



VERMONT HIGHER EDUCATION ENROLLMENT

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Introduction

Higher Education in Vermont

With 22 institutions of higher learning, Vermont has one of the highest per capita number of higher education institutions in the country. In the Fall of 2018 those institutions included: four state colleges (reflecting the merger of Johnson State and Lyndon State Colleges into Northern Vermont University); 17 Vermont-chartered independent colleges¹; and The University of Vermont. These schools enrolled over 41,000 students.

The Fall 2018 enrollment report captures real-time data from 20 of the 22 Vermont-Chartered campuses² collected in November of 2018. This summary provides readers with a high-level overview of student data at a statewide level, with some comparisons between groups of institutions. Background data used to compile this report can be requested by contacting us at info@vermonthec.org. Enrollment reports from previous years are also available on VHEC's website: www.vermonthec.org.

Note on Terms: Data in this report are categorized in two ways: "headcount" refers to a count that includes students attending college in Vermont in any capacity (part-time or full-time) and data that are drawn from this population. "Full-time" refers to undergraduate students who are enrolled for 12 or more semester credits, or 12 or more quarter credits, or 24 or more contact hours a week each term; or graduate students who are enrolled for 9 or more semester credits, or 9 or more quarter credits, or a student involved in thesis or dissertation preparation that is considered full-time by the institution.



Serving 41,000+ Students

¹ In addition to the 22 Vermont-Chartered Institutions of Higher Education there are a number of institutions operating satellite campuses in Vermont whose primary campus is located in another State. Those institutions are not included in this dataset.

² The following independent institutions did not submit data for this report: New England Culinary Institute; Vermont Law School.

Student Residency

Vermont's higher education institutions served over 41,000 students in the Fall of 2018, including over 36,000 undergraduate and over 5,300 graduate students³. Approximately 39% of those students were **Vermont residents**, and the remainder came to us from other states and countries (Figure 1). Among undergraduate students, 40% are Vermont residents; among graduate students, 36% are Vermont residents.

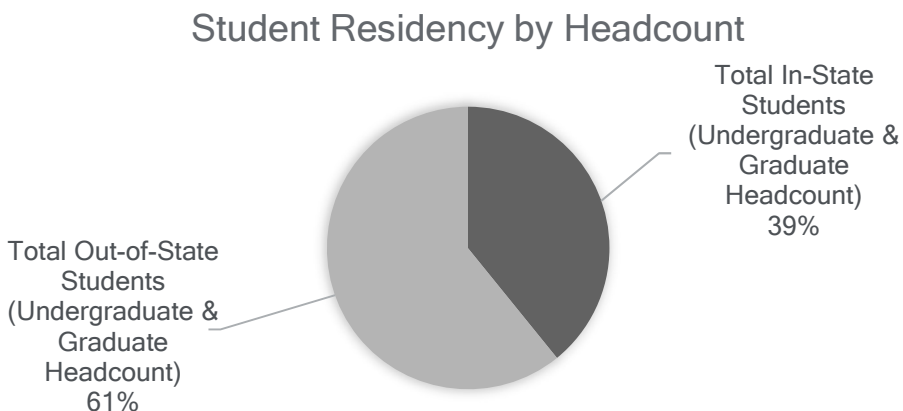


Figure 1: In-state vs. out-of-state students total (headcount)

While the Vermont State Colleges had the largest percent of in-state students (83% or 9,506 students), 4,012 of The University of Vermont's students (31% of its total enrollment) and 2,736 of Independent colleges were also in-state students (16% of its total enrollment – see Figure 2). These data are similar to data collected in 2017.

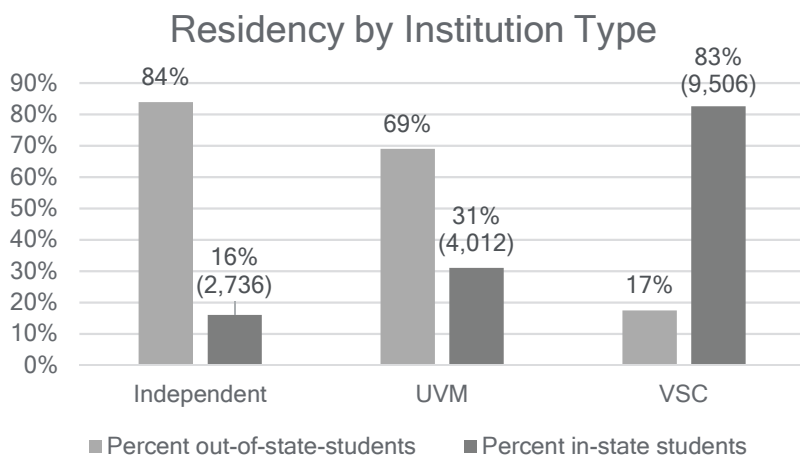


Figure 2: In-state vs out-of-state students, percentage by institution type (headcount)

³ The headcount for the Vermont State Colleges accounts for students who take classes at more than one State institution; these students are only counted once. Visit www.vsc.edu for more detailed State College data.

Enrollment Status

The majority of students attending our institutions attended **full-time** (74%), but about 26% of our students (approximately 10,800) were **part-time** graduate or undergraduate students, including those who are seeking certificates (Figure 3). This part-time population is slightly higher than the part-time population in Fall 2014 (23.2%) and Fall 2017 (24%).

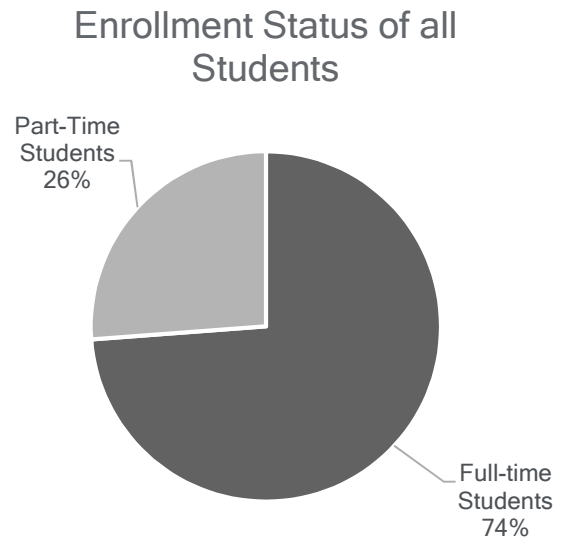


Figure 3: Enrollment status of all students (headcount)

Part-time students are more common at our State schools, with 56% (or 6,410 students) attending part-time. This is likely due to the number of Vermont residents who attend these institutions and particularly the number of part-time students enrolled at the Community College of Vermont (CCV). In comparison, 2,993 students at independent colleges attend part-time (18% of total students) and 1,454 UVM students attend part-time (11% of total students - see Figure 4).

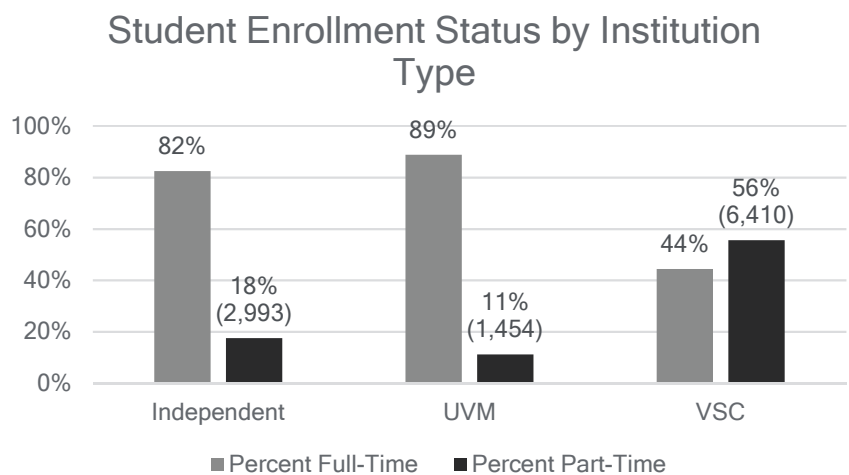


Figure 4: Enrollment status by institution type (headcount)

Distance Education

Over 7,700 (19%) of our students are enrolled exclusively in distance education programs or courses and another 6% (2,700+) of our students are taking some form of online or distance education course (Figure 5).

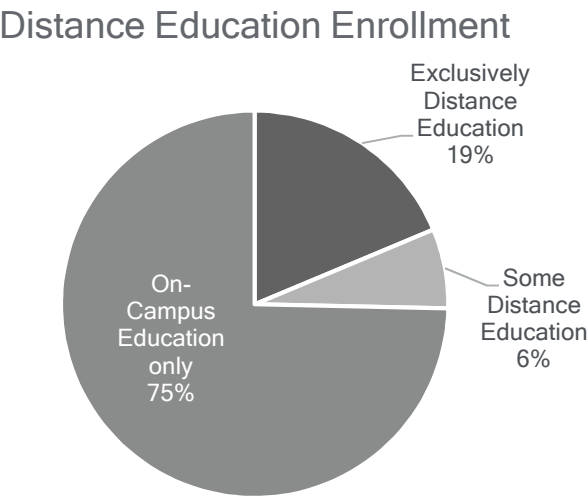


Figure 5: Total enrollment in distance education by headcount

These rates represent a continued increase in enrollment in distance education since 2014. In particular, the proportion of students enrolled exclusively in online programs has risen by seven percent in the last 5 years (Figure 6).

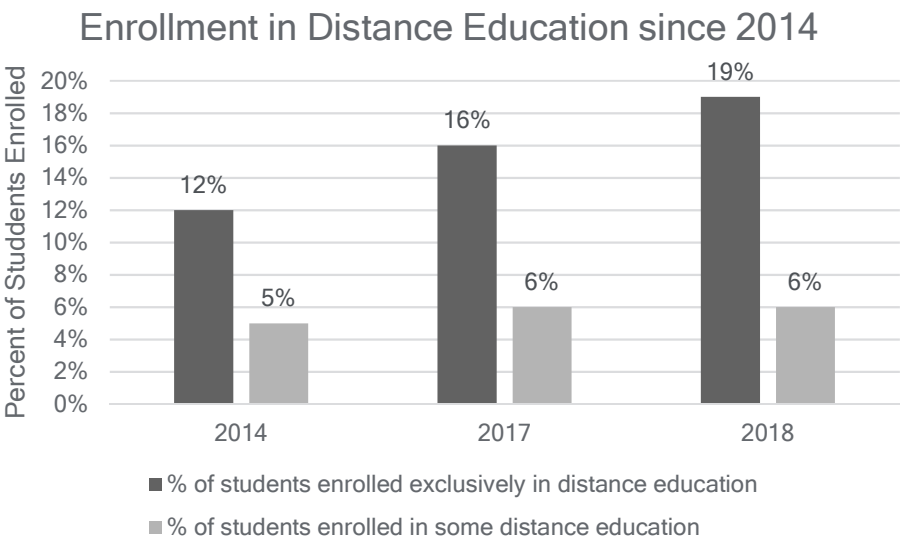


Figure 6: Percentage of students enrolled in all or some distance education in 2014, 2017, & 2018

Demographics

Sex⁴

The full-time student population in Vermont is slightly higher in female (52%) than male students (48%) (Figure 7). While the sex breakdown among full-time students remains almost equal at our state colleges (within one percentage point), The University of Vermont's student population was higher in female (59%) than male students (41%) and the student population at independent colleges was higher in male (53%) than female students (47%) (Figure 8). These data are similar to 2017 counts.

UVM's data mirrors national trends in which female students continue to outnumber male in higher education. Most independent schools mirror this trend as well, but the overall percentage is impacted by the higher percentage of male students enrolled at Norwich University, a private military college with an enrollment that is 70% male.

Sex of Full-Time Students

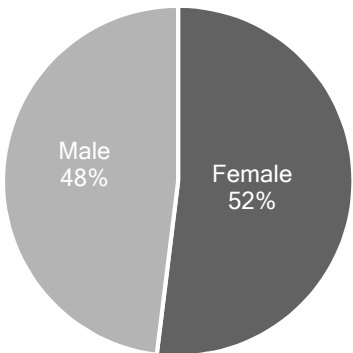


Figure 7: Sex breakdown of full-time students

Sex of Full-Time Students by Institution Type

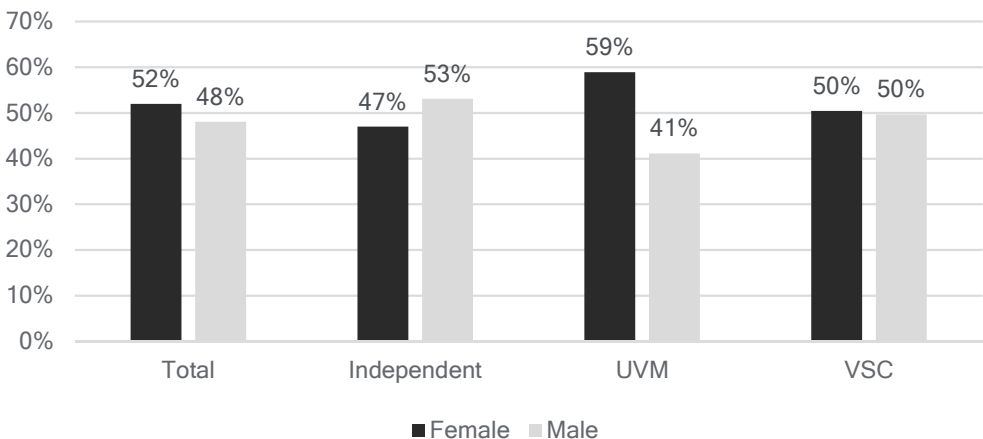


Figure 5: Sex breakdown of full-time students by institution type

⁴ Data collected for this report mirror data for collected for the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). At this time, IPEDS does not track additional categories for gender reporting so we refer to male and female as sexual categories rather than gender identity categories.

Race/Ethnicity

The majority of full-time students at Vermont institutions in 2018 were white (74%) (Figure 9). The next two largest categories were international students (non-resident alien = 5%) and Hispanic/Latino (6%). Racial/ethnic background information was unknown or unreported for 5% of students. These categories have remained consistent since 2017.

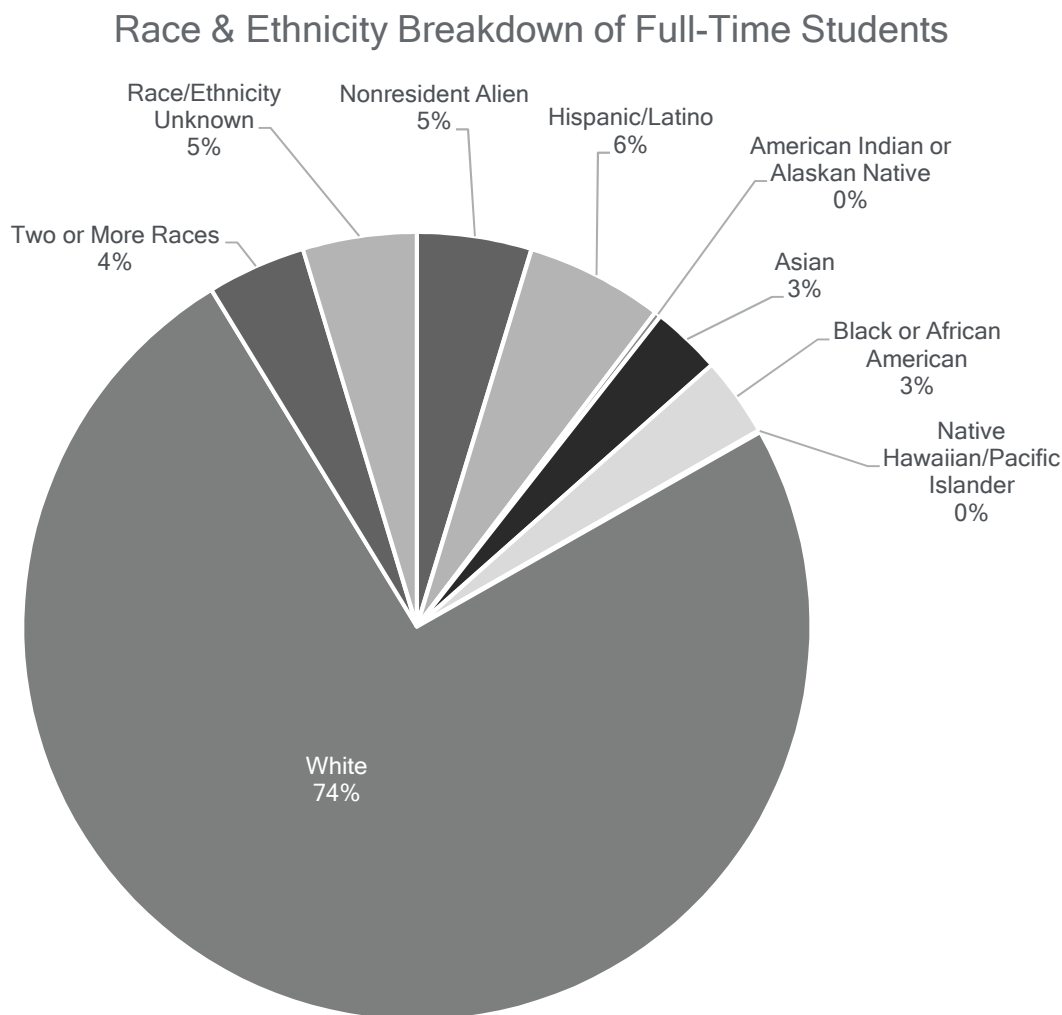


Figure 6: Breakdown of full-time students by race and ethnicity

While white students continue to be the majority of higher education students in Vermont, campuses are home to a more diverse community than the state of Vermont overall, where the population is approximately 94% white (US Census).



Vermont-Chartered Higher Education Institutions

Bennington College
Castleton University
The Center for Cartoon Studies
Champlain College
College of Saint Joseph
Community College of Vermont
Goddard College
Green Mountain College
Landmark College
Marlboro College
Middlebury College
New England Culinary Institute*
Northern Vermont University
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**Data were not provided from these institutions.*

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