



# RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

## Institutional Research & Planning Report

### FALL 2016 ENROLLMENT

#### Overall Enrollment

A total of 8,446 students enrolled at Rhode Island College (RIC) for the fall 2016 semester. This number represents a decrease of 0.8% compared to last fall's **headcount** enrollment of 8,512 students and is lower than projected enrollment for fall 2016. **FTE** was essentially unchanged (from 6,935 in fall 2015 to 6,937).

| FALL                 | 2007  | 2008  | 2009  | 2010  | 2011  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Undergraduate</b> |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Hdct                 | 7,650 | 7,601 | 7,883 | 7,778 | 7,762 | 7,553 | 7,505 | 7,518 | 7,446 | 7,398 |
| FTE                  | 6,124 | 6,078 | 6,425 | 6,372 | 6,388 | 6,235 | 6,265 | 6,275 | 6,231 | 6,249 |
| <b>Graduate</b>      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Hdct                 | 1,392 | 1,484 | 1,377 | 1,377 | 1,282 | 1,316 | 1,195 | 1,123 | 1,066 | 1,048 |
| FTE                  | 844   | 861   | 837   | 824   | 765   | 824   | 758   | 739   | 704   | 688   |
| <b>Total</b>         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Hdct                 | 9,042 | 9,085 | 9,260 | 9,155 | 9,044 | 8,869 | 8,700 | 8,641 | 8,512 | 8,446 |
| FTE                  | 6,969 | 6,939 | 7,262 | 7,196 | 7,153 | 7,059 | 7,023 | 7,014 | 6,935 | 6,937 |

#### Undergraduate Enrollment

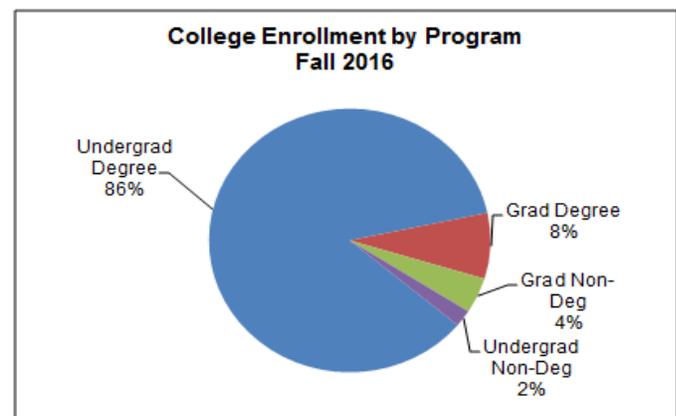
Undergraduate **headcount** enrollment for fall 2016 is 7,398, a less than one percentage point decrease from last year. This can be attributed to a smaller number of returning students this fall compared to last. The number of students enrolled in **degree** programs (7,224) decreased by 0.1% and **non-degree** enrollment by 24%, going from 230 to 174. Despite the decrease in undergraduate headcount, slightly more degree students are taking 16 or more credits; undergraduate **FTE** enrollment increased from 6,231 in fall 2015 to 6,249 in fall 2016.

#### Graduate Enrollment

At 1,048, 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 2016, 680 students were enrolled as **degree** students, compared to 703 last fall, a 3.3% decline. This fall's graduate **non-degree** enrollment (368) was only a slight increase from last year (363). Graduate **FTE** was 688 this fall, representing a 2.3% decrease from last year.

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

**Undergraduate** students comprise 88% of the college's total student population, with students in degree programs representing 98% of this number. **Graduate** students make up the remaining 12% of the student body, with students in degree programs accounting for about 65% 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-five percent of the **graduate** degree students, and 97% of graduate non-degree students, attend on a **part-time** basis.

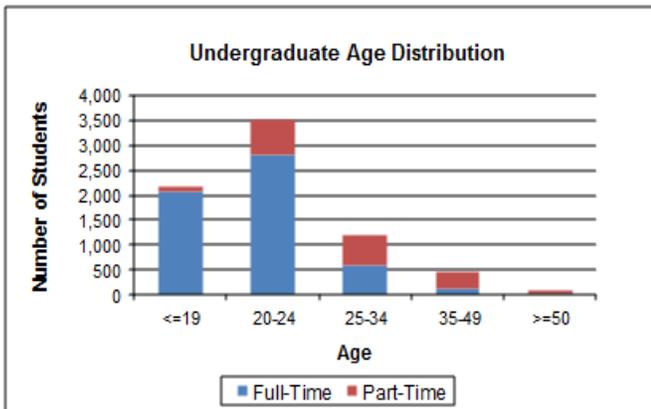
Full-time **undergraduate** degree candidates are enrolled in an average of 14.4 **credits** this fall, while part-time degree undergraduates average 7.4 credits. Full-time **graduate** degree students are enrolled in an average of 11.3 credits, and part-time graduate degree students take an average of 5.3 credits.

### Demographic Characteristics

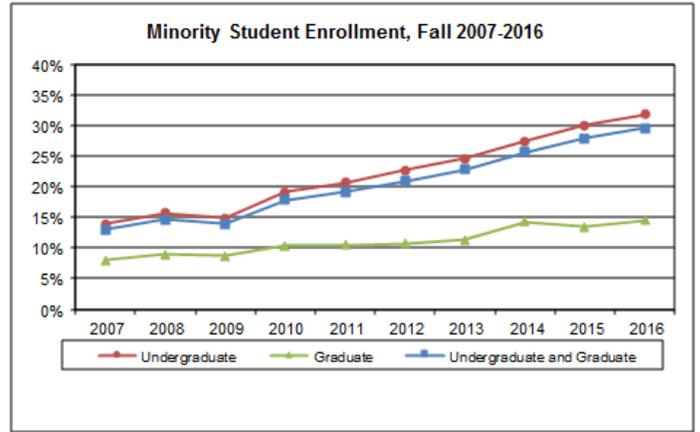
Eighty-six percent of the **undergraduates** and graduates at the college are **Rhode Island residents**.

Roughly two thirds of **undergraduate** students are **female**, while one third are male. At the **graduate** level, 80% 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 44% of the part-

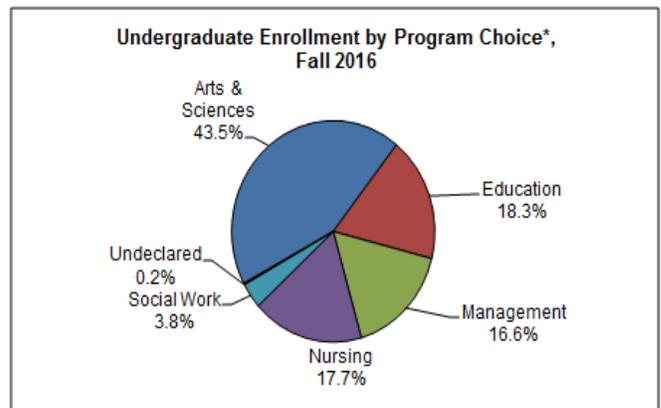


The number of **minority students** enrolled at the college continues to increase; this fall, 30% of RIC's student body identify as minorities. As the next graph shows, the percentage of minority students at RIC, college wide, has grown by more than ten points over the past decade. Currently, 32% of **undergraduates** self-identify as minority students (up from 30% last fall), and 15% of **graduate** students report being a minority student. Hispanics are the largest minority group at RIC, representing 16.2% 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, 1.7% as Two or more, 0.4% as American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 0.1% as Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. Sixty-three percent of students identify as White, and 7.4% of the students did not report their race/ethnicity.



### 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 44% 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 account for half of enrollments, but this percentage has been decreasing over time. Social Work enrolls another 29.6% of graduate students, while the remaining 20.9% are in Nursing, Arts & Sciences, and Accounting.

