University of Illinois System

First-Time Freshman Characteristics
Fall 2017

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	3	0.0	2	0.0	2	0.7	7	0.1
Asian	1,497	19.9	912	22.5	5	1.8	2,414	20.4
Black or African American	500	6.7	310	7.7	52	18.7	862	7.3
Hispanic/Latino	996	13.2	1,622	40.0	51	18.3	2,669	22.5
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	7	0.1	2	0.0	.	.	9	0.1
White	3,092	41.1	880	21.7	144	51.8	4,116	34.7
Two or more races	251	3.3	114	2.8	15	5.4	380	3.2
Race and ethnicity unknown	45	0.6	4	0.1	1	0.4	50	0.4
Nonresident alien	1,127	15.0	204	5.0	8	2.9	1,339	11.3
Gender								
Male	4,036	53.7	1,910	47.2	122	43.9	6,068	51.2
Female	3,482	46.3	2,140	52.8	156	56.1	5,778	48.8
Residency**								
Resident	5,458	72.6	3,648	90.1	250	89.9	9,356	79.0
Non-Resident/Unknown	933	12.4	198	4.9	20	7.2	1,151	9.7
International	1,127	15.0	204	5.0	8	2.9	1,339	11.3
Total	7,518	100.0	4,050	100.0	278	100.0	11,846	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	7,503	99.8	4,014	99.1	277	99.6	11,794	99.6
Part-Time	15	0.2	36	0.9	1	0.4	52	0.4
First Generation								
Yes	1,650	21.9	1,743	43.0	113	40.6	3,506	29.6
No	5,868	78.1	2,307	57.0	165	59.4	8,340	70.4
Age Range								
Under 18	428	5.7	177	4.4	8	2.9	613	5.2
18	6,347	84.4	3,522	87.0	234	84.2	10,103	85.3
19	699	9.3	306	7.6	31	11.2	1,036	8.7
20	33	0.4	26	0.6	3	1.1	62	0.5
21	6	0.1	9	0.2	.	.	15	0.1
22	.	.	8	0.2	1	0.4	9	0.1
23	.	.	1	0.0	.	.	1	0.0
24	2	0.0	1	0.0	1	0.4	4	0.0
25 and over	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	3	0.0
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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
14	.	.	2	0.1	.	.	2	0.0
15	.	.	8	0.2	1	0.4	9	0.1
16	3	0.0	35	0.9	5	1.9	43	0.4
17	5	0.1	95	2.5	12	4.6	112	1.1
18	27	0.4	214	5.7	19	7.3	260	2.5
19	73	1.1	279	7.4	13	5.0	365	3.5
20	117	1.8	337	9.0	15	5.7	469	4.5
21	149	2.3	342	9.1	18	6.9	509	4.9
22	206	3.2	367	9.8	29	11.1	602	5.8
23	252	3.9	359	9.6	24	9.2	635	6.1
24	348	5.4	360	9.6	22	8.4	730	7.0
25	397	6.2	323	8.6	21	8.0	741	7.1
26	403	6.3	230	6.1	14	5.4	647	6.2
27	500	7.8	209	5.6	19	7.3	728	7.0
28	567	8.8	166	4.4	12	4.6	745	7.1
29	554	8.6	116	3.1	10	3.8	680	6.5
30	534	8.3	82	2.2	9	3.4	625	6.0
31	540	8.4	74	2.0	7	2.7	621	6.0
32	551	8.6	48	1.3	5	1.9	604	5.8
33	502	7.8	38	1.0	4	1.5	544	5.2
34	370	5.8	31	0.8	2	0.8	403	3.9
35	272	4.2	24	0.6	.	.	296	2.8
36	42	0.7	11	0.3	.	.	53	0.5
Total	6,412	100.0	3,751	100.0	261	100.0	10,424	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	0.3	.	.	1	0.1
801 - 900	2	0.2	4	1.3	.	.	6	0.4
901 - 1000	5	0.4	24	8.0	1	5.3	30	1.8
1001 - 1050	13	1.0	16	5.3	4	21.1	33	2.0
1051 - 1100	16	1.2	33	11.0	3	15.8	52	3.2
1101 - 1150	30	2.3	36	12.0	1	5.3	67	4.1
1151 - 1200	34	2.6	40	13.3	5	26.3	79	4.8
1201 - 1250	45	3.4	37	12.3	1	5.3	83	5.1
1251 - 1300	80	6.1	34	11.3	1	5.3	115	7.0
1301 - 1350	146	11.1	33	11.0	1	5.3	180	11.0
1351 - 1400	255	19.3	20	6.7	2	10.5	277	16.9
1401 - 1450	308	23.3	7	2.3	.	.	315	19.2
1451 - 1500	248	18.8	6	2.0	.	.	254	15.5
1501 - 1550	106	8.0	7	2.3	.	.	113	6.9
1551 - 1600	32	2.4	2	0.7	.	.	34	2.1
Total	1,320	100.0	300	100.0	19	100.0	1,639	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	6,412	28.5	26.0	29.0	32.0
	SAT Total	1,320	1,390.2	1,340.0	1,410.0	1,460.0
Chicago	ACT Composite	3,751	23.4	20.0	23.0	26.0
	SAT Total	300	1,201.1	1,100.0	1,200.0	1,305.0
Springfield	ACT Composite	261	23.6	21.0	23.0	27.0
	SAT Total	19	1,153.2	1,050.0	1,160.0	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	316	4.2	.	.	.	.	316	2.7
03 - Natural Resources and Conservation	49	0.7	.	.	1	0.4	50	0.4
04 - Architecture and Related Services	120	1.6	71	1.8	.	.	191	1.6
05 - Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	50	0.7	13	0.3	.	.	63	0.5
09 - Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	180	2.4	37	0.9	2	0.7	219	1.8
11 - Computer and Information Science and Support Services	240	3.2	223	5.5	26	9.4	489	4.1
13 - Education	190	2.5	81	2.0	.	.	271	2.3
14 - Engineering	1,799	23.9	329	8.1	.	.	2,128	18.0
16 - Foreign Languages, Literature, and Linguistics	32	0.4	9	0.2	.	.	41	0.3
19 - Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	36	0.5	31	0.8	.	.	67	0.6
23 - English Language and Literature/Letters	87	1.2	35	0.9	12	4.3	134	1.1
24 - Liberal Arts and Science, General Studies and Humanities	1,530	20.4	1,618	40.0	61	21.9	3,209	27.1
26 - Biological and Biomedical Sciences	568	7.6	452	11.2	44	15.8	1,064	9.0
27 - Mathematics and Statistics	225	3.0	29	0.7	2	0.7	256	2.2
30 - Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	78	1.0	50	1.2	2	0.7	130	1.1
31 - Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	109	1.4	91	2.2	15	5.4	215	1.8
38 - Philosophy and Religious Studies	8	0.1	4	0.1	1	0.4	13	0.1
40 - Physical Science	228	3.0	110	2.7	8	2.9	346	2.9
42 - Psychology	306	4.1	142	3.5	16	5.8	464	3.9
43 - Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting	.	.	124	3.1	9	3.2	133	1.1
44 - Public Administration and Social Services Prof.	50	0.7	6	0.1	6	2.2	62	0.5
45 - Social Science	276	3.7	116	2.9	13	4.7	405	3.4
50 - Visual and Performing Arts	201	2.7	40	1.0	2	0.7	243	2.1
51 - Health Professions and Related Programs	173	2.3	29	0.7	4	1.4	206	1.7
52 - Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Services	622	8.3	394	9.7	49	17.6	1,065	9.0
54 - History	45	0.6	16	0.4	5	1.8	66	0.6
Total	7,518	100.0	4,050	100.0	278	100.0	11,846	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	450	6.0
Applied Health Sciences	282	3.8
College of Media	126	1.7
Division of General Studies	1,675	22.3
Education	142	1.9
Engineering	1,545	20.6
Fine & Applied Arts	377	5.0
Gies College of Business	560	7.4
Liberal Arts & Sciences	2,311	30.7
School of Social Work	50	0.7
Total	7,518	100.0

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Chicago Admissions College

	N	%
Applied Health Sciences	129	3.2
Architecture,Design,& the Arts	216	5.3
Business Administration	416	10.3
Education	81	2.0
Engineering	603	14.9
Liberal Arts & Sciences	2,588	63.9
Urban Planning &Public Affairs	17	0.4
Total	4,050	100.0

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Springfield Admissions College

	N	%
Business and Management	50	18.0
Education and Human Services	5	1.8
Liberal Arts & Sciences	140	50.4
Provost & VC Acad Affairs	58	20.9
Public Affairs & Administratn	25	9.0
Total	278	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	154
2	143108	Neuqua Valley High Sch	Naperville	118
3	140640	Lane Tech High Sch	Chicago	105
4	144430	New Trier Township High Sch	Winnetka	85
5	142078	Glenbrook South High Sch	Glenview	83
6	143106	Naperville North High Sch	Naperville	76
7	143347	William Fremd High Sch	Palatine	73
8	143105	Naperville Central High Sch	Naperville	72
9	142300	Hinsdale Township HS Central	Hinsdale	71
10	141383	Whitney M Young Magnet Hs	Chicago	68
11	140187	Metea Valley High School	Aurora	66
12	142175	Warren Township High Sch	Gurnee	63
13	143215	Glenbrook North High Sch	Northbrook	62
14	140905	Jones College Prep	Chicago	60
15	142483	Lyons Township HS N Campus	La Grange	59
16	143377	Maine Township HS South	Park Ridge	59
17	141100	Lincoln Park High Sch	Chicago	51
18	140205	Barrington Comm Hs	Barrington	49
19	142655	Lockport Township High Sch	Lockport	49
20	143325	Carl Sandburg High Sch	Orland Park	48
21	141805	York Comm High Sch	Elmhurst	46
22	140184	Waubonsie Valley High Sch	Aurora	45
23	140177	Illinois Math and Science Acad	Aurora	43
24	140447	Buffalo Grove High Sch	Buffalo Grove	42
25	141570	Deerfield High Sch	Deerfield	42

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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	128
2	141315	Thomas Kelly High Sch	Chicago	75
3	143926	Niles Township West Hs	Skokie	62
4	141016	Curie Metropolitan HS	Chicago	58
5	141100	Lincoln Park High Sch	Chicago	57
6	141385	William H Taft High Sch	Chicago	57
7	140677	Benito Juarez High Sch	Chicago	48
8	141083	Noble-Muchin College Prep	Chicago	46
9	140940	Back of the Yards College Prep	Chicago	43
10	143927	Niles North High Sch	Skokie	40
11	140658	Noble-UIC College Prep	Chicago	39
12	141239	Noble-Pritzker College Prep	Chicago	39
13	140877	Hubbard High Sch	Chicago	38
14	143550	Adlai E Stevenson High Sch	Lincolnshire	38
15	140905	Jones College Prep	Chicago	37
16	141383	Whitney M Young Magnet Hs	Chicago	37
17	141410	J S Morton High Sch East	Cicero	35
18	143325	Carl Sandburg High Sch	Orland Park	34
19	141307	Stephen T Mather High Sch	Chicago	33
20	140842	George Washington High Sch	Chicago	32
21	141042	Eric Solorio Academy High Sch	Chicago	32
22	140693	Noble-Chicago Bulls Prep	Chicago	31
23	141345	Von Steuben Metro Science Ctr	Chicago	31
24	140534	Glenbard North High Sch	Carol Stream	30
25	140187	Metea Valley High School	Aurora	29

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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	9
3	143685	Rochester High Sch	Rochester	9
4	143960	Lanphier High Sch	Springfield	9
5	143975	Springfield High Sch	Springfield	7
6	140140	Athens Community High School	Athens	5
7	141122	Lindblom Math and Science Acad	Chicago	5
8	143660	Riverton High Sch	Riverton	5
9	143955	Springfield Southeast Hs	Springfield	4
10	140693	Noble-Chicago Bulls Prep	Chicago	3
11	141393	Marian Catholic High Sch	Chicago Heights	3
12	141735	Edwardsville Senior Hs	Edwardsville	3
13	142135	Grayslake Central High Sch	Grayslake	3
14	142520	Lake Forest High Sch	Lake Forest	3
15	142640	Litchfield Senior High Sch	Litchfield	3
16	142735	Midwest Central High Sch	Manito	3
17	142785	Maroa-Forsyth High Sch	Maroa	3
18	143345	Palatine High Sch	Palatine	3
19	143705	Harlem Senior High Sch	Machesney Park	3
20	140212	Batavia High Sch	Batavia	2
21	140335	Bloomington High Sch	Bloomington	2
22	140490	Camp Point Central High Sch	Camp Point	2
23	140661	Chicago Academy	Chicago	2
24	140708	Perspectives Leadership Acad	Chicago	2
25	140899	John Hancock High Sch	Chicago	2

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Urbana-Champaign Top 25 Majors

Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Biology	483
2	Psychology	306
3	Computer Engineering	251
4	Pre-Engineering	241
5	Electrical Engineering	219
6	Computer Science	198
7	Mechanical Engineering	174
8	Chemical Engineering	167
9	Mathematics	151
10	Civil Engineering	147
11	Political Science	124
12	Chemistry	120
13	Aerospace Engineering	118
14	Economics	117
15	Animal Sciences	113
16	Architectural Studies	108
17	Agr & Consumer Economics	103
18	Engineering Undeclared	101
19	Community Health	80
20	LAS - Undeclared	79
21	Kinesiology	76
22	Physics	75
23	Food Science & Human Nutrition	74
24	Biochemistry	69
25	Interdisciplinary Health Sci	66

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Chicago Top 25 Majors

Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Biological Sciences	340
2	Computer Science	201
3	Psychology	142
4	Criminology, Law, and Justice	124
5	Biochemistry	111
6	Accounting	110
7	Management	91
8	Kinesiology - Undeclared	88
9	Mechanical Engineering	77
10	Finance	75
11	Bioengineering	73
12	Engineering-Undeclared	73
13	Chemistry	72
14	Architecture	71
15	Marketing	67
16	Computer Engineering	62
17	Entrepreneurship	51
18	Political Science	51
19	Graphic/Industrial Desgn-Found	50
20	Urban Education	50
21	Math & Computer Science	48
22	Civil Engineering	41
23	Communication	37
24	Art-Foundation	35
25	Chemical Engineering	35

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Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Biology	38
2	Business Administration	38
3	Computer Science	22
4	Psychology	16
5	Exercise Science	15
6	English	12
7	Political Science	12
8	Accountancy	11
9	Criminology and Criminal Just	9
10	Chemistry	8
11	Biochemistry	6
12	History	5
13	Social Work	5
14	Clinical Laboratory Science	4
15	Information Systems Security	4
16	Liberal Studies	3
17	Communication	2
18	Global Studies	2
19	Mathematical Sciences	2
20	Visual Arts	2
21	Economics	1
22	Environmental Studies	1
23	Philosophy	1
24	Public Administration	1

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