Nursing, MSN**
 - Increase in Spring 2025 new student enrollment compared to prior Spring term
 - **Doctor of Nursing Practice, DNP**
 - Less students enrolled (possibly due to LOA, stop-outs, or taking a semester off)
- **College of Health Sciences (+6%, +46 students):**
 - **Bachelor's Degree (BS) Students**
 - Increased enrollments in the **Health Sciences, BS** and **Imaging Sciences, BS** programs
 - **Master's Degree (MS) Students**
 - Increased enrollment in the **Clinical Laboratory Management, MS¹** and **Speech Language Pathology, MS** programs
- **Rush Medical College (-2%, -12 students)**
 - **Medical (MED) Students**
 - Decline in enrollment of M4 students
 - **Research Doctorates (-6 students)**
 - Decline in AY2526 enrollment of **Integrated Biomedical Sciences, PhD** students due to loss of DEI grant.

¹ Clinical Laboratory Management admitted less students to the program in AY2425 compared to AY2526.

- **Non-degree seeking or Student-At-Large (SAL) (+36%, +22 students)**
 - **College of Nursing SAL**
 - Admitted higher than average number of SALs in Fall 2025, which carryforward to Spring 2026
 - **College of Health Sciences SAL**
 - Overage of IS applicants were admitted as CHS SALs

Student Demographics

- Professional doctorates comprised **54%** of the total student population; master's students **32%**; research doctorates **5%**; undergraduates **5%**, certificates less than **1%**; and non-degree seeking students **3%**.
- **79%** (rounded) of Rush students identify as female, **21%** male, and **1%** other/unknown.
- The average age of the student body is 30 years old.
- Approximately **49% of the student population are racial minorities**, with about 28% of the student population belonging to an underrepresented minority group (i.e. Black, Hispanic).

New Student Headcount

Spring 2026 new student headcount **increased by** 13% (+14 new students) compared to Spring 2025, primarily due to College of Nursing MSN enrollments.

- **Masters of Science in Nursing (+23%, +15 students)**
 - The College of Nursing admitted more students to the General Entry Masters (MSN) program in Spring 2026 compared to Spring 2025.

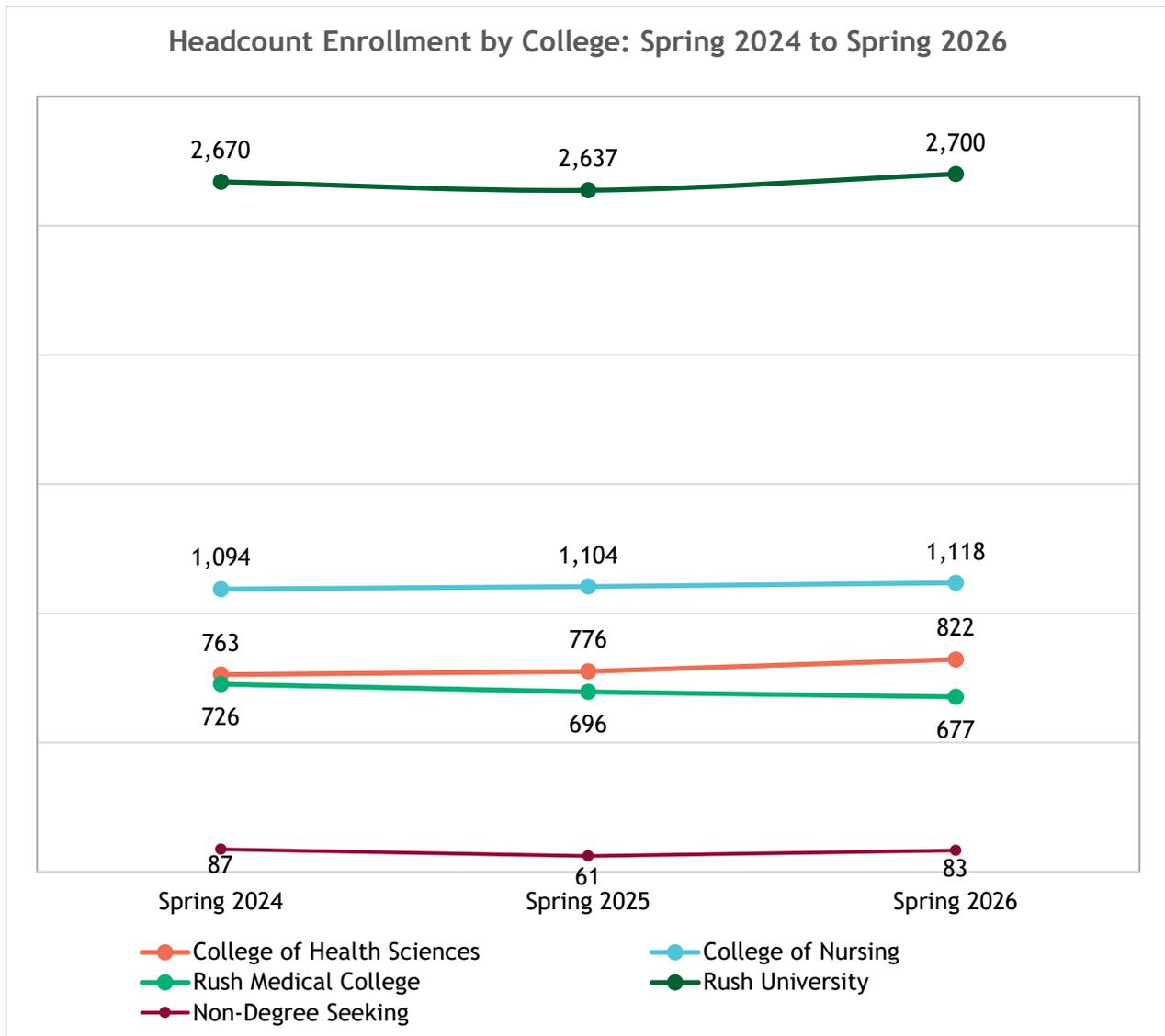
Degrees Awarded

- **The University awarded 155 degrees in Fall 2025;** a **15%** decrease compared to Fall 2024. In particular, Rush awarded fewer Master's (-18%) and Professional Doctorates (-7%) degrees compared to prior year.

Spring 2026: Headcount Enrollment by College

	Spring 2024	Spring 2025	Spring 2026
College of Health Sciences	763	776	822
College of Nursing	1,094	1,104	1,118
Rush Medical College	726 *	696 *	677 *
Non-Degree Seeking	87 *	61 *	83 *
Rush University	2,670	2,637	2,700

*Beginning Fall 2024, The Graduate College transitioned to Rush Medical College as the Division of Translational Science



Enrollment by Program

College of Health Sciences (CHS)	SP2024	SP2025	SP2026
Audiology, AuD	53	54	51
Cardiovascular Perfusion, MS	40	41	41
Clinical Laboratory Management, MS	28	16	28
Clinical Laboratory Management, MS & Specialist in Blood Bank, Cert (Combined category)	12	17	15
Clinical Nutrition, MS	48	51	50
Health Sciences, BS	47	44	51
Health Sciences, PhD	55	47	54
Health Systems Management, MS	96	105	107
Imaging Sciences, BS	46	58	67
Medical Laboratory Science, MS	40	44	46
Occupational Therapy Doctorate	105	107	113
Physician Assistant Studies, MS	63	60	59
Respiratory Care, MS	33	35	36
Specialist in Blood Bank, Cert.	7	11	8
Speech Language Pathology, MS	71	56	66
Vascular Ultrasound, BS	19	30	30
CHS Total	763	776	822

College of Nursing (CON)	SP2024	SP2025	SP2026
Masters of Science in Nursing, MSN	322	325	361
PhD in Nursing	31	30	28
Post-Graduate Nursing, Cert.	5	7	4
Doctor of Nursing Practice, DNP	736	742	725
CON Total	1,094	1,104	1,118

Rush Medical College (RMC)	SP2024	SP2025	SP2026
M1	145	146	147
M2	148	143	140
M3	153	140	138
M4	150	152	144
MED Total	596	581	569
RMC, Division of Translational Science	SP2024	SP2025	SP2026
Biotechnology, MS	30	25	20
Clinical Research, MS	35	26	26
Integrated Biomedical Sciences, MS	10	12	16
Integrated Biomedical Sciences, PhD	55	52	46
DTS Total	130	115	108
RMC Total	726	696	677

Non-Degree Seeking	SP2024	SP2025	SP2026
College of Health Sciences: Student-At-Large	17	4	11
College of Nursing: Student-At-Large	69	57	71
Rush Medical College: Student-At-Large	1	--	1
Non-Degree Seeking Total	87	61	83

Enrollment by Degree Level

	SP2024		SP2025		SP2026	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Undergraduate Students	112	4%	132	5%	148	5%
Graduate Students (MS/MSN)	828	31%	813	31%	871	32%
Research Doctorates (PhD)	141	5%	129	5%	128	5%
Professional Doctorates (AUD, OTD, DNP, MD)	1,490	56%	1,484	56%	1,458	54%
Certificates	12	0%	18	1%	12	0%
Non-Degree Seeking	87	3%	61	2%	83	3%
Rush University	2,670	100%	2,637	100%	2,700	100%

Enrollment by Full-time/Part-time Status

	SP2024		SP2025		SP2026	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Full-time	1,620	61%	1,628	62%	1,672	62%
Part-time	1,050	39%	1,009	38%	1,028	38%
Rush University	2,670	100%	2,637	100%	2,700	100%

Enrollment by Gender

	SP2024		SP2025		SP2026	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Female	2,063	77%	2,051	78%	2,120	79%
Male	594	22%	574	22%	559	21%
Unknown/Other	13	0%	12	0%	21	1%
Rush University	2,670	100%	2,637	100%	2,700	100%

Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity

	SP2024		SP2025		SP2026	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Asian	413	15%	405	15%	463	17%
Black/African American	275	10%	285	11%	317	12%
Hispanic	400	15%	415	16%	444	16%
Two or More Races	75	3%	99	4%	107	4%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	3	0%	4	0%	0	0%
International/Non-Residents	29	1%	23	1%	26	1%
Unknown	67	3%	60	2%	61	2%
White	1,408	53%	1,346	51%	1,282	47%
Rush University	2,670	100%	2,637	100%	2,700	100%
All Minority *	1,166	44%	1,208	46%	1,331	49%

*All Minority include: American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic, Two or More Races, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Enrollment by Age Group

	SP2024		SP2025		SP2026	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Under 21	2	0%	2	0%	1	0%
21-25	599	22%	585	22%	633	23%
26-30	1,174	44%	1,200	46%	1,171	43%
31-35	460	17%	413	16%	447	17%
36-40	216	8%	197	7%	183	7%
Over 40	219	8%	240	9%	265	10%
Unknown	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Rush University	2,670	100%	2,637	100%	2,700	100%
Average Age	30		30		30	

New Students Enrollment by College

College/Year	SP2024	SP2025	SP2026
College of Health Sciences	4	1	3
College of Nursing	68	78	88
Rush Medical College	2	0	0
Non-Degree Seeking	47	32	34
Rush University	121	111	125

New Students Enrollment by Degree Level

	SP2024	SP2025	SP2026
Undergraduate Students	1	0	0
Graduate Students (MS/MSN)	60	65	83
Research Doctorates (PhD)	1	1	0
Professional Doctorates (AUD, OTD, DNP, MD)	9	12	7
Certificates	3	1	1
Non-Degree Seeking	47	32	34
Rush University	121	111	125

Degrees Awarded by College

	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025
College of Health Sciences	43	46	33
College of Nursing	131	130	116
Rush Medical College	4	7	6
The Graduate College	--	--	--
Rush University	178	183	155

Degrees Awarded by Degree Type

	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025
Bachelor's	7	3	2
Master's	109	112	92
Research Doctorates (PhD)	4	3	2
Professional Doctorates (AUD,OTD, DNP, MD)	53	60	56
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate	0	1	0
Post-Master's Certificate	5	4	3
Rush University	178	183	155