



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SYSTEM

First-Time Freshman Characteristics Fall 2020



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 90,000 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 23,000 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	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	1	0.0
Asian	1,727	22.9	775	21.9	13	4.4	2,515	22.1
Black or African American	499	6.6	275	7.8	58	19.5	832	7.3
Hispanic/Latino	1,122	14.9	1,465	41.4	52	17.4	2,639	23.2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2	0.0	1	0.0	.	.	3	0.0
White	2,890	38.4	741	20.9	154	51.7	3,785	33.3
Two or more races	264	3.5	107	3.0	10	3.4	381	3.4
Race and ethnicity unknown	110	1.5	43	1.2	3	1.0	156	1.4
Nonresident alien	914	12.1	134	3.8	8	2.7	1,056	9.3
Gender								
Male	4,041	53.7	1,576	44.5	130	43.6	5,747	50.6
Female	3,488	46.3	1,965	55.5	168	56.4	5,621	49.4
Residency**								
Resident	5,626	74.7	3,220	90.9	276	92.6	9,122	80.2
Non-Resident/Unknown	989	13.1	187	5.3	14	4.7	1,190	10.5
International	914	12.1	134	3.8	8	2.7	1,056	9.3
Total	7,529	100.0	3,541	100.0	298	100.0	11,368	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 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	7,474	99.3	3,457	97.6	292	98.0	11,223	98.7
Part-Time	55	0.7	84	2.4	6	2.0	145	1.3
First Generation								
Yes	1,781	23.7	1,318	37.2	119	39.9	3,218	28.3
No	5,748	76.3	2,223	62.8	179	60.1	8,150	71.7
Age Range								
Under 18	422	5.6	197	5.6	7	2.3	626	5.5
18	6,520	86.6	3,108	87.8	254	85.2	9,882	86.9
19	541	7.2	201	5.7	31	10.4	773	6.8
20	31	0.4	24	0.7	4	1.3	59	0.5
21	6	0.1	3	0.1	.	.	9	0.1
22	6	0.1	5	0.1	.	.	11	0.1
23	2	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.7	5	0.0
24	.	.	2	0.1	.	.	2	0.0
25 and over	1	0.0	1	0.0
Total	7,529	100.0	3,541	100.0	298	100.0	11,368	100.0

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ACT Composite Score Distribution

ACT Distribution	Urbana-Champaign		Chicago		Springfield		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
14	.	.	1	0.1	.	.	1	0.0
15	1	0.0	1	0.1	.	.	2	0.0
16	2	0.1	6	0.7	5	4.4	13	0.3
17	4	0.1	14	1.6	7	6.1	25	0.5
18	9	0.2	27	3.1	9	7.9	45	0.9
19	18	0.5	33	3.7	8	7.0	59	1.2
20	44	1.2	62	7.0	8	7.0	114	2.4
21	50	1.3	78	8.9	7	6.1	135	2.8
22	76	2.0	59	6.7	1	0.9	136	2.9
23	118	3.1	83	9.4	7	6.1	208	4.4
24	161	4.3	54	6.1	11	9.6	226	4.8
25	199	5.3	64	7.3	9	7.9	272	5.7
26	244	6.5	56	6.4	2	1.8	302	6.4
27	250	6.7	56	6.4	14	12.3	320	6.7
28	278	7.4	54	6.1	3	2.6	335	7.1
29	313	8.3	43	4.9	4	3.5	360	7.6
30	306	8.2	45	5.1	4	3.5	355	7.5
31	299	8.0	42	4.8	6	5.3	347	7.3
32	300	8.0	27	3.1	2	1.8	329	6.9
33	308	8.2	22	2.5	4	3.5	334	7.0
34	329	8.8	22	2.5	3	2.6	354	7.5
35	334	8.9	24	2.7	.	.	358	7.5
36	110	2.9	8	0.9	.	.	118	2.5
Total	3,753	100.0	881	100.0	114	100.0	4,748	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	.	.	2	0.1	4	1.6	6	0.1
801 - 900	2	0.0	45	1.5	14	5.7	61	0.7
901 - 1000	52	0.9	391	13.4	48	19.6	491	5.6
1001 - 1050	124	2.2	399	13.7	42	17.1	565	6.4
1051 - 1100	257	4.6	394	13.5	28	11.4	679	7.7
1101 - 1150	366	6.5	419	14.4	23	9.4	808	9.2
1151 - 1200	485	8.6	380	13.1	29	11.8	894	10.2
1201 - 1250	517	9.2	274	9.4	22	9.0	813	9.3
1251 - 1300	579	10.3	179	6.2	16	6.5	774	8.8
1301 - 1350	600	10.7	161	5.5	10	4.1	771	8.8
1351 - 1400	669	11.9	114	3.9	3	1.2	786	8.9
1401 - 1450	780	13.9	72	2.5	4	1.6	856	9.7
1451 - 1500	637	11.3	47	1.6	1	0.4	685	7.8
1501 - 1550	427	7.6	27	0.9	1	0.4	455	5.2
1551 - 1600	135	2.4	6	0.2	.	.	141	1.6
Total	5,630	100.0	2,910	100.0	245	100.0	8,785	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	3,753	29.5	27.0	30.0	33.0
	SAT Total	5,630	1,326.4	1,220.0	1,340.0	1,440.0
Chicago	ACT Composite	881	25.3	21.0	25.0	29.0
	SAT Total	2,910	1,146.9	1,040.0	1,130.0	1,230.0
Springfield	ACT Composite	114	23.9	19.0	24.0	27.0
	SAT Total	245	1,092.0	990.0	1,080.0	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	296	3.9	.	.	.	.	296	2.6
03 - Natural Resources and Conservation	41	0.5	.	.	1	0.3	42	0.4
04 - Architecture and Related Services	103	1.4	71	2.0	.	.	174	1.5
05 - Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	26	0.3	13	0.4	.	.	39	0.3
09 - Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	176	2.3	25	0.7	4	1.3	205	1.8
11 - Computer and Information Science and Support Services	401	5.3	219	6.2	38	12.8	658	5.8
13 - Education	215	2.9	97	2.7	.	.	312	2.7
14 - Engineering	1,663	22.1	314	8.9	.	.	1,977	17.4
15 - Engineering Technologies and Related Fields	.	.	2	0.1	.	.	2	0.0
16 - Foreign Languages, Literature, and Linguistics	36	0.5	4	0.1	.	.	40	0.4
19 - Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	47	0.6	14	0.4	.	.	61	0.5
22 - Legal Professions and Studies	.	.	.	.	6	2.0	6	0.1
23 - English Language and Literature/Letters	64	0.9	12	0.3	8	2.7	84	0.7
24 - Liberal Arts and Science, General Studies and Humanities	1,404	18.6	1,378	38.9	66	22.1	2,848	25.1
26 - Biological and Biomedical Sciences	536	7.1	460	13.0	40	13.4	1,036	9.1
27 - Mathematics and Statistics	247	3.3	3	0.1	2	0.7	252	2.2
30 - Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	118	1.6	17	0.5	2	0.7	137	1.2
31 - Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	128	1.7	57	1.6	18	6.0	203	1.8
38 - Philosophy and Religious Studies	12	0.2	2	0.1	1	0.3	15	0.1
40 - Physical Science	205	2.7	88	2.5	7	2.3	300	2.6
42 - Psychology	366	4.9	198	5.6	19	6.4	583	5.1
43 - Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting	.	.	122	3.4	16	5.4	138	1.2
44 - Public Administration and Social Services Prof.	59	0.8	7	0.2	7	2.3	73	0.6
45 - Social Science	321	4.3	83	2.3	14	4.7	418	3.7
50 - Visual and Performing Arts	180	2.4	53	1.5	2	0.7	235	2.1
51 - Health Professions and Related Programs	212	2.8	63	1.8	5	1.7	280	2.5
52 - Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Services	625	8.3	224	6.3	36	12.1	885	7.8
54 - History	48	0.6	15	0.4	6	2.0	69	0.6
Total	7,529	100.0	3,541	100.0	298	100.0	11,368	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	478	6.3
Applied Health Sciences	340	4.5
College of Media	120	1.6
Division of General Studies	1,395	18.5
Education	174	2.3
Fine & Applied Arts	365	4.8
Gies College of Business	569	7.6
Grainger Engineering	1,630	21.6
Liberal Arts & Sciences	2,359	31.3
School of Information Sciences	40	0.5
School of Social Work	59	0.8
Total	7,529	100.0

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Chicago Admissions College

	N	%
Applied Health Sciences	170	4.8
Architecture, Design, & the Arts	214	6.0
Business Administration	422	11.9
Education	79	2.2
Engineering	556	15.7
Liberal Arts & Sciences	2,030	57.3
School of Public Health	50	1.4
Urban Planning & Public Affairs	20	0.6
Total	3,541	100.0

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Springfield Admissions College

	N	%
Business and Management	37	12.4
Education and Human Services	5	1.7
Liberal Arts & Sciences	153	51.3
Provost & VC Acad Affairs	65	21.8
Public Affairs & Administratn	38	12.8
Total	298	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	135
2	140640	Lane Tech High Sch	Chicago	106
3	142078	Glenbrook South High Sch	Glenview	92
4	143108	Neuqua Valley High Sch	Naperville	90
5	143347	William Fremd High Sch	Palatine	84
6	140905	Jones College Prep	Chicago	80
7	140187	Metea Valley High School	Aurora	74
8	144430	New Trier Township High Sch	Winnetka	71
9	141342	Northside College Prep Hs	Chicago	68
10	141383	Whitney M Young Magnet Hs	Chicago	68
11	142483	Lyons Township HS N Campus	La Grange	67
12	143105	Naperville Central High Sch	Naperville	66
13	140177	Illinois Math and Science Acad	Aurora	65
14	142300	Hinsdale Township HS Central	Hinsdale	63
15	143215	Glenbrook North High Sch	Northbrook	63
16	140205	Barrington Comm Hs	Barrington	61
17	141805	York Comm High Sch	Elmhurst	59
18	141382	Walter Payton Coll Prep Sch	Chicago	54
19	141860	Evanston Township High Sch	Evanston	53
20	141100	Lincoln Park High Sch	Chicago	52
21	143106	Naperville North High Sch	Naperville	51
22	143245	Oak Park and River Forest Hs	Oak Park	51
23	144214	Vernon Hills High Sch	Vernon Hills	51
24	140658	Noble-UIC College Prep	Chicago	50
25	143325	Carl Sandburg High Sch	Orland Park	49

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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	95
2	141239	Noble-Pritzker College Prep	Chicago	61
3	141345	Von Steuben Metro Science Ctr	Chicago	60
4	141410	J S Morton High Sch East	Cicero	47
5	140940	Back of the Yards College Prep	Chicago	46
6	141385	William H Taft High Sch	Chicago	46
7	141315	Thomas Kelly High Sch	Chicago	41
8	143325	Carl Sandburg High Sch	Orland Park	39
9	143926	Niles Township West Hs	Skokie	37
10	141307	Stephen T Mather High Sch	Chicago	36
11	140905	Jones College Prep	Chicago	35
12	141042	Eric Solorio Academy High Sch	Chicago	35
13	143108	Neuqua Valley High Sch	Naperville	35
14	140658	Noble-UIC College Prep	Chicago	34
15	141100	Lincoln Park High Sch	Chicago	34
16	143927	Niles North High Sch	Skokie	32
17	141595	Maine Township HS East	Park Ridge	31
18	141383	Whitney M Young Magnet Hs	Chicago	30
19	141083	Noble-Muchin College Prep	Chicago	29
20	143550	Adlai E Stevenson High Sch	Lincolnshire	29
21	140187	Metea Valley High School	Aurora	28
22	140693	Noble-Chicago Bulls Prep	Chicago	28
23	141001	George Westinghouse Coll Prep	Chicago	28
24	140897	John F Kennedy High Sch	Chicago	27
25	143357	Amos Alonzo Stagg High Sch	Palos Hills	27

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Rank	HS Code	HS Name	HS City	Frequency
1	140612	Glenwood High Sch	Chatham	13
2	143975	Springfield High Sch	Springfield	10
3	144319	Cristo Rey St Martin Coll Prep	Waukegan	9
4	144322	Waukegan High Sch	Waukegan	8
5	140880	Hyde Park Career Acad	Chicago	6
6	142350	Jacksonville High Sch	Jacksonville	4
7	143960	Lanphier High Sch	Springfield	4
8	143965	Sacred Heart Griffin Hs	Springfield	4
9	144038	Streamwood High Sch	Streamwood	4
10	144095	Taylorville High Sch	Taylorville	4
11	140252	Belleville High Sch East	Belleville	3
12	140367	Bolingbrook High Sch	Bolingbrook	3
13	140700	Schurz High Sch	Chicago	3
14	141143	Noble-Golder College Prep	Chicago	3
15	141645	Dunlap High School	Dunlap	3
16	141735	Edwardsville Senior Hs	Edwardsville	3
17	141860	Evanston Township High Sch	Evanston	3
18	143496	Plainfield South High Sch	Plainfield	3
19	143685	Rochester High Sch	Rochester	3
20	144325	Waverly High Sch	Waverly	3
21	144400	Williamsville High Sch	Williamsville	3
22	140536	Dundee-Crown High Sch	Carpentersville	2
23	140610	Charleston High School	Charleston	2
24	140655	Amundsen High Sch	Chicago	2
25	140917	Kenwood Acad	Chicago	2

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Urbana-Champaign Top 25 Majors

Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Biology	410
2	Psychology	366
3	Computer Science	261
4	Electrical Engineering	213
5	Computer Engineering	202
6	Mechanical Engineering	188
7	Political Science	172
8	Aerospace Engineering	145
9	Mathematics	144
10	Pre-Engineering	142
11	Civil Engineering	130
12	Engineering Undeclared	125
13	Chemical Engineering	123
14	Agr & Consumer Economics	121
15	Biochemistry	112
16	Architectural Studies	103
17	Animal Sciences	101
18	Interdisciplinary Health Sci	99
19	Economics	95
20	Chemistry	94
21	Kinesiology	94
22	Bioengineering	87
23	Community Health	79
24	Elementary Education	77
25	LAS - Undeclared	74

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Chicago Top 25 Majors

Rank	Major	Frequency
1	LAS - PreHealth/PreScience	410
2	Biological Sciences	354
3	Computer Science	197
4	Psychology	196
5	Bus Admin-Undeclared	176
6	Criminology, Law, and Justice	122
7	Biochemistry	106
8	Mechanical Engineering	97
9	Accounting	83
10	AHS-Undeclared	74
11	Architecture	71
12	Liberal Arts - PreNeuroscience	69
13	Urban Education	65
14	Bioengineering	61
15	Chemistry	59
16	Kinesiology - Undeclared	54
17	Finance	52
18	Public Health - Undeclared	50
19	Computer Engineering	49
20	Political Science	46
21	Civil Engineering	45
22	Graphic/Industrial Desgn-Found	45
23	Engineering-Undeclared	43
24	Marketing	38
25	Art-Foundation	37

Note: Based on declared majors only

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Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Biology	35
2	Computer Science	35
3	Business Administration	26
4	Psychology	19
5	Exercise Science	18
6	Criminology and Criminal Just	16
7	Political Science	11
8	Accountancy	10
9	English	8
10	Chemistry	7
11	History	6
12	Legal Studies	6
13	Biochemistry	5
14	Medical Laboratory Sciences	5
15	Social Work	5
16	Communication	4
17	Information Systems Security	3
18	Global Studies	2
19	Mathematical Sciences	2
20	Public Policy	2
21	Sociology/Anthropology	2
22	Economics	1
23	Environmental Studies	1
24	Liberal Studies	1
25	Philosophy	1