Demographics of Online Students at URI
Fall 2010 – Spring 2013

ENROLLMENT: URI online student enrollment is increasing. There was a 50% increase in Fall 2012 from the previous Fall, and a 34% increase this Spring from the previous Spring.

RACE: The racial make-up of online students has gradually shifted since Fall 2010, with white students decreasing from 86.4% in Fall 2010 to 82.7% in Spring 2013. Hispanic/Latino students had the largest percentage group increase from 4.7% -> 7.1%.

AGE: The age of students enrolled in online classes has significantly decreased. In Fall 2010 the average age of online students at URI was 26; in Spring 2013 it is 22.38.

GENDER: The percentage of males and females taking online courses has not changed significantly over the past 8 semesters. An average of 63% of students were female. However, as the graph shows, the gender distribution varies by semester with summer having the highest enrollment of men.