

FACTS & FIGURES HOWARD UNIVERSITY



Truth and Service

Howard University is one of the United States' most prestigious institutions of higher learning. Founded in 1867, Howard is a private, historically Black research university located in the heart of Washington, D.C. Proudly designated as an R1 institution — signifying the highest level of research activity, the university comprises 14 schools and colleges offering more than 120 programs of study leading to undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees. Howard operates with an enduring commitment to truth and service, a motto that continues to shape its mission and impact.

As a vibrant campus community, Howard also competes in 21 NCAA Division I sports, embodying a tradition of excellence both in the classroom and on the field.



#1 **LINKEDIN TOP HBCU**
LINKEDIN TOP COLLEGES 2025 AND 2026

#2 **HISTORICALLY BLACK
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES¹**

#70 **MBA PROGRAM**
FORTUNE MAGAZINE

TOP 17

in the nation for social mobility and #1 in the Washington, D.C., area¹

TOP 17

in the nation for best undergraduate teaching¹

TOP 88

Best Colleges in National Universities¹

INSTITUTIONAL FAST FACTS²

3,300+

Graduate and Professional Degree Enrollment

2,100+

Undergraduate Courses

1,510

Faculty

14,400+

Total Number of Students²

32

Master's Degree Programs

13:1

Student to Faculty Ratio

8

Executive and Certificate Programs

53

Bachelor Programs

¹Source: U.S. News & World Report 2026

²Office of Institutional Research, as reported to IPEDS and U.S. News & World Report (2026). As of Fall 2025 Census.

³Opportunity Colleges and Universities - High Access and High Earnings" announcement by the American Council of Education (ACE) and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching

HU AT A GLANCE

STUDENT PROFILE

3.7 AVERAGE GPA

23 AVERAGE ACT SCORE

1,160 AVERAGE SAT SCORE

SCHOLAR

5 SCHWARZMAN SCHOLARS

5 MARSHALL SCHOLARS

4 RHODES SCHOLARS

12 TRUMAN SCHOLARS

10 GOLDWATER SCHOLARS

165+ FULBRIGHT RECIPIENTS

ATHLETICS

21 TOTAL SPORTS PROGRAMS

138 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SHAPING TOMORROW'S LEADERS



Howard ranked as the **#1 HBCU** for graduate programs in criminal law, constitutional law, dispute resolution, intellectual property law, health care law, trial advocacy law, economics, English, fine arts, history, political science, and speech pathology¹.



Howard University School of Law placed **#13 in Law Schools** with the most graduates at leading law firms, surpassing other institutions with stellar reputations¹.



Howard ranked as the **#1 HBCU** for undergraduate programs in business, computer science, economics, and psychology².

¹Source: U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges 2025.

²Source: U.S. News & World Report Graduate Schools 2025.



NOTABLE ALUMNI

- **Debbie Allen** (B.F.A. '71): Three-time Emmy Award-winning actress, director, and Kennedy Center honoree
- **Chadwick Boseman** (B.F.A. '00): Golden Globe-winning actor
- **David Dinkins** (B.S. '50): First Black mayor of New York, the largest U.S. city
- **Kamala Harris** (B.A. '86): First female and first woman of color to serve as U.S. vice president
- **Taraji P. Henson** (B.F.A. '95): Award-winning actress
- **Zora Neale Hurston** (A. Dip. 1920): Harlem Renaissance writer
- **Thurgood Marshall** (B.S. '33): First Black U.S. Supreme Court Justice
- **Toni Morrison** (B.A. '53): Nobel Prize laureate and writer
- **L. Douglas Wilder** (LL.B. '59): First African American to serve as governor of a U.S. state
- **Edward Brooke** (B.S. '41): First popularly elected Black U.S. senator
- **Roberta Flack** (B. Mus. '58): Two-time Grammy Award winner for record of the year
- **Patricia Roberts Harris** (B.A. '45): Former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services
- **Togo West** (B.S. '65, J.D. '68): U.S. Former U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs and U.S. Secretary of the Army
- **Gregory Meeks** (J.D. '78): Member of Congress
- **Summer Lee** (J.D. '15): Member of Congress
- **Anthony Anderson** (B.F.A. '22): Actor, comedian, television host
- **Phylicia Rashad** (B.F.A. '70): Tony Award-winning star of the Cosby Show, Creed
- **Andrew Young** (B.S. '51): Former civil rights icon, Atlanta mayor, and U.S. ambassador to the United Nations

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