



# Chapter 3

## Campus Demographics and Employment

### Introduction

Boston College has become one of the nation's best and most selective universities, enrolling approximately 9,000 undergraduate students from all 50 states and 80 countries. While cognizant of its national and international reputation, Boston College prides itself on being “Boston’s college,” and on maintaining the mutually enriching and beneficial relationship with Boston, Newton, and the surrounding communities that has distinguished it for the past 145 years.

This chapter provides demographic data on Boston College’s students, faculty and staff, and projections for future employment opportunities. Additional information on student residence hall locations can be found in Chapter 6, *Student Housing Plan*, and specific information on employment and workforce programs is located in Chapter 12, *Economic Development*.

### Student Population

Each September, Boston College begins the school year with approximately 9,000 full-time undergraduates and a total enrollment of 14,500 students. By the end of the first semester, however, that number is reduced because of withdrawals and transfers for academic, medical or personal reasons.

As of January, 2008 (the most recent date for which figures are available) Boston College enrolled 8,909 undergraduates and a total of 14,141 students. Of the total number, 4,630 were enrolled in graduate or professional programs and 602 were enrolled in the Woods College of Advancing Studies. See Tables 3-1 and 3-2 for a breakdown of enrollment.

**Table 3-1 Undergraduate Enrollment by Program – Spring, 2008**

Program	Number of Students
College of Arts & Sciences	5,918
Carroll School of Management	1,944
Lynch School of Education	682
Connell School of Nursing	<u>365</u>
<b>Total Undergraduate Full-time Students</b>	<b>8,909</b>
Woods College of Advancing Studies (Evening College Students)	<u>602</u>
<b>Total Undergraduate Students</b>	<b>9,511</b>

**Table 3-2 Graduate and Professional Student Enrollment by Program – Spring, 2008**

Program	Number of Students
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences	1,030
Lynch School of Education	976
Boston College Law School	789
Carroll School of Management	925
Graduate School of Social Work	501
Woods College of Advancing Studies	141
Connell School of Nursing	<u>268</u>
<b>Total Graduate and Professional</b>	<b>4,630</b>

### Enrollment Trends

As shown in Table 3-3, total University enrollment has remained stable since 1993. Since 1987, undergraduate enrollment has also remained stable. Freshmen enrollment each year has averaged approximately 2,250 students with small variations of less than six percent up or down in any given year. Table 3-4 shows enrollment trends from 2003 to 2007.

**Table 3-3 Total Enrollment Trends 1993-2007**

Year	Enrollment	Year	Enrollment
1993	14,440	2001	14,307
1994	14,698	2002	14,297
1995	14,695	2003	14,379
1996	14,830	2004	14,528
1997	14,652	2005	14,570
1998	14,696	2006	14,381
1999	14,689	2007	14,395
2000	14,419		

Table 3-4 Student Enrollment Trends 2003-2007

	Undergraduate	Graduate	Woods College of Advancing Studies	University Total
<b>Fall 2003</b>				
Full-time	8,851	2,397	282	11,530
Part-time	-	<u>2,363</u>	<u>486</u>	<u>2,849</u>
Total	8,851	4,760	768	14,379
<b>Fall 2004</b>				
Full-time	9,059	2,414	285	11,758
Part-time	-	<u>2,341</u>	<u>429</u>	<u>2,770</u>
Total	9,059	4,755	714	14,528
<b>Fall 2005</b>				
Full-time	9,019	2,462	414	11,895
Part-time	-	<u>2,274</u>	<u>401</u>	<u>2,675</u>
Total	9,019	4,736	815	14,570
<b>Fall 2006</b>				
Full-time	9,019	2,383	313	11,715
Part-time	<u>1</u>	<u>2,249</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>2,666</u>
Total	9,020	4,632	729	14,381
<b>Fall 2007</b>				
Full-time	9,080	2,406	302	11,788
Part-time	<u>1</u>	<u>2,236</u>	<u>370</u>	<u>2,607</u>
Total	9,081	4,642	672	14,395
<b>Percent Change 2003-2007</b>	+2.6%	-2.4%	-12.5%	+0.1%

## Student Residence Locations

A total of 7,330 of Boston College’s approximately 9,000 full-time undergraduates live in 29 residence halls on the BC campus. In addition, an average of 350 students spend their junior year studying abroad, while a minimum of 50 students choose to commute from their homes in the Greater Boston area each year. As a result, approximately 1,270 BC undergraduates live in off-campus housing, with the majority of them living in the Allston-Brighton area.

As described throughout this Institutional Master Plan, the University is seeking to provide more on-campus housing for undergraduate students to improve student life and alleviate pressure on the local housing market.

Table 3-5 demonstrates the estimated breakdown of students living in University housing by class and location in Boston and Newton.

Table 3-5 Undergraduate On-Campus Housing by Class and Location

Location	Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	Freshmen	Total
In Newton	1,013	125	716	2,275	4,129
In Boston	<u>970</u>	<u>696</u>	<u>1,514</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>3,201</u>
<b>Total On-Campus</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>2,230</b>	<b>2,296</b>	<b>7,330</b>

## Employment

As shown in Table 3-6, Boston College has 2,958 full-time employees, of which 2,244 are staff and 714 are faculty. It also employs approximately 606 part-time faculty, including teaching assistants and fellows, and 232 part-time staff, for a total of 838 part-time employees (see Table 3-7).

Table 3-6 Full-time Faculty and Staff 2007-2008

	Staff	Faculty	Total
<b>Residing in Boston</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>547</b>
<i>Allston</i>	31	6	37
<i>Brighton</i>	141	39	180
<i>Other Boston neighborhoods</i>	283	47	330
<b>Residing outside Boston</b>	<u><b>1,789</b></u>	<u><b>622</b></u>	<u><b>2,411</b></u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,244</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>2,958</b>

Table 3-7 Part-time Faculty and Staff 2007-2008

	Staff	Faculty	Total
<b>Residing in Boston</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>104</b>
<i>Allston</i>	1	3	4
<i>Brighton</i>	14	18	32
<i>Other Boston neighborhoods</i>	24	44	68
<b>Residing outside Boston</b>	<u><b>193</b></u>	<u><b>541</b></u>	<u><b>734</b></u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>838</b>

### Future Student Enrollment and Employment Projections

As described later in this Institutional Master Plan, the University anticipates investing \$1 billion in construction and renovation on campus over the next 10 years. To service and maintain such new facilities, the University will need additional faculty and staff. Currently, the University estimates adding 100 faculty and up to 250 staff members over the next 10 years.

The University is not planning on increasing its undergraduate student enrollment, which has remained stable for 20 years. Graduate student enrollment growth, if any, would be moderate.