

# UPEI BY THE NUMBERS 2025



UNIVERSITY  
of Prince Edward  
ISLAND



## ENROLMENT TABLE (AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2025)\*

ALL YEARS (ALL PROGRAMS)	2024— 2025	CHANGE FROM 2023— 2024	2025— 2026	CHANGE FROM 2024— 2025
Undergraduate students	5,038	-3.0%	<b>4,927</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>
Graduate students	631	+1.1%	<b>576</b>	<b>-8.7%</b>
International students (full-time visa students)	1,852	-7.2%	<b>1,589</b>	<b>-14.2%</b>
<b>Total full-time</b>	5,316	-2.7%	<b>5,195</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>
<b>Total part-time</b>	353	+0.6%	<b>308</b>	<b>-12.7%</b>
<b>Total head count</b>	5,669	-2.5%	<b>5,503</b>	<b>-2.9%</b>
<b>Total FTE**</b>	5,434	-2.7%	<b>5,298</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>

\* Source: AAU Survey of Preliminary Enrolments and UPEI Office of Institutional Research

\*\* FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) = # of full-time + # of part-time divided by 3

## REGIONAL CONTEXT

The Association of Atlantic Universities (AAU) reported in its 2025–2026 Survey of Preliminary Enrolments, published in October 2025, that overall enrolments in the region have declined by 4.4 per cent over the same time last year. The AAU also reported that enrolments of full-time international students across Atlantic universities declined by almost 28 per cent year-over-year due primarily to federal government policies affecting the recruitment of those students to the region.

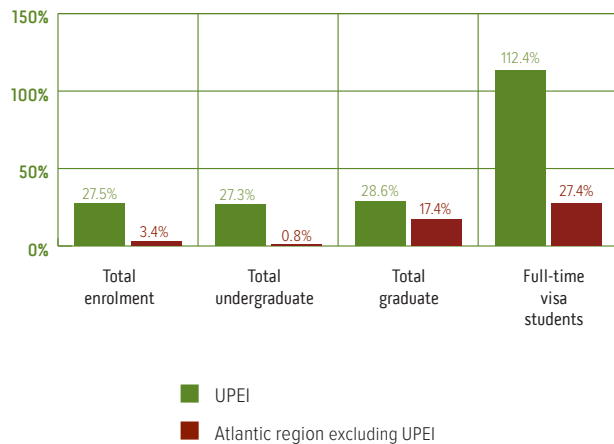
Like most universities in Atlantic Canada, UPEI is not immune to these trends: total enrolment declined by 2.9 per cent, and international enrolment by 14.1 per cent.

However, when compared to other universities in the region, UPEI has done reasonably well overall. Full-time enrolment declined by 2.3 per cent at UPEI, compared to a 5.3 per cent decrease in the total Atlantic region. Full-time international enrolment decreased by 14.2 per cent compared to a 27.7 per cent decrease in the total Atlantic region. And total domestic enrolment at UPEI rose by 2.7 per cent.

Like all post-secondary institutions in Canada, UPEI is concerned about declining enrolment. The University is developing a strategic enrolment management plan to achieve and maintain optimal enrolment, recruitment, retention, and graduate rates—a roadmap for student success and the long-term success and sustainability of the University.

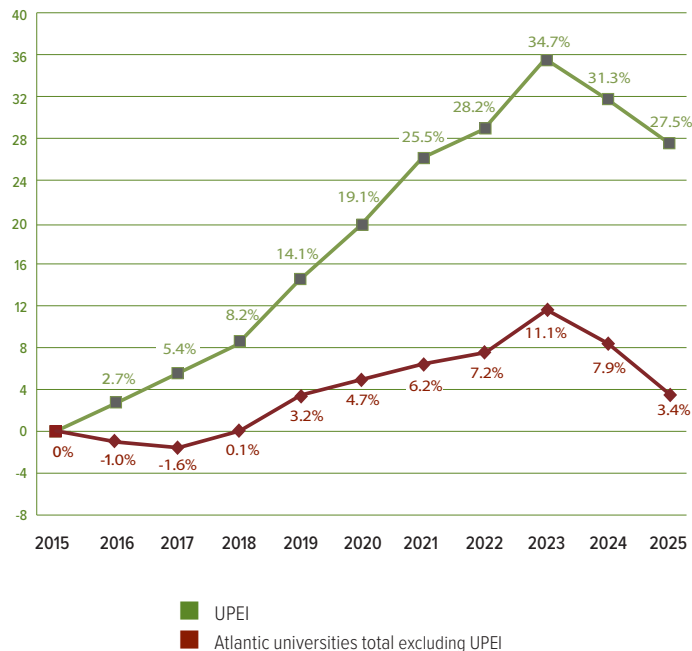
## AAU ENROLMENT SURVEY\*

### 10-YEAR CHANGES BY CATEGORY (FROM 2015 TO 2025)



## CHANGE IN TOTAL ENROLMENT\*

### RELATIVE TO THE LEVEL IN 2015



\* Source: AAU Survey of Preliminary Enrolments 2015 to 2025

<https://atlanticuniversities.ca/stats/statistics-surveys-of-preliminary-enrolments>

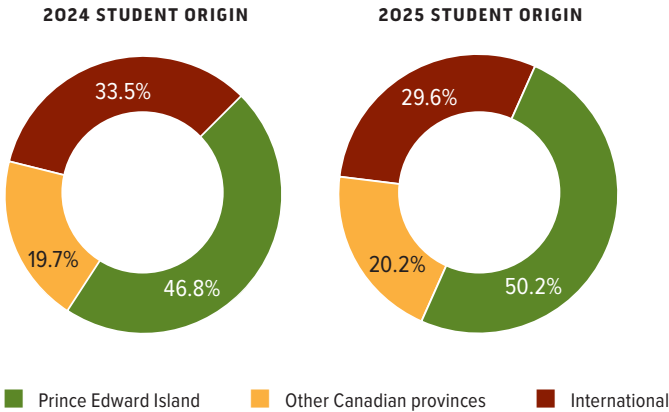
# UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATIONS AND MATRICULATIONS

FACULTIES OF ARTS, BUSINESS, SUSTAINABLE DESIGN ENGINEERING, AND SCIENCE ONLY	CHANGE FROM 2023 TO 2024		CHANGE FROM 2024 TO 2025	
	DOMESTIC	INTERNATIONAL	DOMESTIC	INTERNATIONAL
Applications	+2.2%	-28.9%	+2.7%	-65.5%
Registrants	+7.7%	-51.9%	+6.7%	-50.6%

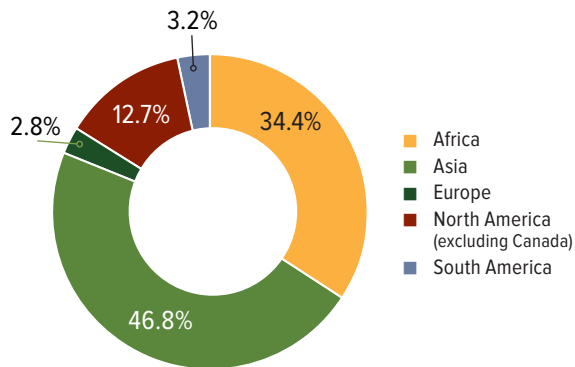
## STUDENT ORIGIN\* (AS OF OCTOBER 2024 AND 2025)

	2024				2025			
	PEI	OTHER CANADIAN PROVINCES	INT'L	TOTAL	PEI	OTHER CANADIAN PROVINCES	INT'L	TOTAL
Under-graduate	2,495	911	1,632	5,038	2,575	913	1,439	4,927
Graduate	160	206	265	631	186	199	191	576
TOTAL	2,655	1,117	1,897	5,669	2,761	1,112	1,630	5,503

\* Includes full- and part-time students



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIGIN BY COUNTRY/REGION/CONTINENT (OCTOBER 1, 2025)

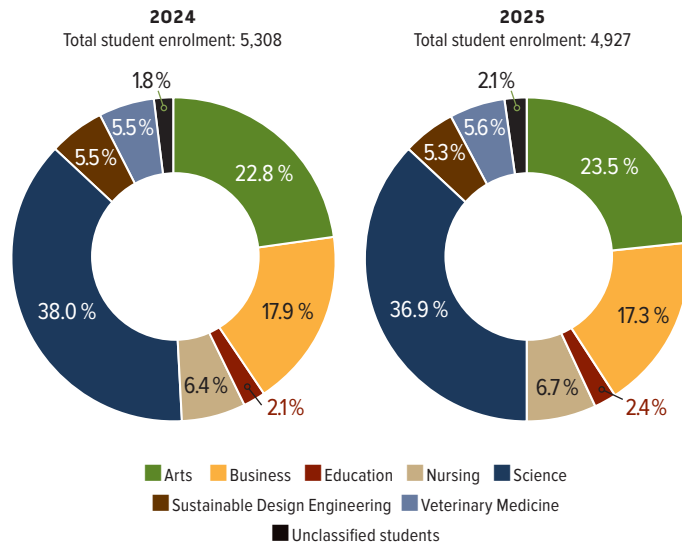


International students attending UPEI in 2025 come from 97 countries/regions. Students from

- Nigeria represent 53.5% of students from Africa
- United States represent 57.0% of students from North America
- India represent 30.0% of students from Asia
- Brazil represent 30.8% of students from South America
- Ukraine represent 19.6% of students from Europe

## UNDERGRADUATE ENROLMENT BY FACULTY\* (AS OF EARLY OCTOBER 2024 AND 2025)

\* Includes total full-time/part-time undergraduate headcounts



Note: Enrolment data does not include the 20 Prince Edward Island students who began their journey in the Fall 2025 semester as medical learners at Memorial University's regional campus for its Doctor of Medicine program located at UPEI.

## DEGREES, CERTIFICATES, AND DIPLOMAS\*

FACULTY	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
UNDERGRADUATE						
Arts	131	159	159	164	210	203
Business	172	162	179	212	196	173
Education	95	74	92	83	109	78
Nursing	65	79	73	75	77	80
Science	209	222	256	296	354	333
Sustainable Design Engineering	28	31	39	35	52	58
Veterinary Medicine	67	64	69	65	66	67
GRADUATE						
Masters	184	157	145	171	169	206
Doctoral	5	5	7	10	16	19
TOTAL	956	953	1,019	1,111	1,249	1,217

\*Conferred during each academic year

## 2024–2025 CLASS SIZE

- AVERAGE UNDERGRADUATE CLASS SIZE: MEDIAN: 23, MEAN: 31
- UNDERGRADUATE CLASSES THAT HAVE FEWER THAN 30 STUDENTS: 53% (ARTS, BUSINESS, SCIENCE, NURSING, ENGINEERING, AND INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE, EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND APPLIED STUDIES)
- STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO: 18.0 (NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS PER FULL-TIME FACULTY MEMBER)

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

	# OF UNIQUE RECIPIENTS	# OF AWARDS GRANTED	TOTAL
2021–2022	3,260	6,697	\$11.3M
2022–2023*	5,555	12,039	\$14.9M
2023–2024**	3,275	6,955	\$14.4M
2024–2025	3,329	7,867	\$14.5M

\* Includes \$2.87 million in student impact payments, a one-time payment made due to the labour disruption in the year ended April 30, 2023

\*\* Includes significant two-year funding increase in provincial bursary programs

## U SPORTS ACADEMIC ALL-CANADIANS\*

	TOTAL # OF VARSITY ATHLETES	TOTAL # OF U SPORTS ACADEMIC ALL-CANADIAN ATHLETES	% OF U SPORTS ACADEMIC ALL-CANADIAN ATHLETES
2021–2022	187	72	38.5%
2022–2023	192	95	49.5%
2023–2024	194	101	52%
2024–2025	220	113	51.4%

\* Academic standing of 80% or better



# ACADEMIC RESEARCH

## RESEARCH INCOME RECEIVED

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
\$11.0M	\$12.9M	\$10.6M	\$14.1M	\$11.5M	\$15.9M

Source: As reported by UPEI to CAUBO for the *Financial Information of Universities and Colleges* publication

- 10 RESEARCH CHAIRS
  - CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR IN GEOSPATIAL HUMANITIES
  - CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR IN SOCIO-PSYCHOLOGICAL EPIDEMIOLOGY FOR HEALTHY ANIMALS
  - CHAIR IN REMOTE SENSING AND WATER SECURITY
  - CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR IN BIOMEDICAL GENETICS
  - CHAIR IN ANIMAL WELFARE
  - CHAIR OF L.M. MONTGOMERY STUDIES, AND APPLIED COMMUNICATION, LEADERSHIP, AND CULTURE
  - UNESCO CHAIR IN ISLAND STUDIES AND SUSTAINABILITY
  - INDUSTRY RESEARCH CHAIR IN SUSTAINABLE FOOD AUTOMATION
  - JEANNE AND J.-LOUIS LÉVESQUE CHAIR IN HUMAN HEALTH
  - MARGARET AND WALLACE MCCAIN CHAIR IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH
- 8 INSTITUTES AND CENTRES

# EMPLOYMENT\*

EMPLOYMENT LEVEL	APRIL 30, 2024	APRIL 30, 2025
Permanent faculty	271	275
Term faculty	48	56
Permanent staff	462	533
Term staff	146	143
TOTAL EMPLOYEES	927	1,007

\* Employee numbers do not include casual employees, sessional instructors, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows (fellowship stream), coaches, student employees, or employees on leave. Included in the faculty count are librarians, members of Faculty Association 1 and Faculty Association 2, and academic administrators.

## ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES\*

\* For each fiscal year ended April 30

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
\$139.9M	\$138.5M	\$151M	\$163.5M	\$183.5M	\$194.8M

## DEVELOPMENT DONATIONS AND GIFTS\*

2020—2021	2021—2022	2022—2023	2023—2024	2024—2025
\$5.5M	\$4.7M	\$5.0M	\$4.6M	\$10.0M

\* Received and receipted during each fiscal year. These totals do not include sponsorships or pledges.

## ALUMNI

- 30,660 IN 108 COUNTRIES

## BUILDING SPACE

- NUMBER OF BUILDINGS: 33
- NUMBER OF STUDENT RESIDENCE SPACES: 800

BUILDING SPACE	SQUARE FEET
Academic/Research/Administrative/Recreation/Other	1,301,877
Residences*	348,559
<b>TOTAL**</b>	<b>1,650,436</b>

\* Includes entire UPEI Performing Arts Centre and Residence Building

\*\* Does not include spaces such as washrooms, hallways, mechanical rooms, custodial space, etc.

## LAND HOLDINGS

- UPEI’S TOTAL LAND HOLDINGS: 625 ACRES
- UPEI’S CHARLOTTETOWN AND ST. PETER’S BAY CAMPUSES ONLY: 143 ACRES