



JOHNSON & WALES
UNIVERSITY

PROVIDENCE FACTS



Founded in 1914, Johnson & Wales University is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with more than 8,000 undergraduate and graduate students at its campuses in Providence, Rhode Island and Charlotte, North Carolina, and through JWU Online. An innovative educational leader, the university offers both undergraduate and graduate degree programs in arts and sciences, business, hospitality, food innovation, health and wellness.

JWU's unique model provides students with the personalized attention, academic expertise and industry connections that inspire professional success and personal growth. The time students spend at JWU is nothing short of transformative, as demonstrated by career outcomes, expected earnings and economic mobility rankings. The university's impact is global, with alumni in 130 countries pursuing careers worldwide. For more information, visit jwu.edu.

Degrees Offered (2026–27)

Associate, bachelor's and master's degrees:

- College of Food Innovation & Technology
- College of Hospitality & Business

Bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees:

- John Hazen White College of Arts & Sciences
- College of Health & Wellness

Accreditation

JWU is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE). The nation's oldest regional accrediting association, NECHE accredits educational institutions internationally. This accreditation encompasses both campuses and online. Program accreditations are accessible at catalog.jwu.edu/aboutjwu/accreditationsandapprovals.

Enrollment Statistics (2025–26)

Average class size: **21**

Student population reporting

Gender: **62.8% female** and **36.7% male**

First-generation status: **33.4%**

Living on campus: **60.3%**

Campus Facts

The Providence Campus is the university's original campus, with a diverse student body of 4,104 students. The Downcity Campus, located in the heart of Providence, is home to the College of Hospitality & Business, the John Hazen White College of Arts & Sciences, and the College of Health & Wellness. A short distance south is the Harborside Campus, home to the College of Food Innovation & Technology.

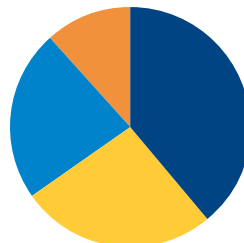
4,104
students

45
countries

52 states
and territories

ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE (FALL 2025)

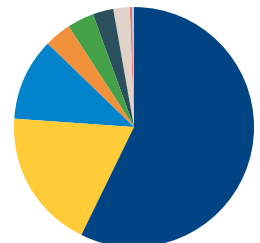
1,606	Food Innovation & Technology
1,076	Arts & Sciences
948	Hospitality & Business
474	Health & Wellness
4,104	TOTAL



Enrollment is defined as the total number of degree/certificate-seeking students.

ENROLLMENT BY ETHNICITY (FALL 2025)

2,359	White
768	Hispanic or Latino
453	Black or African American
158	Two or More Race
139	Asian
123	U.S. Nonresident
91	Unknown
11	American Indian or Alaska Native
2	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander
4,104	TOTAL



Campus Facilities

The Providence Campus consists of the DOWNCITY and Harborside campuses. It is spread across more than 170 acres and 2,320,000 square feet of 47 buildings, including residence halls, classrooms, labs, dining halls, libraries, a museum, offices, open spaces, and recreation/athletic and physical plant facilities.

Sustaining the Environment

JWU has revitalized close to 100 acres of waterfront alongside the Harborside Campus through significant brownfields remediation efforts. Improvements include shoreline reconstruction, an Urban Coastal Greenway, athletic fields, solar fields, wind turbines, and the donation of a six-acre waterfront parcel for an environmentally “smart design” educational and research center dedicated to the protection of Narragansett Bay and marine life.

The Cuisinart Center for Culinary Excellence, Grace Welcome Center, Center for Physician Assistant Studies and John J. Bowen Center for Science and Innovation have been awarded LEED® Gold certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) for energy and material use and for incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies.

Tuition (2026–27)

Undergraduate Tuition: \$45,408

Visit ju.edu/admissions/paying-for-college for updated tuition and financial aid information.

98.9%
of on-campus
students
receive aid

Financial Aid (2025–26)

JWU is committed to making a quality education as accessible and affordable as possible. The university has taken proactive steps to manage student debt by increasing institutional aid over the past several years. Approximately 98.9% of JWU Providence on-campus students receive institutional scholarships and/or grants from the university, often making an education at JWU more affordable than other universities.

Pell grants were awarded to 38.2% of the undergraduate students enrolled at the Providence Campus.

Strategic Plan

JWU’s 10-year master plan, known as the POWERED BY series, has three components spanning that time frame. The second of the series, POWERED BY POSSIBILITY 2027, underscores our dedication to an educational experience rooted in excellence, strengthening industry connections, enhancing our institutional foundation and fostering a culture that reflects our mission.

Visit ju.edu/about-ju/strategic-plan.html for more information.

100%
students
participated
in experiential
education

Experiential Education

JWU students are invested in their education and intentional about their experiences, ensuring that their learning is authentic and purposeful. These students thrive in JWU’s supportive

community, which encourages their passion for hands-on learning, values their intellectual curiosity, and immerses them in dynamic labs and career-focused classrooms resulting in agile graduates who demonstrate a strong work ethic.

To support students’ career success, JWU faculty and career advisors from Experiential Education & Career Services offer career readiness planning and advising. This ensures students develop essential workplace skills such as teamwork, time management and problem-solving that employers value.

Ranking

U.S. News & World Report ranked JWU Providence as the 7th Most Innovative School in the Regional University North category.



Athletics

The Providence Campus features 18 varsity athletic teams and is affiliated with the NCAA, the Conference of New England, the New England Wrestling Association, the Intercollegiate Horse Sports Association and the Intercollegiate Dressage Association. For more information, visit providence.jwuathletics.com.

Community and Economic Impact

The Providence Campus has 1,034 employees.

	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	TOTAL
Faculty	186	188	374
Staff	612	48	660
TOTAL	798	236	1,034

22.4%
students from
Rhode Island

Approximately 22% of students attending the Providence Campus are from Rhode Island. Over the past 10 years, JWU’s Providence Campus has invested \$96,875,862 in construction and renovation.