First-Time Freshman Characteristics
Fall 2019

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 89,000 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 22,600 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	2	0.0	2	0.0	.	.	4	0.0
Asian	1,614	21.1	962	21.8	6	1.6	2,582	20.7
Black or African American	521	6.8	345	7.8	85	22.8	951	7.6
Hispanic/Latino	1,144	14.9	1,818	41.3	66	17.7	3,028	24.3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	3	0.0
White	3,086	40.3	863	19.6	187	50.1	4,136	33.2
Two or more races	249	3.2	125	2.8	15	4.0	389	3.1
Race and ethnicity unknown	85	1.1	35	0.8	4	1.1	124	1.0
Nonresident alien	961	12.5	257	5.8	10	2.7	1,228	9.9
Gender								
Male	4,086	53.3	1,988	45.1	163	43.7	6,237	50.1
Female	3,579	46.7	2,419	54.9	210	56.3	6,208	49.9
Residency**								
Resident	5,667	73.9	3,966	90.0	336	90.1	9,969	80.1
Non-Resident/Unknown	1,037	13.5	184	4.2	27	7.2	1,248	10.0
International	961	12.5	257	5.8	10	2.7	1,228	9.9
Total	7,665	100.0	4,407	100.0	373	100.0	12,445	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	7,660	99.9	4,381	99.4	369	98.9	12,410	99.7
Part-Time	5	0.1	26	0.6	4	1.1	35	0.3
First Generation								
Yes	1,894	24.7	1,835	41.6	137	36.7	3,866	31.1
No	5,771	75.3	2,572	58.4	236	63.3	8,579	68.9
Age Range								
Under 18	345	4.5	235	5.3	12	3.2	592	4.8
18	6,614	86.3	3,872	87.9	315	84.5	10,801	86.8
19	655	8.5	257	5.8	33	8.8	945	7.6
20	38	0.5	24	0.5	3	0.8	65	0.5
21	8	0.1	9	0.2	2	0.5	19	0.2
22	4	0.1	3	0.1	2	0.5	9	0.1
23	.	.	3	0.1	2	0.5	5	0.0
24	.	.	1	0.0	1	0.3	2	0.0
25 and over	1	0.0	3	0.1	3	0.8	7	0.1
Total	7,665	100.0	4,407	100.0	373	100.0	12,445	100.0

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ACT Composite Score Distribution

ACT Distribution	Urbana-Champaign		Chicago		Springfield		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
14	1	0.0	1	0.1	.	.	2	0.0
15	.	.	4	0.3	.	.	4	0.1
16	3	0.1	17	1.4	1	0.6	21	0.4
17	19	0.5	32	2.6	8	4.8	59	1.0
18	16	0.4	58	4.6	12	7.2	86	1.5
19	52	1.2	75	6.0	23	13.8	150	2.7
20	65	1.5	95	7.6	14	8.4	174	3.1
21	76	1.8	90	7.2	9	5.4	175	3.1
22	129	3.1	103	8.2	14	8.4	246	4.4
23	146	3.5	91	7.3	14	8.4	251	4.5
24	171	4.1	89	7.1	10	6.0	270	4.8
25	265	6.3	88	7.0	9	5.4	362	6.4
26	269	6.4	78	6.2	12	7.2	359	6.4
27	305	7.2	60	4.8	10	6.0	375	6.7
28	319	7.6	65	5.2	9	5.4	393	7.0
29	320	7.6	51	4.1	4	2.4	375	6.7
30	324	7.7	56	4.5	3	1.8	383	6.8
31	339	8.0	53	4.2	4	2.4	396	7.0
32	363	8.6	43	3.4	6	3.6	412	7.3
33	347	8.2	33	2.6	3	1.8	383	6.8
34	309	7.3	31	2.5	1	0.6	341	6.1
35	283	6.7	25	2.0	1	0.6	309	5.5
36	92	2.2	14	1.1	.	.	106	1.9
Total	4,213	100.0	1,252	100.0	167	100.0	5,632	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	.	.	4	0.0
801 - 900	8	0.1	59	1.7	7	2.6	74	0.7
901 - 1000	49	0.8	535	15.0	78	28.5	662	6.7
1001 - 1050	150	2.5	506	14.2	28	10.2	684	6.9
1051 - 1100	280	4.6	516	14.4	19	6.9	815	8.3
1101 - 1150	383	6.4	457	12.8	37	13.5	877	8.9
1151 - 1200	440	7.3	413	11.6	41	15.0	894	9.1
1201 - 1250	564	9.4	338	9.5	19	6.9	921	9.3
1251 - 1300	530	8.8	234	6.5	17	6.2	781	7.9
1301 - 1350	634	10.5	170	4.8	10	3.6	814	8.2
1351 - 1400	741	12.3	180	5.0	6	2.2	927	9.4
1401 - 1450	816	13.5	70	2.0	4	1.5	890	9.0
1451 - 1500	753	12.5	50	1.4	8	2.9	811	8.2
1501 - 1550	504	8.4	23	0.6	.	.	527	5.3
1551 - 1600	178	3.0	18	0.5	.	.	196	2.0
Total	6,030	100.0	3,573	100.0	274	100.0	9,877	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**	4,213	28.9	26.0	29.0	32.0
	SAT Total	6,030	1,332.3	1,220.0	1,350.0	1,450.0
Chicago	**ACT Composite**	1,252	24.8	21.0	24.0	28.0
	SAT Total	3,573	1,142.4	1,030.0	1,120.0	1,230.0
Springfield	**ACT Composite**	167	23.3	19.0	23.0	26.0
	SAT Total	274	1,114.1	990.0	1,115.0	1,200.0

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	350	4.6	.	.	.	.	350	2.8
03 - Natural Resources and Conservation	61	0.8	.	.	.	.	61	0.5
04 - Architecture and Related Services	103	1.3	99	2.2	.	.	202	1.6
05 - Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	32	0.4	19	0.4	.	.	51	0.4
09 - Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	196	2.6	28	0.6	9	2.4	233	1.9
11 - Computer and Information Science and Support Services	280	3.7	276	6.3	55	14.7	611	4.9
13 - Education	181	2.4	88	2.0	.	.	269	2.2
14 - Engineering	1,819	23.7	350	7.9	.	.	2,169	17.4
15 - Engineering Technologies and Related Fields	.	.	1	0.0	.	.	1	0.0
16 - Foreign Languages, Literature, and Linguistics	36	0.5	7	0.2	.	.	43	0.3
19 - Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	35	0.5	64	1.5	.	.	99	0.8
22 - Legal Professions and Studies	.	.	.	.	3	0.8	3	0.0
23 - English Language and Literature/Letters	83	1.1	22	0.5	3	0.8	108	0.9
24 - Liberal Arts and Science, General Studies and Humanities	1,467	19.1	1,906	43.2	70	18.8	3,443	27.7
26 - Biological and Biomedical Sciences	518	6.8	472	10.7	45	12.1	1,035	8.3
27 - Mathematics and Statistics	263	3.4	29	0.7	4	1.1	296	2.4
30 - Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	131	1.7	61	1.4	3	0.8	195	1.6
31 - Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	101	1.3	67	1.5	14	3.8	182	1.5
38 - Philosophy and Religious Studies	8	0.1	7	0.2	3	0.8	18	0.1
40 - Physical Science	192	2.5	88	2.0	6	1.6	286	2.3
42 - Psychology	346	4.5	193	4.4	32	8.6	571	4.6
43 - Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting	.	.	129	2.9	22	5.9	151	1.2
44 - Public Administration and Social Services Prof.	51	0.7	9	0.2	12	3.2	72	0.6
45 - Social Science	329	4.3	120	2.7	12	3.2	461	3.7
50 - Visual and Performing Arts	189	2.5	43	1.0	8	2.1	240	1.9
51 - Health Professions and Related Programs	186	2.4	40	0.9	5	1.3	231	1.9
52 - Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Services	655	8.5	274	6.2	56	15.0	985	7.9
54 - History	53	0.7	15	0.3	11	2.9	79	0.6
Total	7,665	100.0	4,407	100.0	373	100.0	12,445	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	538	7.0
Applied Health Sciences	287	3.7
College of Media	142	1.9
Division of General Studies	1,498	19.5
Education	138	1.8
Fine & Applied Arts	381	5.0
Gies College of Business	591	7.7
Grainger Engineering	1,628	21.2
Liberal Arts & Sciences	2,411	31.5
School of Social Work	51	0.7
Total	7,665	100.0

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Chicago Admissions College

	N	%
Applied Health Sciences	232	5.3
Architecture,Design,& the Arts	250	5.7
Business Administration	518	11.8
Education	122	2.8
Engineering	673	15.3
Liberal Arts & Sciences	2,548	57.8
School of Public Health	25	0.6
Urban Planning &Public Affairs	39	0.9
Total	4,407	100.0

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Springfield Admissions College

	N	%
Business and Management	57	15.3
Education and Human Services	10	2.7
Liberal Arts & Sciences	198	53.1
Provost & VC Acad Affairs	68	18.2
Public Affairs & Administratn	40	10.7
Total	373	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	150
2	140640	Lane Tech High Sch	Chicago	149
3	143108	Neuqua Valley High Sch	Naperville	103
4	141383	Whitney M Young Magnet Hs	Chicago	87
5	140905	Jones College Prep	Chicago	75
6	142300	Hinsdale Township HS Central	Hinsdale	72
7	142078	Glenbrook South High Sch	Glenview	69
8	144430	New Trier Township High Sch	Winnetka	68
9	143347	William Fremd High Sch	Palatine	65
10	142483	Lyons Township HS N Campus	La Grange	61
11	143106	Naperville North High Sch	Naperville	58
12	140187	Metea Valley High School	Aurora	57
13	140593	Centennial High Sch	Champaign	56
14	140177	Illinois Math and Science Acad	Aurora	53
15	141860	Evanston Township High Sch	Evanston	52
16	143062	Prospect High Sch	Mt Prospect	51
17	143245	Oak Park and River Forest Hs	Oak Park	51
18	143105	Naperville Central High Sch	Naperville	50
19	143343	J B Conant High Sch	Hoffman Estates	50
20	143377	Maine Township HS South	Park Ridge	50
21	140595	Champaign Central High Sch	Champaign	48
22	141342	Northside College Prep Hs	Chicago	46
23	140205	Barrington Comm Hs	Barrington	45
24	141170	St Ignatius College Prep	Chicago	45
25	140991	Noble-ITW David Speer Acad	Chicago	44

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Rank	HS Code	HS Name	HS City	Frequency
1	140640	Lane Tech High Sch	Chicago	150
2	141345	Von Steuben Metro Science Ctr	Chicago	57
3	141595	Maine Township HS East	Park Ridge	56
4	143926	Niles Township West Hs	Skokie	54
5	140940	Back of the Yards College Prep	Chicago	52
6	140693	Noble-Chicago Bulls Prep	Chicago	51
7	140991	Noble-ITW David Speer Acad	Chicago	51
8	141016	Curie Metropolitan HS	Chicago	48
9	141100	Lincoln Park High Sch	Chicago	46
10	141410	J S Morton High Sch East	Cicero	46
11	141385	William H Taft High Sch	Chicago	45
12	141042	Eric Solorio Academy High Sch	Chicago	44
13	141315	Thomas Kelly High Sch	Chicago	44
14	141083	Noble-Muchin College Prep	Chicago	43
15	140655	Amundsen High Sch	Chicago	42
16	140187	Metea Valley High School	Aurora	41
17	140658	Noble-UIC College Prep	Chicago	41
18	143927	Niles North High Sch	Skokie	41
19	140709	Noble-Rauner College Prep	Chicago	40
20	141239	Noble-Pritzker College Prep	Chicago	39
21	140303	J S Morton High Sch West	Berwyn	38
22	143550	Adlai E Stevenson High Sch	Lincolnshire	38
23	141383	Whitney M Young Magnet Hs	Chicago	37
24	140842	George Washington High Sch	Chicago	35
25	140877	Hubbard High Sch	Chicago	35

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Rank	HS Code	HS Name	HS City	Frequency
1	143975	Springfield High Sch	Springfield	19
2	143960	Lanphier High Sch	Springfield	11
3	140612	Glenwood High Sch	Chatham	6
4	143515	Pleasant Plains High Sch	Pleasant Plains	6
5	143955	Springfield Southeast Hs	Springfield	6
6	141393	Marian Catholic High Sch	Chicago Heights	5
7	142307	Homewood Flossmoor Cmty Hs	Flossmoor	5
8	143685	Rochester High Sch	Rochester	5
9	144322	Waukegan High Sch	Waukegan	5
10	140140	Athens Community High School	Athens	3
11	140704	Marine Leadership Academy	Chicago	3
12	141042	Eric Solorio Academy High Sch	Chicago	3
13	141383	Whitney M Young Magnet Hs	Chicago	3
14	141778	Elk Grove High Sch	Elk Grove Village	3
15	142275	Highland Park High Sch	Highland Park	3
16	142350	Jacksonville High Sch	Jacksonville	3
17	142475	Knoxville High Sch	Knoxville	3
18	143097	Mundelein High Sch	Mundelein	3
19	143475	Porta Jr-Sr High Sch	Petersburg	3
20	143585	Quincy Senior High Sch	Quincy	3
21	143600	Rantoul Township High Sch	Rantoul	3
22	143736	Rolling Meadows High Sch	Rolling Meadows	3
23	143775	Rushville High Sch	Rushville	3
24	143965	Sacred Heart Griffin Hs	Springfield	3
25	140035	Marquette Catholic High School	Alton	2

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Urbana-Champaign Top 25 Majors

Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Biology	434
2	Psychology	346
3	Computer Engineering	248
4	Electrical Engineering	210
5	Pre-Engineering	208
6	Computer Science	191
7	Political Science	157
8	Mechanical Engineering	156
9	Civil Engineering	154
10	Mathematics	139
11	Chemical Engineering	133
12	Animal Sciences	130
13	Agr & Consumer Economics	123
14	Aerospace Engineering	121
15	Engineering Undeclared	120
16	Economics	110
17	LAS - Undeclared	104
18	Architectural Studies	103
19	Chemistry	90
20	Bioengineering	86
21	Statistics & Computer Science	85
22	Systems Engineering and Design	82
23	Materials Science & Engr	81
24	Biochemistry	78
25	Interdisciplinary Health Sci	77

Note: Based on declared majors only

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Chicago Top 25 Majors

Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Biological Sciences	346
2	Computer Science	261
3	Bus Admin-Undeclared	229
4	Psychology	193
5	Criminology, Law, and Justice	129
6	Biochemistry	126
7	AHS-Undeclared	116
8	Mechanical Engineering	107
9	Architecture	98
10	Accounting	95
11	Liberal Arts - PreNeuroscience	78
12	Bioengineering	71
13	Kinesiology - Undeclared	65
14	Chemistry	64
15	Human Development & Learning	64
16	Engineering-Undeclared	61
17	Political Science	59
18	Urban Education	58
19	Computer Engineering	56
20	Management	56
21	Graphic/Industrial Desgn-Found	55
22	Marketing	52
23	Math & Computer Science	52
24	Chemical Engineering	41
25	Civil Engineering	41

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Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Computer Science	45
2	Business Administration	41
3	Biology	38
4	Psychology	32
5	Criminology and Criminal Just	22
6	Accountancy	15
7	Exercise Science	14
8	History	11
9	Political Science	10
10	Social Work	10
11	Communication	9
12	Information Systems Security	9
13	Biochemistry	7
14	Visual Arts	7
15	Chemistry	6
16	Mathematical Sciences	4
17	Medical Laboratory Sciences	4
18	English	3
19	Global Studies	3
20	Legal Studies	3
21	Philosophy	3
22	Liberal Studies	2
23	Sociology/Anthropology	2
24	Clinical Laboratory Science	1
25	Management Information Systems	1

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