

Institutional Research & Planning Report Fall 2023 Enrollment

Overall Enrollment

A total of 5,768 students enrolled at Rhode Island College (RIC) for the Fall 2023 semester. This number represents a decrease of 0.3% compared to last fall's headcount of 5,787 students and a 33% decline over ten years. Total FTE increased 3% from 4,809 in fall 2022 to 4,966 this fall.

FALL	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	1 Year % change	10 Year % change
Undergraduate												
Headcount	7,518	7,446	7,398	7,080	6,688	6,440	5,998	5,255	4,719	4,786	1%	-36%
FTE	6,275	6,231	6,249	6,024	5,664	5,523	5,160	4,506	4,046	4,248	5%	-32%
Graduate												
Headcount	1,123	1,066	1,048	1,094	1,083	1,091	1,074	1,079	1,068	982	-8%	-13%
FTE	739	704	688	721	765	755	708	760	763	718	-6%	-3%
Total												
Headcount	8,641	8,512	8,446	8,174	7,771	7,531	7,072	6,334	5,787	5,768	-0.3%	-33%
FTE	7,014	6,935	6,937	6,745	6,429	6,278	5,869	5,266	4,809	4,966	3%	-29%

Undergraduate Enrollment

Undergraduate headcount is up 1% from last year and down 36% since 2014. The number of students enrolled in degree programs (4,623) was also up by 1% between 2022 and 2023, while non-degree enrollment increased by 22%, 134 to 183. Undergraduate FTE increased by 4% for degree-seeking students while non-degree-seeking students showed a 63% increase.

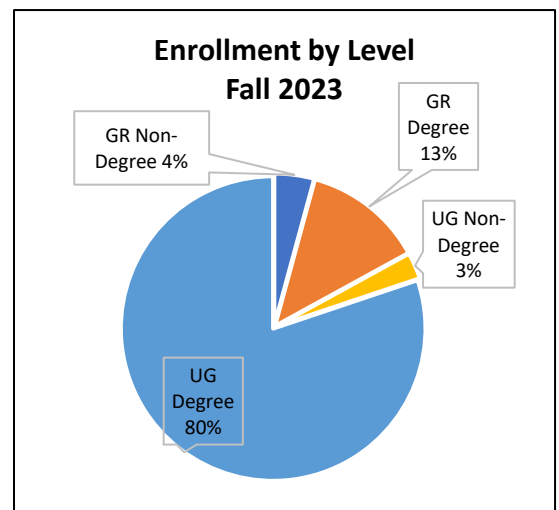
Graduate Enrollment

At 982, total graduate headcount decreased by 8% and has decreased by 13% compared to ten years ago. Compared to last year, there are 34 fewer degree-seeking graduate students, while non-degree-seeking students decreased by 52. Graduate FTE decreased by 6%.

Enrollment by Degree and FT/PT Status

Degree-seeking undergraduate students make-up 80% of the total and there are 3% that are undergraduate non-degree-seeking. Graduate students make up the remaining 17% of the student body, with students in degree programs accounting for 13%.

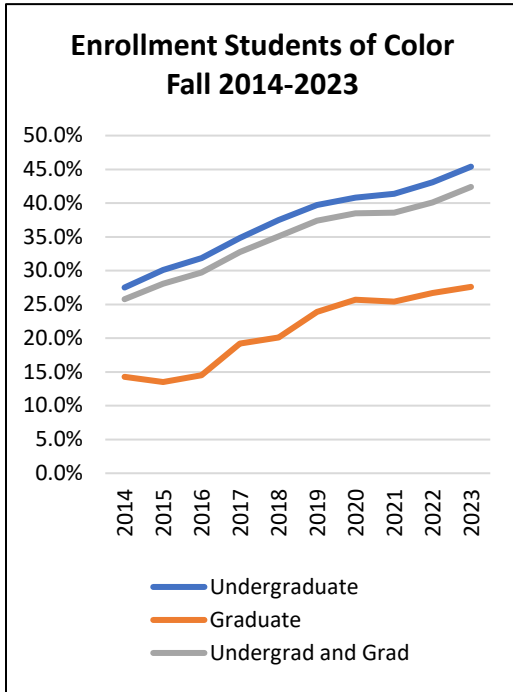
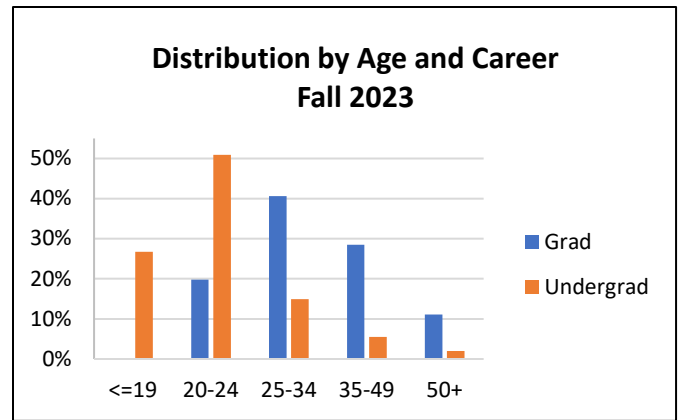
Full-time undergraduate degree-seeking candidates are enrolled in an average of 15 credits this fall, an increase from 14. Full-time graduate degree-seeking students are enrolled in an average of 11 credits.



*Certificate-seeking students are included with Non-Degree.

Demographic Characteristics

87% of the RIC student body are Rhode Island residents; (72% undergraduate plus; 15% graduate). Over two-thirds (69%) of undergraduates and 80% of graduate students identify as female. 29% report as male while, 1% do not identify as either or did not report. 78% of undergraduates are 24 or younger, while of 76% of graduate students are over 25 years old.



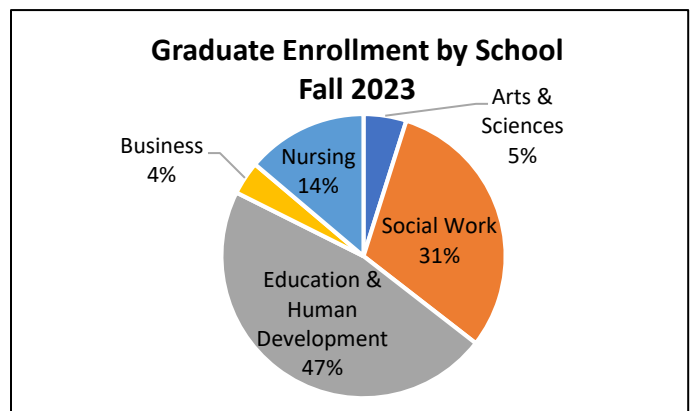
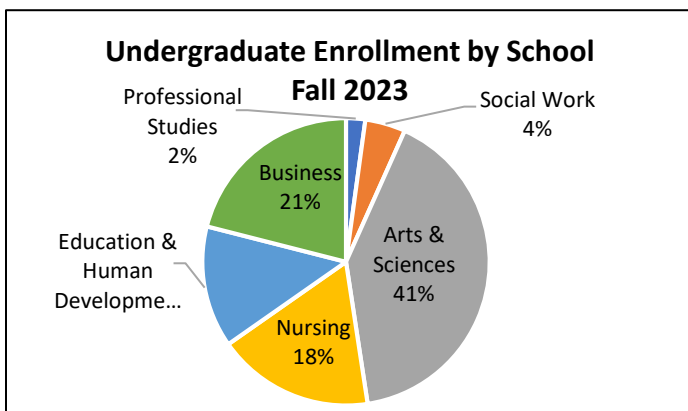
Based on students who submitted a FAFSA, first-generation students account for 35% of undergraduates this fall. Pell-eligible students comprise 43% of undergraduates.

*Information on parental educational attainment is derived from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Roughly 80% of RIC undergraduates complete a FAFSA.

This fall 42% of RIC's student body identifies as a student of color (45% of undergraduates and 27% of graduate students). Among students of color, Hispanic/Latinx is the largest group at RIC, representing 25.5% of the total student body and 27% of undergraduates); 10.9% 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 50% of students are White, 7.3% of the students did not report their race/ethnicity, and 0.2% are US non-residents.

Degree-Seeking Enrollment by School and Level

As illustrated below, the largest number (41%) of undergraduate degree-seekers are enrolled in Arts & Sciences followed by Business, Nursing, Education & Human Development, Social Work and Professional Studies. Due to the relocation of CIS programs in the School of Business, that school experienced a 5% increase while Arts & Sciences decreased by 5%. Other undergraduate schools did not experience any significant changes. At the graduate level, Education accounts for the largest percentage (47%) of enrollment in degree-seeking programs. Social Work enrolls 31% of graduate students, while the remaining are in Nursing, Arts & Sciences, and Business. In Fall 2023, the percentage of degree-seeking graduate students in Nursing, and Social Work increased slightly while the other schools decreased slightly or remained consistent.



*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.