



LU Recolonization Monitoring (July 2026)

- Lehigh started the 2025-26 school year with nine IFC fraternities.
- By June 2026 one of those fraternities was gone, and only two of the remaining ones were rated “In Good Standing” by Lehigh.
- **Pi Lambda Phi** won the 2023 LU fraternity expansion competition, started recolonization in Spring 2024, and occupied the former ATO house in Aug 2024. They were then charged with hazing in Sep 2025 and received **loss of LU recognition** and a **5-year Disciplinary Dissolution**. All of their recolonization effort in time, staffing, and financial resources came to nothing in four semesters.
- **Chi Phi** was charged with hazing in Feb 2026 and avoided immediate closure but received a **1-year Deferred Dissolution** from 5/8/2026 to 5/16/2027.
- Both **Delta Chi** and **Sigma Phi Epsilon** were charged with physical fighting resulting in student injury and received a **1-semester Deferred Dissolution** from 5/14/2026 to 12/31/2026.
- **Sigma Phi Delta** and **Psi Upsilon** were charged with alcohol-related violations and received **Disciplinary Probation** from 4/14 - 12/31/2026, and 5/4 - 12/31/2026 respectively.
- **Delta Upsilon** was placed under **Interim Action Pending Investigation** during the Spring semester with no final conduct report published yet by Lehigh as of June 2026.
- That left **Alpha Epsilon Pi** and **Theta Chi** as the only IFC fraternities rated “In Good Standing”.
- See Lehigh’s <https://studentaffairs.lehigh.edu/content/conduct-status> website for details.



Recent IFC Fraternity Turnover (2026.06.30 LU website extract)

- Seven IFC chapters have closed since 2020 for hazing, alcohol, or risk management.

Formerly Recognized Chapters

The following fraternities and sororities have lost their recognition by Lehigh University and/or by their Inter/National Headquarters as official student groups because they failed to comply with University and/or Inter/National guidelines.

To view a full list of formerly recognized chapters from Lehigh University, please click [here](#).

Chapter	Year Closed	Reason	Closed By
Pi Lambda Phi	2025	Hazing	Lehigh University
Chi Psi	2024	Hazing	Lehigh University
Phi Sigma Kappa	2024	Hazing & Alcohol	Lehigh University
Phi Delta Theta	2023	Alcohol & Risk Management	Lehigh University
Alpha Tau Omega	2022	Hazing & Alcohol	Headquarters & Lehigh University
Phi Kappa Theta	2020	Alcohol & Risk Management	Lehigh University
Theta Xi	2020	Alcohol & Risk Management	Lehigh University

- Pi Kappa Phi, LU's second 2023 expansion competition winner, began colonization during Spring 2026 and will occupy House 97 (former Phi Delta Theta) in Aug 2026. We will see if this larger organization (152 chapters, 50+ national staff) will be more successful in meeting Lehigh's current IFC fraternity requirements.



Recent Success Rate for LU Recolonizations

- Five formerly recognized IFC fraternities have conducted recolonizations at Lehigh since 2005:
 - **Delta Chi**, established at LU from 1952 - 1997, recolonized in 2009 (but without a house), received a Lehigh chapter house in 2015, and is still an active chapter today.
 - **Pi Kappa Alpha**, established at LU from 1929 - 2002, recolonized in 2009 and lasted 9 years before closing in 2018 (Reason: Risk Management).
 - **Phi Delta Theta**, established at LU from 1887 - 2001, recolonized in 2013 and lasted 10 years before closing in 2023 (Reason: Alcohol & Risk Management).
 - **Alpha Epsilon Pi**, established at LU from 1979 - 1991, then as 'unrecognized' chapter beginning 2001, received recognition and a Lehigh chapter house in 2015 and is still an active chapter today.
 - **Pi Lambda Phi**, established at LU from 1915 - 1995, recolonized in 2024 and lasted only 2 years before closing in 2025 (Reason: Hazing).
- Lehigh's sustainable IFC fraternity recolonization success rate over the last two decades now stands at 40%.

See <https://studentaffairs.lehigh.edu/accreditation-reports-2025-2026> for details.



Lehigh IFC Fraternity Accreditation (Past 12 years)

- Only 4 of 8 current fraternities consistently rated Accredited or better (✓).
- No fraternities rated “Excellent” for 2025-26 (first time since 2018-19).
- Chi Phi received accreditation report but no 2025-26 rating due to Interim Suspension.

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
✓ Chi Phi	Silver	Poor	Accred.	Excel.	Unaccred.	Covid	Covid	Excel.	Excel.	Excel.	Excel.	N/A
✓ Delta Upsilon	Gold	Gold	Accred.	Accred.	Accred.	Covid	Covid	Accred.	Accred.	Accred.	Accred.	Accred.
✓ Psi Upsilon	Gold	Silver	Accred.	Accred.	Accred.	Covid	Covid	Accred.	Accred.	Accred.	Accred.	Accred.
✓ Sigma Phi Epsilon	Silver	Silver	Accred.	Unaccred.	Accred.	Covid	Covid	Excel.	Accred.	Unaccred.	Accred.	Accred.
✓ Theta Chi	Bronze	Bronze	Accred.	Accred.	Accred.	Covid	Covid	Excel.	Excel.	Excel.	Excel.	Accred.
✓ Delta Chi	Silver	Silver	Unaccred.	Accred.	Accred.	Covid	Covid	Accred.	Accred.	Accred.	Accred.	Accred.
✓ Alpha Epsilon Pi	N/A	Gold	Excel.	Excel.	Accred.	Covid	Covid	Excel.	Accred.	Accred.	Excel.	Accred.
Sigma Phi Delta	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Covid	Accred.	Excel.	Accred.	Excel.	Accred.
Pi Lambda Phi	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Accred.	N/A
Chi Psi	Bronze	Poor	Accred.	Accred.	Accred.	Covid	Covid	Unaccred.	Accred.	Accred.	N/A	N/A
Phi Sigma Kappa	Gold	Gold	Excel.	Accred.	Accred.	Covid	Covid	Unaccred.	Accred.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Phi Delta Theta	Silver	Silver	Excel.	Accred.	Accred.	Covid	Covid	Unaccred.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alpha Tau Omega	Bronze	Gold	Unaccred.	Accred.	Accred.	Covid	Covid	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Phi Kappa Theta	Poor	Bronze	Unaccred.	Accred.	Accred.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theta Xi	Poor	Bronze	Unaccred.	Accred.	Unaccred.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kappa Alpha	Bronze	Bronze	Unaccred.	Unaccred.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pi Kappa Alpha	Silver	Bronze	Accred.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sigma Chi	Silver	Poor	Accred.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kappa Sigma	Silver	Silver	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



Lehigh trending to larger fraternity organizations?

- Most current LU IFC fraternities have >100 chapters, including all 'Final Five' Runner-ups; while most of the recent closures have <50 chapters, with smaller national staffs.

56%: >100 chapters
11%: 50-100 chapters
33%: <50 chapters

Current IFC Chapters	Total Chapters	National Staff	Established at Lehigh	Fall 2025 Members
Chi Phi	46	6	1872	57
Psi Upsilon	25	8	1884	57
Delta Upsilon	64	16	1885	55
Sigma Phi Epsilon	187	50+	1907	55
Theta Chi	157	34	1942	68
Delta Chi	106	19	1952, 2009	66
Alpha Epsilon Pi	130	34	1978, 2015	54
Sigma Phi Delta	16	9	2013	59
Pi Kappa Phi	152	50+	2026	NA

Fraternities with <100 chapters still achieving average member sizes.

100%: >100 chapters

'Final Five' Runner-ups				Year Closed
Alpha Sigma Phi	163	25	1946	2005
Beta Theta Pi	141	35	1891	2008
Lambda Chi Alpha	166	36	1926	2014

29%: >100 chapters
14%: 50-100 chapters
57%: <50 chapters

Recent Closures				
Pi Lambda Phi	24	8	1915, 2024	2025
Chi Psi	33	19	1894	2024
Phi Sigma Kappa	60	24	1901	2024
Phi Delta Theta	189	37	1887, 2013	2023
Alpha Tau Omega	125	NA	1882	2022
Phi Kappa Theta	29	5	1929	2020
Theta Xi	44	7	1904	2020



Former Fraternity Houses Now Residence Halls

- LU Housing Services now lists these houses as co-ed buildings with single gender floors; part of the 'Mount Taylor' group of upper-class residence halls with Gryphons.
 - House 84 (Cap: 26, former Chi Psi) now 'Classical Education' Themed community
 - House 85 (Cap: 29, former Kappa Alpha)
 - House 87 (Cap: 42, former Kappa Sigma) Source:
<https://studentaffairs.lehigh.edu/content/mount-taylor>
 - House 88 (Cap: 34, former Phi Kappa Theta)
 - House 89 (Cap: 27, former Pi Kappa Alpha)
 - House 90 (Cap: 19, former Phi Sigma Kappa)
 - House 93 (Cap: 41, former Alpha Chi Rho)
 - House 97 (Cap: 32, former Phi Delta Theta) assigned to Pi Kappa Phi, starting Aug 2026
 - House 99 (Cap: 27, former ATO, Pi Lambda Phi) vacated by Pi Lambda Phi, Dec 2025
- Eight former Fraternity houses are now assigned as residences for Lehigh's Panhellenic Council (PHC) Sororities; i.e. former chapter houses of: Phi Gamma Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Alpha Mu, Alpha Sigma Phi, Theta Delta Chi, Pi Lambda Phi (original house), Tau Epsilon Phi, and Tau Delta Phi.
- Former Sigma Nu house at Sayre Park gates was demolished to build new LU dorms.



New 370 bed dorm to be built on lower campus

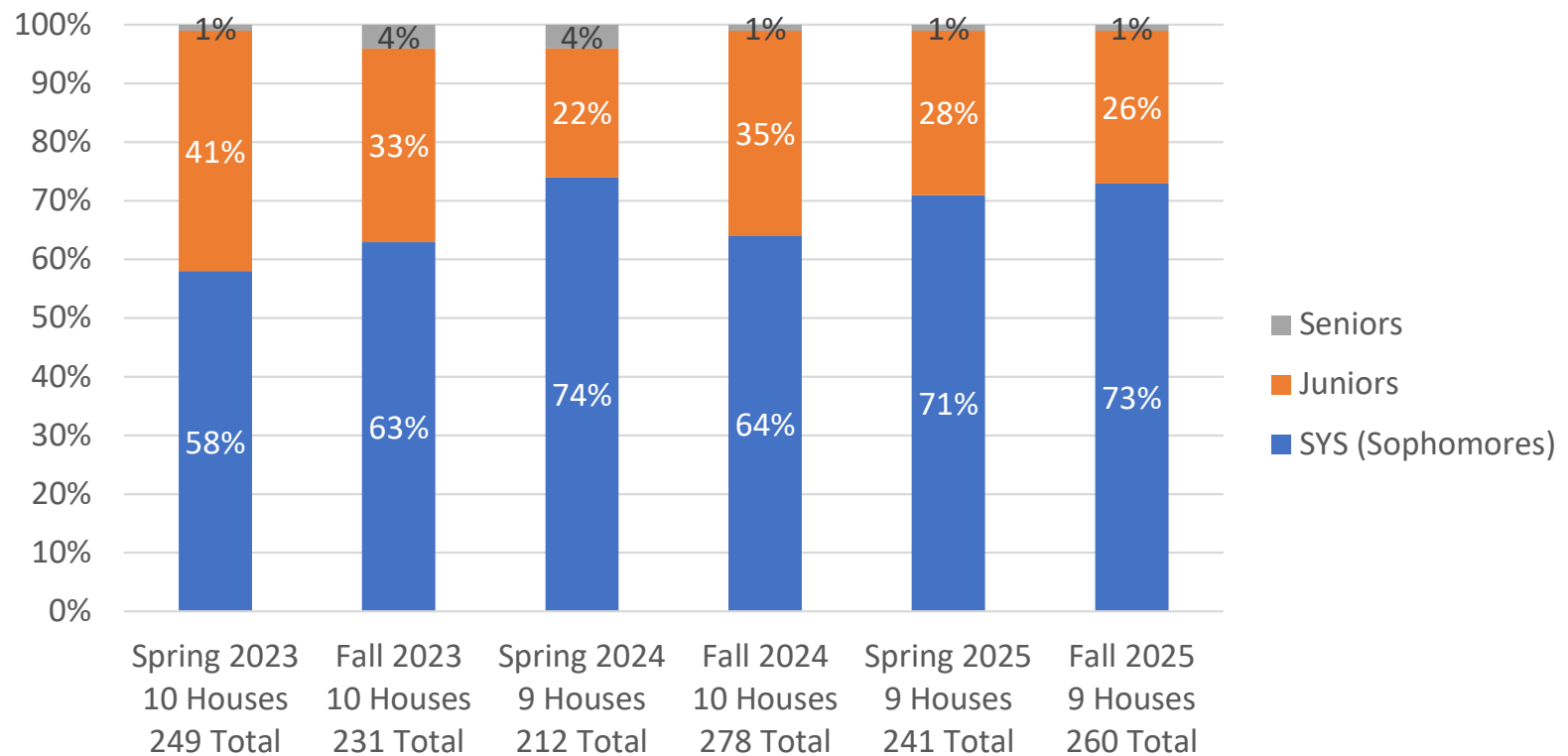
- Lehigh has announced construction of a new dormitory between Drinker and McClintic-Marshall Houses. This may delay further consideration of fraternity expansion until project completion. Construction start: Fall 2026; occupancy planned for Fall 2028.
- <https://facilities.lehigh.edu/east-hill-residence-hall>





Greek Occupancy Trend (in-house, % by class)

- Starting Jan 2026 Lehigh ceased reporting fraternity occupancy by class year.
- Previous reports showed that in-house IFC fraternity life has become increasingly dominated by Second-Year-Students. Seniors have already left most chapter houses and in-house residency by Juniors has been declining.



Lehigh IFC Recruitment Trends now added to regular Greek Statistics Reporting (published Jun 5, 2026)



FRATERNITY & SORORITY STATISTICS AND TREND ANALYSIS								
LEHIGH UNIVERSITY								
INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL								
Recruitment Trends	Fall 2022 <i>11 chapters</i>	Spring 2023 <i>10 chapters</i>	Fall 2023 <i>10 chapters</i>	Spring 2024 <i>10 chapters</i>	Fall 2024 <i>10 chapters</i>	Spring 2025 <i>9 chapters</i>	Fall 2025 <i>9 chapters</i>	Spring 2026 <i>9 chapters</i>
Recruitment Interest	40	302	42	233	10	298	5	307
Eligible potential members	33	249	38	217	9	282	4	299 *
Ineligible potential members	7	53	4	16	1	16	1	8
Number of chapters recruiting	5	10	9	10	3	9	4	9
# of total bids distributed	31	255	34	262	9	219	3	229
# of unique bids distributed	31	202	34	262	9	219	3	229
# of bids accepted	30	188	30	220	8	218	3	227 *
# of bids declined	1	65	4	40	1	1	0	2
# of depledges	1	7	5	14	0	9	0	2
Average new member class size	5.80	18.4	2.5	20.8	2.67	22.9	1	25
# of disaffiliations	10	18	11	5	16	7	26	6
Average chapter size	46.08	66.4	55.1	71	53.4	76.11	58.11	75.67
Total IFC membership	553	716	551	710	534	685	523	681

* Based on Lehigh 2025-26 enrollment of 756 FYS males, 299 eligible potential members expressing interest = **39.6%** of FYS males, with **30%** accepting IFC bids.

Src: <https://studentaffairs.lehigh.edu/content/reports-statistics> (click Trend Analysis Reports)

The Kappa Alpha Alumni Association of Lehigh University



Challenges For a Sustainable IFC Fraternity at Lehigh

- **Chapter conduct:** difficult to predict and control; one bad decision from an active member or alumnus can negate other efforts. **#1 cause of LU fraternity closures.**
- **90% occupancy requirement:** almost all LU Greek seniors and >50% of juniors live out of the house. LU tracks this but not cited as cause for IFC chapter closure recently.
- **Accreditation:** comprehensive LU expectations (GPA, philanthropy, risk awareness, leadership, DEI, mental health, etc); multiple LU advisors required; few houses achieve consistent 'Accredited' ratings, but no chapter closures for this reason since 2018.
- **New member recruitment:** high demand for new members to meet 90% occupancy and offset junior/senior in-house losses, vs limited number of eligible FYS males expressing fraternity interest (39.6%), and accepting bids (30%). (Spring 2026 rush data.)
- **Value proposition:** Fraternities are controlled, 'bedroom-furnished', and maintained by LU. What is the current value proposition for fraternity life at LU vs dorm/apartment life?
- **Liability:** constant concern for members, house officers, Alumni Board, National; and at a higher and more visible level for Lehigh Greeks than for dorm/apartment students.
- **Providing National & Alumni resources:** to help support & manage all of the above.