

LSU FALL 2026 STUDENT ENROLLMENT HIGHLIGHTS

PURPOSE

This report provides insight on LSU's Fall 2026 census date student headcount enrollment, including students enrolled on the census date of LSU Online's 2026 First-Fall Module.

DATA COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Data for this report obtained from student records files created on September 12, 2026.

ENROLLMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Key enrollment insights are summarized below. The data will also be available on the ODSA website via the [Student Data Reports and Dashboards](#) in the coming days.

- Enrollment by Level:
 - Undergraduate enrollment: 35,643, the highest in LSU history
 - Fall 2026 on-campus undergraduate total is 33,361
 - Fall 2026 online undergraduate total is 2,282
 - Graduate/Professional enrollment: 8,472, the highest in LSU history
 - Fall 2026 on-campus graduate/professional total is 4,639
 - Fall 2026 online graduate total is 3,833
 - Total enrollment: 44,115, the highest in LSU history
 - Fall 2026 on campus total is 38,000
 - Fall 2026 online total is 6,115
- Total Enrollment Demographics:
 - American Indian/Alaska Native: 0.3%
 - Asian: 3.9%
 - Black/African American: 21.6%
 - Hispanic/Latino: 10.6%
 - Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander: 0.1%
 - U.S. Nonresident: 4.0%
 - Two or More Races: 4.2%
 - Unknown: 2.1%
 - White: 53.2%
 - Female: 59.1%
 - Male: 40.9%
- Total Enrollment by Geographic Origin:
 - Louisiana: 61.7%
 - Other State: 34.3%
 - Other Country: 4.0%

Enrollment Highlights Notes:

All headcounts include on-campus enrollment plus LSU Online students enrolled in the Fall 2026 first module. In addition, graduate-level enrollment includes professional Law & Veterinary Medicine students.

NEW FRESHMEN HIGHLIGHTS

- The 2026 full-time, first-year cohort totals 7,482, the fourth largest in LSU history
- ACT Composite is 26.9, the third highest in LSU history
- High School Weighted Transcript GPA is 3.88, the highest in LSU history
- Percent Female is 61.0%, the second highest in LSU history
- Percent First-Generation is 33.8%, the second highest in LSU history
- Enrollment by Geographic Origin:
 - Louisiana: 62.0%
 - Other State: 36.5%
 - Other Country: 1.5%
- Ogden Honors College:
 - Cohort total is 1,035
 - ACT Composite is 31.3
 - High School Weighted Transcript GPA is 4.27

New Freshmen Notes:

Beginning with the Fall 2021 cohort, test scores only include students who elected to have test scores considered during the admissions and scholarship decision process. Beginning Fall 2023, the ACT composite is based on superscore.

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE-SEEKING RETENTION RATES

- Retention Rates:
 - 1st to 2nd (2025 cohort): 83.7%
 - 1st to 3rd (2024 cohort): 75.2%

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