Rhode Island

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Rhode Island has 13 degree-granting higher education institutions, which represent 0.3% of all such institutions in the United States. These institutions enrolled a total of 82,292 students as of fall 2015 (71,972 of which are studying at the undergraduate level and 10,320 at the graduate level). The fall 2015 figure is a decrease of 1,660 students (or -2.0%) from the number enrolled in the fall of 2012.

Among the total student body, 10,539 (9,511 undergraduates and 1,028 graduate students) were taking at least one course at a distance. This is 12.8% of the enrolled student body, which is lower than the national average rate of 29.7%. The number of students taking distance education courses in the state increased by 447 (or 4.4%) between fall 2012 and fall 2015. This is lower than the national level of growth of 11.0%.

1,719 students in Rhode Island are taking all of their courses at a distance, made up of 1,165 undergraduates and 554 graduates. This represents 2.1% of all students enrolled in the state, a rate that is lower than the national average of 14.3%. A total of 881 (or 51.3% of these exclusively online students) live in Rhode Island, the remainder come from outside of the state. This rate is lower than the national in-state average of 55.1%.

The number of students that take any of their courses on campus, including those who take all of their courses on campus and those who take a mix of on-campus and distance courses, is 80,573, or 97.9% of the total student enrollment in Rhode Island. This number represents a decrease in proportion on campus from the four years prior (98.4% from 82,605 students in 2012). The -0.5% rate is a smaller change than the national 1.7% decrease.

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Distribution of Distance Student Enrollment

**Carnegie**
- Associate's College
- Baccalaureate College
- Doctoral University
- Master's College
- Specialized
- Unassigned

**Size**
- Under 1,000
- 1,000 - 4,999
- 5,000 - 9,999
- 10,000 - 19,999
- 20,000 and above

**Type**
- 2 to 4-year
- 4-year or more

Enrollment Trends

**Total Students**
- Undergraduate
- Graduate

**Any Distance**
- Undergraduate
- Graduate

**Percent Distance**
- 0%
- 25%
- 50%
- 75%
- 100%

Exclusively Distance Student Locations

**2015**
- Same State
- Different State
- Outside US

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### Overall Enrollment in Rhode Island

#### Top 10 Institutions by Total Numbers of Students - 2015

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#### Top 10 Institutions by Enrollment Growth 2012-2015

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