



RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

Institutional Research & Planning Report

FALL 2015 ENROLLMENT

Overall Enrollment

A total of 8,512 students enrolled at Rhode Island College (RIC) for the fall 2015 semester. This number represents a decrease of 1.5% compared to last fall's **headcount** enrollment of 8,641 students, but it closely matches the number we projected for this fall. **FTE** also declined slightly this fall (from 7,014 in fall 2014 to 6,935).

FALL	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Undergraduate										
Hdct	7,581	7,650	7,601	7,883	7,778	7,762	7,553	7,505	7,518	7,446
FTE	5,982	6,124	6,078	6,425	6,372	6,388	6,235	6,265	6,275	6,231
Graduate										
Hdct	1,358	1,392	1,484	1,377	1,377	1,282	1,316	1,195	1,123	1,066
FTE	811	844	861	837	824	765	824	758	739	704
Total										
Hdct	8,939	9,042	9,085	9,260	9,155	9,044	8,869	8,700	8,641	8,512
FTE	6,793	6,969	6,939	7,262	7,196	7,153	7,059	7,023	7,014	6,935

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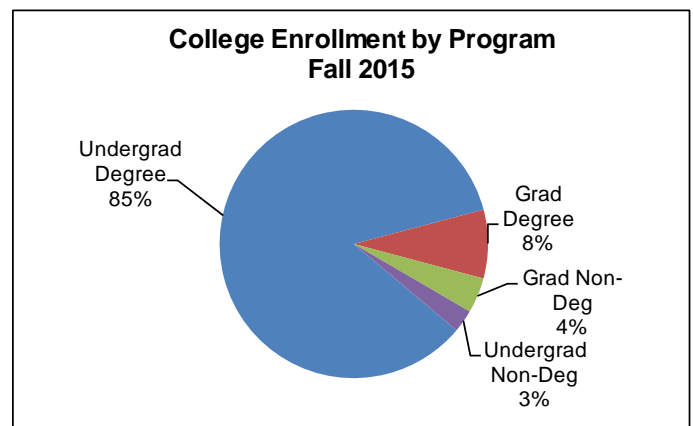
Undergraduate **headcount** enrollment for fall 2015 is 7,446, a one percentage point decrease from last year. This can be attributed to a smaller number of returning students this fall compared to last. The number of students enrolled in **degree** programs (7,216) decreased by 0.8% as did **on-degree** enrollment going from 247 to 230. Similar to the undergraduate headcount decrease, undergraduate **FTE** enrollment decreased from 6,275 in fall 2014 to 6,231 in fall 2015, due to both degree and non-degree students.

Graduate Enrollment

At 1,066, total graduate **headcount** enrollment this fall is the lowest it has been in the past ten years. In recent years, decreasing numbers of new students at the graduate level account for the decline. In 2015, 703 students were enrolled as **degree** students, compared to 753 last fall, a 6.6% decline. This fall's graduate **non-degree** enrollment (363) was only a slight decline from last year (370). Graduate **FTE** was 704 this fall, representing a 4.8% decrease 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 97% of this number. **Graduate** students make up the remaining 13% of the student body, with students in degree programs accounting for about 66% of the total graduate headcount.



At the **undergraduate** level, 77% of the degree candidates are **full-time**, compared to 21% of the **non-degree** students.

Seventy-three percent of the **graduate** degree students, and 98% of graduate non-degree students, attend on a **part-time** basis.

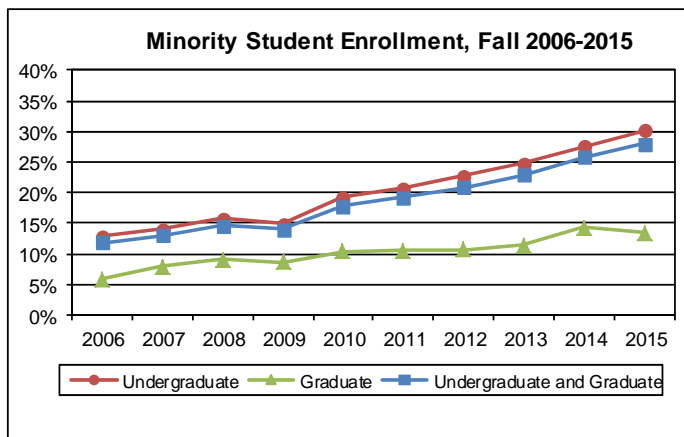
Full-time **undergraduate** degree candidates are enrolled in an average of 14.4 **credits** this fall, while part-time degree undergraduates average 7.3 credits. Full-time **graduate** degree students are enrolled in an average of 11.3 credits, and part-time graduate degree students take an average of 5.2 credits.

Demographic Characteristics

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

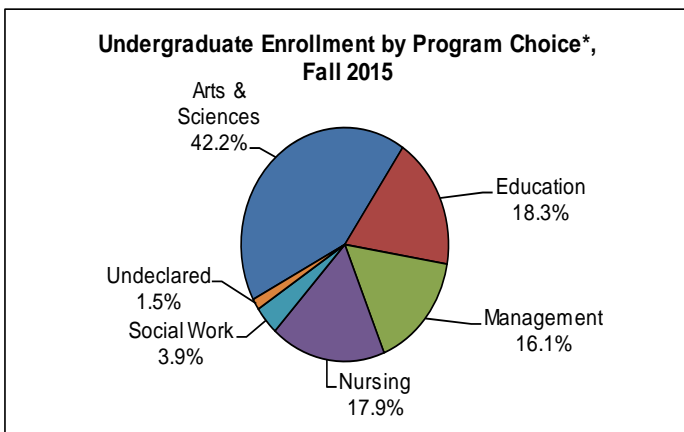
Roughly two thirds of **undergraduate** students are **female**, while one third are male. At the **graduate** level, 78% of the college's students are women.

Eighty-seven percent of the full-time **undergraduate** students are **24 years of age or younger**, compared to 41% of the part-time students.



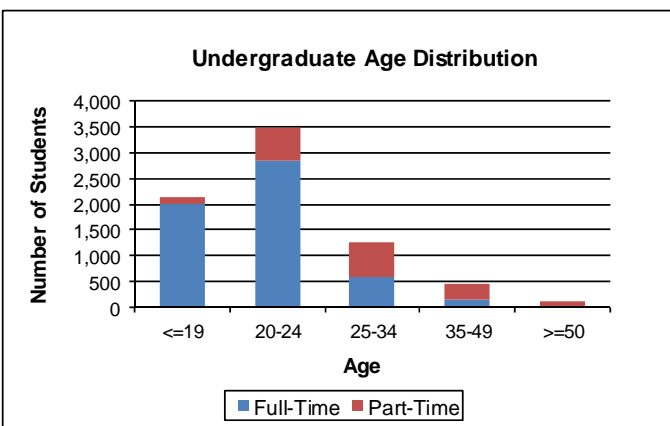
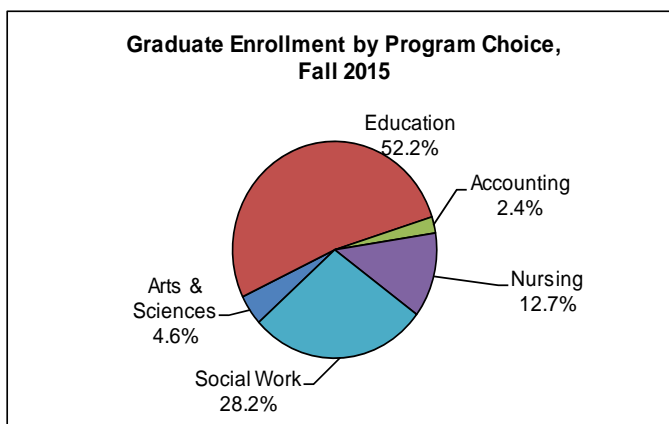
Enrollment by Program

The **undergraduate** enrollment by program of choice has remained consistent in recent years. As illustrated in the chart below, Arts & Sciences makes up 40% of undergraduate program enrollments, followed by Education, Nursing, 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 more than half of enrollments, even though the numbers have been decreasing over time. Social Work enrolls another 28.2% of graduate students, while the remaining 19.6% are in Nursing, Arts & Sciences, and Accounting.



The number of **minority students** enrolled at the college continues to increase; this fall, 28% of RIC's student body identify as minorities. As the next graph shows, the percentage of minority students at RIC, college wide, has grown by more than ten points over the past decade. Currently, 30% of **undergraduates** self-identify as minority students (up from 28% last fall), and 14% of **graduate** students report being a minority student. Hispanics are the largest minority group at RIC, representing 14.9% of the student body, and the percentage increased by almost two points since last year. An additional 8% of students identify as Black, 3% as Asian, 1.6% as Two or more, 0.4% as American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 0.1% as Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. Sixty-four percent of students identify as White, and 8.2% of the students did not report their race/ethnicity.