



# RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

## Institutional Research & Planning Report

### FALL 2017 ENROLLMENT

#### Overall Enrollment

A total of 8,174 students enrolled at Rhode Island College (RIC) for the fall 2017 semester. This number represents a decrease of 3.2% compared to last fall's **headcount** enrollment of 8,446 students and is lower than the projected enrollment for fall 2017. **FTE** dropped from 6,937 in fall 2016 to 6,745 this fall.

FALL	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>Undergraduate</b>										
Hdct	7,601	7,883	7,778	7,762	7,553	7,505	7,518	7,446	7,398	7,080
FTE	6,078	6,425	6,372	6,388	6,235	6,265	6,275	6,231	6,249	6,024
<b>Graduate</b>										
Hdct	1,484	1,377	1,377	1,282	1,316	1,195	1,123	1,066	1,048	1,094
FTE	861	837	824	765	824	758	739	704	688	721
<b>Total</b>										
Hdct	9,085	9,260	9,155	9,044	8,869	8,700	8,641	8,512	8,446	8,174
FTE	6,939	7,262	7,196	7,153	7,059	7,023	7,014	6,935	6,937	6,745

#### Undergraduate Enrollment

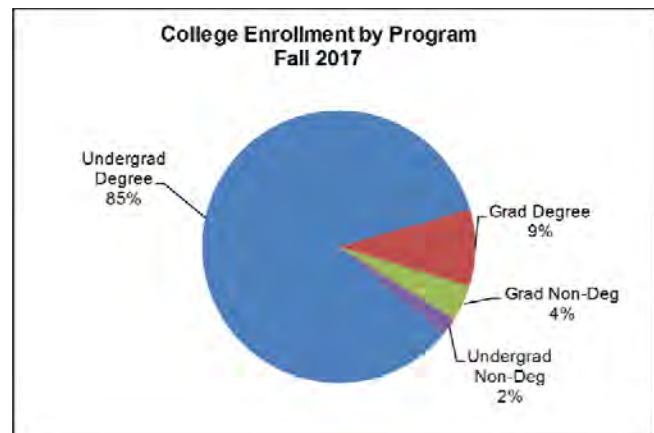
Undergraduate **headcount** enrollment for fall 2017 is 7,080, more than 4% down from last year. This decrease can be attributed both to a smaller number of returning students this fall compared to last and fewer new students. The number of students enrolled in **degree** programs (6,903) decreased by 4.4%, while **non-degree** enrollment increased slightly, going from 174 to 177. Undergraduate **FTE** enrollment decreased from 6,249 in fall 2016 to 6,024 in fall 2017.

#### Graduate Enrollment

At 1,094, total graduate **headcount** enrollment this fall has increased and is the highest in three years. A larger number of new students accounts for this increase, while the number of returning students declined a bit. In 2017, 747 students were enrolled as **degree** students, compared to 680 last fall. This fall's graduate **non-degree** enrollment (347) represents a slight decrease from last year (368). Graduate **FTE** was 721 this fall, a 4.8% increase from last year.

#### Enrollment by Degree and FT/PT Status

**Undergraduate** students comprise 87% of the college's total student population, with students in degree programs representing 98% of this number. **Graduate** students make up the remaining 13% of the student body, and students in degree programs account for over two thirds of the total graduate headcount.



At the **undergraduate** level, 79% of the degree candidates are **full-time**, compared to 25% of the **non-degree** students.

Seventy-five percent of the **graduate** degree students, and 96% of graduate non-degree students, attend on a **part-time** basis.

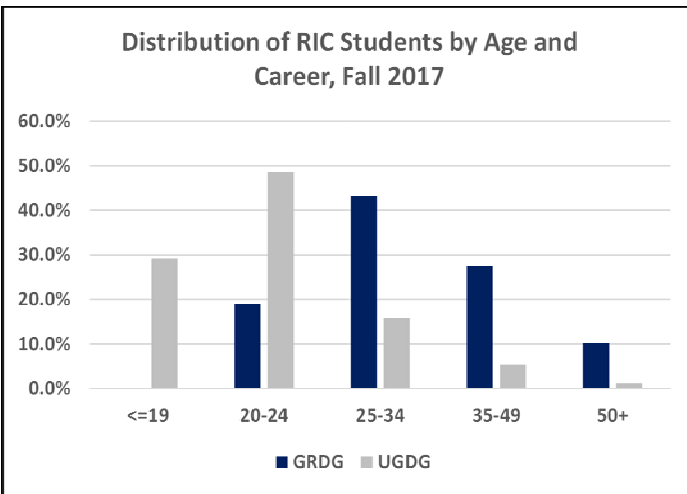
Full-time **undergraduate** degree candidates are enrolled in an average of 14.4 **credits** this fall, while part-time degree undergraduates average 7.4 credits. Full-time **graduate** degree students are enrolled in an average of 11.2 credits, and part-time graduate degree students take an average of 5.3 credits.

### Demographic Characteristics

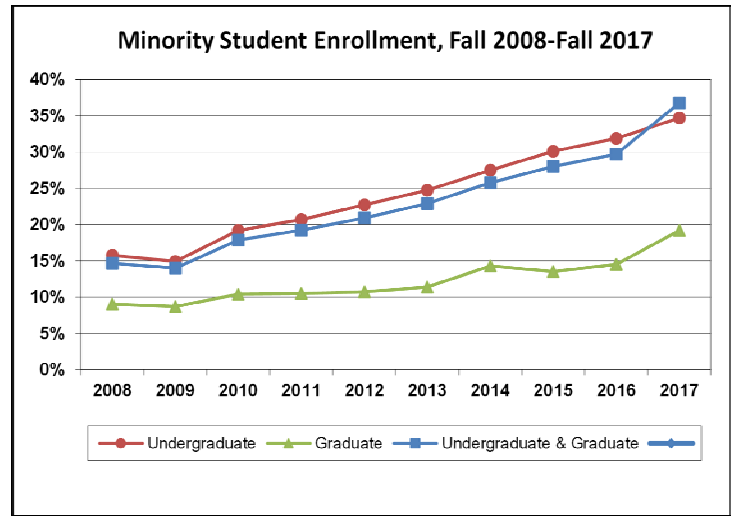
Eighty-six percent of the **undergraduates** and graduates at the college are **Rhode Island residents**.

A little over two thirds of **undergraduate** students are **female**, while under one third are male. At the **graduate** level, 79% of the college's students are women.

Seventy-eight percent of the **undergraduate** students are **24 years of age or younger**, whereas 81% of the **graduate** students are over 25.

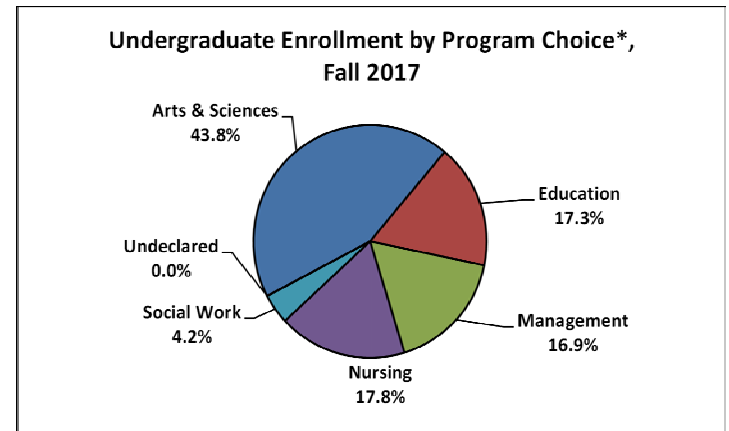


The number of **minority students** enrolled at the college continues to increase; this fall, a third of RIC's student body identifies as minorities. Currently, 35% of **undergraduates** self-identify as minority students (up from 32% last fall), and 19% of **graduate** students report being a minority student. Hispanics are the largest minority group at RIC, representing 18% of the total student body, and the percentage increased by two percentage points since last year. An additional 8.9% of students identify as Black, 3% as Asian, 1.9% as Two or more races, 0.5% as American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 0.1% as Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. Sixty percent of students identify as White, and 7.1% of the students did not report their race/ethnicity.



### Enrollment by Program

As illustrated in the chart below, Arts & Sciences makes up 44% of undergraduate program enrollments, followed by Nursing, Education, Management, and Social Work.



\*Both Art Ed and Music Ed are included in the Education total. Intended majors are reported in the desired area of study.

At the **graduate** level, Education programs still account for nearly half of enrollments, but this percentage has been decreasing over time. Social Work enrolls another 31% of graduate students, while the remaining 22% are in Nursing, Arts & Sciences, and Accounting.

