Rush University

Enrollment At-A-Glance Report Fall 2024

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RUSH UNIVERSITY

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 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 Tranlational 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 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. The Census Date for Fall 2024 was September 12th. Students not registered in the Student Information System by September 12th may not be included in the count for that term. This report also includes the Fall 2024 budgeted vs. actual enrollments obtained from the University Finance Team.

Total Student Headcount by College and Program

- Fall 2024 total headcount **decreased by less than 1%** compared to Fall 2023, from 2782 to 2769.
  - **Greatest % decreases** occurred in the Speech Language Pathology, MS (**-19%**, -14 students); Clinical Laboratory Management, MS (**-10%**, -4 students); Health Sciences, BS (**-10%**, -5 students); and Health Sciences, PhD (**-9%**, -5 students) programs.
  - **Greatest % increases** occurred in the Post-Graduate Nursing, Cert (**44%**, +4 students); Specialist in Blood Bank Technology, Cert (**38%**, +3 students); Imaging Sciences, BS (**24%**, +12 students); Respiratory Care, MS (**15%**, +5 students) and Health Systems Management, MS (**14%**, +13 students) programs.
- The College of Nursing accounted for **43%** of the total Fall 2024 enrollments, followed by the College of Health Sciences (**30%**), Rush Medical College (**25%**), and Non-Degree Seeking (**2%**).
- Undergraduates comprised **5%** of the total student population; MS/MSN programs **31%**; professional doctorates **56%**; research doctorates **5%**; certificates **1%**; and non-degree seeking or Students-at-Large **2%**.
- Though overall enrollment has decreased, there was an increase in undergraduate enrollment (**+14%**, +17 students).

Total Student Headcount by Demographics

- Gender distribution and average age have remained steady since 2020, with **78%** female and **22%** male. The average age of the student body is 30 years.

- The proportion of all racial minority students has steadily increased since 2020. Approximately **46% of the student population are racial minorities**, with about 27% of the student population classified as an underrepresented minority.

- Between 2021 and 2024, the proportion of Black/African American students has **consistently increased by about 1%**, now accounting for 11% of the total student population. The Fall 2024 enrollment of Black/African American students increased over Fall 2023, from 281 to 305.

- The proportion of Hispanic students has increased from **12%** (n=347) in 2020 to **16%** (n=440) in 2024. Fall 2024 Hispanic student enrollment **increased by 1%** from 414 to 440.

Degrees Awarded

- **The University awarded 944 degrees during the 2023-2024 academic year**, a **1%** increase over the 2022-2023 academic year. Compared to the 2020-2021 academic year, this is an increase of 15% (from 815 to 944); some of this increase is believed to be delayed graduation as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Budgeted vs. Actual Fall 2024 Enrollments

- Overall, **the University met its budgeted enrollment target** for Fall 2024.
- The College of Health Sciences and the College of Nursing each met their Fall 2024 projected enrollments.
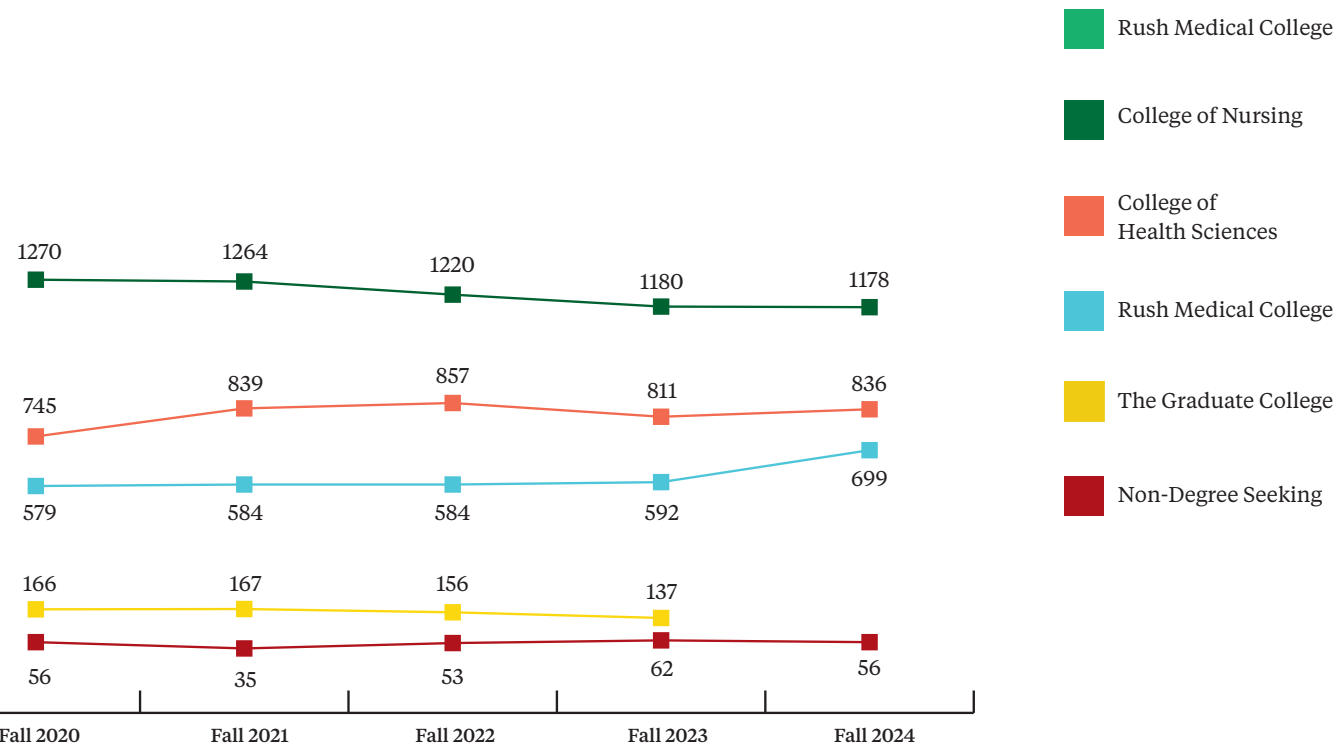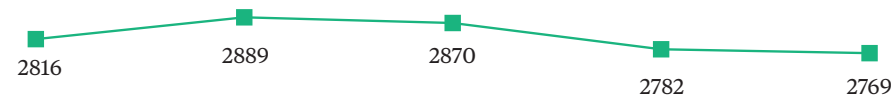
Section 1

Total Headcount

1.1 Total Headcount by College

Headcount by College					
College/Term	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
College of Health Sciences	745	839	857	811	836
College of Nursing	1270	1264	1220	1180	1178
Rush Medical College	579	584	584	592	699*
The Graduate College	166	167	156	137	—*
Non-Degree Seeking	56	35	53	62	56
Rush University	2816	2889	2870	2782	2769

Changes in enrollment are primarily driven by the transition of The Graduate College to Rush Medical College - Division of Translational Science

1.2 Total Headcount by Program

Enrollment by Program					
College of Health Sciences (CHS)	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
Audiology, AuD	51	50	52	53	54
Cardiovascular Perfusion, MS	36	38	40	40	41
Clinical Laboratory Management, MS	34	38	42	42	38
Clinical Nutrition, MS	40	49	54	53	53
Health Sciences, BS	38	50	56	50	45
Health Sciences, PhD	51	53	53	57	52
Health Systems Management, MS	63	95	102	94	107
Imaging Sciences, BS	47	39	37	51	63
Medical Laboratory Science, MS	41	49	48	41	46
Occupational Therapy Doctorate	110	110	110	106	109
Physician Assistant Studies, MS	87	87	86	92	91
Respiratory Care, BS	—	1	—	—	—
Respiratory Care, MS	36	43	38	33	38
Specialist in Blood Bank Technology, Cert.	15	14	9	8	11
Speech Language Pathology, MS	77	95	108	72	58
Vascular Ultrasound, BS	19	28	22	19	30
Total College of Health Sciences	745	839	857	811	836

1.2 Total Headcount by Program

College of Nursing (CON)	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
Masters of Science in Nursing, MSN	367	351	341	340	334
PhD in Nursing	30	30	31	33	31
Post-Graduate Nursing, Cert.	20	18	14	9	13
Doctor of Nursing Practice, DNP	853	865	834	798	800
Total College of Nursing	1,270	1,264	1,220	1,180	1,178

Rush Medical College (RMC)	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
M1	156	157	147	143	146
M2	147	149	152	149	143
M3	151	133	148	151	138
M4	125	145	137	149	155
Total RMC, MED	579	584	584	592	582

RMC, Division of Translational Science	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
Biotechnology, MS	—	—	—	—	24
Clinical Research, MS	—	—	—	—	29
Integrated Biomedical Sciences, MS	—	—	—	—	13
Integrated Biomedical Sciences, PhD	—	—	—	—	51
Total RMC, DTS	0	0	0	0	117
Total Rush Medical College	579	584	584	592	699

Graduate College (GC)	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
Biotechnology, MS	32	34	35	32	—
Clinical Research, MS	56	47	45	38	—
Integrated Biomedical Sciences, MS	15	18	10	9	—
Integrated Biomedical Sciences, PhD	63	68	66	58	—
Total Graduate College	166	167	156	137	0

Non-Degree Seeking	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
CHS, SAL	—	—	1	13	7
CON, SAL	55	34	52	45	49
DTS, SAL	1	1	0	4	0
Total Non-Degree Seeking	56	35	53	62	56

1.3 Headcount by Degree Level and Full-time/Part-time Status

1.4 Headcount by Gender

Headcount Enrollment by Degree Level

	Fall 2020		Fall 2021		Fall 2022		Fall 2023		Fall 2024	
	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total
Undergraduate Students	104	4%	118	4%	115	4%	120	4%	137	5%
Graduate Students (MS/MSN)	884	31%	944	33%	949	33%	886	32%	872	31%
Research Doctorates (PhD)	144	5%	151	5%	150	5%	148	5%	134	5%
Professional Doctorates (AUD, OTD, DNP, MD)	1593	57%	1609	56%	1580	55%	1549	56%	1545	56%
Certificates	35	1%	32	1%	23	1%	17	1%	24	1%
Non-Degree Seeking	56	2%	35	1%	53	2%	62	2%	57	2%
Rush University	2816	100%	2889	100%	2870	100%	2782	100%	2769	100%

Headcount Enrollment by Gender

	Fall 2020		Fall 2021		Fall 2022		Fall 2023		Fall 2024	
	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total
Female	2147	76%	2211	77%	2220	77%	2153	77%	2161	78%
Male	669	24%	678	23%	647	23%	615	22%	596	22%
Other/Unknown	0	0%	0	0%	3	0%	14	1%	12	0%
Rush University	2816	100%	2889	100%	2870	100%	2782	100%	2769	100%

Headcount Enrollment by Full-time/Part-time Status

	Fall 2020		Fall 2021		Fall 2022		Fall 2023		Fall 2024	
	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total
Full-time	1735	62%	1811	63%	1809	63%	1758	63%	1762	64%
Part-time	1081	38%	1078	37%	1061	37%	1024	37%	1007	36%
Rush University	2816	100%	2889	100%	2870	100%	2782	100%	2769	100%

1.5 Headcount by Race/Ethnicity

1.6 Headcount by Age Group

Headcount Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity

	Fall 2020		Fall 2021		Fall 2022		Fall 2023		Fall 2024	
	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%
Asian	227	8%	350	12%	420	15%	433	16%	426	15%
Black/African American	240	9%	245	8%	252	9%	281	10%	305	11%
Hispanic	347	12%	378	13%	396	14%	414	15%	440	16%
Two or More Races	48	2%	53	2%	59	2%	76	3%	98	4%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	0%	4	0%
International/Non-Residents*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	1%
Unknown	258	9%	133	5%	113	4%	93	3%	60	2%
White	1693	60%	1729	60%	1629	57%	1481	53%	1412	51%
Rush University	2816	100%	2889	100%	2870	100%	2782	100%	2769	100%
All Minority**	865	31%	1027	36%	1128	39%	1208	43%	1273	46%
URM***	590	21%	624	22%	649	23%	699	25%	749	27%

* Prior to spring 2024, non-residents were included in the unknown category.

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*** URM: Underrepresented Minorities includes: American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Headcount Enrollment by Age Group

	Fall 2020		Fall 2021		Fall 2022		Fall 2023		Fall 2024	
	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total
Under 20 or 20	4	0%	2	0%	0	0%	6	0%	15	1%
21-25	880	31%	886	31%	876	31%	843	30%	829	30%
26-30	1107	39%	1120	39%	1126	39%	1120	40%	1093	40%
31-35	410	15%	457	16%	457	16%	404	15%	397	14%
36-40	193	7%	191	7%	187	7%	194	7%	202	7%
Over 40	219	8%	231	8%	224	8%	215	8%	233	8%
Age Unknown	3	0%	2	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Rush University	2816	100%	2889	100%	2870	100%	2782	100%	2769	100%
Average Age	29		29		29		29		30	

FY2024/2025
Budgeted vs. Actual Enrollments

2.1 Budgeted vs. Actual Enrollment By College and Program

College of Health Sciences (CHS)	FY2024/2025 Budget (Fall 2024)	FY2024/2025 Actual (Fall 2024)	Difference
Audiology, AuD	52	54	▲ 2
Cardiovascular Perfusion, MS	39	41	▲ 2
Clinical Laboratory Management, MS	38	38	▶ 0
Clinical Nutrition, MS	45	53	▲ 8
Health Sciences, BS	45	45	▶ 0
Health Sciences, PhD	50	52	▲ 2
Health Systems Management, MS	100	107	▲ 7
Imaging Sciences, BS	45	63	▲ 18
Medical Laboratory Science, MS	46	46	▶ 0
Occupational Therapy Doctorate	105	109	▲ 4
Physician Assistant Studies, MS	93	91	▼ -2
Respiratory Care, MS	38	38	▶ 0
Specialist in Blood Bank Technology, Cert	11	11	▶ 0
Speech Language Pathology, MS	50	58	▲ 8
Vascular Ultrasound, BS	30	30	▶ 0
CHS, Student-At-Large	7	7	▶ 0
Total College of Health Sciences	**794**	**843**	**▲ 49**

2.1 Budgeted vs. Actual Enrollment By College and Program

College of Nursing (CON)	FY2024/2025 Budget (Fall 2024)	FY2024/2025 Actual (Fall 2024)	Difference
Masters of Science in Nursing, MSN	334	334	▶ 0
PhD in Nursing	31	31	▶ 0
Post-Graduate Nursing, Cert.	13	13	▶ 0
Doctor of Nursing Practice, DNP	730	800	▲ 70
CON, Student-At-Large	50	49	▼ -1
Total College of Nursing	**1,158**	**1,227**	**▲ 69**

Rush Medical College (RMC)	FY2024/2025 Budget (Fall 2024)	FY2024/2025 Actual (Fall 2024)	Difference
M1	145	146	▲ 1
M2	144	143	▼ -1
M3	146	138	▼ -8
M4	155	155	▶ 0
Total RMC, MED	**590**	**582**	**▼ -8**
Biotechnology, MS	30	24	▼ -6
Clinical Research, MS	50	30	▼ -20
Integrated Biomedical Sciences, MS	13	13	▶ 0
Integrated Biomedical Sciences, PhD	55	50	▼ -5
DTS, Student-At-Large	0	0	▶ 0
Total RMC, DTS	**148**	**117**	**▼ -31**
Total Rush Medical College	**738**	**699**	**▼ -39**

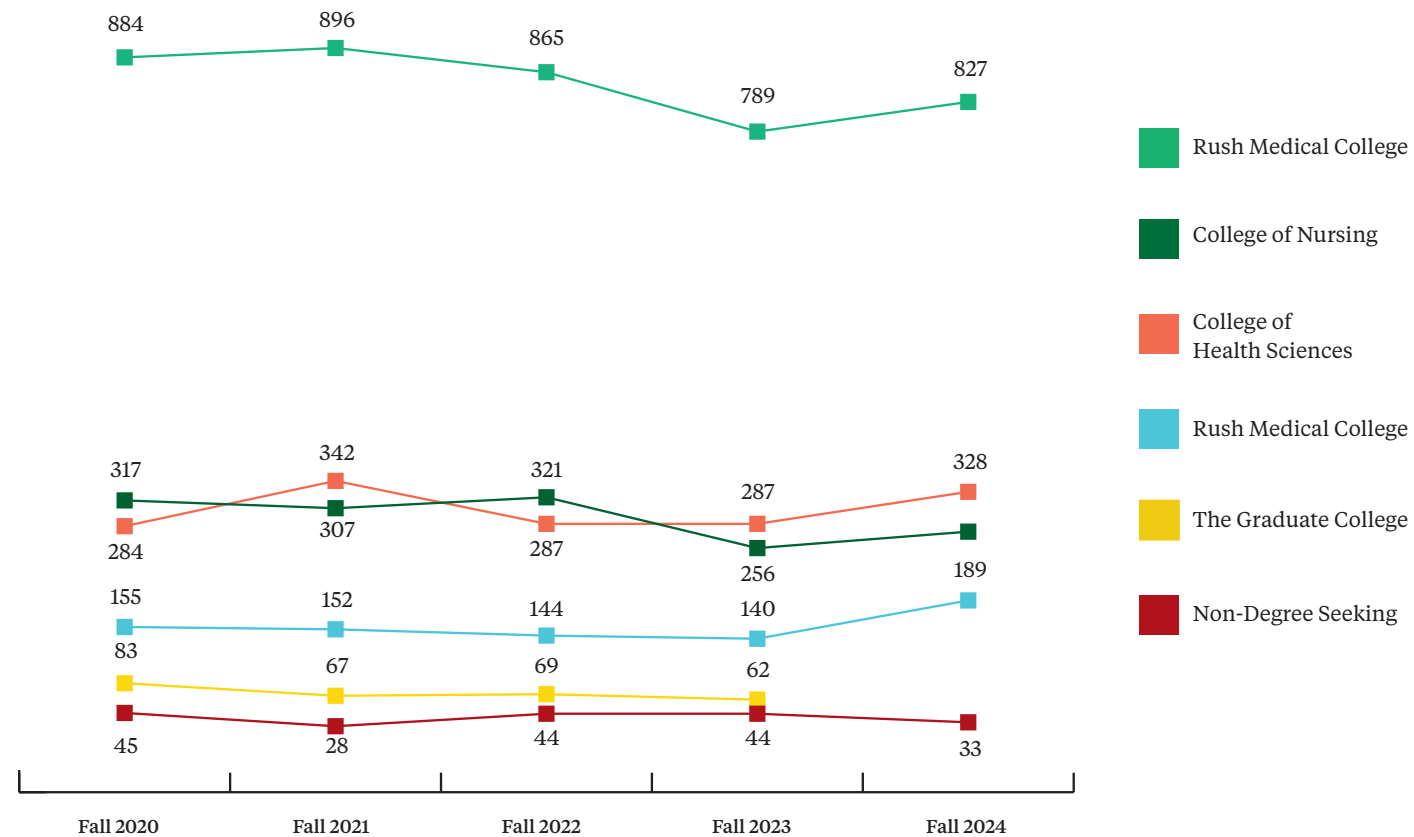| Rush University Total	2,690	2,769	▲ 79

Section 3

New Students
Fall Enrollment

3.1 New Students Enrolled by College

New Students* Enrolled by College

College/Year	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
College of Health Sciences	284	342	287	287	328
College of Nursing	317	307	321	256	277
Rush Medical College	155	152	144	140	189*
The Graduate College	83	67	69	62	—*
Non-Degree Seeking	45	28	44	44	33
Rush University	884	896	865	789	827

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Note: New students who started in the fall term only.

3.2 New Students Enrolled by Program

New Students Enrolled by Program

College of Health Sciences (CHS)	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
Audiology, AuD	10	16	18	14	10
Cardiovascular Perfusion, MS	18	20	20	20	21
Clinical Laboratory Management, MS	14	14	19	16	20
Clinical Nutrition, MS	22	24	25	28	28
Health Sciences, BS	21	23	11	15	20
Health Sciences, PhD	10	9	4	9	6
Health Systems Management, MS	28	61	37	51	47
Imaging Sciences, BS	18	8	17	22	30
Medical Laboratory Science, MS	22	29	20	22	25
Occupational Therapy Doctorate	38	36	36	34	40
Respiratory Care, MS	21	19	13	16	18
Specialist in Blood Bank, Cert.	11	11	8	6	9
Speech Language Pathology, MS	40	55	53	20	38
Vascular Ultrasound, BS	11	17	6	14	16
Total College of Health Sciences	284	342	287	287	328

College of Nursing (CON)	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
Masters of Science in Nursing, MSN	93	93	88	82	95
PhD in Nursing	5	5	8	5	6
Post-Graduate Nursing, Cert.	6	5	4	3	3
Doctor of Nursing Practice, DNP	213	204	221	166	173
Total College of Nursing	317	307	321	256	277

3.2 New Students Enrolled by Program

3.3 New Students Enrolled by Degree Level

Rush Medical College (RMC)	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
Doctor of Medicine (MD)	155	152	144	140	144
Total Rush Medical College, MED	155	152	144	140	144

RMC, Division of Translational Science (DTS)	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
Biotechnology, MS	—	—	—	—	24
Clinical Research, MS	—	—	—	—	7
Integrated Biomedical Sciences, MS	—	—	—	—	7
Integrated Biomedical Sciences, PhD	—	—	—	—	7
Total Rush Medical College (DTS)	0	0	0	0	45
Total Rush Medical College	155	152	144	140	189

Graduate College (GC)	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
Biotechnology, MS	32	33	33	32	—
Clinical Research, MS	27	13	21	15	—
Integrated Biomedical Sciences, MS	11	6	3	6	—
Integrated Biomedical Sciences, PhD	13	15	12	9	—
Total Graduate College	83	67	69	62	0

Non-Degree Seeking	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
CHS, SAL	—	—	1	13	5
CON, SAL	44	27	43	28	28
GC, SAL	1	1	0	3	0
Total, SAL	45	28	44	44	33

New Students Enrolled by Degree Level	Fall 2020		Fall 2021		Fall 2022		Fall 2023		Fall 2024	
	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total
Undergraduate Students	50	6%	48	5%	34	4%	51	6%	66	8%
Graduate Students (MS/MSN)	328	37%	367	41%	332	38%	308	39%	330	40%
Research Doctorates (PhD)	28	3%	29	3%	24	3%	23	3%	19	2%
Professional Doctorates (AUD, OTD, DNP, MD)	416	47%	408	46%	419	48%	354	45%	367	44%
Certificates	17	2%	16	2%	12	1%	9	1%	12	2%
Non-Degree Seeking	45	5%	28	3%	44	5%	44	6%	33	4%
Rush University	884	100%	896	100%	865	100%	789	100%	827	100%

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3.4 New Students Enrolled by Gender

New Students Enrolled by Gender	Fall 2020		Fall 2021		Fall 2022		Fall 2023		Fall 2024	
	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total
Female	671	76%	684	76%	688	80%	596	76%	652	79%
Male	213	24%	212	24%	174	20%	182	23%	170	20%
Unknown/Other	0	0%	0	0%	3	0%	11	1%	5	1%
Rush University	884	100%	896	100%	865	100%	789	100%	827	100%

3.5 New Students Enrolled by Race/Ethnicity

New Students Enrolled by Race/Ethnicity	Fall 2020		Fall 2021		Fall 2022		Fall 2023		Fall 2024	
	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	N	% of Total
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Asian	77	9%	141	16%	147	17%	124	16%	125	15%
Black/African American	80	9%	79	9%	80	9%	96	12%	95	12%
Hispanic	119	13%	125	14%	129	15%	135	17%	138	17%
Two or More Races	11	1%	19	2%	21	2%	30	4%	35	4%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	0%	1	0%
International/Non-Residents*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	1%
Unknown	84	10%	25	3%	26	3%	26	3%	27	3%
White	513	58%	507	57%	462	53%	376	48%	397	48%
Rush University	884	100%	896	100%	865	100%	789	100%	827	100%
All Minority**	287	32%	364	41%	377	44%	387	49%	394	48%
URM***	199	23%	204	23%	209	24%	233	30%	234	28%

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Section 4

Degrees Awarded

AY2019-20 to AY2023-24

4.1 Degrees Awarded by College

Degrees Awarded by College	AY 2019-20	AY 2020-21	AY 2021-22	AY 2022-23	AY 2023-24
College of Health Sciences	273	241	320	332	345
College of Nursing	390	385	389	395	387
Rush Medical College	131	122	145	136	212*
The Graduate College	73	67	85	68	—*
Rush University	867	815	939	931	944

Changes in enrollment are primarily driven by the transition of The Graduate College to Rush Medical College - Division of Translational Science

NOTE: Degrees Awarded between July 1 and June 30 of years indicated.

4.2 Degrees Awarded by Type

Degrees Awarded by Degree Type	AY 2019-20	AY 2020-21	AY 2021-22	AY 2022-23	AY 2023-24
Bachelor's	46	33	33	51	46
Master's	385	386	417	416	432
Research Doctorates (PhD)	15	18	18	20	26
Professional Doctorates (AUD, DNP, MD, OTD)	397	337	441	416	417
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate	15	27	19	21	17
Post-Master's Certificate	9	14	11	7	6
Rush University	867	815	939	931	944

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