

RESEARCH SUMMARY
University Office for Academic Policy Analysis

Characteristics of New Transfer Students¹
University of Illinois at Springfield
Fall 2003

Purpose

The purpose of this study is to report enrollment and characteristics of new transfer students² to the University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS) for the 2003 fall term. The study provides data for use by community college counselors, faculty members, and administrators in determining the mobility of their students. It also provides data for UIS officers involved in recruitment, admissions, and instructional services.

Summary of Results

1. Enrollment trend data is based on ten-day statistics for fall term degree-seeking students. These data show that a total of 606 new degree-seeking transfer students enrolled for fall 2003, virtually the same recent previous years (609 in fall 2001, and 610 in fall 2002).

More than half of the transfers who entered UIS in the fall 2003 term last attended an Illinois community college (383), while fewer than 10 percent of students last attended an Illinois public university (56).

2. The top feeder institutions and the number of transfers to UIS for fall 2003 are:

Lincoln Land	202
Illinois Central	54
Richland	29
Parkland	22
Springfield College	20

3. Almost 60 percent of new transfers enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and almost one quarter in College of Business and Management. New students most often majored in or Liberal Studies (69), Psychology (58), or Computer Science (43), each in the College of Liberal Arts and Science, or Accountancy (49), Management (47), or Business Administration (46), each in the College Business and Management.

¹This summary is available on the Internet at www.pb.uillinois.edu or in print form from the University Office for Planning and Budgeting, 506 South Wright--Suite 338, Urbana, IL 61801; phone: (217) 333-8313.

²New transfers (including University of Illinois inter-campus transfers) are defined as undergraduate students who did not earn credit previously at UIS. In most cases, students earned 60 or more hours before transferring to UIS; however, a few enrolled as sophomores, transferring between 45 and 60 hours.

4. Over 60 percent of the new students were female, and more than a quarter were 21 to 22 years of age.
5. Most transfers reported their racial/ethnic category as white (80%) and 9 percent were African American.
6. Over one third of students transfer to UIS holding a GPA over 3.25 on a 4.0 scale.
7. Most fall 2003 transfer students study at UIS full time (71 percent). Approximately one-third of new transfer students at UIS enroll in each of the following categories: 1 to 8 hours, 9 to 12 hours, and more than 12 hours.
8. As an upper division institution, most new students transfer 60 hours or more of credit to UIS. Nearly 20 percent of new students in fall 2003 had earned an Associate's degree in the Arts or an Associate's degree in the Sciences before entering UIS.

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