

Highlights from AACN's 2021 Annual Survey

Findings published from AACN's latest annual survey are based on responses from 964 (91.2%) of the nation's nursing schools with baccalaureate and graduate programs that were surveyed in Fall 2021. Data reflect actual counts, not projections.

Nursing Programs



Entry-Level Baccalaureate	830
RN to Baccalaureate	781
Master's Programs	637
Research Focused Doctorate	149
Doctor of Nursing Practice	407

Program Graduates



Entry-Level Baccalaureate	87,889
RN to Baccalaureate	67,805
Master's Programs	52,824
Research Focused Doctorate	733
Doctor of Nursing Practice	10,086

Applications



Entry-Level Baccalaureate	9.86%
RN to Baccalaureate	-7.83%
Master's Programs	-0.76%
Research Focused Doctorate	-18.69%
Doctor of Nursing Practice	8.59%

Students from Underrepresented Racial/Ethnic Groups



Baccalaureate Programs	40.3%
Master's Programs	38.9%
Research Focused Doctorate	35.9%
Doctor of Nursing Practice	38.9%

Enrolled Students



Entry-Level Baccalaureate	256,578
RN to Baccalaureate	118,911
Master's Programs	145,565
Research Focused Doctorate	4,476
Doctor of Nursing Practice	40,834

Male Students



Baccalaureate Programs	12.6%
Master's Programs	11.7%
Research Focused Doctorate	11.2%
Doctor of Nursing Practice	14.1%

