



# RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

## Institutional Research & Planning Report

### FALL 2020 ENROLLMENT

#### Overall Enrollment

A total of 7,072 students enrolled at Rhode Island College (RIC) for the fall 2020 semester. This number represents a decrease of 6.1% compared to last fall's **headcount** enrollment of 7,531 students and a 21.8% decline over ten years. Total **FTE** dropped 6.5% from 6,278 in fall 2019 to 5,869 this fall.

FALL	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	1 yr % change	10 yr % change
<b>Undergraduate</b>												
<b>Hdct</b>	7,762	7,553	7,505	7,518	7,446	7,398	7,080	6,688	6,440	5,998	-6.9%	-22.7%
<b>FTE</b>	6,388	6,235	6,265	6,275	6,231	6,249	6,024	5,664	5,523	5,160	-6.6%	-19.2%
<b>Graduate</b>												
<b>Hdct</b>	1,282	1,316	1,195	1,123	1,066	1,048	1,094	1,083	1,091	1,074	-1.6%	-16.2%
<b>FTE</b>	765	824	758	739	704	688	721	765	755	708	-6.2%	-7.4%
<b>Total</b>												
<b>Hdct</b>	9,044	8,869	8,700	8,641	8,512	8,446	8,174	7,771	7,531	7,072	-6.1%	-21.8%
<b>FTE</b>	7,153	7,059	7,023	7,014	6,935	6,937	6,745	6,429	6,278	5,869	-6.5%	-18.0%

#### Undergraduate Enrollment

Undergraduate **headcount** enrollment is down 6.9% from last year. The decrease was largely the result of a decline in **new undergraduates** (freshmen and transfers). There were 249 fewer new students this year than last, representing a 15.9% reduction, while the number of returning students fell by 167 or 3.5. The number of students enrolled in **degree** programs (5,871) decreased by 6.7%, and **non-degree** enrollment also declined, going from 150 to 127. Undergraduate **FTE** decreased by 11.7% for non-degree students compared to 6.6% for degree seeking students.

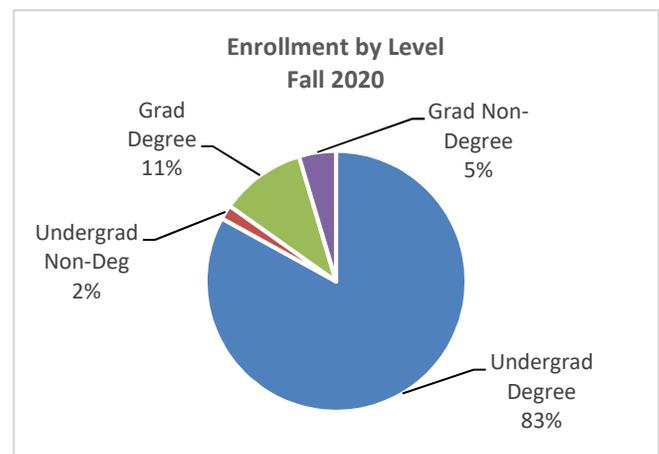
#### Graduate Enrollment

At 1,074, total graduate **headcount** enrollment decreased slightly from last fall. A 34.4% decline in the number of **new students** accounts for this change, as the number of **returning students** increased by 19.8%. Degree students decreased by 31 compared to last year, while non-degree students increased by 14. Graduate **FTE** decreased by 6.2%.

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

**Undergraduate** students comprise 85% of the college's total students, with 97.9% of students in degree programs. **Graduate** students make up 15% of the student body, and students in degree programs account for 69.7% of the total headcount.

At the **undergraduate** level, 78.1% of **degree** candidates are **full time**, compared to 18.9% of **non-degree** students. Seventy-four percent of the **graduate** degree students, and 96% of graduate non-degree students attend RIC **part time**.



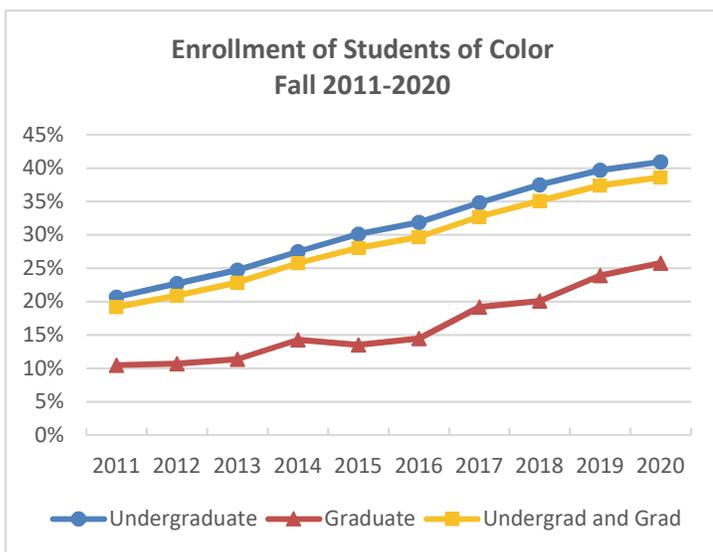
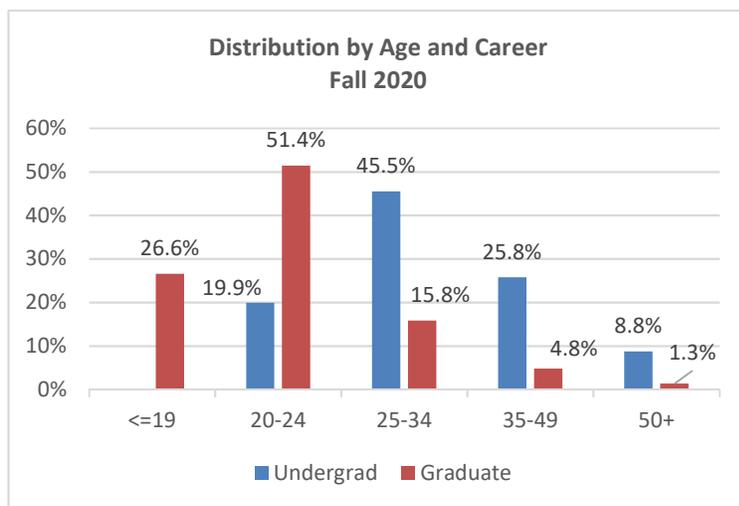
Full-time **undergraduate** degree candidates are enrolled in an average of 14.6 **credits** this fall, while part-time degree undergraduates average 7.6 credits. Full-time **graduate** degree students are enrolled in an average of 11.0 credits, and part-time graduate degree students take an average of 5.2 credits.

### Demographic Characteristics

Eighty-seven percent of undergraduates and graduates are **Rhode Island residents**. Seventy percent of **undergraduate** students identified female. At the **graduate** level, 80% of the college's students identified as female. Six students did not identify a gender.

Seventy-eight percent of **undergraduates** are **24 or younger**, whereas 80% of **graduates** are **over 25**.

Based on students who submitted FAFSA, **First-generation** students account for 46% of undergraduates this fall. Nearly 47% of undergraduates are **Pell eligible**.

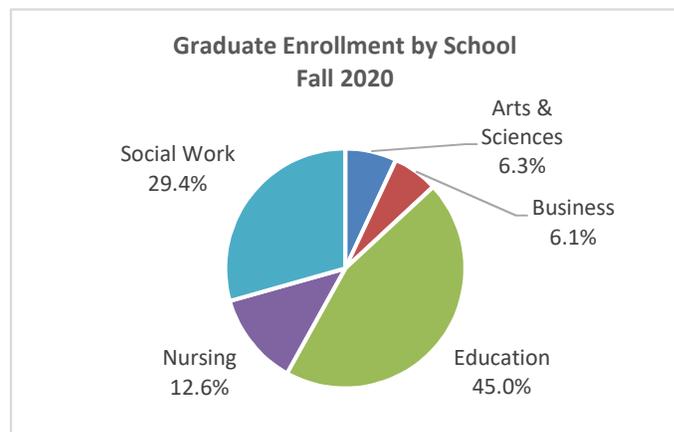
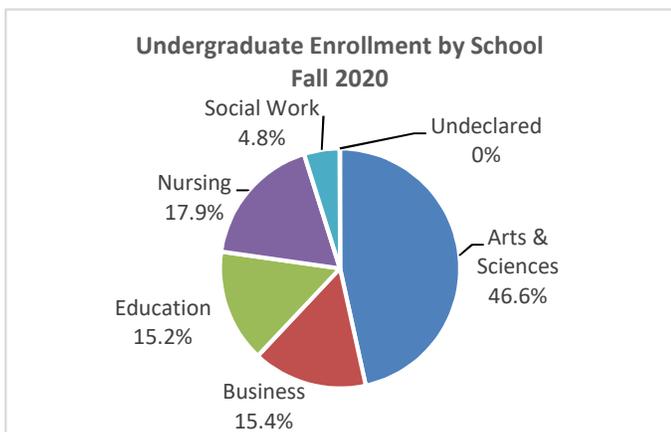


The number of **students of color** enrolled at the college continues to increase; this fall, 38.5% of RIC's student body identifies as students of color (40.8% of **undergraduates** and 25.7% of **graduate** students).

Among students of color, Hispanic/Latino is the largest group at RIC, representing 23.4% of the total student body (and 25% of undergraduates), and the percentage increased by about two points since last year. An additional 9.8% of students identify as Black/African American, 2.8% as Asian, 2.1% as two or more races, 0.4% as American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 0.04% as Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. Roughly 55% of students are White, 6.8% of the students did not report their race/ethnicity, and 1.4% are nonresident aliens.

### Degree Seeking Enrollment by School

As illustrated below, Arts & Sciences makes up 46.6% of **undergraduate** enrollments, followed by Nursing, Education, Business and Social Work. At the **graduate** level, Education programs account for the largest percentage of enrollments, and increased three points from last fall. Social Work enrolls another 29.4% of graduate students, while the remaining 25.6% are in Nursing, Arts & Sciences, and Business.



*\*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.*