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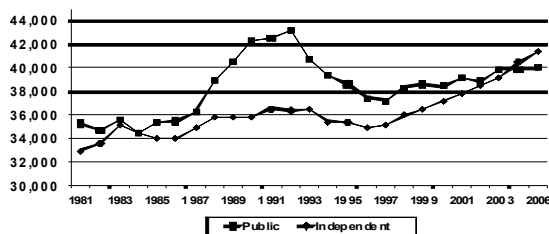
**RHODE ISLAND HIGHER EDUCATION
2008 FALL ENROLLMENT HIGHLIGHTS***

- In fall 2008, the total headcount enrollment in Rhode Island institutions of higher education was 88,671 students, up from the 81,382 students reported in fall 2006. Enrollment increased 6.5 percent in the public sector, and enrollment in the independent sector increased 11 percent.
- The 42,601 students enrolled in the public institutions of higher education (Community College of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and University of Rhode Island) accounted for 48 percent of total

The two remaining institutions experienced a decrease in enrollment: New England Institute of Technology (-2.5 percent), Providence College (-6.1 percent).

- Undergraduate enrollment totaled 77,529 up 9.9 percent from 2006; with increases in both the public sector and the independent sector. Graduate/first-professional enrollment was 11,142, up 2.5 percent over 2006 total.
- Full-time enrollment totaled 63,251 students, or 71.3 percent of higher education enrollment. In fall 2008, the number of full-time students at public institutions was 25,556, while the total at the independent institutions was 37,695. Overall, full-time enrollment increased by 7.3 percent.
- A total of 25,511 students, or 28.7 percent of total enrollment, attended institutions of higher education part-time in fall 2008. This number reflected a 13 percent increase over 2006. Part-time enrollment in the public sector totaled 17,075 students (-1.3 percent) and in the independent sector to 8,436(+33 percent).
- In fall 2008, women made up 56.0 percent of total enrollment (61.4 percent in the public sector and 50.6 percent in the independent sector). Part-time students are more likely to be women; 60.5 percent of all part-time enrollees are women (66 percent in the public sector and 51.7 percent in the independent sector).

Chart 1.
Rhode Island Higher Education
Fall Headcount Enrollment, 1981-2008



enrollment: 38.0 percent of the full-time enrollment and 76.0 percent of the part-time enrollment in the state. These proportions were similar to those observed in recent years.

- In the public sector, enrollment increased at the Community College of Rhode Island (4.7 percent), Rhode Island College (+0.4 percent) and at the University of Rhode Island (+1.6 percent).
- In the independent sector, seven of the nine institutions saw increasing enrollment: Brown University (+2.6 percent), Bryant University (+1.7 percent), Gibbs College (+37 percent), Johnson & Wales University (+.5 percent), Rhode Island School of Design (+3.6 percent) Roger Williams University (+.4 percent), and Salve Regina University (+8.6 percent).

* Enrollment refers to total headcount.

Table 1. Rhode Island Higher Education 2007 Enrollment by Attendance Status

Level	Public			Independent			Total		
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
Full Time	10,171	14,285	24,456	17,595	18,199	35,794	27,766	32,484	60,250
Part Time	5,798	11,277	17,075	2,295	2,457	4,752	8,093	13,734	21,827
Total	15,969	25,562	41,531	19,890	20,656	40,546	35,859	46,218	82,077

Chart 2. Full-Time and Part-Time Enrollment by Institution, 1970-2007

Chart 3. Total Enrollment by Gender by Institution, Fall 2008

Institution	1970	1980	2007	1990	1995	1996	1998	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2006	2008
CCRI	3,581	11,844	16,623	15,889	15,236	15,366	15,583	16,223	15,929	16,223	16,293	16,042	17,612	
RIC	6,565	8,663	9,696	9,666	8,990	8,683	8,513	8,662	8,758	8,923	8,878	8,871	9,085	
URI	14,331	14,543	16,055	13,698	13,261	14,319	14,362	14,264	14,180	14,791	14,749	15,095	15,904	
Public Subtotal	34,477	35,050	42,378	38,683	37,487	38,368	38,458	39,149	38,867	39,937	39,920	40,008	42,601	
Brown	5,759	6,841	7,577	7,641	7,626	7,782	7,723	7,774	7,892	7,882	8,004	8,261	8,689	
Bryant	3,623	5,875	5,219	3,548	3,333	3,365	3,373	3,494	3,390	3,459	3,518	3,642	3,924	
Gibbs											550	546	987	
Johnson and Wales	923	4,565	7,592	8,015	7,972	8,381	9,172	9,261	9,624	9,868	9,982	10,171	11,687	
New Eng. Inst. Tech		854	2,041	2,426	2,445	2,537	2,712	2,631	2,750	2,844	2,979	3,066	4,023	
Providence College	3,198	5,980	5,352	5,557	5,622	5,534	5,336	5,330	5,226	5,218	5,331	5,457	6,194	
RISD	1,161	1,596	1,910	1,999	2,007	2,082	2,086	2,119	2,204	2,294	2,282	2,258	2,621	
Roger Williams	3,498	3,841	3,823	3,647	3,364	3,322	3,750	4,0193	4,329	4,320	4,440	4,605	4,921	
Salve Regina	1,220	1,792	2,411	2,140	2,066	2,217	2,251	2,271	2,280	2,357	2,485	2,504	3,024	
Independent Subtotal	19,382	31,343	35,925	35,447	34,945	36,027	37,175	37,859	38,550	39,148	40,475	41,374	46,070	
Grand Total	43,509	66,393	78,293	74,100	72,432	74,395	75,633	77,008	77,417	79,085	80,395	81,382	88,671	