

2026 Fact Sheet

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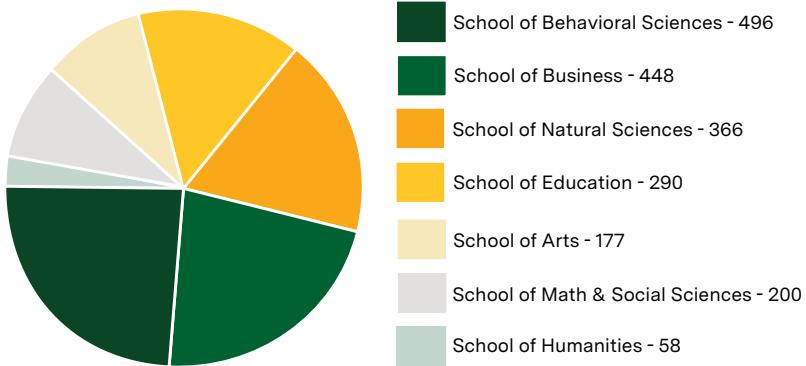
BLACK HILLS
STATE UNIVERSITY

ENROLLMENT FACTS

DEGREE SEEKING

Freshman	686	HEADCOUNT	
Sophomore	397	Full-Time Undergraduate	1,593
Junior	386	Part-Time Undergraduate	1,708
Senior	441	Undergraduate	3,301
Graduate	94	Graduate	124
Total	2,004	Total	3,425

ENROLLMENT BY ACADEMIC AREA



ENROLLMENT BY LOCATION

HEADCOUNT	UNDERGRADUATE	GRADUATE	TOTAL HEADCOUNT
SPEARFISH CAMPUS	1,483	8	1,491*
RAPID CITY	276	9	285*
ONLINE	2,311	98	2,409*
OTHER	303	30	333*

*These are duplicate numbers. Many students enroll at more than one location.

CREDIT HOURS

	UNDERGRADUATE	GRADUATE	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS
SPEARFISH CAMPUS	16,787	53	16,840
RAPID CITY	1,990	60	2,050
ONLINE	10,533	539	11,072
OTHER	1,126	63	1,189
TOTAL	30,436	715	31,151

DEGREES AWARDED

2024-2025

Associate	77	Master	43
Bachelor	326	Certificate	56



PROGRAMS

Associate's Degree Programs	5
Bachelor's Degree Programs	50
Undergraduate Certificate Programs	35
Master's Degree Programs	8
Courses Taught Fall 2025	436
Sections Taught Fall 2025	742

GRADUATION & RETENTION RATES

Graduation Rate (Bachelor's Degree Students)

Entering Class	4 Years	5 Years	6 Years
2019	26%	38%	40%

RETENTION FOR FALL 2025: **72%**

AVERAGES

3.35 AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL GPA* **21** AVERAGE ACT*

\$12,790 AVERAGE FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN DEBT OF GRADUATES

*New freshman numbers

ACADEMIC CENTERS

- West River Health Science Center
- Center for the Advancement of Math & Science Education
- Center for Hospitality & Business
- Center for American Indian Studies
- South Dakota Center For Enterprise Opportunity (SD CEO)
- Center for the Conservation of Biological Resources
- Center for Civic Engagement

STUDENT ETHNIC ORIGIN

White	2324
Native American	142
Hispanic	181
Multi-racial	78
Black	59
Asian	33
Pacific Islander	3
NR Alien	57
Unknown	548



55 International Students from 27 countries

GENDER

	Men	Women	Total
Students	1,167	1,940	3,425

ATHLETICS

16 SPORT OFFERINGS + **317** STUDENT ATHLETES

Division	NCAA DII, NIRA (Rodeo Teams Only)
Conference	RMAC (15 Institutions)

EMPLOYEES

	Men	Women	Total
Faculty	55	48	103
Staff	112	108	220
Total	167	156	323

ALUMNI

*Number of Alumni (Historic Total)	32,584
Active Alumni	19,363
In-state Alumni	10,950
Out-of-state Alumni	8,413

*This number includes active, deceased, and lost alumni.

FACILITIES

(Includes BHSU-Rapid City)

Total Acres	163
Total Number of Buildings	30
Total Building Square Feet	926,679
Residence Halls Capacity	826
Traditional Style	489
Suite Style	196
Apartment	141

STUDENT COST

UNDERGRADUATE TUITION (ANNUAL COST)

RESIDENTS OF SD, CO, IA, MT, ND, NE, WY, IL, WI	TOTAL \$9,014
NON-RESIDENT	\$12,206

ROOM & BOARD (ANNUAL COST)

ROOM	TOTAL \$4,220
MEAL PLAN	\$3,980

UNDERGRADUATE EST. TOTAL YEARLY COST*

RESIDENTS OF SD, CO, IA, MT, ND, NE, WY, IL, WI	TOTAL \$18,172
NON-RESIDENT	\$21,364

*Includes est. cost of books/supplies at \$958

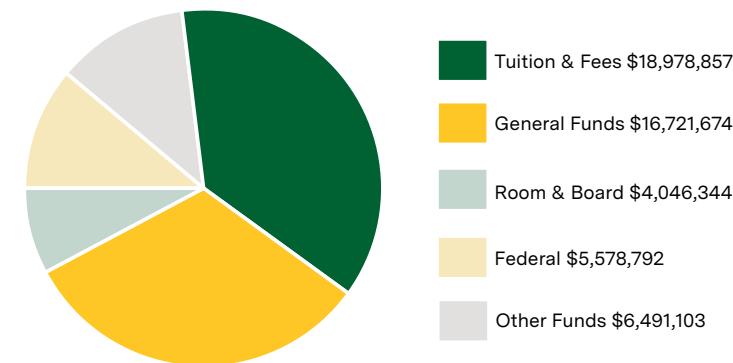
GRADUATE TUITION (PER CREDIT HOUR)

RESIDENTS OF SD, CO, IA, MT, ND, NE, WY, IL, WI	TOTAL \$342.90
NON-RESIDENT	\$640.20

STATE EMPLOYEE OR TEACHER CERTIFICATION

BUDGET

FY26 Budget - \$51,816,770



UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

BHSU FOUNDATION

TOTAL

MONEY RAISED (2024-2025)	\$6,106,028
SCHOLARSHIPS (AWARDED IN 2024-2025)	\$3,299,764
ENDOWMENT	\$38,310,855



Did You Know?

- BHSU was recognized as South Dakota's Most Affordable University for 2026 by Research.com.
- BHSU is a Purple Heart University, committed to serving and honoring our nation's veterans.
- BHSU faculty and students conduct groundbreaking research in the Black Hills Underground Campus a mile underground at the Sanford Underground Research Facility.