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First-Time Freshman Characteristics
Fall 2016

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	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	3	0.0
Asian	1,488	19.6	721	21.8	5	1.7	2,214	19.8
Black or African American	548	7.2	294	8.9	62	20.7	904	8.1
Hispanic/Latino	934	12.3	1,272	38.5	48	16.0	2,254	20.1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2	0.0	2	0.1	.	.	4	0.0
White	3,328	43.8	821	24.8	165	55.0	4,314	38.5
Two or more races	225	3.0	101	3.1	5	1.7	331	3.0
Race and ethnicity unknown	22	0.3	5	0.2	2	0.7	29	0.3
Nonresident alien	1,042	13.7	91	2.8	13	4.3	1,146	10.2
Gender								
Male	3,959	52.1	1,560	47.2	130	43.3	5,649	50.4
Female	3,633	47.9	1,747	52.8	170	56.7	5,550	49.6
Residency**								
Resident	5,639	74.3	3,056	92.4	271	90.3	8,966	80.1
Non-Resident/Unknown	911	12.0	160	4.8	16	5.3	1,087	9.7
International	1,042	13.7	91	2.8	13	4.3	1,146	10.2
Total	7,592	100.0	3,307	100.0	300	100.0	11,199	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	7,581	99.9	3,271	98.9	295	98.3	11,147	99.5
Part-Time	11	0.1	36	1.1	5	1.7	52	0.5
First Generation								
Yes	1,642	21.6	1,277	38.6	82	27.3	3,001	26.8
No	5,950	78.4	2,030	61.4	218	72.7	8,198	73.2
Age Range								
Under 18	470	6.2	137	4.1	3	1.0	610	5.4
18	6,524	85.9	2,918	88.2	240	80.0	9,682	86.5
19	536	7.1	212	6.4	39	13.0	787	7.0
20	47	0.6	24	0.7	5	1.7	76	0.7
21	9	0.1	6	0.2	3	1.0	18	0.2
22	2	0.0	2	0.1	3	1.0	7	0.1
23	.	.	2	0.1	2	0.7	4	0.0
24	.	.	1	0.0	1	0.3	2	0.0
25 and over	4	0.1	5	0.2	4	1.3	13	0.1
Total	7,592	100.0	3,307	100.0	300	100.0	11,199	100.0

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ACT Composite Score Distribution

ACT Distribution	Urbana-Champaign		Chicago		Springfield		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
11	.	.	1	0.0	.	.	1	0.0
15	.	.	10	0.3	.	.	10	0.1
16	2	0.0	13	0.4	6	2.1	21	0.2
17	5	0.1	62	1.9	16	5.7	83	0.8
18	31	0.5	134	4.2	14	5.0	179	1.8
19	56	0.9	168	5.3	21	7.4	245	2.5
20	93	1.4	231	7.2	21	7.4	345	3.5
21	144	2.2	305	9.5	25	8.9	474	4.8
22	177	2.8	282	8.8	25	8.9	484	4.9
23	256	4.0	318	9.9	20	7.1	594	6.0
24	313	4.9	340	10.6	22	7.8	675	6.8
25	464	7.2	276	8.6	30	10.6	770	7.8
26	502	7.8	224	7.0	18	6.4	744	7.5
27	550	8.6	234	7.3	16	5.7	800	8.1
28	560	8.7	173	5.4	16	5.7	749	7.6
29	531	8.3	129	4.0	8	2.8	668	6.7
30	576	9.0	95	3.0	11	3.9	682	6.9
31	533	8.3	55	1.7	2	0.7	590	6.0
32	492	7.7	59	1.8	4	1.4	555	5.6
33	457	7.1	32	1.0	5	1.8	494	5.0
34	379	5.9	30	0.9	1	0.4	410	4.1
35	259	4.0	26	0.8	1	0.4	286	2.9
36	40	0.6	2	0.1	.	.	42	0.4
Total	6,420	100.0	3,199	100.0	282	100.0	9,901	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	0.1	.	.	1	6.3	2	0.1
801 - 900	6	0.4	17	9.8	3	18.8	26	1.5
901 - 1000	16	1.0	28	16.2	5	31.3	49	2.8
1001 - 1050	18	1.2	20	11.6	2	12.5	40	2.3
1051 - 1100	23	1.5	19	11.0	1	6.3	43	2.5
1101 - 1150	33	2.1	21	12.1	1	6.3	55	3.1
1151 - 1200	51	3.3	20	11.6	.	.	71	4.1
1201 - 1250	80	5.1	10	5.8	1	6.3	91	5.2
1251 - 1300	136	8.7	10	5.8	1	6.3	147	8.4
1301 - 1350	232	14.8	15	8.7	.	.	247	14.1
1351 - 1400	330	21.1	3	1.7	.	.	333	19.0
1401 - 1450	265	16.9	3	1.7	1	6.3	269	15.3
1451 - 1500	211	13.5	3	1.7	.	.	214	12.2
1501 - 1550	128	8.2	3	1.7	.	.	131	7.5
1551 - 1600	34	2.2	1	0.6	.	.	35	2.0
Total	1,564	100.0	173	100.0	16	100.0	1,753	100.0

Note: Does not include test scores from the redesigned SAT first admisitered in March 2016.

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Test Score Statistics

		N	Mean	25th Percentile	50th Percentile (Median)	75th Percentile
Urbana-Champaign	ACT Composite	6,420	28.4	26.0	29.0	32.0
	SAT Total	1,564	1,368.3	1,310.0	1,380.0	1,450.0
Chicago	ACT Composite	3,199	24.0	21.0	24.0	27.0
	SAT Total	173	1,123.7	1,000.0	1,110.0	1,230.0
Springfield	ACT Composite	282	23.4	20.0	23.0	26.0
	SAT Total	16	1,021.9	900.0	975.0	1,110.0

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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	344	4.5	.	.	.	.	344	3.1
03 - Natural Resources and Conservation	52	0.7	.	.	1	0.3	53	0.5
04 - Architecture and Related Services	114	1.5	76	2.3	.	.	190	1.7
05 - Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	43	0.6	7	0.2	.	.	50	0.4
09 - Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	203	2.7	27	0.8	7	2.3	237	2.1
11 - Computer and Information Science and Support Services	251	3.3	129	3.9	29	9.7	409	3.7
13 - Education	168	2.2	83	2.5	.	.	251	2.2
14 - Engineering	1,454	19.2	235	7.1	.	.	1,689	15.1
15 - Engineering Technologies and Related Fields	.	.	1	0.0	.	.	1	0.0
16 - Foreign Languages, Literature, and Linguistics	37	0.5	4	0.1	.	.	41	0.4
19 - Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	39	0.5	25	0.8	.	.	64	0.6
22 - Legal Professions and Studies	.	.	.	.	5	1.7	5	0.0
23 - English Language and Literature/Letters	87	1.1	24	0.7	9	3.0	120	1.1
24 - Liberal Arts and Science, General Studies and Humanities	1,888	24.9	1,488	45.0	68	22.7	3,444	30.8
26 - Biological and Biomedical Sciences	579	7.6	374	11.3	32	10.7	985	8.8
27 - Mathematics and Statistics	209	2.8	11	0.3	4	1.3	224	2.0
30 - Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	94	1.2	16	0.5	4	1.3	114	1.0
31 - Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	120	1.6	78	2.4	1	0.3	199	1.8
38 - Philosophy and Religious Studies	13	0.2	5	0.2	1	0.3	19	0.2
40 - Physical Science	263	3.5	86	2.6	8	2.7	357	3.2
42 - Psychology	279	3.7	142	4.3	20	6.7	441	3.9
43 - Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting	.	.	96	2.9	21	7.0	117	1.0
44 - Public Administration and Social Services Prof.	60	0.8	7	0.2	5	1.7	72	0.6
45 - Social Science	264	3.5	69	2.1	18	6.0	351	3.1
50 - Visual and Performing Arts	189	2.5	53	1.6	2	0.7	244	2.2
51 - Health Professions and Related Programs	158	2.1	36	1.1	6	2.0	200	1.8
52 - Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Services	625	8.2	230	7.0	53	17.7	908	8.1
54 - History	59	0.8	5	0.2	6	2.0	70	0.6
Total	7,592	100.0	3,307	100.0	300	100.0	11,199	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	482	6.3
Applied Health Sciences	278	3.7
College of Media	147	1.9
Division of General Studies	1,804	23.8
Education	121	1.6
Engineering	1,471	19.4
Fine & Applied Arts	354	4.7
Gies College of Business	561	7.4
Liberal Arts & Sciences	2,314	30.5
School of Social Work	60	0.8
Total	7,592	100.0

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Chicago Admissions College

	N	%
Applied Health Sciences	114	3.4
Architecture,Design,& the Arts	239	7.2
Business Administration	390	11.8
Education	79	2.4
Engineering	392	11.9
Liberal Arts & Sciences	2,076	62.8
Urban Planning &Public Affairs	17	0.5
Total	3,307	100.0

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Springfield Admissions College

	N	%
Business and Management	62	20.7
Education and Human Services	5	1.7
Liberal Arts & Sciences	123	41.0
Provost & VC Acad Affairs	67	22.3
Public Affairs & Administratn	43	14.3
Total	300	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	147
2	141383	Whitney M Young Magnet Hs	Chicago	106
3	143108	Neuqua Valley High Sch	Naperville	104
4	144430	New Trier Township High Sch	Winnetka	93
5	140640	Lane Tech High Sch	Chicago	90
6	143347	William Fremd High Sch	Palatine	81
7	140205	Barrington Comm Hs	Barrington	72
8	142078	Glenbrook South High Sch	Glenview	68
9	143215	Glenbrook North High Sch	Northbrook	68
10	143377	Maine Township HS South	Park Ridge	64
11	142300	Hinsdale Township HS Central	Hinsdale	63
12	143105	Naperville Central High Sch	Naperville	61
13	140187	Metea Valley High School	Aurora	59
14	143106	Naperville North High Sch	Naperville	56
15	141570	Deerfield High Sch	Deerfield	52
16	142483	Lyons Township HS N Campus	La Grange	52
17	140177	Illinois Math and Science Acad	Aurora	51
18	141860	Evanston Township High Sch	Evanston	49
19	142275	Highland Park High Sch	Highland Park	49
20	140184	Waubonsie Valley High Sch	Aurora	48
21	141100	Lincoln Park High Sch	Chicago	48
22	143062	Prospect High Sch	Mt Prospect	48
23	143926	Niles Township West Hs	Skokie	48
24	143343	J B Conant High Sch	Hoffman Estates	47
25	143325	Carl Sandburg High Sch	Orland Park	46

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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	83
2	141315	Thomas Kelly High Sch	Chicago	57
3	141385	William H Taft High Sch	Chicago	56
4	143926	Niles Township West Hs	Skokie	55
5	141016	Curie Metropolitan HS	Chicago	43
6	141307	Stephen T Mather High Sch	Chicago	43
7	140677	Benito Juarez High Sch	Chicago	38
8	141345	Von Steuben Metro Science Ctr	Chicago	38
9	140930	Lake View High Sch	Chicago	37
10	141410	J S Morton High Sch East	Cicero	37
11	143927	Niles North High Sch	Skokie	35
12	140658	Noble-UIC College Prep	Chicago	33
13	141077	Prosser Career Academy	Chicago	33
14	141595	Maine Township HS East	Park Ridge	32
15	141042	Eric Solorio Academy High Sch	Chicago	31
16	141083	Noble-Muchin College Prep	Chicago	30
17	141100	Lincoln Park High Sch	Chicago	30
18	141383	Whitney M Young Magnet Hs	Chicago	29
19	143325	Carl Sandburg High Sch	Orland Park	29
20	140213	Bartlett High Sch	Bartlett	26
21	143108	Neuqua Valley High Sch	Naperville	26
22	140877	Hubbard High Sch	Chicago	25
23	141055	Senn High Sch	Chicago	25
24	140367	Bolingbrook High Sch	Bolingbrook	24
25	140842	George Washington High Sch	Chicago	24

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Rank	HS Code	HS Name	HS City	Frequency
1	144322	Waukegan High Sch	Waukegan	10
2	140612	Glenwood High Sch	Chatham	7
3	142625	Lincoln Comm High Sch	Lincoln	7
4	143965	Sacred Heart Griffin Hs	Springfield	7
5	143220	North Chicago Comm Hs	North Chicago	6
6	143960	Lanphier High Sch	Springfield	6
7	143270	O'Fallon Township High Sch	O Fallon	4
8	143955	Springfield Southeast Hs	Springfield	4
9	143975	Springfield High Sch	Springfield	4
10	140520	Carlinville High Sch	Carlinville	3
11	140693	Noble-Chicago Bulls Prep	Chicago	3
12	141108	Noble-Rowe Clark Math & Sci	Chicago	3
13	141772	Larkin High Sch	Elgin	3
14	142120	Granite City Senior Hs	Granite City	3
15	142175	Warren Township High Sch	Gurnee	3
16	142640	Litchfield Senior High Sch	Litchfield	3
17	143085	Mount Zion High Sch	Mt Zion	3
18	143475	Porta Jr-Sr High Sch	Petersburg	3
19	143499	Plainfield East High School	Plainfield	3
20	143963	Lutheran High Sch	Springfield	3
21	144240	North Mac High School	Virden	3
22	140176	Aurora Christian Schs	Aurora	2
23	140251	Althoff Catholic High Sch	Belleville	2
24	140563	Cary Grove High Sch	Cary	2
25	141017	Marist High Sch	Chicago	2

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Urbana-Champaign Top 25 Majors

Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Biology	506
2	Psychology	279
3	Computer Engineering	220
4	Electrical Engineering	206
5	Computer Science	199
6	Mechanical Engineering	185
7	Civil Engineering	157
8	Mathematics	147
9	Chemical Engineering	139
10	Animal Sciences	131
11	Political Science	119
12	Chemistry	113
13	Economics	112
14	Agr & Consumer Economics	109
15	Physics	103
16	Aerospace Engineering	97
17	Architectural Studies	88
18	Food Science & Human Nutrition	80
19	Kinesiology	77
20	Engineering Undeclared	74
21	Materials Science & Engr	74
22	Math & Computer Science	74
23	Bioengineering	71
24	English	70
25	Interdisciplinary Health Sci	68

Note: Based on declared majors only

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Chicago Top 25 Majors

Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Biological Sciences	275
2	Bus Admin-Undeclared	149
3	Psychology	142
4	Computer Science	118
5	Accounting	102
6	Biochemistry	98
7	Criminology, Law, and Justice	96
8	Kinesiology - Undeclared	78
9	Architecture	76
10	Graphic/Industrial Desgn-Found	66
11	Bioengineering	63
12	Chemistry	58
13	Mechanical Engineering	55
14	Urban Education	54
15	Marketing	43
16	Engineering-Undeclared	38
17	Finance	36
18	Rehabilitation Sciences	36
19	Computer Engineering	35
20	Civil Engineering	32
21	Political Science	31
22	Art-Foundation	30
23	Management	30
24	Communication	27
25	Human Development & Learning	25

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Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Business Administration	36
2	Biology	32
3	Computer Science	23
4	Criminology and Criminal Just	21
5	Psychology	20
6	Accountancy	17
7	Political Science	12
8	English	9
9	Chemistry	8
10	Communication	7
11	Clinical Laboratory Science	6
12	Economics	6
13	History	6
14	Legal Studies	5
15	Social Work	5
16	Global Studies	4
17	Mathematical Sciences	4
18	Information Systems Security	3
19	Management Information Systems	3
20	Visual Arts	2
21	Environmental Studies	1
22	Exercise Science	1
23	Liberal Studies	1
24	Philosophy	1

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