# Institutional Research \& Planning Report Fall 2022 Enrollment 

## Overall Enrollment

A total of 5,787 students enrolled at Rhode Island College (RIC) for the Fall 2022 semester. This number represents a decrease of $8.6 \%$ compared to last fall's headcount of 6,334 students and a $34 \%$ decline over ten years. Total FTE dropped $8.7 \%$ from 5,266 in fall 2021 to 4,809 this fall.

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| Undergraduate |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Headcount | 7,505 | 7,518 | 7,446 | 7,398 | 7,080 | 6,688 | 6,440 | 5,998 | 5,255 | 4,719 | $-10.2 \%$ | $-37.1 \%$ |
| FTE | 6,265 | 6,275 | 6,231 | 6,249 | 6,024 | 5,664 | 5,523 | 5,160 | 4,506 | 4,046 | $-10.2 \%$ | $-35.4 \%$ |
| Graduate |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Headcount | 1,195 | 1,123 | 1,066 | 1,048 | 1,094 | 1,083 | 1,091 | 1,074 | 1,079 | 1,068 | $-1.0 \%$ | $-10.6 \%$ |
| FTE | 758 | 739 | 704 | 688 | 721 | 765 | 755 | 708 | 760 | 763 | $0.4 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Headcount | 8,700 | 8,641 | 8,512 | 8,446 | 8,174 | 7,771 | 7,531 | 7,072 | 6,334 | 5,787 | $-8.6 \%$ | $-33.5 \%$ |
| FTE | 7,023 | 7,014 | 6,935 | 6,937 | 6,745 | 6,429 | 6,278 | 5,869 | 5,266 | 4,809 | $-8.7 \%$ | $-31.5 \%$ |

## Undergraduate Enrollment

Undergraduate headcount is down 10.2\% from last year and 37.1\% since 2013. The number of students enrolled in degree programs $(4,585)$ decreased by $10 \%$ between 2021 and 2022, while non-degree enrollment decreased slightly, going from 146 to 134 . Undergraduate FTE decreased by $10 \%$ for degree-seeking students while non-degree-seeking students showed a $20 \%$ decrease.

## Graduate Enrollment

At 1,068 , total graduate headcount decreased slightly but is down by $11 \%$ compared to ten years ago. Compared to last year, there are 7 fewer degree-seeking students, while non-degree-seeking students decreased by four. Graduate FTE increased by $0.4 \%$.

## Enrollment by Degree and FT/PT Status

Degree-seeking undergraduate students make-up 79\% of the total student population with an additional $2 \%$ that are non-degree-seeking. Graduate students make up $18 \%$ of the student body, with students in degree programs accounting for $13 \%$.

Full-time undergraduate degree-seeking candidates are enrolled in an average of 14 credits this fall. Full-time graduate degree-seeking students are enrolled in an average of 11 credits, and part-time graduate degree-seeking students take an average of 5 credits.


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## Demographic Characteristics

87\% of the RIC student body are Rhode Island residents; 70\% are undergraduate and the remaining $17 \%$ are graduate students. Over two-thirds (69\%) of undergraduates and 77\% of graduate students identified as female. In addition, 39 students did not identify themselves using traditional gender categories including 15 undergraduate and 24 graduate students. $78 \%$ of undergraduates are 24 or younger, while of $81 \%$ of graduate students are over 25 years old.



Based on students who submitted a FAFSA, first-generation students account for $45 \%$ of undergraduates this fall. Pell-eligible students comprise $41 \%$ of undergraduates.

This fall, $40 \%$ of RIC's student body identifies as a student of color (43.1\% of undergraduates and $26.7 \%$ of graduate students). Among students of color, Hispanic/Latino is the largest group at RIC, representing $24.2 \%$ of the total student body ( $26 \%$ of undergraduates). $10.3 \%$ of students of color identify as Black/African American, $3.3 \%$ as Asian, $1.8 \%$ as Two or More Races, $0.6 \%$ as American Indian/Alaskan Native, and $0.1 \%$ as Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. Roughly $53 \%$ of students are White, $6.8 \%$ of the students did not report their race/ethnicity, and $0.1 \%$ are US non-residents.

## Degree-Seeking Enrollment by School and Level

As illustrated below, nearly half (48\%) of undergraduate degree-seekers are enrolled in Arts \& Sciences followed by Nursing, Business, Education, Social Work and Continuing Education. At the graduate level, Education programs account for the largest percentage of enrollments in degree-seeking programs. Social Work enrolls $29 \%$ of graduate students, while the remaining are in Nursing, Arts \& Sciences, and Business. In Fall 2022, the percentage of graduate students in Education decreased by $5 \%$ while the other areas experienced small decreases or remained the same.



[^0]:    *Certificate-seeking students are included with Non-Degree.

