

Rush University

Enrollment At-A-Glance Report: Summer 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 Summer 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—May 20, 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 Summer 2026 Enrollment-at-a-Glance Report.

Student Headcount

Summer 2026 total headcount **remained stable** compared to Summer 2025 (2,168 vs. 2,164). The College of Nursing accounted for **47%** of Summer 2026 student headcount, followed by the College of Health Sciences (**27%**), Rush Medical College (**23%**), and non-degree seeking students (**3%**).

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

- **College of Nursing (+1%, +11 students)**
 - **Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)**
 - Rollover effect of increase in GEM.MSN new student enrollment in SP26 compared to prior academic year.
- **College of Health Sciences (+2%, +9 students)**
 - **Master's Degree (MS) Students**
 - Increased enrollment in the Clinical Laboratory Management, MS program due to fewer Spring graduates and higher new student enrollment compared to prior year.
- **Rush Medical College (-2%, -10 students)**
 - **Medical (MED) Students**
 - Net decline in MED.MD student enrollment year over year.
 - **Research Doctorates (PhD)**
 - Continued decline in Integrated Biomedical Sciences, PhD enrollment due to the loss of DEI grant funding in the prior year.
- **Non-degree seeking or Student-At-Large (SAL) (-9%, -6 students)**
 - **College of Nursing SAL**
 - College of Nursing admitted fewer SAL students compared to prior year.

Student Demographics

- Professional doctorates comprised **54%** of the total student population; master's students **33%**; research doctorates **5%**; undergraduates **4%**, certificates **1%**; and non-degree seeking students **3%**.
- **80%** of Rush students identify as female, **19%** male, and **1%** other/unknown.
- The average age of the student body is 31 years old.
- Approximately **50% of the student population are racial minorities**, with about 29% of the student population belonging to an underrepresented minority group (i.e., Black, Hispanic). The proportion of racial minority students has steadily increased over the past several years.

New Student Headcount

Summer 2026 new student headcount **decreased by 27%** (-24 new students) compared to Summer 2025, primarily due to decreases in CON.SAL enrollments.

- **Non-degree seeking or SAL (-40%, -16 students)**
 - College of Nursing admitted fewer SAL students compared to prior year.

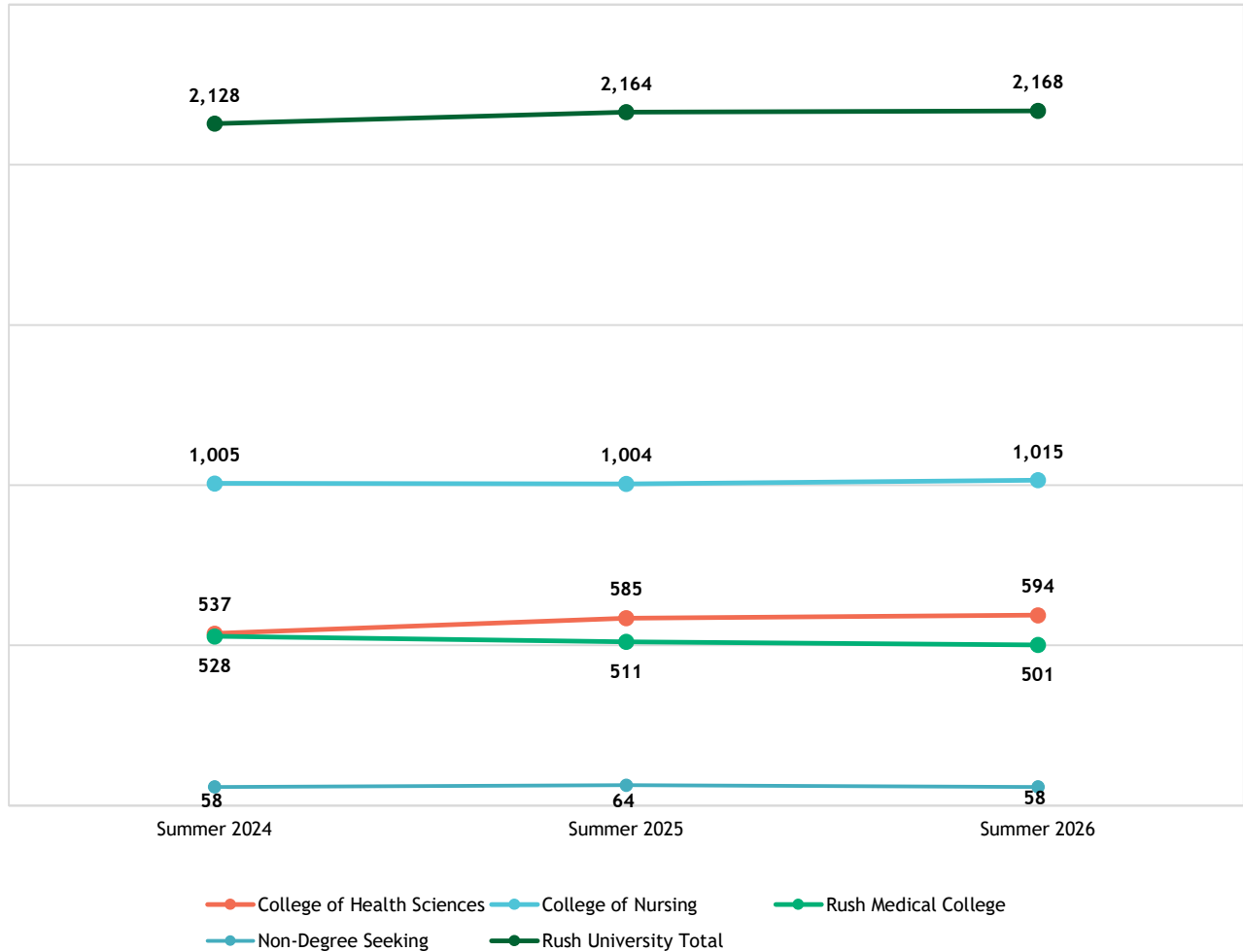
Degrees Awarded

- **The University conferred 491 degrees in Spring 2026; a 2% increase** compared to Spring 2025. Compared to prior year, Rush awarded more Bachelor's, Master's, Research Doctorate degrees and slightly fewer Professional Doctorate degrees and certificates.

Summer 2026: Headcount Enrollment by College

College	Summer 2024	Summer 2025	Summer 2026
College of Health Sciences	537	585	594
College of Nursing	1,005	1,004	1,015
Rush Medical College	528	511	501
Non-Degree Seeking	58	64	58
Rush University Total	2,128	2,164	2,168

Headcount Enrollment by College: Summer 2024 to Summer 2026



Enrollment by Program

College of Health Sciences (CHS)	SU2024	SU2025	SU2026
Audiology, AuD	44	40	35
Cardiovascular Perfusion, MS	21	21	22
Clinical Laboratory Management, MS	23	14	25
Clinical Laboratory Management, MS & Specialist in Blood Bank, Cert	10	16	15
Clinical Nutrition, MS	24	31	32
Health Sciences, BS	29	34	39
Health Sciences, PhD	47	43	50
Health Systems Management, MS	47	56	52
Imaging Sciences, BS	32	41	41
Medical Laboratory Science, MS	21	24	23
Occupational Therapy Doctorate	71	76	77
Physician Assistant Studies, MS	93	91	91
Respiratory Care, MS	32	36	35
Specialist in Blood Bank, Cert.	7	10	9
Speech Language Pathology, MS	22	36	33
Vascular Ultrasound, BS	14	16	15
College of Health Sciences Total	537	585	594

College of Nursing (CON)	SU2024	SU2025	SU2026
Masters of Science in Nursing, MSN	327	320	352
PhD in Nursing	27	31	24
Post-Graduate Nursing, Cert.	11	6	10
Doctor of Nursing Practice, DNP	640	647	629
College of Nursing Total	1,005	1,004	1,015

Rush Medical College (RMC)	SU2024	SU2025	SU2026
M1	143	145	144
M2*	--	--	--
M3	153	157	148
M4	154	141	145
MED Total	450	443	437
RMC, Division of Translational Science	SU2024	SU2025	SU2026
Biotechnology, MS	--	--	1
Clinical Research, MS	26	14	17
Integrated Biomedical Sciences, MS	6	8	9
Integrated Biomedical Sciences, PhD	46	46	37
DTS Total	78	68	64
Rush Medical College Total	528	511	501

Total Non-Degree Seeking	SU2024	SU2025	SU2026
CHS.SAL	3	4	5
CON.SAL	55	60	53
DTS.SAL	0	0	0
Non-Degree Seeking Total	58	64	58

* M2 students do not take courses in summer terms.

Enrollment by Degree Level

Degree Level	SU2024		SU2025		SU2026	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Undergraduate Students	75	4%	91	4%	95	4%
Graduate Students (MS/MSN)	652	31%	667	31%	707	33%
Research Doctorates (PhD)	120	6%	120	6%	111	5%
Professional Doctorates (AUD, OTD, DNP, MD)	1,205	57%	1,206	56%	1,178	54%
Certificates	18	1%	16	1%	19	1%
Non-Degree Seeking	58	3%	64	3%	58	3%
Rush University Total	2,128	100%	2,164	100%	2,168	100%

Enrollment by Full-time/Part-time Status

Enrollment Status	SU2024		SU2025		SU2026	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Full-time	1,272	60%	1,147	53%	1,132	52%
Part-time	856	40%	1,017	47%	1,036	48%
Rush University Total	2,128	100%	2,164	100%	2,168	100%

Enrollment by Gender

Gender	SU2024		SU2025		SU2026	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Female	1,651	78%	1,717	79%	1,735	80%
Male	465	22%	436	20%	419	19%
Unknown/Other	12	1%	11	1%	14	1%
Rush University Total	2,128	100%	2,164	100%	2,168	100%

Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	SU2024		SU2025		SU2026	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Asian	330	16%	330	15%	363	17%
Black/African American	238	11%	247	11%	277	13%
Hispanic	313	15%	342	16%	355	16%
Two or More Races	61	3%	87	4%	90	4%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	3	0%	3	0%	0	0%
International/Non-Residents	20	1%	19	1%	21	1%
Unknown	46	2%	53	2%	42	2%
White	1,117	52%	1,083	50%	1,020	47%
Rush University Total	2,128	100%	2,164	100%	2,168	100%
All Minority *	945	44%	1,009	47%	1,085	50%

* 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

Age Group	SU2024		SU2025		SU2026	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Under 20 or 20	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%
21-25	449	21%	489	23%	494	23%
26-30	936	44%	964	45%	926	43%
31-35	360	17%	327	15%	348	16%
36-40	182	9%	159	7%	161	7%
Over 40	199	9%	224	10%	238	11%
Rush University Total	2,128	100%	2,164	100%	2,168	100%
Average Age	31		30		31	

New Students Enrollment by College (includes only colleges that admit new students for summer term)

College	SU2024	SU2025	SU2026
College of Health Sciences	31	34	32
College of Nursing	18	16	10
Non-Degree Seeking	34	40	24
Rush University Total	83	90	66

New Students Enrollment by Degree Level (includes only degree levels that admit new students for summer term)

Degree Level	SU2024	SU2025	SU2026
Graduate Students (MS/MSN)	35	39	35
Research Doctorates (PhD)	0	1	0
Professional Doctorates (AUD, OTD, DNP, MD)	9	7	2
Certificates	5	3	5
Non-Degree Seeking	34	40	24
Rush University Total	83	90	66

Degrees Awarded in the Spring Term by College

College	Spring 2024	Spring 2025	Spring 2026
College of Health Sciences	212	193	222
College of Nursing	101	98	99
Rush Medical College	198	191	170
Rush University Total	511	482	491

Degrees Awarded by Degree Type

Degree Type	Spring 2024	Spring 2025	Spring 2026
Bachelor's	30	39	49
Master's	176	149	157
Research Doctorates (PhD)	17	9	14
Professional Doctorates (AUD, DNP, MD, OTD)	286	279	270
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate	1	0	0
Post-Master's Certificate	1	6	1
Rush University Total	511	482	491