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Siena Fast Facts

Today our *Fast Facts* will take a look at how Siena compares to our peer and aspirant institutions on some enrollment and admissions variables. The data are based on the IPEDS Data Feedback Reports, (see last week's *Fast Facts* for details). Note that IPEDS data is typically a year or two old.

Four different comparison groups are used in these analyses:

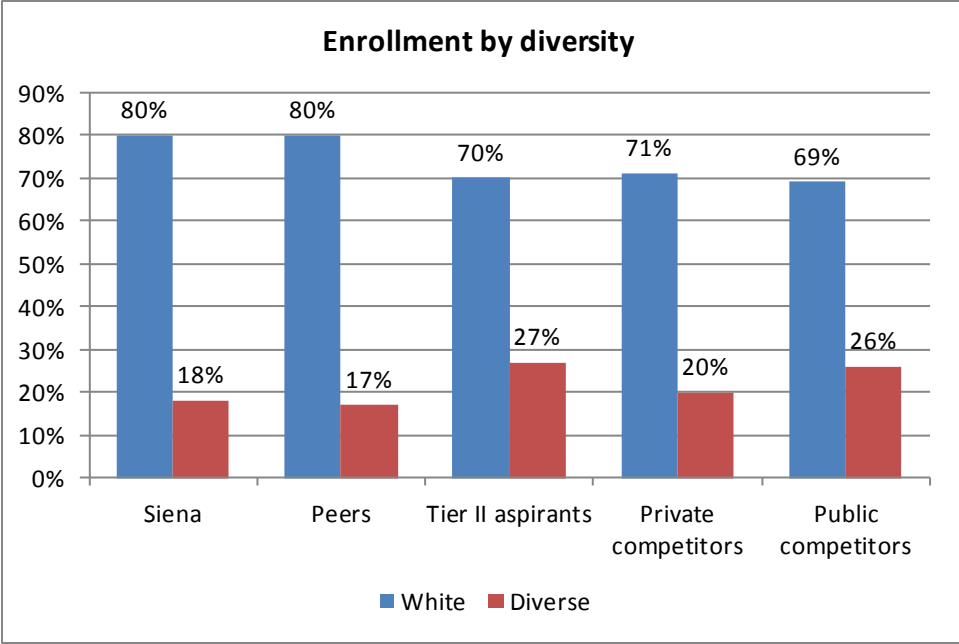
- Private competitors: are private institutions which attract students who apply to Siena but do not attend here (e.g. Marist College).
- Public competitors: public institutions which attract students who apply to Siena but do not attend here (e.g. SUNY Albany).
- Peer institutions: institutions which are similar to Siena College on a number of key institutional measures, but typically are not competitor institutions (e.g. Stonehill College).
- Tier II aspirants: institutions which are somewhat more selective and higher rated than Siena College, but close enough to present attainable goals (e.g. Skidmore College).

The table below shows fall enrollment for Siena College and the four comparison groups, as well as student-to-faculty ratio.

	Siena	Peers	Tier II Aspirants	Private Competitors	Public Competitors
Undergraduate FT	2990	1992	2035	4035	12,139
Undergraduate PT	142	49	28	305	718
Graduate FT	37	0	0	513	1254
Graduate PT	10	0	0	628	708
Student/faculty ratio	11:1	12:1	10:1	13:1	17:1

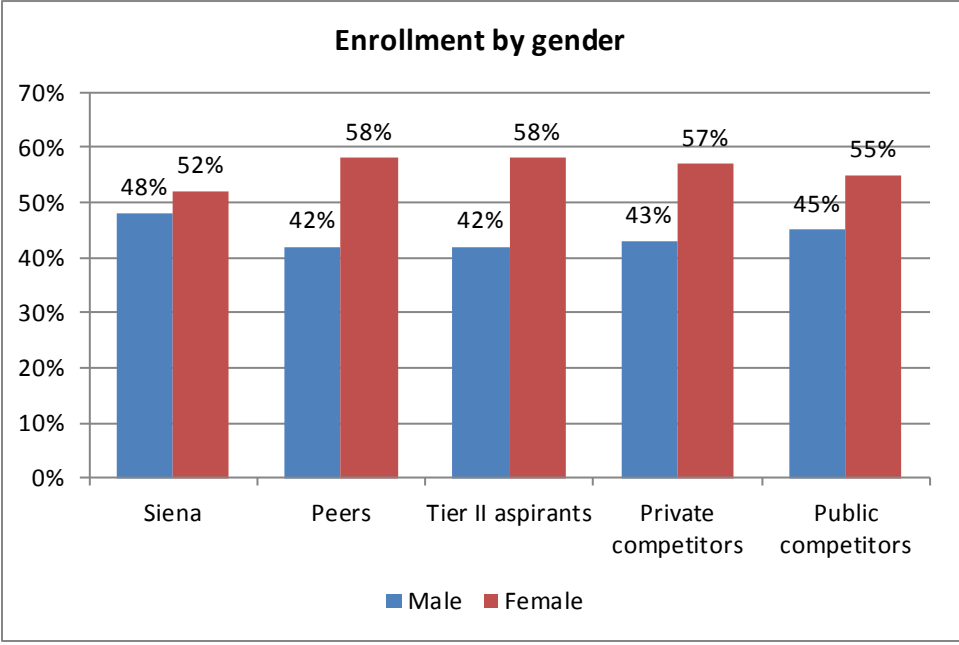
Siena is somewhat larger than the peer and aspirant groups, but smaller than our competitors. Both groups of competitors have a much higher median value for number of graduate students. In terms of student-to-faculty ratio, Siena is a bit lower than our peers and private competitors, much lower than our public competitors, and slightly higher than our aspirants.

The chart below shows the percent of diverse students.



Siena is somewhat less diverse than our aspirants and private competitors, but comparable to our peers.

The chart below shows enrollment by gender.



Siena has a slightly lower percentage of female students than all comparison groups.

Finally, the table below shows some measures of selectivity.

			Tier II	Private	Public
	Siena	Peers	Aspirants	Competitors	Competitors
Acceptance rate	66%	77%	57%	63%	50%
Yield rate	14%	24%	23%	15%	22%
Verbal SAT 25th pctl	500	520	575	490	510
Verbal SAT 75th pctl	600	635	680	590	600
Math SAT 25th pctl	520	520	585	500	530
Math SAT 75th pctl	620	635	690	610	630

Siena has an acceptance rate that is somewhat lower than our peers (meaning Siena is more selective), and comparable to our private competitors. However, Siena’s acceptance rate is somewhat higher than our aspirants (not surprisingly) and public competitors (more surprising, perhaps, although it must be kept in mind that public institutions typically have a very different enrollment pool than private institutions.)

The yield rate (i.e. the percentage of admitted students who actually attend) is lower for Siena than for all comparison groups.

Finally, SAT scores for Siena are slightly lower than our peers, but comparable to our competitors. Not surprisingly, aspirant institutions have significantly higher SAT scores.

Stay tuned next week as we continue to look at some more data comparisons from IPEDS.

As always, if you have any ideas for future *Fast Facts*, please let us know.