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GENDER GAPS IN UNLV AND UNR GRADUATE COLLEGE ENROLLMENT AND GRADUATION, 2013-2022

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PURPOSE:

This fact sheet explores gender gaps in enrollment numbers and graduation rates of students pursuing graduate degrees at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) and the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). The original data was provided to The Lincy Institute and Brookings Mountain West by the UNLV Graduate College and gathered from the UNR Reporting Portal.[1]

ABOUT THE DATA:

This fact sheet explores nearly a decade of enrollment totals and graduation rates for both the UNLV Graduate College and the UNR Graduate College. Enrollment data by gender are provided for cohorts from Fall 2013 to Fall 2022. Graduation rate data by gender are provided for cohorts from the 2012-13 academic year to the 2021-22 academic year. Professional school enrollment and graduation data for the UNLV Graduate College and UNR Graduate College are excluded from this analysis.
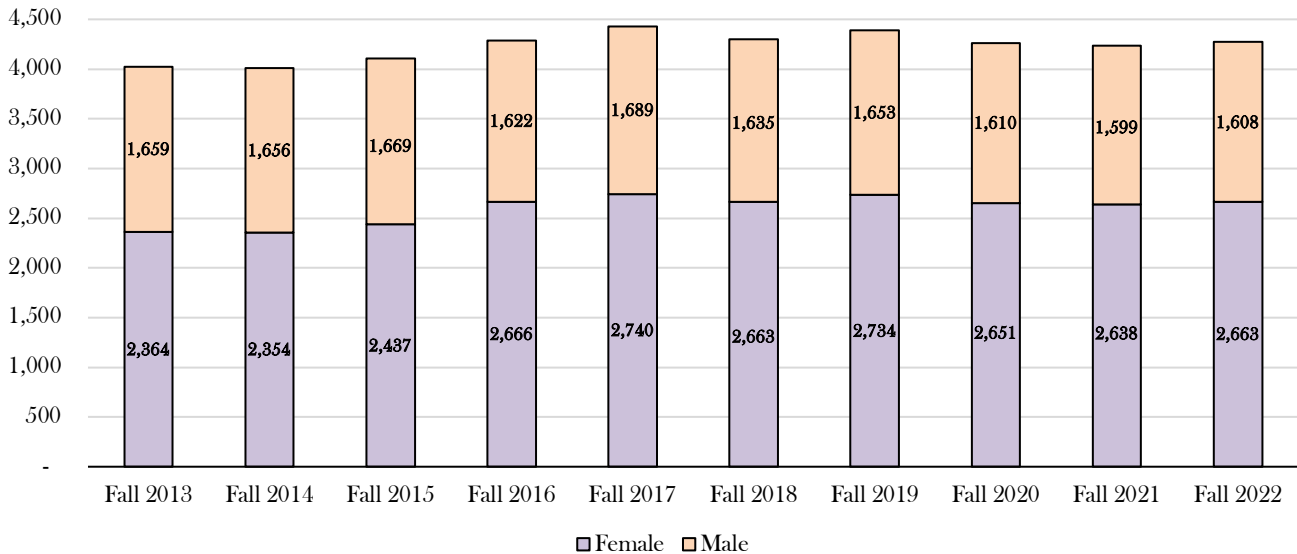
KEY FINDINGS:

1. The UNLV Graduate College experienced its highest male enrollment (1,689) and highest female enrollment (2,740) in Fall 2017.

2. The UNLV Graduate College experienced its lowest male enrollment (1,599) in Fall 2021, while the lowest female enrollment (2,354) occurred in Fall 2014.

3. Between the 2012-13 and 2021-22 academic years, the UNLV Graduate College experienced its largest gender gap in 2021-22, with males comprising 35% of graduates and females comprising 65% of graduates.

4. The UNR Graduate College experienced its highest female enrollment (2,252) in Fall 2022, and its highest male enrollment (1,421) in Fall 2021.

5. The UNR Graduate College experienced its lowest male enrollment (1,256) in Fall 2017, while the lowest female enrollment (1,495) occurred in Fall 2013.

6. The UNR Graduate College experienced an increase in female enrollment every year between Fall 2013 (1,495) and Fall 2022 (2,252).

7. Between the 2012-13 and 2021-22 academic years, the UNR Graduate College experienced its largest gender gap in 2021-22, with males comprising 36% of graduates and females comprising 64% of graduates.

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[1] Data reported in this fact sheet originally appeared on the UNR Reporting Portal. This portal no longer appears on the UNR website. UNR data is now available through: https://dataden.unr.edu.

Figure 1 shows UNLV Graduate College enrollment by gender from Fall 2013 to Fall 2022. The UNLV Graduate College experienced its highest female enrollment (2,740) and highest male enrollment (1,689) in Fall 2017. The UNLV Graduate College experienced its lowest male enrollment (1,599) in Fall 2021, while the lowest female enrollment (2,354) occurred in Fall 2014. The total number of graduate students enrolled was highest in Fall 2017 (4,429).
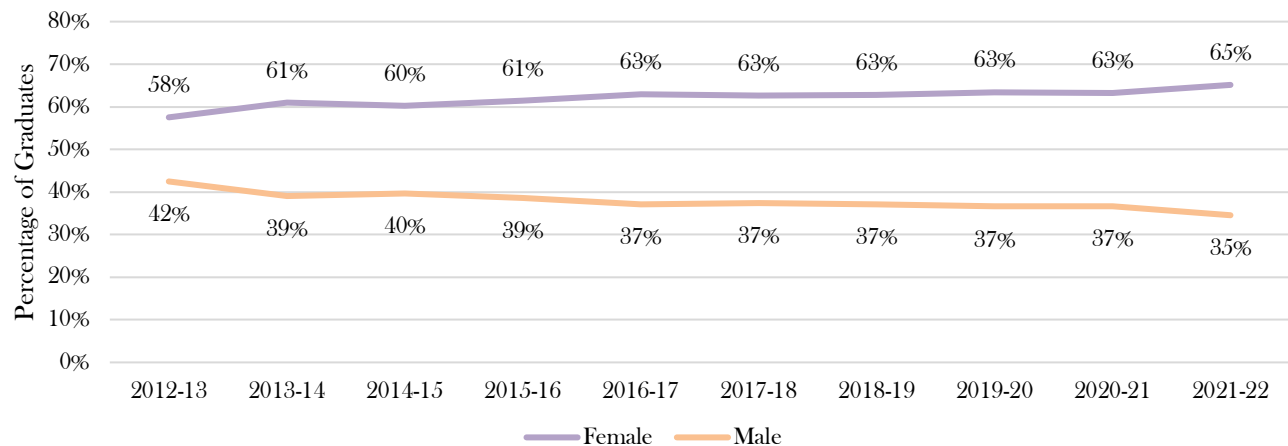
Figure 1: UNLV Graduate College Enrollment by Gender, 2013-2022

* Data provided by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Graduate College.

Figure 2 displays the percentage of male and female graduates of the UNLV Graduate College between academic years 2012-13 and 2021-22. The UNLV Graduate College experienced an overall decrease in the percentage of male graduates between 2012-13 (42%) and 2021-22 (35%). The UNLV Graduate College experienced an overall increase in the percentage of female graduates between 2012-13 (58%) and 2021-22 (65%). Between the 2012-13 and 2021-22 academic years, the UNLV Graduate College experienced its largest gender gap in 2021-22, with males comprising 35% of graduates and females comprising 65% of graduates.
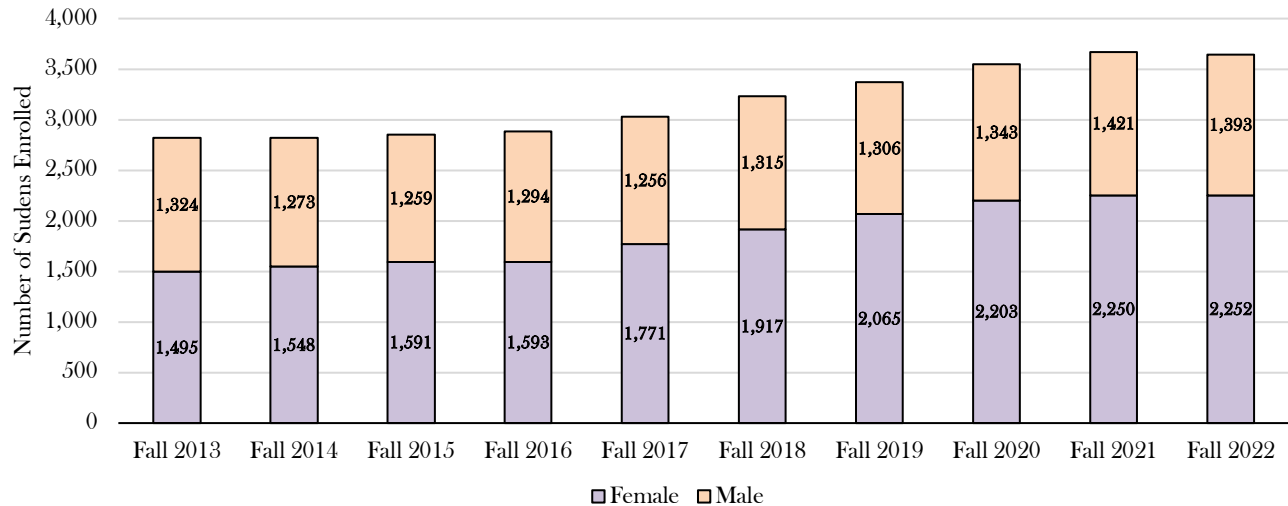
Figure 2: Percentage of Male and Female Graduates from UNLV Graduate College, 2012-2022

* Data provided by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Graduate College.

Figure 3 shows UNR Graduate College enrollment by gender from Fall 2013 to Fall 2022. The UNR Graduate College experienced its highest female enrollment (2,252) in Fall 2022, and its highest male enrollment (1,421) in Fall 2021. The UNR Graduate College reported an increase in female enrollment every year between Fall 2013 (1,495) and Fall 2022 (2,252). The UNR Graduate College experienced its lowest male enrollment (1,256) in Fall 2017, while the lowest female enrollment (1,495) occurred in Fall 2013. The total number of graduate students enrolled was highest in Fall 2021 (3,671).
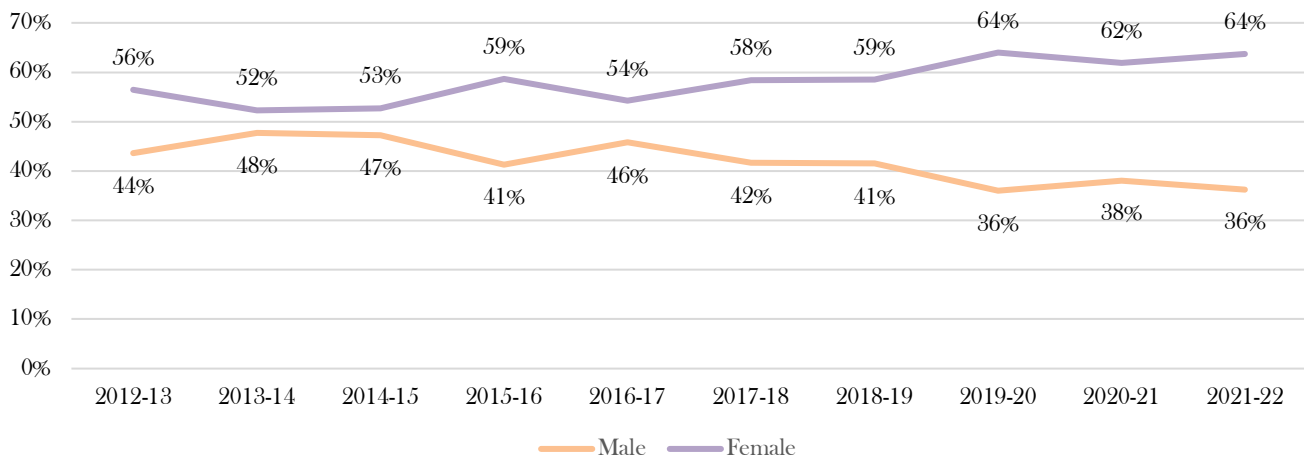
Figure 3: UNR Graduate College Enrollment by Gender, 2013-2022

* Adapted from "Reporting Portal" *University of Nevada, Reno Office of Decision Support.*

Figure 4 displays the percentage of male and female graduates of the UNR Graduate College between academic years 2012-13 and 2021-22. The UNR Graduate College experienced an overall decrease in the percentage of male graduates between academic years 2012-13 (44%) and 2021-22 (36%). The UNR Graduate College experienced an overall increase in the percentage of female graduates between academic years 2012-13 (56%) and 2021-22 (64%). Between the 2012-13 and 2021-22 academic years, the UNR Graduate College experienced its largest gender gap in 2021-22, with males comprising 36% of graduates and females comprising 64% of graduates.

Figure 4: Percentage of Male and Female Graduates from UNR Graduate College, 2012-2022

* Adapted from "Reporting Portal" *University of Nevada, Reno Office of Decision Support.*