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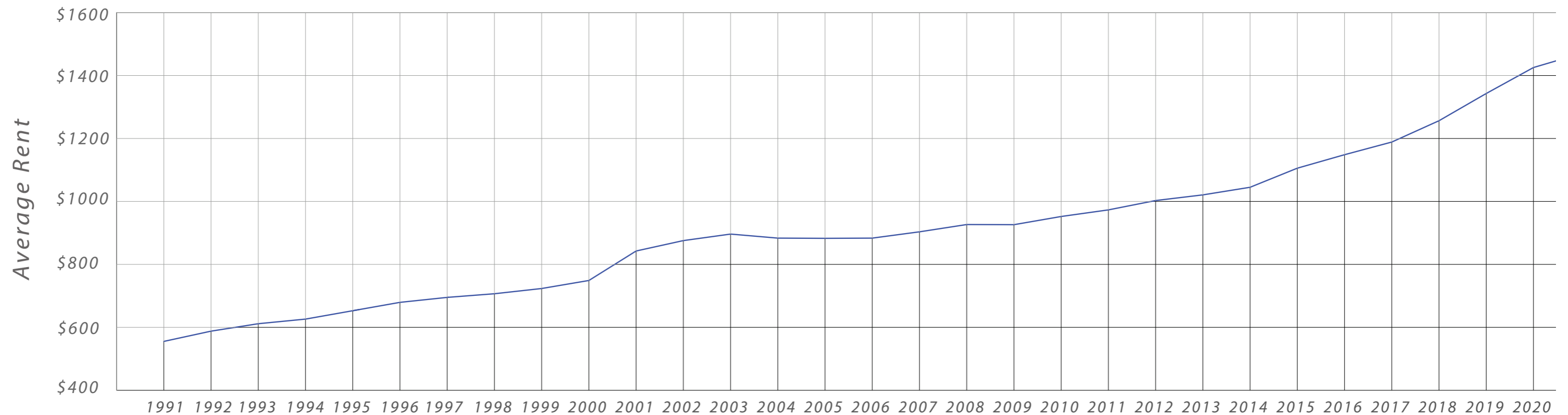
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THE TORONTO HOUSING CRISIS, HIGHLIGHTED

Housing and the financial stress associated with Toronto's cost of living is one of the greatest factors in student mental health. As the cost of rent increases, the University has yet to catch up to the increased housing demand.

Average Rent in Toronto, 1991-2021

Source: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation



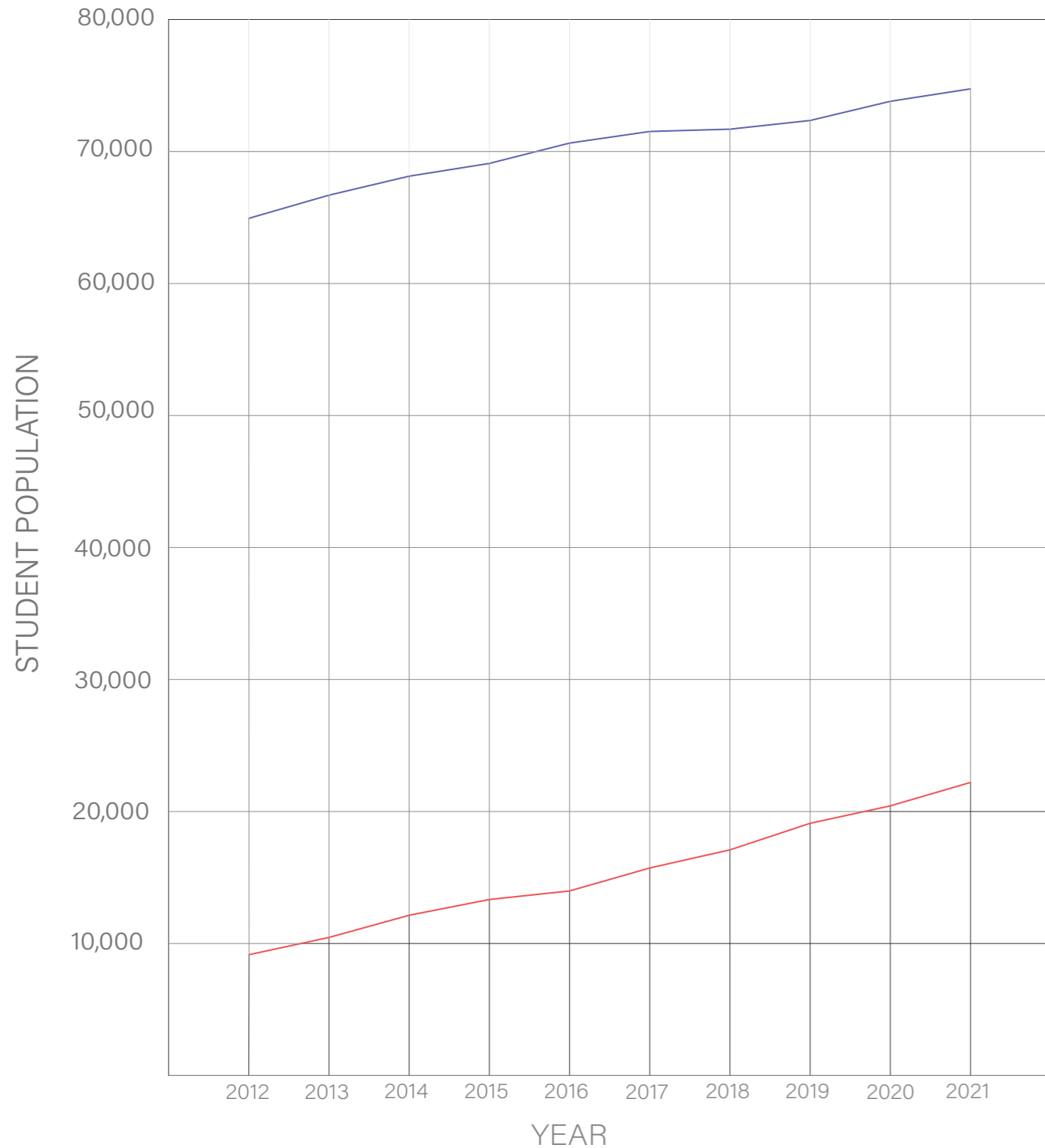
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"International students are much more likely to take up our first-year residence guarantee. So we have need for more student housing - that's part of the reason why we want to build a new residence."
 -Scott Mabury, University of Toronto VP Operations

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO'S POPULATION, VISUALIZED

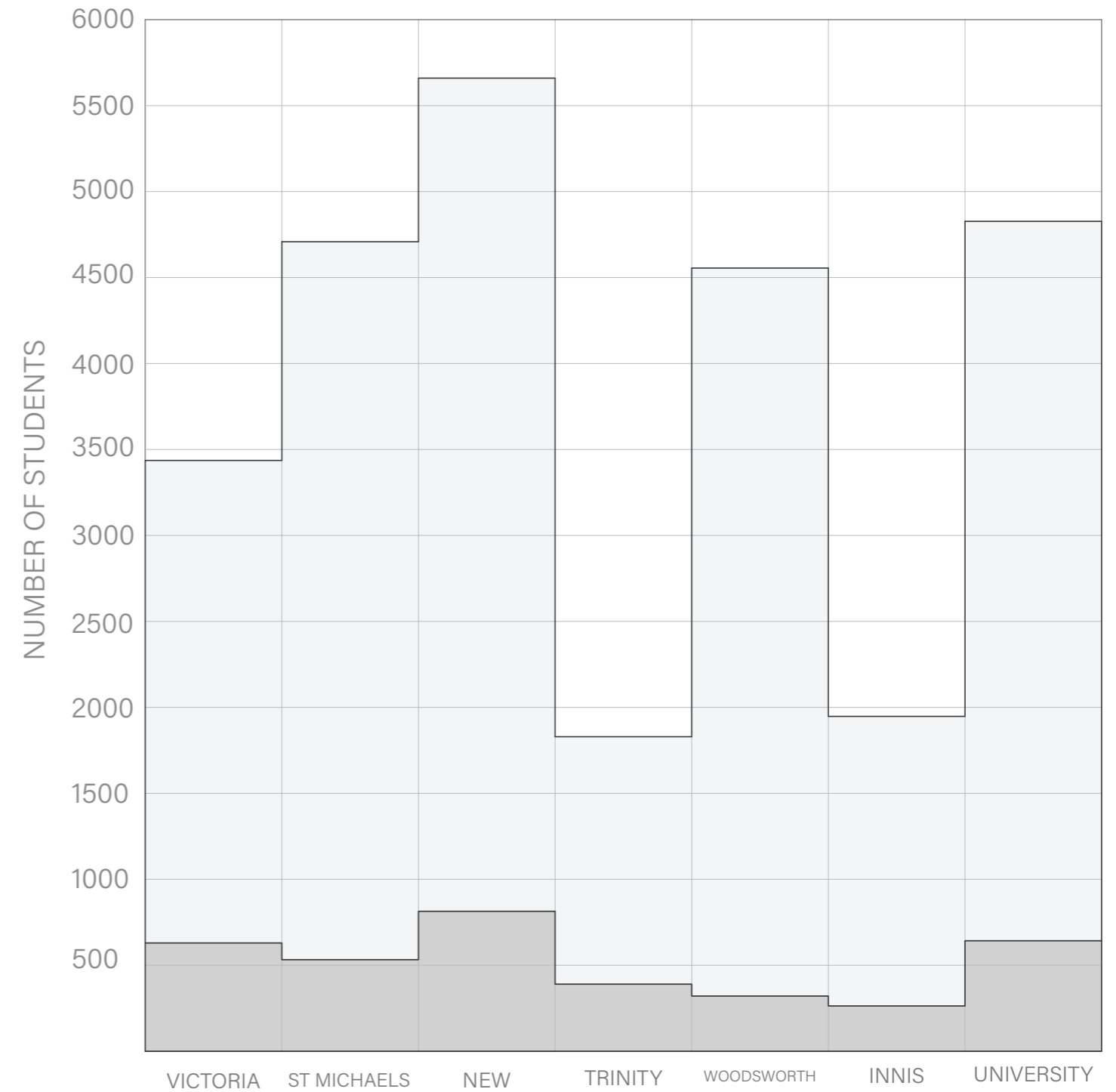
Statistics taken from University of Toronto's "Facts and Figures", 2021.

University of Toronto Ten-Year Enrollment Trend; Undergraduates

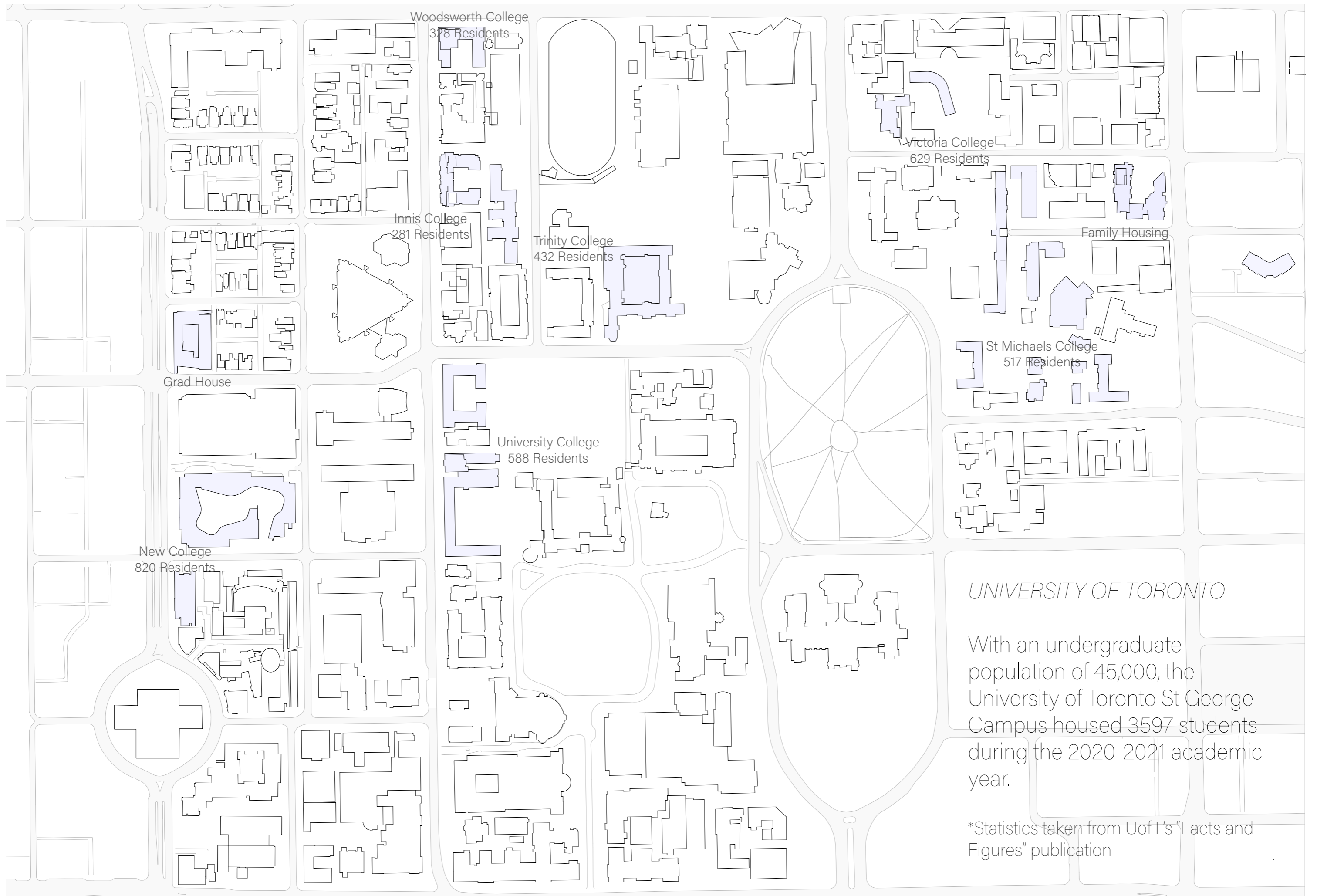


TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION
 INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION

University of Toronto 2020-2021 Enrollment and Residence Statistics



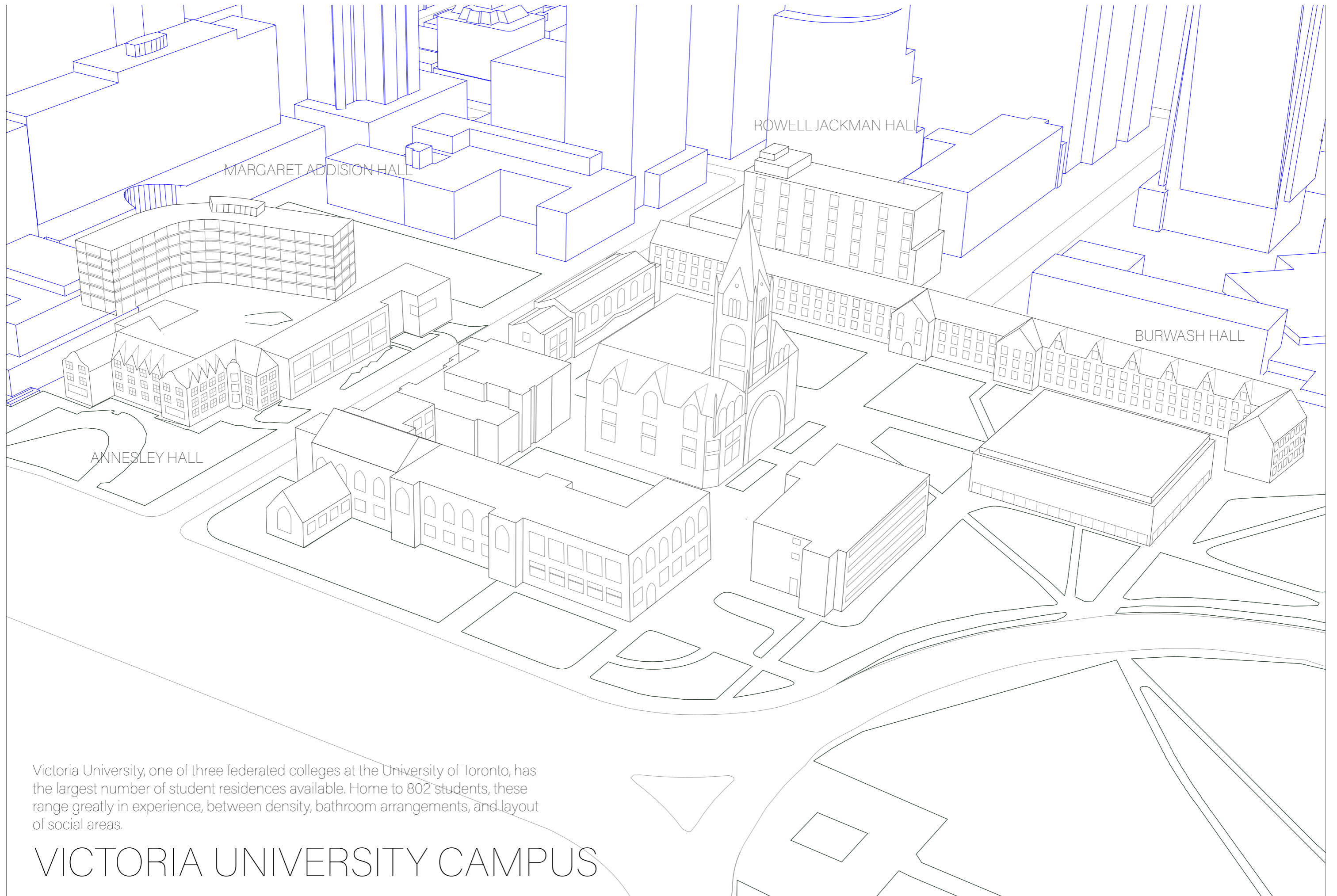
Total Enrollment
 Students Living in Residence



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

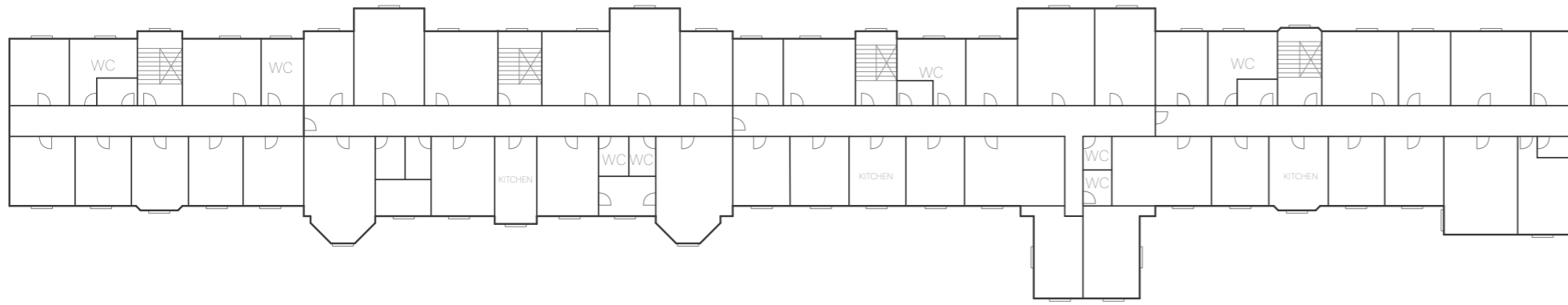
With an undergraduate population of 45,000, the University of Toronto St George Campus housed 3597 students during the 2020-2021 academic year.

*Statistics taken from UofT's "Facts and Figures" publication



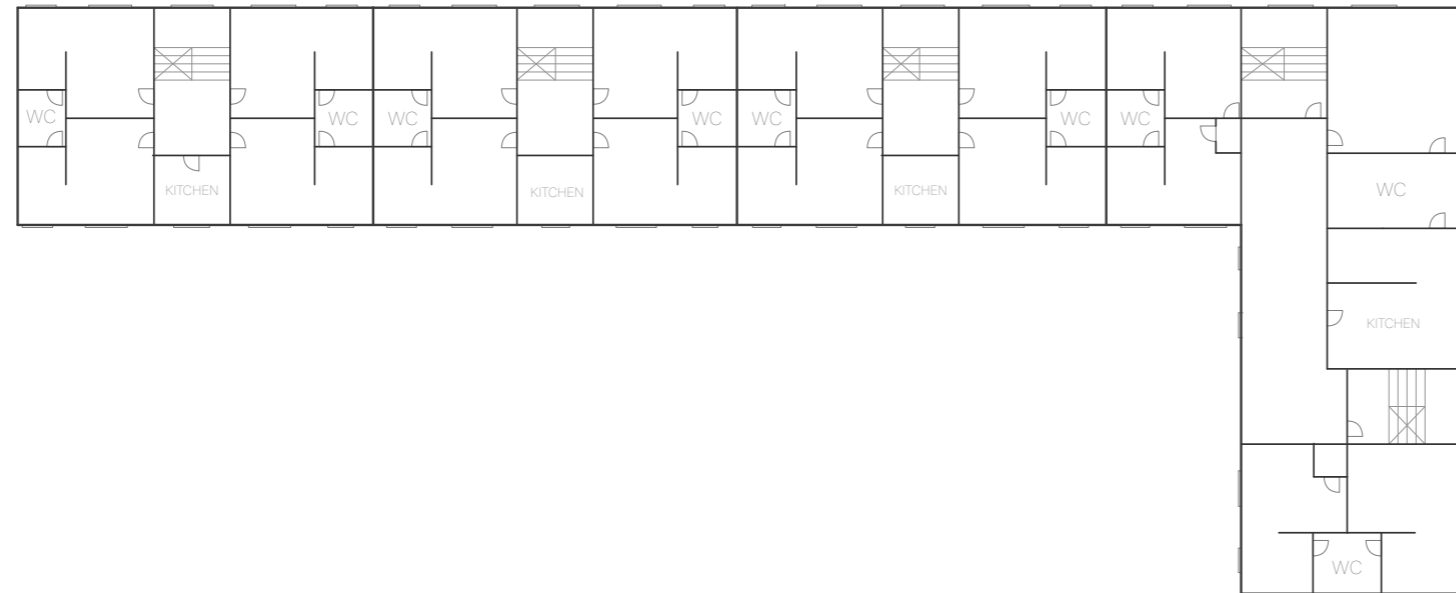
Victoria University, one of three federated colleges at the University of Toronto, has the largest number of student residences available. Home to 802 students, these range greatly in experience, between density, bathroom arrangements, and layout of social areas.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY CAMPUS



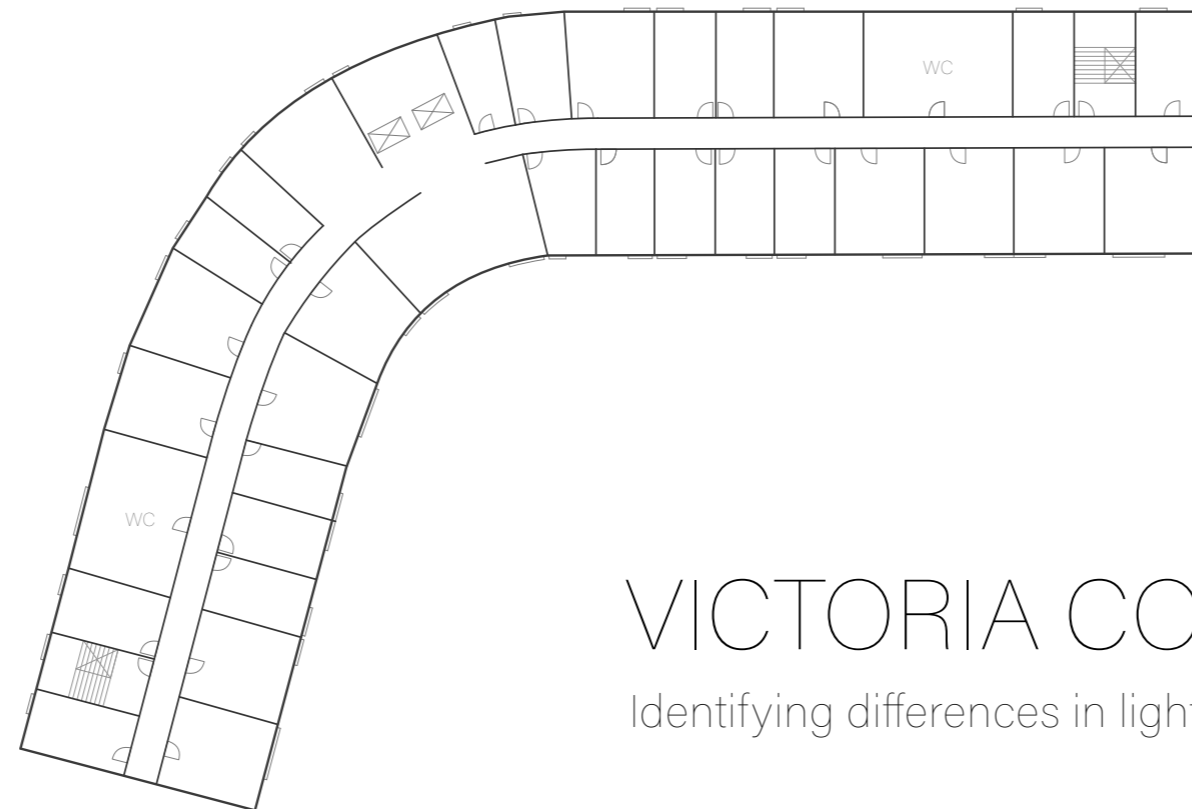
UPPER BURWASH HALL

Split into four houses, the hall houses students in single and double rooms. Each floor has a kitchen, and multiple co-ed bathrooms.



LOWER BURWASH HALL

Lower Burwash, initially constructed in 1931, was originally built for students of Emmanuel College. Unlike Upper Burwash, students cannot travel between houses on the upper floors, and there are 4-8 students per floor. Bathrooms are in the "Jack and Jill" style, meaning that they attach the two rooms from the inside.

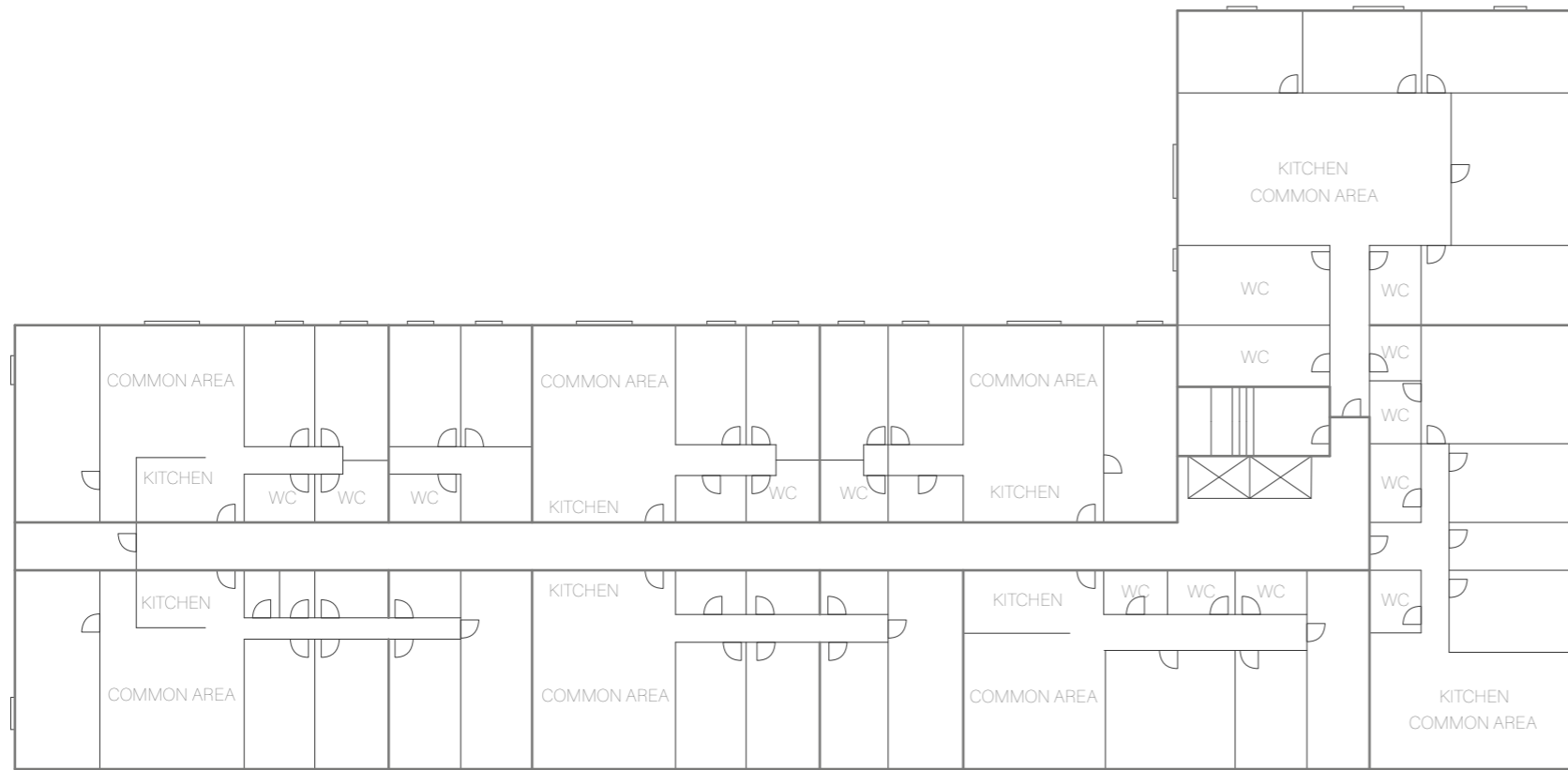


MARGARET ADDISON HALL

Known for its social life, Margaret Addison Hall is defined by its long halls. The elevators open to the common room, and the floor shares two communal bathrooms.

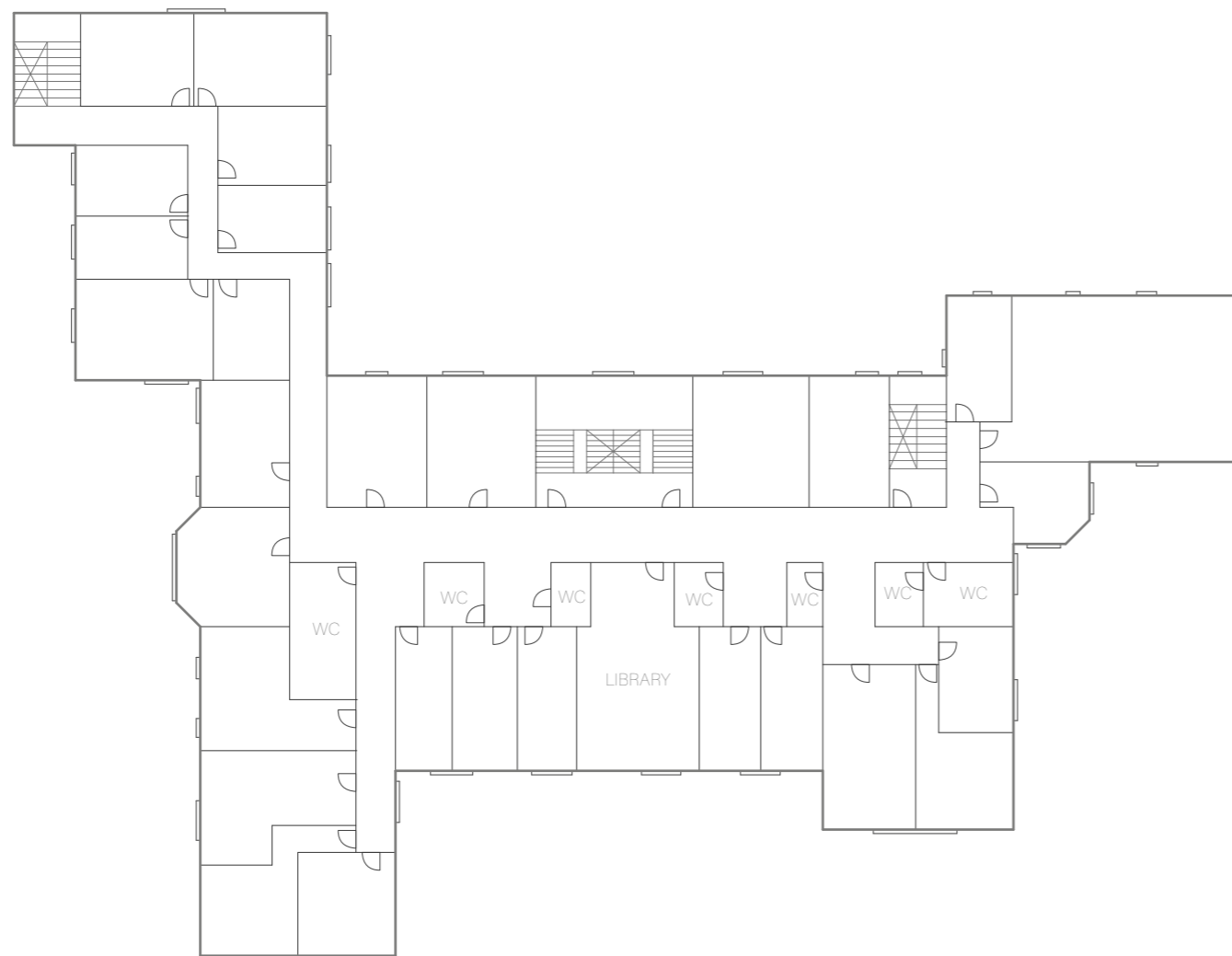
VICTORIA COLLEGE RESIDENCES

Identifying differences in light, communal spaces, and privacy through plan.



ROWELL JACKMAN HALL

Build in 1993, Rowell Jackman is the newest residence at Victoria College. Split into suites which house three to seven students each, each suite provides communal living. Students share a common room, kitchen, and 1-2 bathrooms.



ANNESLEY HALL

This women-only residence was built in 1903, and is known for its close-knit community. The building provides communal bathrooms, as well as common spaces and a library located within the building. Unlike modern designs, no two rooms are the same. It is designated as a National Historic Site and was the first university residence built exclusively for women in Canada.