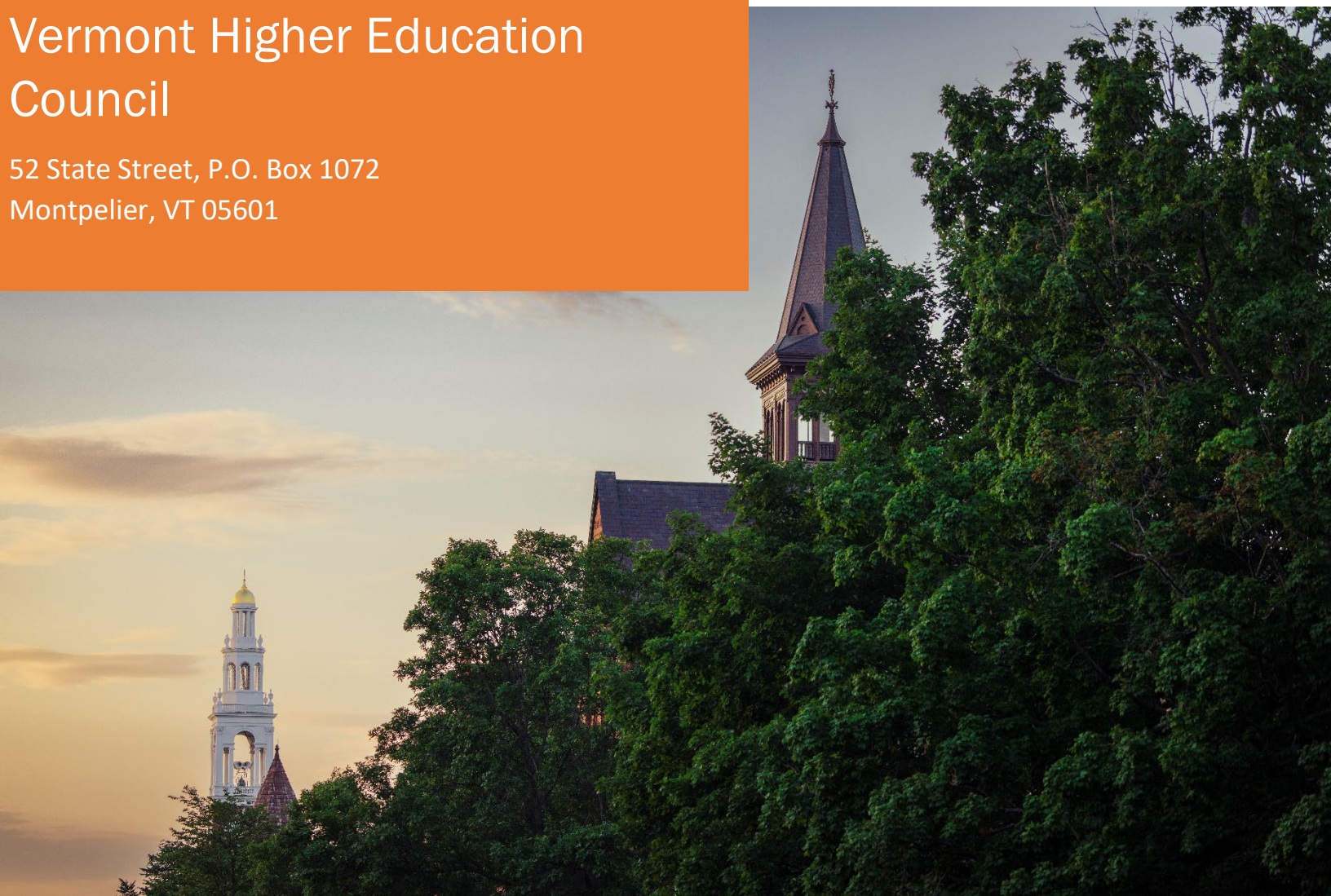




VERMONT HIGHER EDUCATION ENROLLMENT Fall 2022

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Introduction

Higher Education in Vermont

In the Fall of 2022, Vermont was home to 17 institutions of higher education, including: four state colleges; 12 Vermont-chartered independent colleges¹; and the University of Vermont. In total, these schools enrolled 38,438 students during the Fall 2022 semester. This is an increase in enrollment of 1.6 percent from the previous survey year (i.e., 37,845 students in the Fall 2020 semester).

The Fall 2022 enrollment report captures preliminary real-time data from 14 of the 17 Vermont-chartered campuses collected in May of 2023.² 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 are available 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: We report fall enrollment data in two ways. "Headcount" enrollment refers to a count of students attending college in Vermont, regardless of enrollment intensity (part-time or full-time), and the data that come from this population. "Full-time" enrollment refers to undergraduate students who 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 enrolled for 9 or more semester credits, or 9 or more quarter credits, or a student involved in thesis or dissertation preparation and considered full-time by the institution.

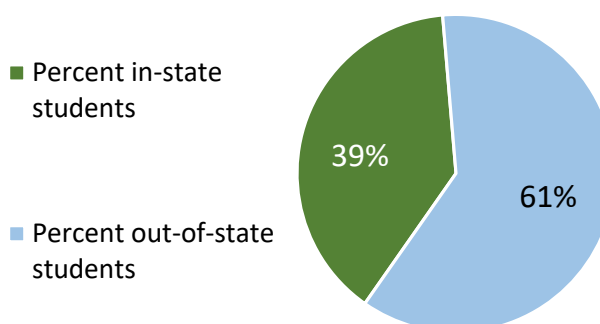
¹ In addition to the 17 Vermont-chartered institutions of higher education there are institutions operating satellite campuses in Vermont whose primary campus is in another state. Those institutions are not included in this dataset.

² The following independent institutions did not contribute data for this report: Goddard College, SIT Graduate Institute, and Vermont Law School.

Student Residency

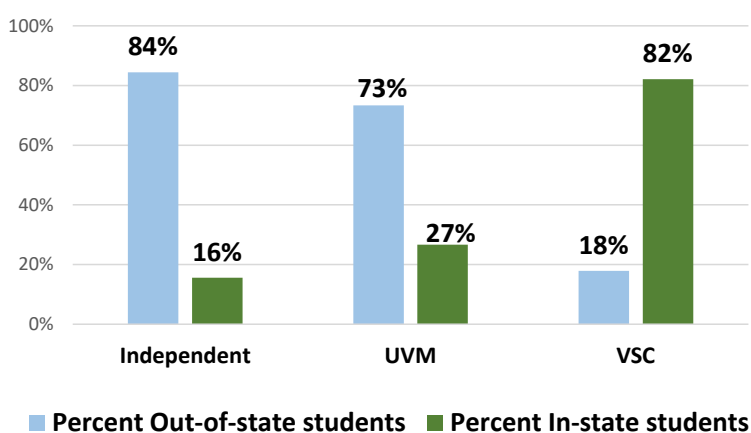
Vermont's higher education institutions served over 38,400 students in the Fall of 2022, including over 33,500 undergraduate and 4,900 graduate students³. Approximately 39% of those students were Vermont residents, and the rest came to us from other states and countries (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Student residency in Vermont Higher Education Institutions, Fall 2022 headcount



The Vermont State Colleges (VSC) had the largest percentage of in-state students make up its enrollment (82% or 9,150 students), while 3,758 of the University of Vermont's students (27% of its total enrollment) and 2,056 of independent colleges' students were Vermont residents (16% of its total enrollment – see Figure 2).

Figure 2. In-State vs Out-of-State Students by Institution Type, Fall 2022 headcount

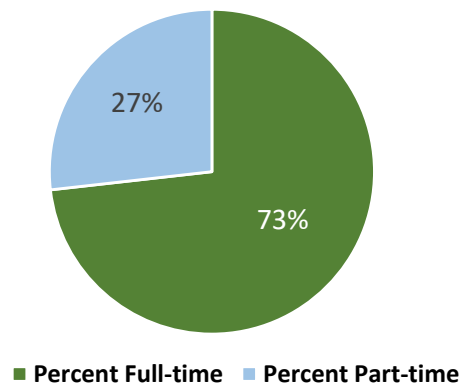


³ The headcount for the Vermont State Colleges accounts for students who take classes at more than one State institution; for the purposes of this report these students are only counted once. Visit www.vsc.edu for more detailed State College data.

Enrollment Status

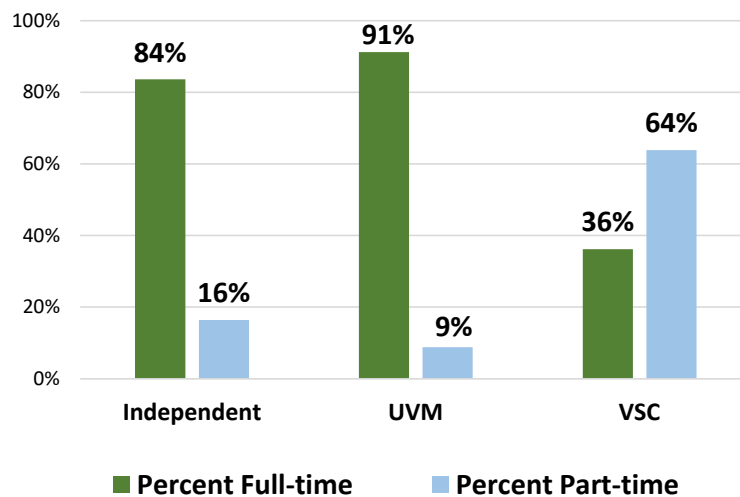
Most students attending Vermont institutions attended full-time (73%), while about 27% of students (approximately 10,500) were part-time graduate or undergraduate students, including those who are seeking certificates (Figure 3). The part-time population was unchanged from the fall of 2020 (27%).

Figure 3. Enrollment Intensity Status, Fall 2022 headcount



The VSC enrolls the highest percentage of part-time students (64%) compared to either UVM or independent colleges; a relatively higher number of Vermont residents enrolled at the Community College of Vermont are part-time students (86%). The percentage of part-time students enrolled at the VSC increased 7 percentage points in two years (57% in the Fall of 2020). By contrast 2,167 students at independent colleges attended part-time (16% of total students) and 1,243 UVM students attended part-time (9% of total students). These percentages were slightly lower than in 2020.

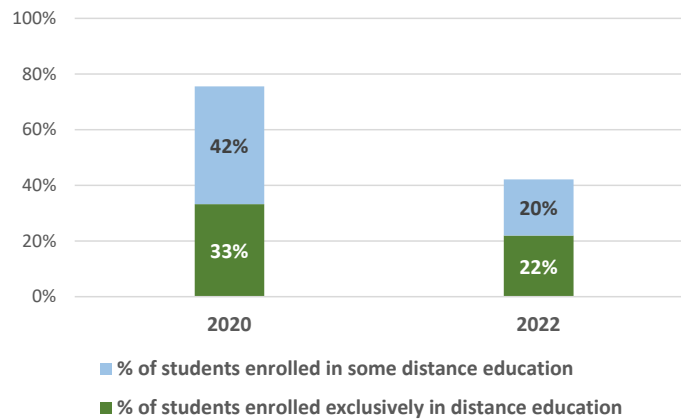
Figure 4: Enrollment Intensity by Institution Type, Fall 2022 headcount



Distance Education

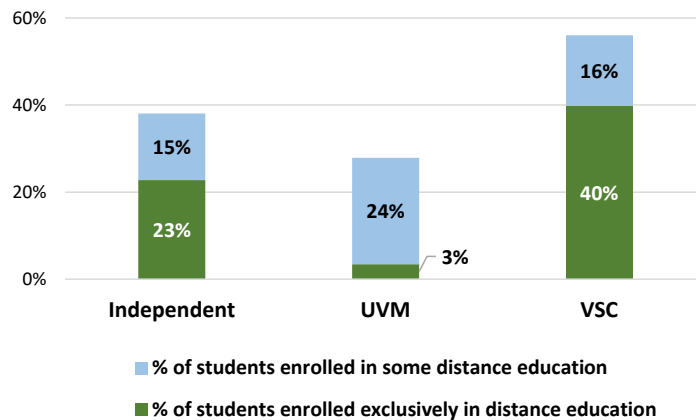
Due to COVID-19 there was a large percentage of students enrolled in distance education in the fall of 2020 (Figure 5). By the fall of 2022, students enrolled exclusively in distance education decreased by 11 percentage points from 2020 (from 33% to 22%), while students with some distance education decreased by 22 percentage points (from 42% to 20%). Students enrolled in on-campus education exclusively increased by 34 percentage points since Fall of 2020 (from 24% to 58%).

Figure 5: Total enrollment in distance education, Fall 2020 and 2022 headcount



In the fall of 2022, the VSC had the highest share of its students enrolled in distance learning (56%, see Figure 6), followed by independent colleges (38%). UVM had the lowest share of students enrolled in distance learning (27%).

Figure 6. Enrollment in Distance-based Education by Institution Type, Fall 2022 headcount

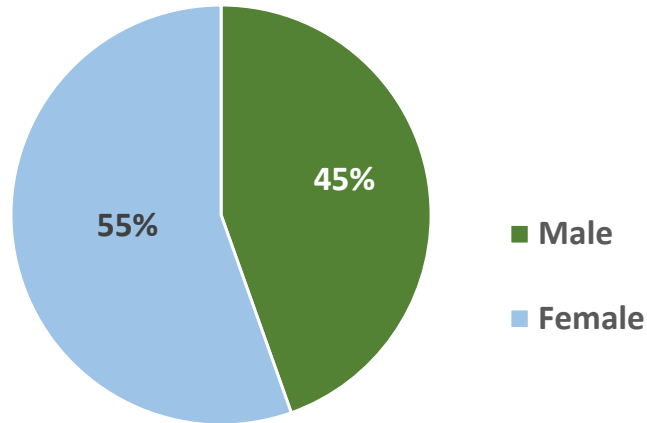


Demographics

Sex

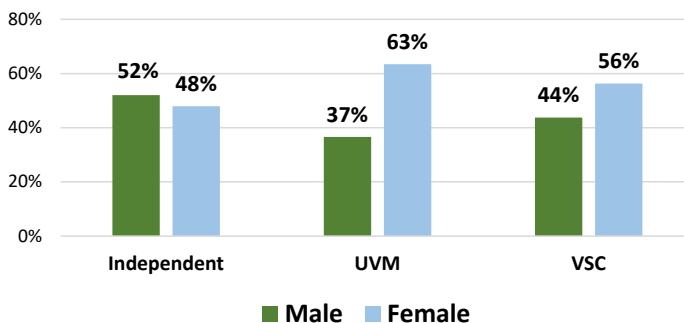
In Fall 2022, females (55%) made up over half of the full-time student population in Vermont (Figure 7), up 2 percentage points since 2020.⁴

Figure 7: Sex breakdown of full-time students



Among those enrolled full-time, females outnumbered males at both the Vermont State Colleges (56%) and UVM (63%) (Figure 8). Of note is the fact that the student population at independent colleges was higher among male (52%) than female students (48%). However, the overall percentage is affected by the higher percentage of male students enrolled at Norwich University, a private military college with a full-time enrollment that is 69% male. Excluding Norwich University, the percentage of females enrolled at independent colleges is 53%.

Figure 8: Sex breakdown of full-time students by institution type



Among those enrolled at CCV, most (86%) enrolled part-time. Among those enrolled part-time at CCV, females (72%) outnumbered males (28%).

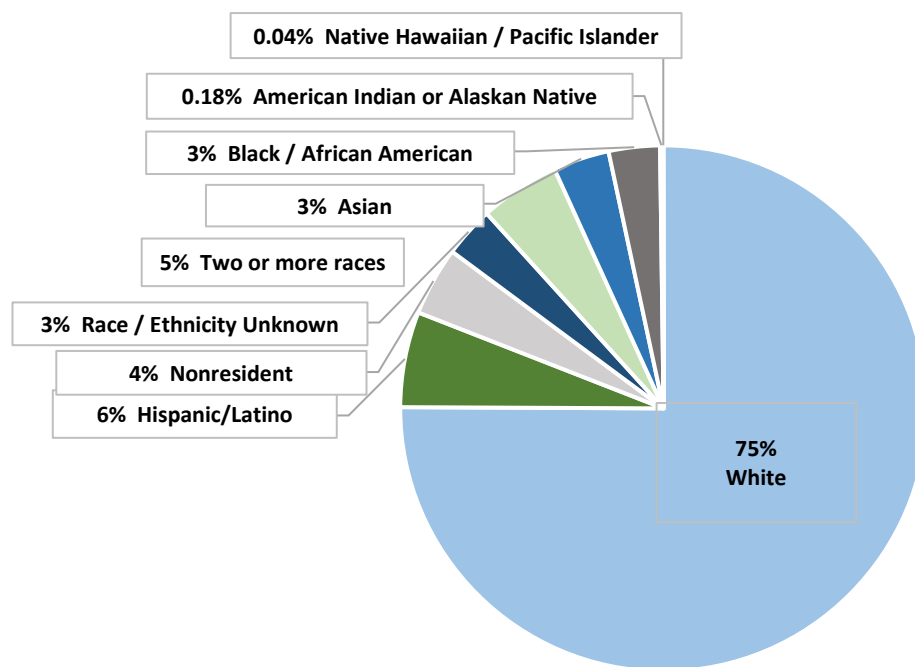
⁴ Data collected for this report mirror data for collected for the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). IPEDS does not track additional categories for gender reporting so we refer to male and female as sexual categories rather than gender identity categories.

Race/Ethnicity

Enrollment by race did not change from the fall of 2020 to 2022. Most full-time students at Vermont institutions in 2022 were white (75%). Hispanic/Latinx students made up 6% of the student body and students of two or more races were 5%. International (nonresident) students made up 4% of the student body, students whose racial/ethnic background information was unknown was 3%.

While white students continue to make up 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).

Figure 9. Racial / Ethnic Background of full-time students, Fall 2022 headcount





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Vermont-Chartered Higher Education Institutions
in Fall 2022

Bennington College
Castleton University
The Center for Cartoon Studies
Champlain College
Community College of Vermont
Goddard College*
Landmark College
Middlebury College
Northern Vermont University
Norwich University
Saint Michael's College
SIT Graduate Institute*
Sterling College
University of Vermont
Vermont College of Fine Arts
Vermont Law School*
Vermont Technical College

**Institutions did not supply data for the Fall 2022 Enrollment Survey.*

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