



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SYSTEM

First-Time Freshman Characteristics Fall 2023



Introduction

The University of Illinois System is among the preeminent public university systems in the nation and strives constantly to sustain and enhance its quality in teaching, research, public service, healthcare, and economic development. The system is made up of three distinctive institutions located in Urbana-Champaign, Chicago, and Springfield. Combined they bring resources, capabilities, and drive that are greater than the sum of their parts – altogether extraordinary.

The System enrolls over 95,000 students at its three institutions as well as online. The programs at the University are the most comprehensive in the State ranging from general undergraduate education to post-doctoral studies. The System produces over 27,000 degrees annually and is the State's largest provider of science, engineering, and health related degrees at all levels; undergraduate, graduate, and professional.

Presented here are first-time freshmen characteristics at each institution and in total for the University of Illinois System. Data is presented according to state and federal reporting guidelines and definitions.

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Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Residency

	Urbana-Champaign		Chicago		Springfield		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Race/Ethnicity*								
American Indian or Alaska Native	3	0.0	.	.	1	0.4	4	0.0
Asian	2,002	24.0	995	21.4	8	3.1	3,005	22.7
Black or African American	449	5.4	449	9.7	39	15.1	937	7.1
Hispanic/Latino	1,251	15.0	1,890	40.7	43	16.6	3,184	24.1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2	0.0	2	0.0	1	0.4	5	0.0
White	3,037	36.5	835	18.0	137	52.9	4,009	30.3
Two or more races	348	4.2	130	2.8	15	5.8	493	3.7
Race and ethnicity unknown	130	1.6	61	1.3	4	1.5	195	1.5
U.S. Nonresident (Nonresident alien)	1,103	13.2	285	6.1	11	4.2	1,399	10.6
Gender								
Male	4,199	50.4	2,166	46.6	95	36.7	6,460	48.8
Female	4,126	49.6	2,481	53.4	164	63.3	6,771	51.2
Residency**								
Resident	6,118	73.5	4,150	89.3	216	83.4	10,484	79.2
Non-Resident/Unknown	1,104	13.3	212	4.6	32	12.4	1,348	10.2
International	1,103	13.2	285	6.1	11	4.2	1,399	10.6
Total	8,325	100.0	4,647	100.0	259	100.0	13,231	100.0

*US Department of Education racial/ethnic reporting categories. In response to Executive Orders for more inclusive terminology, "Nonresident alien" was changed to "U.S. Nonresident" in 2022.

**International based on citizen type. Illinois Resident and Non-Illinois Resident derived based on address at time of application/admission. Prior to Fall16, UIS is based on residency for tuition purposes.

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Full/Part-Time, First Generation, and Age Range

	Urbana-Champaign		Chicago		Springfield		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Full/Part Status								
Full-Time	8,316	99.9	4,565	98.2	254	98.1	13,135	99.3
Part-Time	9	0.1	82	1.8	5	1.9	96	0.7
First Generation								
Yes	1,984	23.8	2,144	46.1	95	36.7	4,223	31.9
No	6,341	76.2	2,503	53.9	164	63.3	9,008	68.1
Age Range								
Under 18	456	5.5	241	5.2	7	2.7	704	5.3
18	7,315	87.9	4,100	88.2	202	78.0	11,617	87.8
19	495	5.9	251	5.4	41	15.8	787	5.9
20	42	0.5	31	0.7	1	0.4	74	0.6
21	10	0.1	11	0.2	.	.	21	0.2
22	1	0.0	1	0.0	3	1.2	5	0.0
23	3	0.0	3	0.1	.	.	6	0.0
24	2	0.0	5	0.1	1	0.4	8	0.1
25 and over	1	0.0	4	0.1	4	1.5	9	0.1
Total	8,325	100.0	4,647	100.0	259	100.0	13,231	100.0

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ACT Composite Score Distribution

ACT Distribution	Urbana-Champaign		Chicago		Springfield		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
12	.	.	1	0.4	.	.	1	0.1
13	1	0.1	.	.	.	.	1	0.1
14	.	.	.	.	1	3.6	1	0.1
15	2	0.1	2	0.8	.	.	4	0.2
16	2	0.1	.	.	1	3.6	3	0.2
17	3	0.2	5	2.0	.	.	8	0.5
18	8	0.5	1	0.4	.	.	9	0.5
19	5	0.3	7	2.8	2	7.1	14	0.8
20	6	0.4	9	3.6	2	7.1	17	1.0
21	17	1.2	13	5.2	2	7.1	32	1.8
22	16	1.1	10	4.0	2	7.1	28	1.6
23	31	2.1	10	4.0	2	7.1	43	2.5
24	21	1.4	25	10.1	2	7.1	48	2.7
25	32	2.2	19	7.7	2	7.1	53	3.0
26	47	3.2	17	6.9	4	14.3	68	3.9
27	71	4.8	13	5.2	1	3.6	85	4.8
28	85	5.8	17	6.9	3	10.7	105	6.0
29	99	6.7	19	7.7	1	3.6	119	6.8
30	131	8.9	14	5.6	1	3.6	146	8.3
31	159	10.8	12	4.8	.	.	171	9.8
32	188	12.7	10	4.0	1	3.6	199	11.4
33	174	11.8	16	6.5	.	.	190	10.8
34	175	11.8	14	5.6	1	3.6	190	10.8
35	159	10.8	9	3.6	.	.	168	9.6
36	45	3.0	5	2.0	.	.	50	2.9
Total	1,477	100.0	248	100.0	28	100.0	1,753	100.0

Note: Includes only those students who took the ACT and does not include converted SAT scores.

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SAT Total Score Distribution

SAT Ranges	Urbana-Champaign		Chicago		Springfield		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
701 - 800	4	0.1	24	1.4	3	2.9	31	0.5
801 - 900	25	0.6	71	4.2	10	9.7	106	1.8
901 - 1000	88	2.2	124	7.3	12	11.7	224	3.9
1001 - 1050	86	2.2	141	8.3	12	11.7	239	4.2
1051 - 1100	112	2.8	172	10.1	21	20.4	305	5.3
1101 - 1150	148	3.7	185	10.9	12	11.7	345	6.0
1151 - 1200	162	4.1	172	10.1	4	3.9	338	5.9
1201 - 1250	248	6.3	217	12.8	11	10.7	476	8.3
1251 - 1300	272	6.9	158	9.3	8	7.8	438	7.6
1301 - 1350	351	8.9	157	9.3	7	6.8	515	9.0
1351 - 1400	390	9.9	107	6.3	1	1.0	498	8.7
1401 - 1450	510	12.9	67	4.0	.	.	577	10.0
1451 - 1500	673	17.0	45	2.7	2	1.9	720	12.5
1501 - 1550	626	15.8	39	2.3	.	.	665	11.6
1551 - 1600	255	6.5	17	1.0	.	.	272	4.7
Total	3,950	100.0	1,696	100.0	103	100.0	5,749	100.0

Note: The first administration of the redesigned SAT was in March 2016. The test scores above includes only the redesigned SAT exam.

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Test Score Statistics

		N	Mean	25th Percentile	50th Percentile (Median)	75th Percentile
Urbana-Champaign	ACT Composite	1,477	30.7	29.0	32.0	34.0
	SAT Total	3,950	1,372.9	1,280.0	1,410.0	1,500.0
Chicago	ACT Composite	248	27.0	24.0	27.0	31.0
	SAT Total	1,696	1,189.3	1,070.0	1,190.0	1,310.0
Springfield	ACT Composite	28	24.2	21.0	24.5	27.5
	SAT Total	103	1,098.4	1,010.0	1,090.0	1,220.0

Note: ACT test scores do not include converted SAT scores. SAT test scores include only the redesigned exam administered since March 2016.

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Program by Two-Digit CIP

	Urbana-Champaign		Chicago		Springfield		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
01 - Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences	314	3.8	.	.	.	.	314	2.4
03 - Natural Resources and Conservation	73	0.9	.	.	1	0.4	74	0.6
04 - Architecture and Related Services	115	1.4	84	1.8	.	.	199	1.5
05 - Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	24	0.3	15	0.3	.	.	39	0.3
09 - Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	209	2.5	19	0.4	5	1.9	233	1.8
11 - Computer and Information Science and Support Services	501	6.0	481	10.4	25	9.7	1,007	7.6
13 - Education	199	2.4	138	3.0	11	4.2	348	2.6
14 - Engineering	1,750	21.0	636	13.7	.	.	2,386	18.0
15 - Engineering Technologies and Related Fields	.	.	5	0.1	.	.	5	0.0
16 - Foreign Languages, Literature, and Linguistics	39	0.5	2	0.0	.	.	41	0.3
19 - Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	56	0.7	12	0.3	.	.	68	0.5
22 - Legal Professions and Studies	.	.	.	.	9	3.5	9	0.1
23 - English Language and Literature/Letters	74	0.9	27	0.6	1	0.4	102	0.8
24 - Liberal Arts and Science, General Studies and Humanities	1,455	17.5	1,658	35.7	39	15.1	3,152	23.8
26 - Biological and Biomedical Sciences	578	6.9	387	8.3	32	12.4	997	7.5
27 - Mathematics and Statistics	243	2.9	25	0.5	3	1.2	271	2.0
30 - Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	210	2.5	33	0.7	.	.	243	1.8
31 - Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	149	1.8	64	1.4	16	6.2	229	1.7
38 - Philosophy and Religious Studies	24	0.3	2	0.0	1	0.4	27	0.2
40 - Physical Science	292	3.5	53	1.1	4	1.5	349	2.6
42 - Psychology	407	4.9	261	5.6	27	10.4	695	5.3
43 - Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting	.	.	128	2.8	17	6.6	145	1.1
44 - Public Administration and Social Services Prof.	49	0.6	5	0.1	5	1.9	59	0.4
45 - Social Science	436	5.2	104	2.2	12	4.6	552	4.2
50 - Visual and Performing Arts	171	2.1	58	1.2	6	2.3	235	1.8
51 - Health Professions and Related Programs	209	2.5	87	1.9	7	2.7	303	2.3
52 - Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Services	673	8.1	360	7.7	36	13.9	1,069	8.1
54 - History	75	0.9	3	0.1	2	0.8	80	0.6
Total	8,325	100.0	4,647	100.0	259	100.0	13,231	100.0

*CIP stands for Classification of Instructional Programs, a federal coding system to describe and aggregate college majors. Degree-seeking students with undeclared majors are reported in CIP 00 through Fall 2013. Fall 2014 forward, they are reported in CIP 24.

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Urbana-Champaign Admissions College

	N	%
Agr, Consumer, & Env Sciences	577	6.9
Applied Health Sciences	344	4.1
College of Media	146	1.8
Division of General Studies	1,285	15.4
Education	170	2.0
Fine & Applied Arts	406	4.9
Gies College of Business	625	7.5
Grainger Engineering	2,047	24.6
Liberal Arts & Sciences	2,624	31.5
School of Information Sciences	52	0.6
School of Social Work	49	0.6
Total	8,325	100.0

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Chicago Admissions College

	N	%
Applied Health Sciences	237	5.1
Architecture, Design, & the Arts	233	5.0
Business Administration	695	15.0
Education	114	2.5
Engineering	1,210	26.0
Liberal Arts & Sciences	2,088	44.9
School of Public Health	35	0.8
Urban Planning & Public Affairs	35	0.8
Total	4,647	100.0

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Springfield Admissions College

	N	%
Business and Management	36	13.9
Health, Science, & Technology	116	44.8
Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	33	12.7
Provost & VC Acad Affairs	38	14.7
Public Affairs and Education	36	13.9
Total	259	100.0

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Urbana-Champaign Top 25 Illinois Sending High Schools

Rank	HS Code	HS Name	HS City	Frequency
1	140640	Lane Tech High Sch	Chicago	166
2	143550	Adlai E Stevenson High Sch	Lincolnshire	151
3	143108	Neuqua Valley High Sch	Naperville	109
4	141383	Whitney M Young Magnet Hs	Chicago	101
5	140905	Jones College Prep	Chicago	91
6	142078	Glenbrook South High Sch	Glenview	90
7	142300	Hinsdale Township HS Central	Hinsdale	84
8	143347	William Fremd High Sch	Palatine	82
9	144430	New Trier Township High Sch	Winnetka	79
10	141860	Evanston Township High Sch	Evanston	76
11	142483	Lyons Township HS N Campus	La Grange	76
12	140187	Metea Valley High School	Aurora	75
13	143106	Naperville North High Sch	Naperville	75
14	143377	Maine Township HS South	Park Ridge	65
15	143062	Prospect High Sch	Mt Prospect	62
16	143245	Oak Park and River Forest Hs	Oak Park	62
17	141342	Northside College Prep Hs	Chicago	61
18	143215	Glenbrook North High Sch	Northbrook	61
19	140205	Barrington Comm Hs	Barrington	60
20	141805	York Comm High Sch	Elmhurst	56
21	143343	J B Conant High Sch	Hoffman Estates	56
22	143105	Naperville Central High Sch	Naperville	55
23	141100	Lincoln Park High Sch	Chicago	54
24	144214	Vernon Hills High Sch	Vernon Hills	52
25	143325	Carl Sandburg High Sch	Orland Park	51

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Chicago Top 25 Illinois Sending High Schools

Rank	HS Code	HS Name	HS City	Frequency
1	140640	Lane Tech High Sch	Chicago	107
2	141385	William H Taft High Sch	Chicago	93
3	140677	Benito Juarez High Sch	Chicago	71
4	140187	Metea Valley High School	Aurora	58
5	141016	Curie Metropolitan HS	Chicago	57
6	141345	Von Steuben Metro Science Ctr	Chicago	56
7	143926	Niles Township West Hs	Skokie	54
8	141001	George Westinghouse Coll Prep	Chicago	53
9	140693	Noble-Chicago Bulls Prep	Chicago	50
10	140303	J S Morton High Sch West	Berwyn	49
11	141083	Noble-Muchin College Prep	Chicago	49
12	143550	Adlai E Stevenson High Sch	Lincolnshire	48
13	141100	Lincoln Park High Sch	Chicago	47
14	140899	John Hancock High Sch	Chicago	46
15	140905	Jones College Prep	Chicago	46
16	141410	J S Morton High Sch East	Cicero	46
17	140658	Noble-UIC College Prep	Chicago	45
18	140991	Noble-ITW David Speer Acad	Chicago	44
19	143108	Neuqua Valley High Sch	Naperville	43
20	140034	Noble-Mansueto High School	Chicago	42
21	140842	George Washington High Sch	Chicago	42
22	141307	Stephen T Mather High Sch	Chicago	42
23	143347	William Fremd High Sch	Palatine	39
24	141055	Senn High Sch	Chicago	38
25	141383	Whitney M Young Magnet Hs	Chicago	38

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Rank	HS Code	HS Name	HS City	Frequency
1	140612	Glenwood High Sch	Chatham	16
2	143975	Springfield High Sch	Springfield	11
3	143685	Rochester High Sch	Rochester	6
4	144400	Williamsville High Sch	Williamsville	6
5	140445	Tri-City High Sch	Buffalo	5
6	140160	Auburn High Sch	Auburn	4
7	143965	Sacred Heart Griffin Hs	Springfield	4
8	144322	Waukegan High Sch	Waukegan	4
9	143155	New Berlin High Sch	New Berlin	3
10	143330	Oswego High School	Oswego	3
11	143960	Lanphier High Sch	Springfield	3
12	144240	North Mac High School	Viriden	3
13	144319	Cristo Rey St Martin Coll Prep	Waukegan	3
14	140265	Belleville Township HS West	Belleville	2
15	140364	Englewood STEM High School	Chicago	2
16	140917	Kenwood Acad	Chicago	2
17	141100	Lincoln Park High Sch	Chicago	2
18	141103	Noble-Hansberry Coll Prep	Chicago	2
19	141387	Bogan Technical High School	Chicago	2
20	141440	Clinton Comm High Sch	Clinton	2
21	141517	Crystal Lake South High Sch	Crystal Lake	2
22	141772	Larkin High Sch	Elgin	2
23	142885	Meredosia Chambersburg Hs	Meredosia	2
24	143237	St Laurence High Sch	Burbank	2
25	143385	Pawnee High Sch	Pawnee	2

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Urbana-Champaign Top 25 Majors

Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Business Undeclared	624
2	Biology	417
3	Psychology	407
4	Computer Engineering	298
5	Computer Science	295
6	Electrical Engineering	247
7	Mechanical Engineering	228
8	Political Science	201
9	Engineering Undeclared	175
10	Civil Engineering	169
11	Aerospace Engineering	157
12	Animal Sciences	139
13	Agr & Consumer Economics	135
14	Mathematics	131
15	Economics	128
16	Physics	120
17	Architectural Studies	115
18	Kinesiology	115
19	Chemistry	100
20	LAS - Undeclared	94
21	Interdisciplinary Health Sci	91
22	Biochemistry	90
23	Chemical Engineering	84
24	Community Health	80
25	Communication	77

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Chicago Top 25 Majors

Rank	Major	Frequency
1	LAS - PreHealth/PreScience	445
2	Computer Science	356
3	Bus Admin-Undeclared	312
4	Biological Sciences	294
5	Computer Engineering	223
6	Mechanical Engineering	140
7	Applied Psychology	131
8	Psychology	130
9	Criminology, Law, and Justice	128
10	AHS-Undeclared	123
11	Finance	115
12	Engineering-Undeclared	111
13	Urban Education	102
14	Biomedical Engineering	98
15	Biochemistry	92
16	Accounting	85
17	Architecture	84
18	Computer Science & Design	81
19	Liberal Arts - PreNeuroscience	77
20	Civil Engineering	67
21	Kinesiology	64
22	Electrical Engineering	63
23	Marketing	59
24	Graphic/Industrial Desgn-Found	52
25	Political Science	52

Note: Based on declared majors only

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Springfield Top 25 Majors

Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Biology	30
2	Pre-Nursing	28
3	Business Administration	27
4	Psychology	27
5	Computer Science	19
6	Criminology and Criminal Just	17
7	Exercise Science	16
8	Political Science	11
9	Accounting	9
10	Legal Studies	9
11	Medical Laboratory Science	7
12	Elementary Education	6
13	Information Systems Security	6
14	Communication	5
15	Social Work	5
16	Visual Arts	5
17	Chemistry	4
18	Mathematical Sciences	3
19	Biochemistry	2
20	History	2
21	Secondary Mathematics Ed	2
22	English	1
23	Environmental Studies	1
24	Liberal Studies	1
25	Middle Grades Education	1