



## 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

**Table 3-1 Undergraduate and Enrollment by Program Setting, 2008**

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

**Table 3-2 Graduate and Professional Students Enrollment by Program Setting, 2008**

| Program                                | Number of Students |
|--|--------------------|
| Graduate School of Arts and Science    | 1,030              |
| Lynch School of Education              | 976                |
| Boston College Law School              | 789                |
| Carroll School of Management           | 925                |
| Graduate School of Social Work         | 501                |
| Wood College of Advancing Studies      | 141                |
| Connell School of Nursing              | 268                |
| <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 Trend 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     |      |            |





## Facilities and Enrollment 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.