First-Time Freshman Characteristics
Fall 2015

University Office for Planning and Budgeting

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 almost 84,000 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 just under 22,000 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	5	0.1	1	0.0	1	0.4	7	0.1
Asian	1,453	19.2	822	23.6	8	3.0	2,283	20.2
Black or African American	475	6.3	318	9.1	74	27.6	867	7.7
Hispanic/Latino	813	10.8	1,166	33.5	34	12.7	2,013	17.8
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	5	0.1	7	0.2	.	.	12	0.1
White	3,416	45.2	942	27.0	132	49.3	4,490	39.7
Two or more races	231	3.1	107	3.1	8	3.0	346	3.1
Race and ethnicity unknown	55	0.7	18	0.5	2	0.7	75	0.7
Nonresident alien	1,109	14.7	104	3.0	9	3.4	1,222	10.8
Gender								
Male	4,203	55.6	1,677	48.1	98	36.6	5,978	52.8
Female	3,359	44.4	1,808	51.9	170	63.4	5,337	47.2
Residency**								
Resident	5,500	72.7	3,233	92.8	229	85.4	8,962	79.2
Non-Resident/Unknown	953	12.6	148	4.2	30	11.2	1,131	10.0
International	1,109	14.7	104	3.0	9	3.4	1,222	10.8
Total	7,562	100.0	3,485	100.0	268	100.0	11,315	100.0

*US Department of Education racial/ethnic reporting categories were revised in Fall 2010. Prior to that Pacific Islander were included in the Asian category.
**International based on citizen type. Illinois and non-Illinois derived by 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	7,556	99.9	3,462	99.3	264	98.5	11,282	99.7
Part-Time	6	0.1	23	0.7	4	1.5	33	0.3
First Generation								
Yes	1,551	20.5	1,489	42.7	98	36.6	3,138	27.7
No	6,011	79.5	1,996	57.3	170	63.4	8,177	72.3
Age Range								
Under 18	455	6.0	170	4.9	11	4.1	636	5.6
18	6,499	85.9	3,017	86.6	226	84.3	9,742	86.1
19	535	7.1	263	7.5	25	9.3	823	7.3
20	52	0.7	20	0.6	2	0.7	74	0.7
21	13	0.2	8	0.2	1	0.4	22	0.2
22	6	0.1	2	0.1	.	.	8	0.1
23	1	0.0	3	0.1	.	.	4	0.0
24	1	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.7	4	0.0
25 and over	.	.	1	0.0	1	0.4	2	0.0
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ACT Composite Score Distribution

ACT Distribution	Urbana-Champaign		Chicago		Springfield		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
16	2	0.0	9	0.3	.	.	11	0.1
17	13	0.2	28	0.8	12	4.7	53	0.5
18	22	0.4	126	3.8	34	13.3	182	1.9
19	43	0.7	183	5.5	15	5.9	241	2.5
20	74	1.2	250	7.5	23	9.0	347	3.6
21	115	1.9	374	11.2	20	7.8	509	5.2
22	166	2.7	324	9.7	20	7.8	510	5.2
23	226	3.7	357	10.7	25	9.8	608	6.2
24	306	5.0	347	10.4	26	10.2	679	6.9
25	417	6.8	316	9.4	16	6.3	749	7.7
26	516	8.4	256	7.6	12	4.7	784	8.0
27	506	8.2	197	5.9	20	7.8	723	7.4
28	508	8.2	159	4.7	10	3.9	677	6.9
29	566	9.2	124	3.7	8	3.1	698	7.1
30	588	9.5	98	2.9	6	2.3	692	7.1
31	562	9.1	71	2.1	2	0.8	635	6.5
32	532	8.6	46	1.4	4	1.6	582	6.0
33	433	7.0	33	1.0	2	0.8	468	4.8
34	341	5.5	24	0.7	1	0.4	366	3.7
35	204	3.3	22	0.7	.	.	226	2.3
36	26	0.4	4	0.1	.	.	30	0.3
Total	6,166	100.0	3,348	100.0	256	100.0	9,770	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	.	.	1	0.5	.	.	1	0.0
801 - 900	2	0.1	12	5.7	2	13.3	16	0.8
901 - 1000	22	1.2	34	16.2	3	20.0	59	2.8
1001 - 1050	16	0.9	28	13.3	3	20.0	47	2.3
1051 - 1100	27	1.5	28	13.3	2	13.3	57	2.7
1101 - 1150	49	2.6	26	12.4	4	26.7	79	3.8
1151 - 1200	55	3.0	27	12.9	1	6.7	83	4.0
1201 - 1250	113	6.1	18	8.6	.	.	131	6.3
1251 - 1300	192	10.4	9	4.3	.	.	201	9.7
1301 - 1350	338	18.3	11	5.2	.	.	349	16.8
1351 - 1400	351	19.0	4	1.9	.	.	355	17.1
1401 - 1450	319	17.2	3	1.4	.	.	322	15.5
1451 - 1500	198	10.7	.	.	.	.	198	9.5
1501 - 1550	118	6.4	6	2.9	.	.	124	6.0
1551 - 1600	50	2.7	3	1.4	.	.	53	2.6
Total	1,850	100.0	210	100.0	15	100.0	2,075	100.0

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Test Score Statistics

		N	Mean	25th Percentile	50th Percentile (Median)	75th Percentile
Urbana-Champaign	**ACT Composite**	6,166	28.5	26.0	29.0	31.0
	SAT Total	1,850	1,361.0	1,300.0	1,370.0	1,440.0
Chicago	**ACT Composite**	3,348	24.0	21.0	24.0	26.0
	SAT Total	210	1,122.3	1,010.0	1,110.0	1,210.0
Springfield	**ACT Composite**	256	22.9	20.0	23.0	26.0
	SAT Total	15	1,039.3	930.0	1,050.0	1,130.0

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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	338	4.5	.	.	.	.	338	3.0
03 - Natural Resources and Conservation	48	0.6	.	.	1	0.4	49	0.4
04 - Architecture and Related Services	110	1.5	82	2.4	.	.	192	1.7
05 - Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	40	0.5	7	0.2	.	.	47	0.4
09 - Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	167	2.2	35	1.0	14	5.2	216	1.9
11 - Computer and Information Science and Support Services	240	3.2	108	3.1	15	5.6	363	3.2
13 - Education	190	2.5	59	1.7	.	.	249	2.2
14 - Engineering	1,613	21.3	277	7.9	.	.	1,890	16.7
16 - Foreign Languages, Literature, and Linguistics	33	0.4	7	0.2	.	.	40	0.4
19 - Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	43	0.6	13	0.4	.	.	56	0.5
22 - Legal Professions and Studies	.	.	.	.	4	1.5	4	0.0
23 - English Language and Literature/Letters	66	0.9	27	0.8	4	1.5	97	0.9
24 - Liberal Arts and Science, General Studies and Humanities	1,918	25.4	1,612	46.3	77	28.7	3,607	31.9
26 - Biological and Biomedical Sciences	600	7.9	413	11.9	36	13.4	1,049	9.3
27 - Mathematics and Statistics	206	2.7	15	0.4	3	1.1	224	2.0
30 - Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	82	1.1	42	1.2	1	0.4	125	1.1
31 - Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	109	1.4	96	2.8	.	.	205	1.8
38 - Philosophy and Religious Studies	7	0.1	3	0.1	.	.	10	0.1
40 - Physical Science	266	3.5	103	3.0	5	1.9	374	3.3
42 - Psychology	293	3.9	145	4.2	26	9.7	464	4.1
43 - Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting	.	.	39	1.1	12	4.5	51	0.5
44 - Public Administration and Social Services Prof.	51	0.7	6	0.2	4	1.5	61	0.5
45 - Social Science	218	2.9	92	2.6	19	7.1	329	2.9
50 - Visual and Performing Arts	95	1.3	48	1.4	3	1.1	146	1.3
51 - Health Professions and Related Programs	123	1.6	20	0.6	2	0.7	145	1.3
52 - Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Services	675	8.9	228	6.5	41	15.3	944	8.3
54 - History	31	0.4	8	0.2	1	0.4	40	0.4
Total	7,562	100.0	3,485	100.0	268	100.0	11,315	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	470	6.2
Applied Health Sciences	232	3.1
College of Media	129	1.7
Division of General Studies	1,756	23.2
Education	147	1.9
Engineering	1,622	21.4
Fine & Applied Arts	319	4.2
Gies College of Business	617	8.2
Liberal Arts & Sciences	2,219	29.3
School of Social Work	51	0.7
Total	7,562	100.0

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Chicago Admissions College

	N	%
Applied Health Sciences	116	3.3
Architecture,Design,& the Arts	221	6.3
Business Administration	399	11.4
Education	42	1.2
Engineering	400	11.5
Liberal Arts & Sciences	2,284	65.5
Urban Planning &Public Affairs	23	0.7
Total	3,485	100.0

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Springfield Admissions College

	N	%
Business and Management	42	15.7
Education and Human Services	4	1.5
Liberal Arts & Sciences	113	42.2
Provost & VC Acad Affairs	76	28.4
Public Affairs & Administratn	33	12.3
Total	268	100.0

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Urbana-Champaign Top 25 Illinois Sending High Schools

Rank	HS Code	HS Name	HS City	Frequency
1	143550	Adlai E Stevenson High Sch	Lincolnshire	139
2	140640	Lane Tech High Sch	Chicago	102
3	143108	Neuqua Valley High Sch	Naperville	95
4	144430	New Trier Township High Sch	Winnetka	91
5	143347	William Fremd High Sch	Palatine	82
6	142078	Glenbrook South High Sch	Glenview	73
7	142300	Hinsdale Township HS Central	Hinsdale	72
8	142483	Lyons Township HS N Campus	La Grange	69
9	142175	Warren Township High Sch	Gurnee	64
10	140205	Barrington Comm Hs	Barrington	63
11	143215	Glenbrook North High Sch	Northbrook	63
12	141383	Whitney M Young Magnet Hs	Chicago	62
13	143343	J B Conant High Sch	Hoffman Estates	56
14	143105	Naperville Central High Sch	Naperville	55
15	141570	Deerfield High Sch	Deerfield	54
16	143106	Naperville North High Sch	Naperville	54
17	143325	Carl Sandburg High Sch	Orland Park	53
18	141100	Lincoln Park High Sch	Chicago	52
19	141860	Evanston Township High Sch	Evanston	52
20	140177	Illinois Math and Science Acad	Aurora	49
21	143245	Oak Park and River Forest Hs	Oak Park	49
22	143377	Maine Township HS South	Park Ridge	48
23	142275	Highland Park High Sch	Highland Park	46
24	140187	Metea Valley High School	Aurora	43
25	140593	Centennial High Sch	Champaign	42

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Rank	HS Code	HS Name	HS City	Frequency
1	140640	Lane Tech High Sch	Chicago	161
2	141385	William H Taft High Sch	Chicago	57
3	143926	Niles Township West Hs	Skokie	56
4	140930	Lake View High Sch	Chicago	49
5	141595	Maine Township HS East	Park Ridge	48
6	141016	Curie Metropolitan HS	Chicago	47
7	141100	Lincoln Park High Sch	Chicago	47
8	141383	Whitney M Young Magnet Hs	Chicago	46
9	143927	Niles North High Sch	Skokie	45
10	141077	Prosser Career Academy	Chicago	41
11	141239	Noble-Pritzker College Prep	Chicago	41
12	141410	J S Morton High Sch East	Cicero	39
13	141315	Thomas Kelly High Sch	Chicago	37
14	143108	Neuqua Valley High Sch	Naperville	33
15	143357	Amos Alonzo Stagg High Sch	Palos Hills	33
16	140658	Noble-UIC College Prep	Chicago	31
17	140877	Hubbard High Sch	Chicago	30
18	141345	Von Steuben Metro Science Ctr	Chicago	28
19	142301	Hoffman Estates High Sch	Hoffman Estates	28
20	140213	Bartlett High Sch	Bartlett	27
21	141307	Stephen T Mather High Sch	Chicago	27
22	143325	Carl Sandburg High Sch	Orland Park	27
23	143347	William Fremd High Sch	Palatine	27
24	141305	Steinmetz High Sch	Chicago	26
25	143377	Maine Township HS South	Park Ridge	26

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Rank	HS Code	HS Name	HS City	Frequency
1	141108	Noble-Rowe Clark Math & Sci	Chicago	13
2	144322	Waukegan High Sch	Waukegan	10
3	140612	Glenwood High Sch	Chatham	8
4	140693	Noble-Chicago Bulls Prep	Chicago	8
5	143965	Sacred Heart Griffin Hs	Springfield	7
6	143955	Springfield Southeast Hs	Springfield	5
7	144400	Williamsville High Sch	Williamsville	5
8	141347	Noble-Gary Comer Coll Prep	Chicago	4
9	143975	Springfield High Sch	Springfield	4
10	140827	Noble-Johnson College Prep	Chicago	3
11	140905	Jones College Prep	Chicago	3
12	141517	Crystal Lake South High Sch	Crystal Lake	3
13	142220	Havana High Sch	Havana	3
14	143495	Plainfield High Sch	Plainfield	3
15	140140	Athens Community High School	Athens	2
16	140367	Bolingbrook High Sch	Bolingbrook	2
17	140654	Catalyst-Maria High School	Chicago	2
18	140708	Perspectives Leadership Acad	Chicago	2
19	140944	Perspectives Calumet Tech	Chicago	2
20	141077	Prosser Career Academy	Chicago	2
21	141122	Lindblom Math and Science Acad	Chicago	2
22	141550	Danville High Sch	Danville	2
23	141735	Edwardsville Senior Hs	Edwardsville	2
24	142175	Warren Township High Sch	Gurnee	2
25	142547	Thornton Fractional South Hs	Lansing	2

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Urbana-Champaign Top 25 Majors

Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Biology	518
2	Psychology	293
3	Electrical Engineering	264
4	Computer Science	213
5	Computer Engineering	210
6	Mechanical Engineering	181
7	Chemical Engineering	161
8	Mathematics	153
9	Engineering Undeclared	146
10	Civil Engineering	140
11	Chemistry	139
12	Aerospace Engineering	135
13	Agr & Consumer Economics	120
14	Animal Sciences	106
15	Economics	105
16	Physics	93
17	Materials Science & Engr	92
18	Kinesiology	81
19	Architectural Studies	80
20	Elementary Education	80
21	Food Science & Human Nutrition	80
22	Political Science	79
23	Art Foundation	78
24	LAS - Undeclared	76
25	Biochemistry	72

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Chicago Top 25 Majors

Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Biological Sciences	304
2	Bus Admin-Undeclared	159
3	Psychology	145
4	Accounting	109
5	Biochemistry	109
6	Computer Science	96
7	Kinesiology - Undeclared	91
8	Architecture	82
9	Chemistry	78
10	Mechanical Engineering	72
11	Bioengineering	67
12	Graphic/Industrial Desgn-Found	56
13	Marketing	48
14	Computer Engineering	45
15	Math & Computer Science	41
16	Criminology, Law, and Justice	39
17	Political Science	37
18	Communication	35
19	Art-Foundation	29
20	Electrical Engineering	29
21	Urban Education	29
22	Chemical Engineering	28
23	Finance	28
24	Engineering-Undeclared	27
25	English	27

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Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Biology	36
2	Business Administration	29
3	Psychology	26
4	Political Science	15
5	Communication	14
6	Accountancy	12
7	Computer Science	12
8	Criminal Justice	12
9	Chemistry	5
10	English	4
11	Legal Studies	4
12	Social Work	4
13	Information Systems Security	3
14	Mathematical Sciences	3
15	Sociology/Anthropology	3
16	Visual Arts	3
17	Clinical Laboratory Science	2
18	Economics	1
19	Environmental Studies	1
20	Global Studies	1
21	History	1
22	Liberal Studies	1

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