

Highlights from AACN's 2023 Annual Survey

Findings published from AACN's latest annual survey are based on responses from 975 (90.1%) of the nation's nursing schools with baccalaureate and graduate programs that were surveyed in Fall 2023. Data reflect actual counts, not projections.

Nursing Programs		Application Changes	
Entry-Level Baccalaureate	858	Entry-Level Baccalaureate	+0.6%
RN to Baccalaureate	706	RN to Baccalaureate	-1.0%
Master's Programs	656	Master's Programs	+0.6%
Research-focused Doctorate	151	Research-focused Doctorate	+3.1%
Doctor of Nursing Practice	433	Doctor of Nursing Practice	-7.9%
Enrolled Students Entry-Level Baccalaureate RN to Baccalaureate Master's Programs Research-focused Doctorate Doctor of Nursing Practice	255,455 88,960 130,348 4,244 41,831	Underrepresented Students Baccalaureate Programs Master's Programs Research-focused Doctorate Doctor of Nursing Practice	45.7% 42.8% 38.1% 42.1%
Program Graduates		Male Students	
Entry-Level Baccalaureate	91,654	Baccalaureate Programs	13.0%
RN to Baccalaureate	52,803	Master's Programs	12.0%
Master's Programs	50,127	Research-focused Doctorate	12.4%
Research-focused Doctorate	742	Doctor of Nursing Practice	15.4%
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Enrollment Changes: 2022-2023

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Entry-Level Baccalaureate	+0.3%
RN to Baccalaureate	-9.9%
Master's Programs	-0.9%
Research-focused Doctorate	-3.1%
Doctor of Nursing Practice	+2.0%

