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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire exceeded its undergraduate enrollment target and saw a 5 percent increase in the number of new students over last year.

Total enrollment rose 622, from 12,404 last year to 13,026 this year. Of those, 10,867 were undergraduate students, who represented an increase of 4.5 percent, or 467 students. UNH had set an undergraduate degree enrollment target of 10,753 for this fall.

"Our enrollments have returned and, in fact, have exceeded the target level of 13,000 degree-seeking students that was established as an intermediate term benchmark in 2000," said Mark Rubinstein, vice provost for enrollment management. "The timing of this outcome is about a year ahead of schedule. The resurgent retention and an increase in readmission candidates suggest that we are making progress on the quality of student experience at UNH."

Graduate degree enrollment increased 7.7 percent from last year, with 2,159 graduate students enrolling compared to 2,004 last year.

Women continue to make up the majority of students, with 7,419 of the 13,026 students, or 57 percent, women. This number remained about level from the previous year.

The number of students of color increased to 551, up from 455 last year. Students of color now represent about 4.2 percent of the degree-seeking enrollment, compared to 3.6 percent last year.

New Hampshire residents continue to outnumber

nonresident students. This year, UNH welcomed 6,187 undergraduate and 1,263 graduate students from the Granite State. Last year, 6,097 undergraduate and 1,179 graduate students were from New Hampshire.

By college, Liberal Arts had the largest percentage increase in enrollment at 8.5 percent, followed by the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences at 5.8 percent and the Whittemore School of Business and Economics at 3.5 percent.

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