

Highlights from AACN’s 2022 Annual Survey

Findings published from AACN’s latest annual survey are based on responses from 974 (90.6%) of the nation's nursing schools with baccalaureate and graduate programs that were surveyed in Fall 2022. Data reflect actual counts, not projections.

Nursing Programs



Entry-Level Baccalaureate	844
RN to Baccalaureate	747
Master's Programs	659
Research-focused Doctorate	149
Doctor of Nursing Practice	426

Application Changes



Entry-Level Baccalaureate	-2.42%
RN to Baccalaureate	-14.47%
Master's Programs	-7.30%
Research-focused Doctorate	+3.70%
Doctor of Nursing Practice	+1.41%

Enrolled Students



Entry-Level Baccalaureate	254,630
RN to Baccalaureate	98,734
Master's Programs	131,524
Research-focused Doctorate	4,381
Doctor of Nursing Practice	41,021

Underrepresented Students



Baccalaureate Programs	43.0%
Master's Programs	40.5%
Research-focused Doctorate	35.8%
Doctor of Nursing Practice	40.7%

Program Graduates



Entry-Level Baccalaureate	91,428
RN to Baccalaureate	61,764
Master's Programs	52,121
Research-focused Doctorate	713
Doctor of Nursing Practice	11,149

Male Students



Baccalaureate Programs	12.8%
Master's Programs	11.7%
Research-focused Doctorate	11.4%
Doctor of Nursing Practice	14.8%

Enrollment Changes: 2021-2022

Entry-Level Baccalaureate	-1.4
RN to Baccalaureate	-16.9
Master's Programs	-9.4
Research-focused Doctorate	-4.1
Doctor of Nursing Practice	+0.6

Enrollment Changes in Entry-Level Baccalaureate Nursing Programs 1994-2022

