

Distance Education State Almanac

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National setting

Student enrollment in higher education institutions has undergone fundamental changes over the last decade, a condition only exacerbated by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Between 2012 and 2019, the total number of students enrolled at U.S. degree-granting institutions dropped by almost 1.1 million. At the same time, the number of students taking at least one online course grew by 2 million, from 5.4 million to 7.4 million, representing 37.2% of all students in 2019. The net result of these two changes was far fewer students studying on campus, from 18.3 million in 2012 to 16.4 million by 2019.

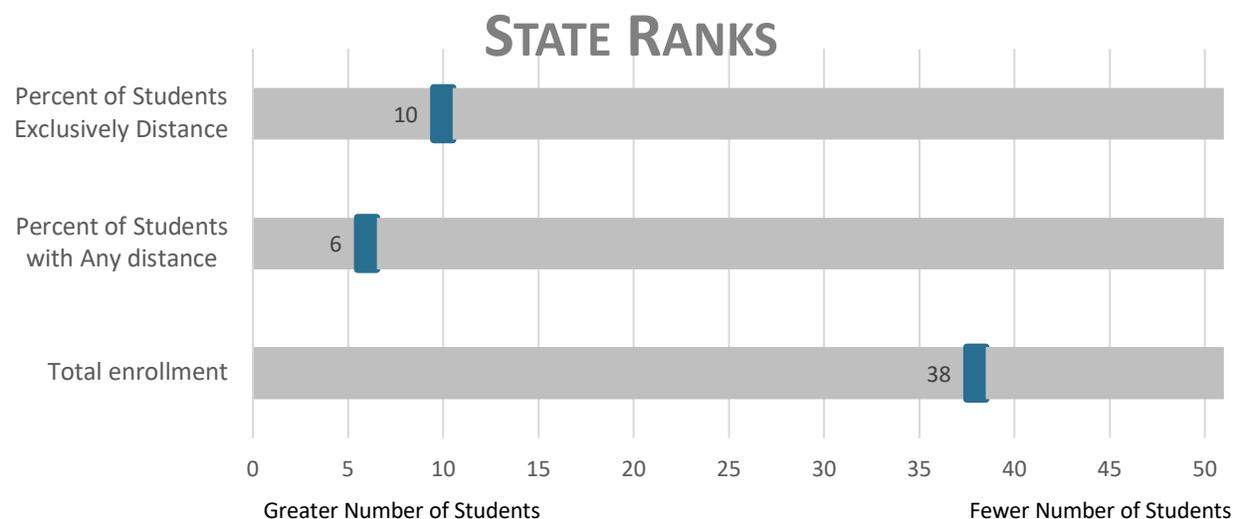
The information presented in the report represent the classifications and enrollments for Fall 2019 and were measured before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. National totals include all 50 states, District of Columbia, American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, Northern Marianas, Palau, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Idaho

Idaho has 17 degree-granting higher education institutions, representing 0.4% of all such institutions in the United States. Of these institutions, 8 are classified as public, 7 as private not-for-profit, and 2 as private for-profit. Of these 17 institutions, 13 offer four-year programs, and 4 offer two-year programs.

The state has 122,482 students enrolled across its institutions and ranks 38th in terms of total higher education student enrollment. Between 2012 and 2019, the total number of students enrolled nationally declined by 5.0%. For Idaho, the enrollment increased by 14,299 students, or 13.2%. Idaho has 113,521 students studying at the undergraduate level, a gain of 13,471 students from 2012 (13.5%), compared to a 6.8% national decline. There are 8,961 students studying at the graduate level, which is 828 greater than in 2012; this represents a change of 10.2%, where the national data showed an increase of 5.7%.

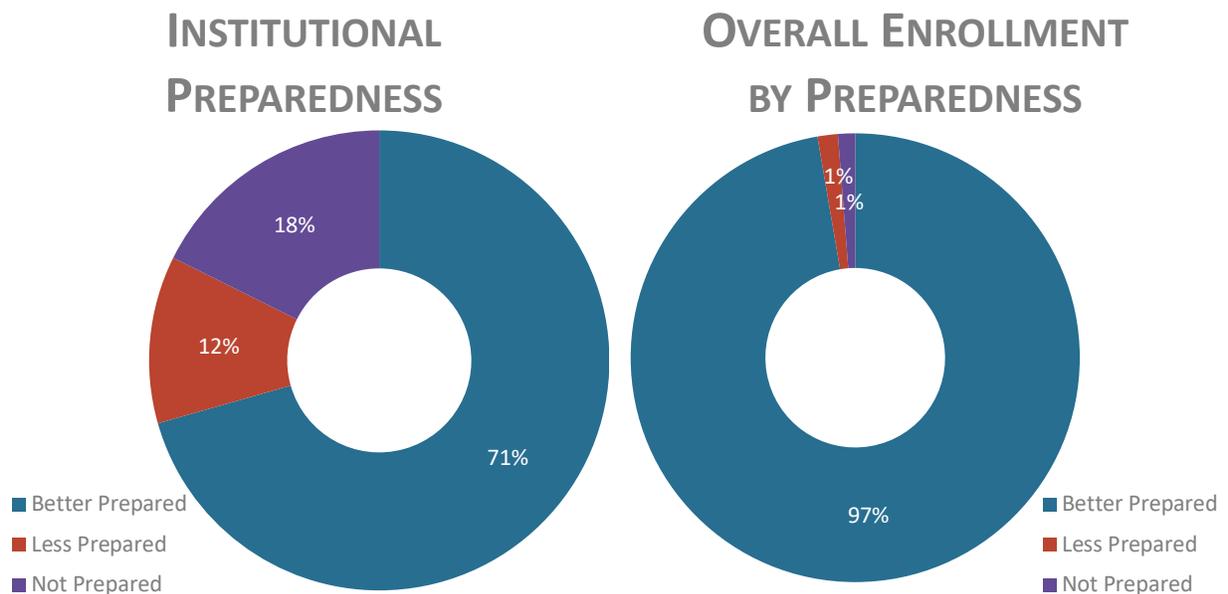
There are 60,542 students in Idaho that take at least one distance course. The state is ranked 6th for the proportion of students taking at least one distance course (49.4%). In 2019, there were 29,011 students taking all of their courses at a distance, a growth of 15,163 students (109.5%) from 2012. Idaho ranks 10th in the proportion of students (23.7%) taking exclusively distance courses in the nation.



COVID-19 Distance Learning Preparedness

Not all higher education institutions were equally prepared to move courses online. Those institutions with a substantial number of students studying at a distance (1,000 or more), or a substantial percentage of their students taking at least one distance course (25% or more), can be expected to have the experience and infrastructure to better support a transition to online learning. Likewise, institutions with no distance students will have the least experience and infrastructure to support such a transition.

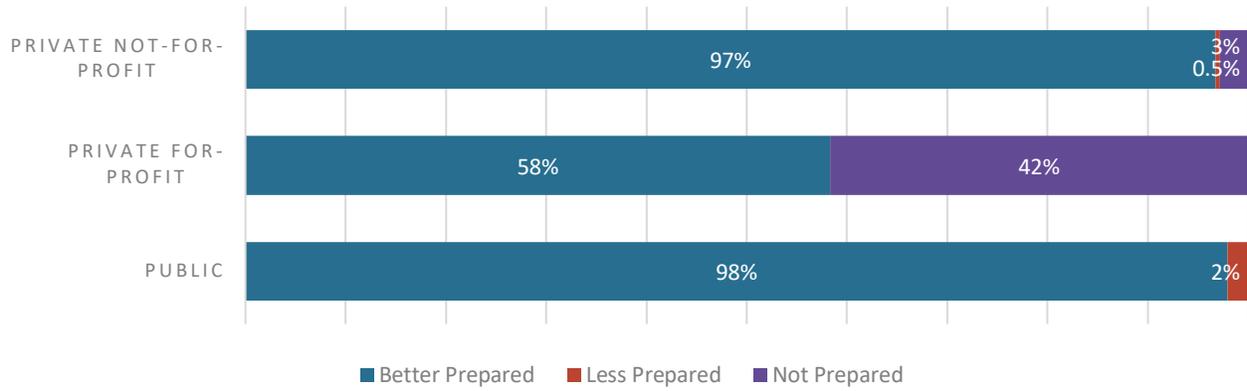
Nationally, 59.3% of all degree-granting institutions meet the criteria of having 25% or more or over 1,000 of their students taking distance courses. In Idaho, 70.6% of institutions are better prepared for moving completely online. These institutions enroll 119,183 students, or 97.3% of all students in the state. There are 3 institutions in Idaho with no distance students (representing 17.6% of the total in state institutions) that were likely not well prepared for a rapid transition to distance learning.



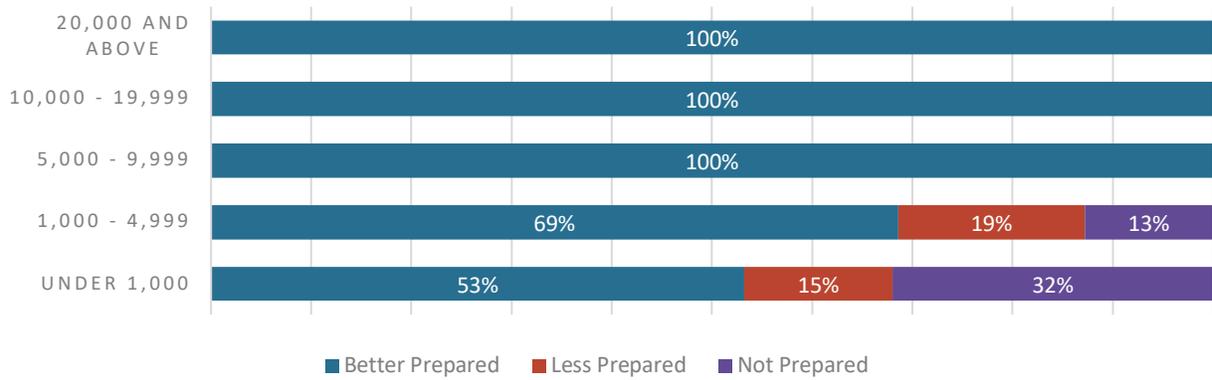
Preparedness Definitions:

- BETTER PREPARED:** Schools with more than 1,000 online students (thus extensive support staff) or having 25 percent or more of their students online
- LESS PREPARED:** Large schools with less than 1,000 online students (thus some support staff) or having less than 25 percent of their students online
- NOT PREPARED:** Schools with no distance enrollment

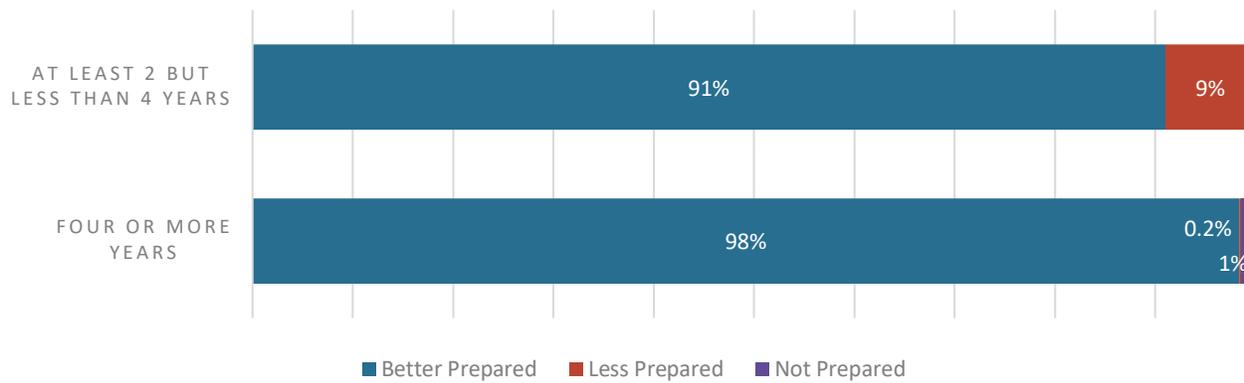
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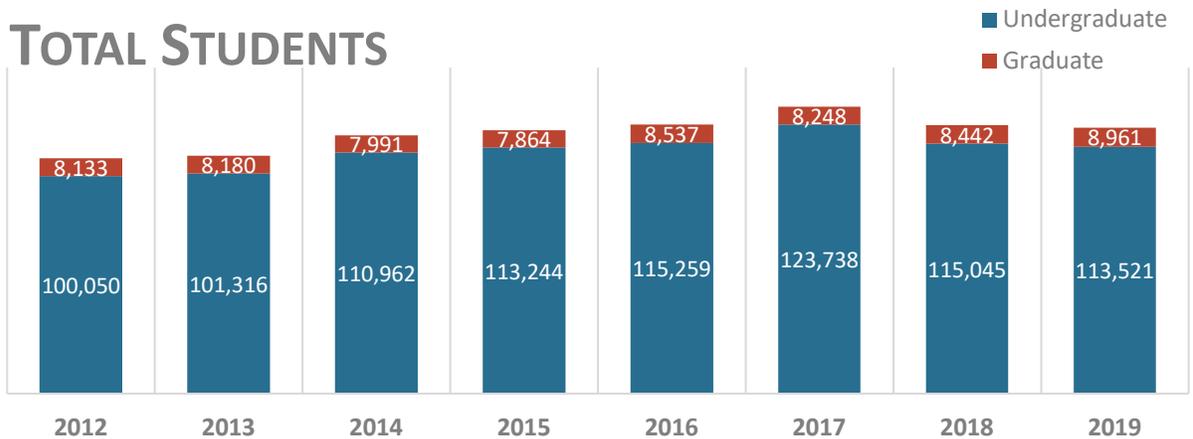
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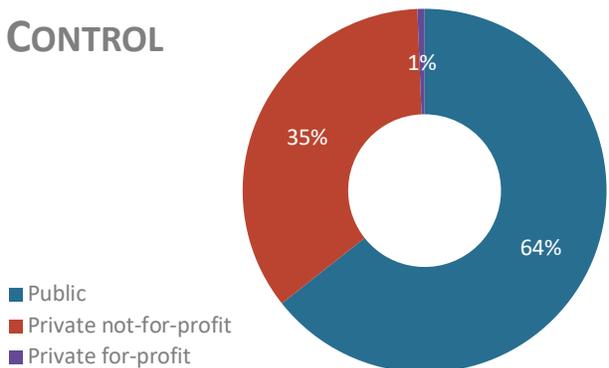
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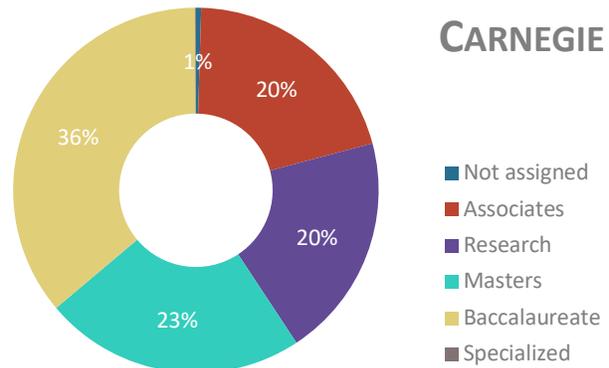
Institutions in Idaho enrolled a total of 122,482 students in the of Fall 2019; 113,521 students were enrolled at the undergraduate level, and 8,961 enrolled at the graduate level. The Fall 2019 figure represents an increase of 14,299 students (13.2%) from the number enrolled in the fall of 2012. The number of undergraduate students decreased by 13,471 during this period, from 100,050 in 2012 to 113,521 in 2019 (13.5%). The number of graduate students increased from 8,133 to 8,961 (10.2%) in the same period.

Enrollments in Fall 2019 totaled 78,824 students at public institutions (64% of all students), 42,880 students at private not-for-profit institutions (35.0%), and 778 students at private for-profit institutions (0.6%). Enrollments at public institutions increased by 43 students between 2012 and 2019, while those at private not-for-profit institutions increased by 15,956 students, and those at private for-profit institutions decreased by 1,700 students.

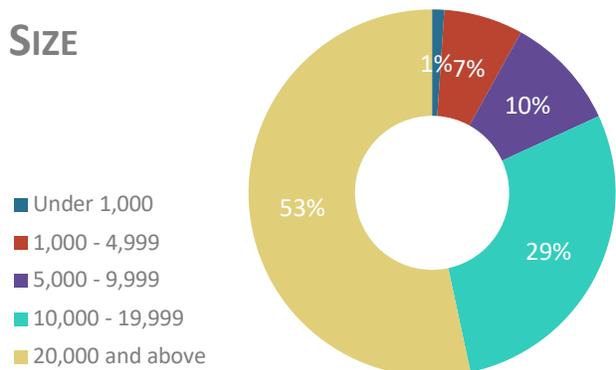
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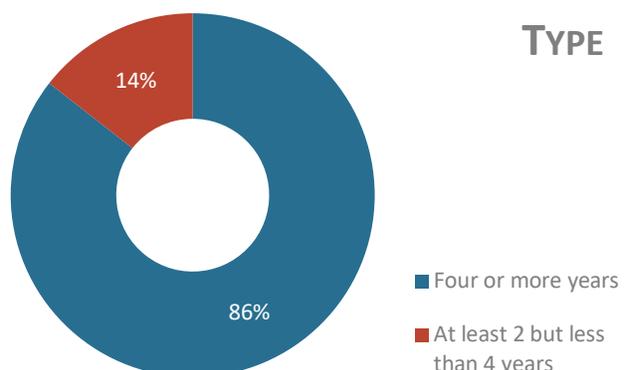
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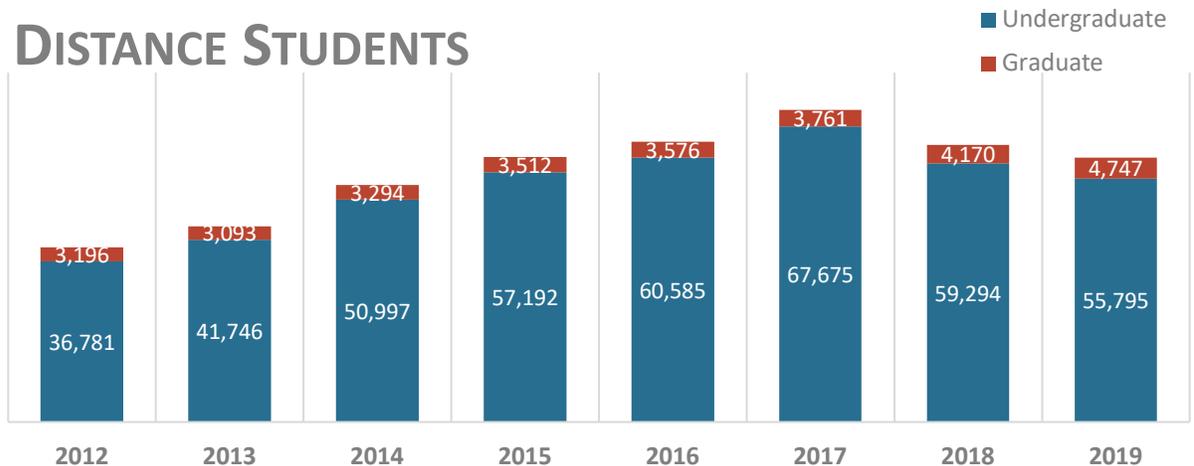
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DISTANCE STUDENTS

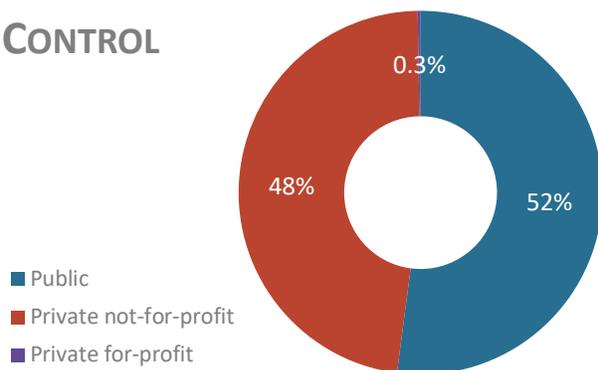


In 2019, a total of 60,542 students took at least one distance course from Idaho institutions; 55,795 (49.1% of all undergraduate students) were enrolled at the undergraduate level, and 4,747 (53.0% of all graduate students) were enrolled at the graduate level.

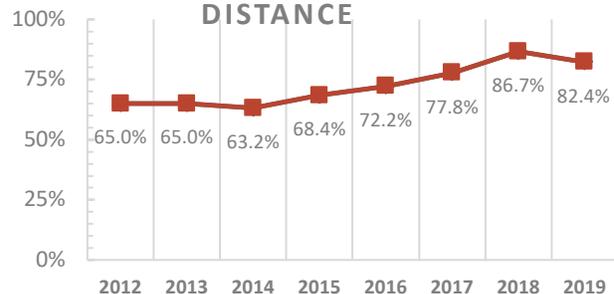
Among undergraduate level distance students, 27,288 were enrolled at institutions classified as public, 28,351 as private not-for-profit, and 156 as private for profit. At the graduate-level, 4,239 distance students were enrolled at institutions classified as public, 508 as private not-for-profit, and 0 as private for profit.

The number of undergraduate distance enrollments at Idaho institutions increased by 19,014 (51.7%) between Fall 2012 and Fall 2019, while the number of graduate distance enrollments grew by 1,551 (48.5%) during this same period.

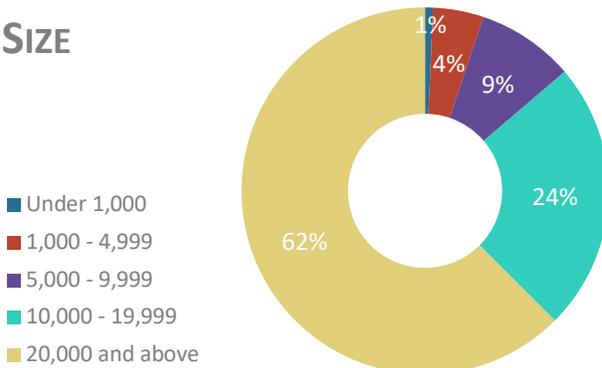
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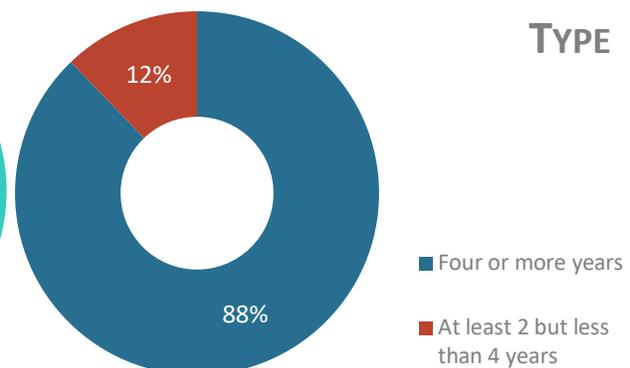
% INSTITUTIONS WITH DISTANCE



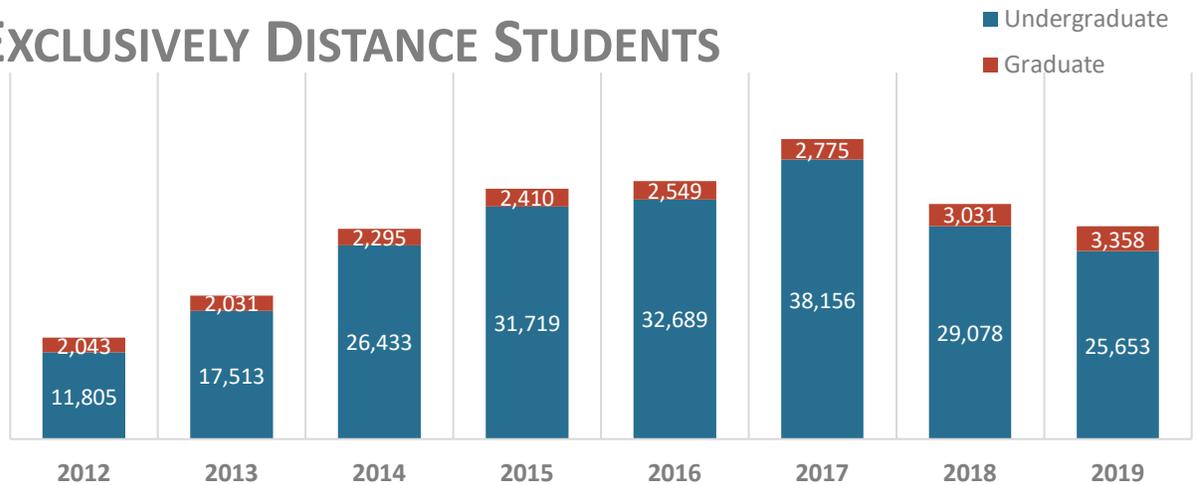
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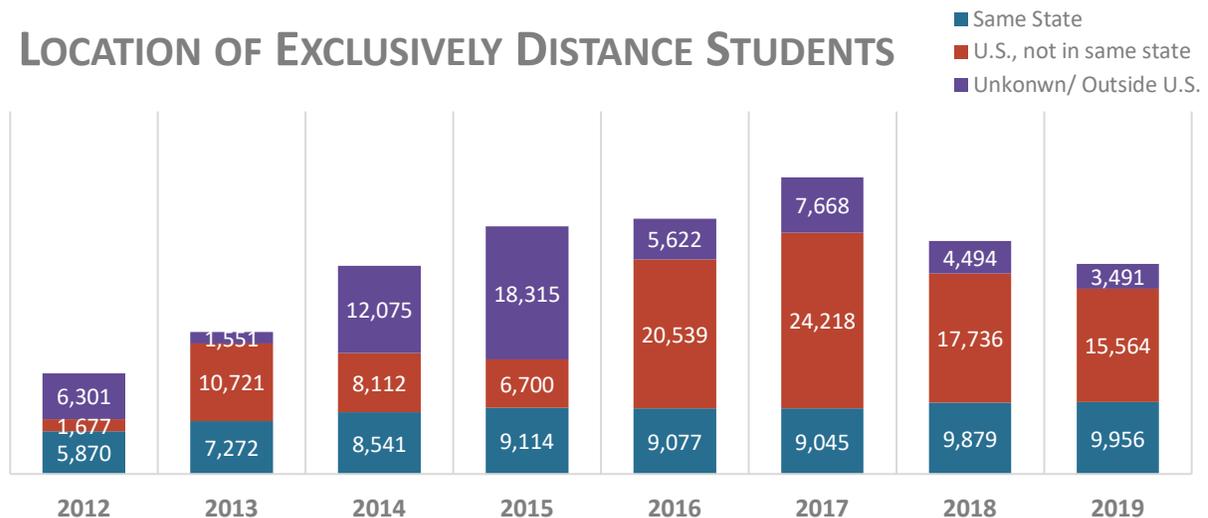


EXCLUSIVELY DISTANCE STUDENTS

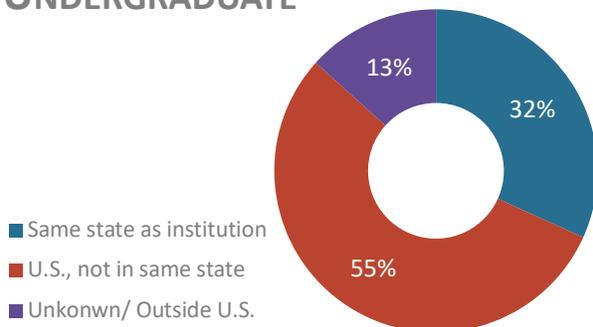


A total of 29,011 students were taking all of their courses at a distance from Idaho institutions in the fall of 2019. This represents 23.7% of the enrolled students in the state, which ranks the state at number 10 in the U.S. The number of exclusively distance students who reside in Idaho while taking courses from an institution in Idaho was 5,870 in 2012 and grew to 9,956 by 2019. There are 19,055 students enrolled as exclusively distance students in Idaho institutions who reside outside Idaho, or whose place of residence is unknown.

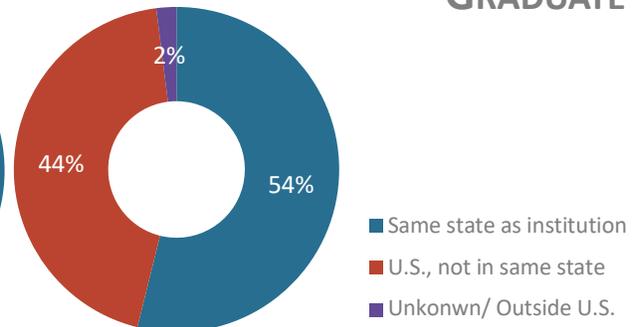
LOCATION OF EXCLUSIVELY DISTANCE STUDENTS



UNDERGRADUATE

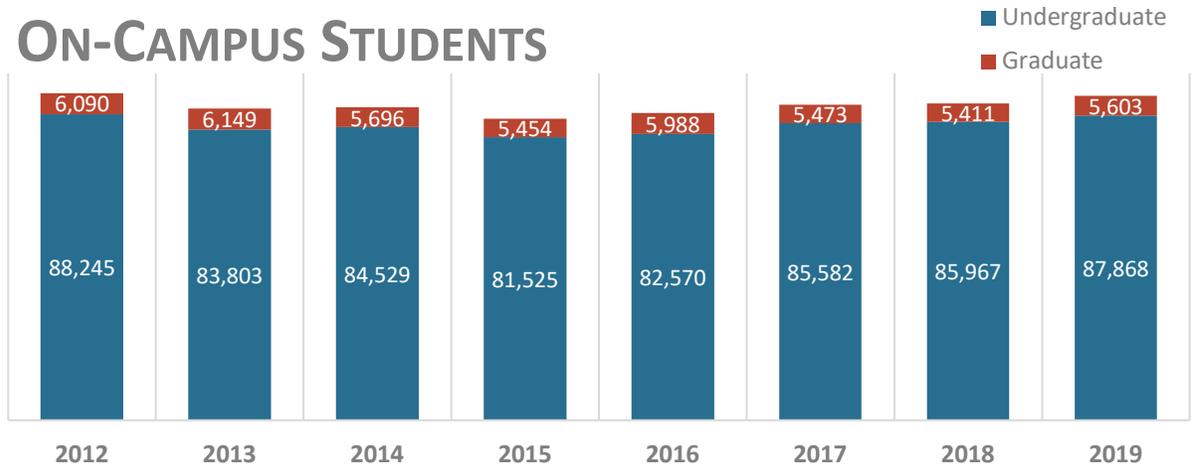


GRADUATE



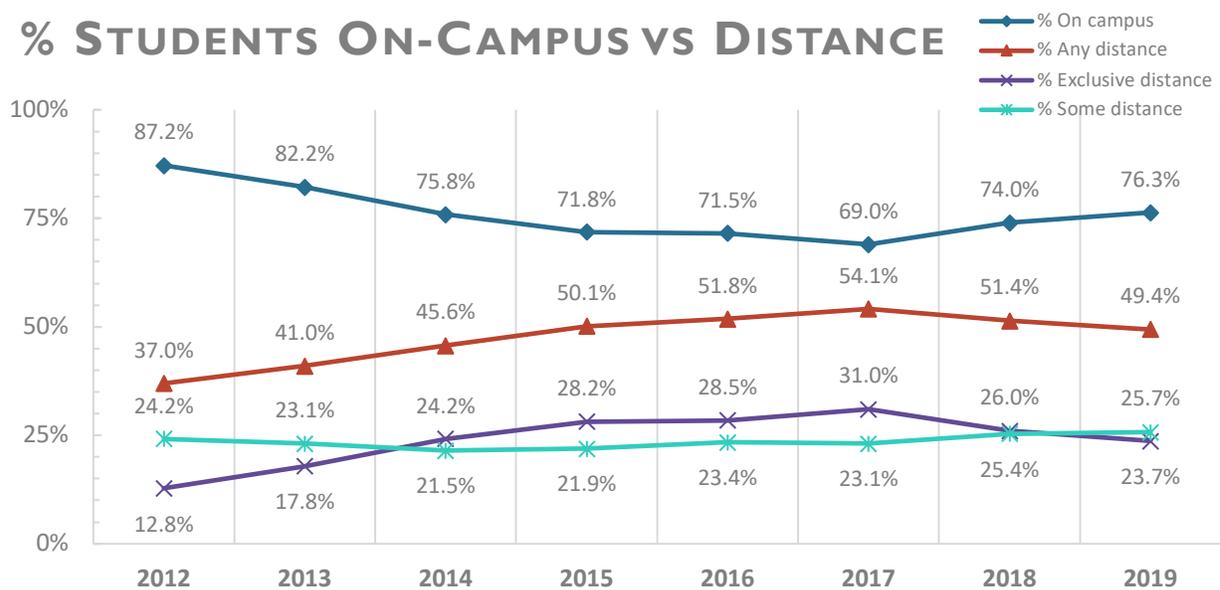
On-Campus Enrollment

ON-CAMPUS STUDENTS

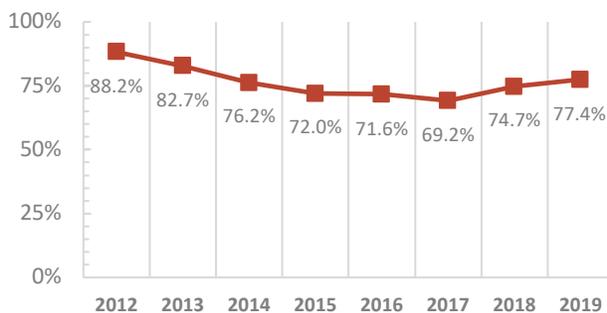


On-campus students are those who take one or more of their courses physically on-campus. The number of students studying on campus declined from 94,335 to 93,471 between 2012 and 2019 in Idaho, representing a reduction of 0.9%. This compares to a national decrease of 10.3% for the same period. In 2019, 77.4% of undergraduate students and 62.5% of graduate students in Idaho were taking at least one on-campus course.

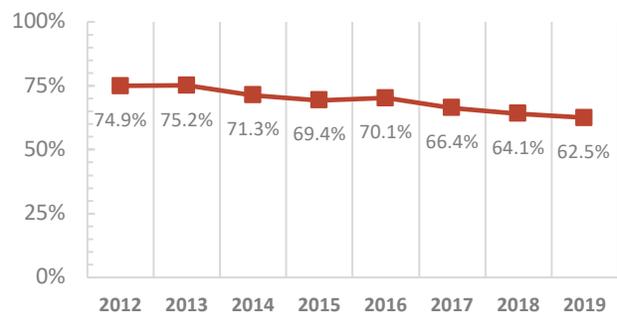
% STUDENTS ON-CAMPUS VS DISTANCE



% ON-CAMPUS: UNDERGRADUATE



% ON-CAMPUS: GRADUATE



INSTITUTIONS

	Idaho	National	State Rank	State as % of National
Total institutions	17	4,089	45	0.4%
Institutions w/ distance	14	3,161	45	0.4%
% Institution w/ distance	82.4%	77.3%	46	

ENROLLMENTS

Idaho		Total	Any Distance	Exclusive Distance	On Campus
Total		122,482	60,542	29,011	93,471
Size	Under 1,000	1,311	423	11	1,300
	1,000 - 4,999	8,545	2,700	1,399	7,146
	5,000 - 9,999	12,356	5,205	1,910	10,446
	10,000 - 19,999	34,908	14,370	4,226	30,682
	20,000 and above	65,362	37,844	21,465	43,897
Carnegie	Not assigned	568	244	-	568
	Associates	24,985	9,600	3,268	21,717
	Research	24,328	10,181	2,929	21,399
	Masters	28,328	11,356	4,697	23,631
	Baccalaureate	44,178	29,161	18,117	26,061
	Specialized	95	-	-	95
Control	Public	78,824	31,527	10,872	67,952
	Private not-for-profit	42,880	28,859	18,128	24,752
	Private for-profit	778	156	11	767
Type	Four or more years	104,785	53,163	26,640	78,145
	At least 2 but less than 4 years	17,697	7,379	2,371	15,326