



RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

Institutional Research & Planning Report

FALL 2019 ENROLLMENT

Overall Enrollment

A total of 7,531 students enrolled at Rhode Island College (RIC) for the fall 2019 semester. This number represents a decrease of 3.1% compared to last fall's **headcount** enrollment of 7,771 students and an 17.7% decline from ten years ago. **FTE** dropped from 6,429 in fall 2018 to 6,278 this fall.

| FALL | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 1 yr % change |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| Undergraduate | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hdct | 7,778 | 7,762 | 7,553 | 7,505 | 7,518 | 7,446 | 7,398 | 7,080 | 6,688 | 6,440 | -3.7% |
| FTE | 6,372 | 6,388 | 6,235 | 6,265 | 6,275 | 6,231 | 6,249 | 6,024 | 5,664 | 5,523 | -2.5% |
| Graduate | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hdct | 1,377 | 1,282 | 1,316 | 1,195 | 1,123 | 1,066 | 1,048 | 1,094 | 1,083 | 1,091 | 0.7% |
| FTE | 824 | 765 | 824 | 758 | 739 | 704 | 688 | 721 | 765 | 755 | -1.3% |
| Total | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hdct | 9,155 | 9,044 | 8,869 | 8,700 | 8,641 | 8,512 | 8,446 | 8,174 | 7,771 | 7,531 | -3.1% |
| FTE | 7,196 | 7,153 | 7,059 | 7,023 | 7,014 | 6,935 | 6,937 | 6,745 | 6,429 | 6,278 | -2.4% |

Undergraduate Enrollment

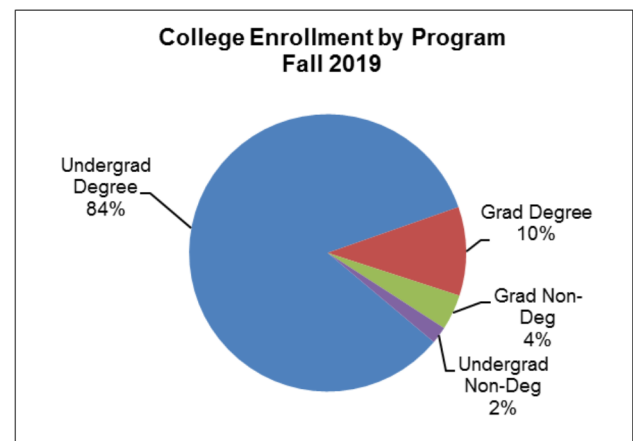
Undergraduate **headcount** enrollment for fall 2019 is 6,440, 3.7% down from last year. This decrease can be attributed to a smaller number of **returning students** this fall compared to last, as the number of **new undergraduates** actually grew; the number of **first-time freshmen** increased by over 100 (from 849 in fall 2018 to 953 in fall 2019), and the number of **new transfers** inched up as well. The number of students enrolled in **degree** programs (6,290) decreased by 3% and **non-degree** enrollment also declined, going from 205 to 150. Undergraduate **FTE** enrollment decreased from 5,664 in fall 2018 to 5,523 in fall 2019.

Graduate Enrollment

At 1,091, total graduate **headcount** enrollment this fall increased slightly from last fall, driven by a larger number of degree-seeking students (780 compared to 767 last fall), while non-degree enrollment fell by just five students (from 316 to 311). Graduate **FTE** was 755 this fall, a 1.3% decrease from last year.

Enrollment by Degree and FT/PT Status

Undergraduate students comprise 86% of the college's total student population, with students in degree programs representing 98%. **Graduate** students make up the remaining 14% of the student body, and students in degree programs account for 71% of the total graduate headcount.



At the **undergraduate** level, 78% of the **degree** candidates are **full-time**, compared to 22% of the **non-degree** students.

Seventy-three percent of the **graduate** degree students, and 95% of graduate non-degree students, attend RIC on a **part-time** basis.

Full-time **undergraduate** degree candidates are enrolled in an average of 14.6 **credits** this fall, while part-time degree undergraduates average 7.4 credits. Full-time **graduate** degree students are enrolled in an average of 11.5 credits, and part-time graduate degree students take an average of 5.4 credits.

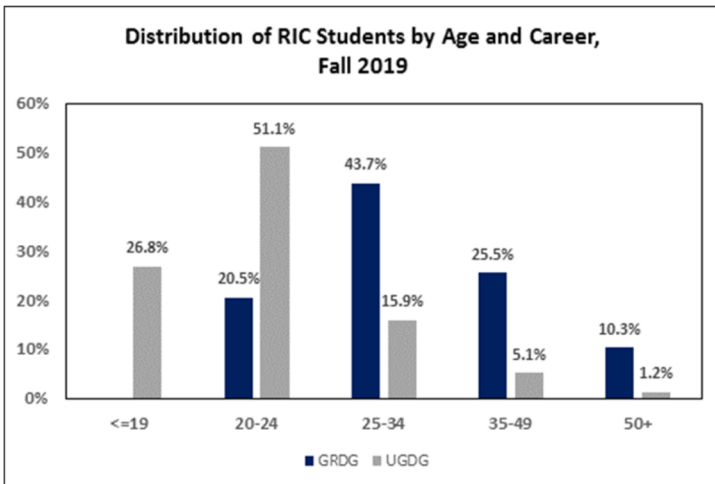
Demographic Characteristics

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

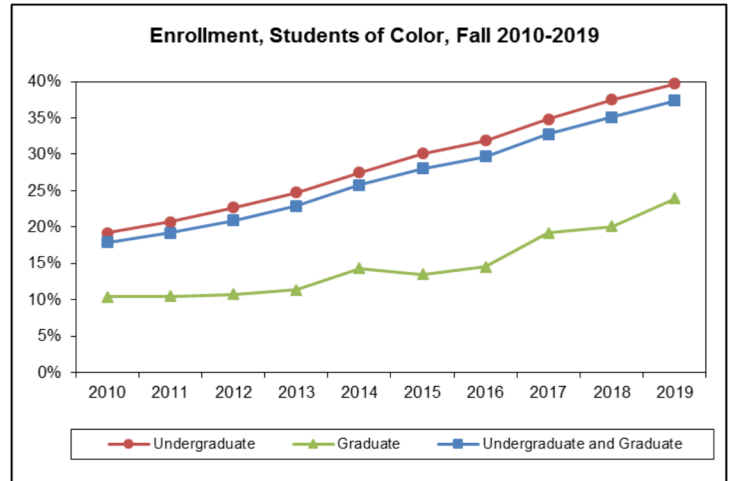
Sixty-nine percent of **undergraduate** students identify as **female**, while under one third identify as male. At the **graduate** level, 78% of the college's students identify as women.

Seventy-eight percent of the **undergraduate** students are **24 years of age or younger**, whereas 80% of the **graduate** students are over 25.

First-generation students account for 45.7% of the undergraduate student body this fall, and 47.8% of undergraduates are **Pell eligible**.

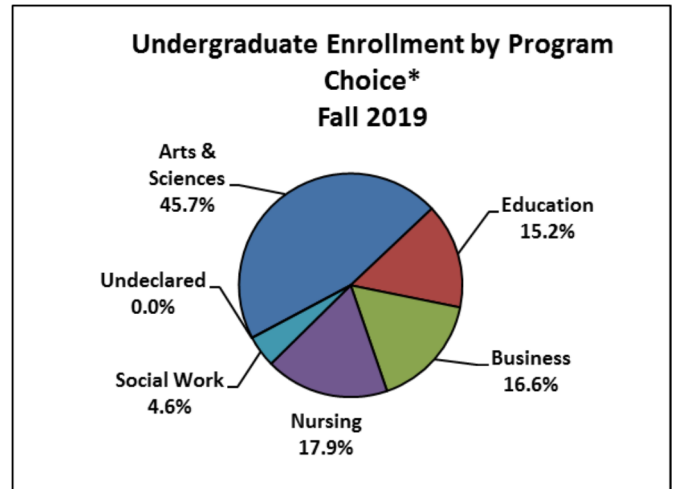


The number of **students of color** enrolled at the college continues to increase; this fall, 37% of RIC's student body identifies as students of color (40% of **undergraduates** and 24% of **graduate** students). Among students of color, Hispanics are the largest group at RIC, representing 21% of the total student body, and the percentage increased by about two percentage points since last year. An additional 10.2% of students identify as Black/African American, 3% as Asian, 2.2% as Two or more races, 0.5% as American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 0.1% as Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. Fifty-seven percent of students identify as White, and 5.8% of the students did not report their race/ethnicity.



Enrollment by School

As illustrated in the chart below, Arts & Sciences makes up 46% of undergraduate program enrollments, followed by Nursing, Business, Education and Social Work.



*Both Art Ed and Music Ed are included in the Arts and Sciences total. Intended majors are reported in the desired area of study. Based on 1st majors only.

At the **graduate** level, Education programs still account for the largest percentage of enrollments, but their share has been declining. Social Work enrolls another 32% of graduate students, while the remaining 26% are in Nursing, Arts & Sciences, and Business.

