



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SYSTEM

First-Time Freshman Characteristics Fall 2021



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 95,000 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 24,000 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	2	0.0	.	.	7	0.1
Asian	2,179	26.3	909	21.8	10	3.8	3,098	24.3
Black or African American	448	5.4	345	8.3	40	15.2	833	6.5
Hispanic/Latino	1,101	13.3	1,751	41.9	45	17.0	2,897	22.7
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3	0.0	.	.	1	0.4	4	0.0
White	2,959	35.7	781	18.7	144	54.5	3,884	30.5
Two or more races	345	4.2	122	2.9	7	2.7	474	3.7
Race and ethnicity unknown	129	1.6	62	1.5	6	2.3	197	1.5
Nonresident alien	1,128	13.6	205	4.9	11	4.2	1,344	10.6
Gender								
Male	4,459	53.7	1,844	44.1	98	37.1	6,401	50.3
Female	3,838	46.3	2,333	55.9	166	62.9	6,337	49.7
Residency**								
Resident	5,799	69.9	3,722	89.1	228	86.4	9,749	76.5
Non-Resident/Unknown	1,370	16.5	250	6.0	25	9.5	1,645	12.9
International	1,128	13.6	205	4.9	11	4.2	1,344	10.6
Total	8,297	100.0	4,177	100.0	264	100.0	12,738	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	8,273	99.7	4,024	96.3	260	98.5	12,557	98.6
Part-Time	24	0.3	153	3.7	4	1.5	181	1.4
First Generation								
Yes	1,665	20.1	1,784	42.7	83	31.4	3,532	27.7
No	6,632	79.9	2,393	57.3	181	68.6	9,206	72.3
Age Range								
Under 18	513	6.2	204	4.9	18	6.8	735	5.8
18	7,074	85.3	3,661	87.6	199	75.4	10,934	85.8
19	642	7.7	260	6.2	39	14.8	941	7.4
20	50	0.6	30	0.7	4	1.5	84	0.7
21	5	0.1	5	0.1	1	0.4	11	0.1
22	5	0.1	8	0.2	2	0.8	15	0.1
23	4	0.0	3	0.1	.	.	7	0.1
24	1	0.0	2	0.0	1	0.4	4	0.0
25 and over	3	0.0	4	0.1	.	.	7	0.1
Total	8,297	100.0	4,177	100.0	264	100.0	12,738	100.0

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ACT Composite Score Distribution

ACT Distribution	Urbana-Champaign		Chicago		Springfield		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
15	.	.	.	.	1	1.9	1	0.0
16	.	.	4	1.3	1	1.9	5	0.2
17	.	.	2	0.6	1	1.9	3	0.1
18	3	0.2	7	2.2	4	7.5	14	0.6
19	4	0.2	6	1.9	3	5.7	13	0.6
20	2	0.1	8	2.5	1	1.9	11	0.5
21	9	0.5	15	4.7	5	9.4	29	1.2
22	7	0.4	19	6.0	5	9.4	31	1.3
23	11	0.6	25	7.9	3	5.7	39	1.7
24	29	1.5	20	6.3	10	18.9	59	2.5
25	39	2.0	28	8.8	4	7.5	71	3.0
26	68	3.4	16	5.0	2	3.8	86	3.7
27	84	4.2	21	6.6	.	.	105	4.5
28	124	6.2	26	8.2	6	11.3	156	6.6
29	139	7.0	21	6.6	1	1.9	161	6.8
30	191	9.6	17	5.4	2	3.8	210	8.9
31	194	9.8	19	6.0	2	3.8	215	9.1
32	224	11.3	17	5.4	1	1.9	242	10.3
33	244	12.3	17	5.4	.	.	261	11.1
34	286	14.4	13	4.1	1	1.9	300	12.7
35	247	12.4	13	4.1	.	.	260	11.0
36	80	4.0	3	0.9	.	.	83	3.5
Total	1,985	100.0	317	100.0	53	100.0	2,355	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	%
601 - 700	.	.	.	.	1	0.7	1	0.0
701 - 800	1	0.0	8	0.6	5	3.7	14	0.3
801 - 900	.	.	31	2.4	10	7.5	41	0.8
901 - 1000	9	0.3	105	8.0	18	13.4	132	2.6
1001 - 1050	23	0.6	101	7.7	12	9.0	136	2.7
1051 - 1100	43	1.2	115	8.7	16	11.9	174	3.5
1101 - 1150	92	2.6	197	15.0	16	11.9	305	6.1
1151 - 1200	115	3.2	151	11.5	13	9.7	279	5.5
1201 - 1250	177	4.9	168	12.8	12	9.0	357	7.1
1251 - 1300	261	7.3	134	10.2	10	7.5	405	8.0
1301 - 1350	350	9.8	103	7.8	4	3.0	457	9.1
1351 - 1400	445	12.4	84	6.4	4	3.0	533	10.6
1401 - 1450	580	16.2	57	4.3	6	4.5	643	12.8
1451 - 1500	628	17.5	22	1.7	4	3.0	654	13.0
1501 - 1550	646	18.0	25	1.9	2	1.5	673	13.4
1551 - 1600	214	6.0	14	1.1	1	0.7	229	4.5
Total	3,584	100.0	1,315	100.0	134	100.0	5,033	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	1,985	31.3	29.0	32.0	34.0
	SAT Total	3,584	1,405.1	1,330.0	1,430.0	1,500.0
Chicago	ACT Composite	317	26.9	23.0	27.0	31.0
	SAT Total	1,316	1,191.9	1,090.0	1,190.0	1,300.0
Springfield	ACT Composite	53	23.7	21.0	24.0	26.0
	SAT Total	134	1,124.3	990.0	1,125.0	1,250.0

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	339	4.1	.	.	.	.	339	2.7
03 - Natural Resources and Conservation	55	0.7	.	.	2	0.8	57	0.4
04 - Architecture and Related Services	103	1.2	104	2.5	.	.	207	1.6
05 - Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	25	0.3	7	0.2	.	.	32	0.3
09 - Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	140	1.7	21	0.5	2	0.8	163	1.3
11 - Computer and Information Science and Support Services	619	7.5	378	9.0	27	10.2	1,024	8.0
13 - Education	195	2.4	141	3.4	.	.	336	2.6
14 - Engineering	1,947	23.5	389	9.3	.	.	2,336	18.3
15 - Engineering Technologies and Related Fields	.	.	4	0.1	.	.	4	0.0
16 - Foreign Languages, Literature, and Linguistics	25	0.3	3	0.1	.	.	28	0.2
19 - Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	29	0.3	26	0.6	.	.	55	0.4
22 - Legal Professions and Studies	.	.	.	.	7	2.7	7	0.1
23 - English Language and Literature/Letters	84	1.0	15	0.4	1	0.4	100	0.8
24 - Liberal Arts and Science, General Studies and Humanities	1,243	15.0	1,651	39.5	57	21.6	2,951	23.2
26 - Biological and Biomedical Sciences	633	7.6	401	9.6	35	13.3	1,069	8.4
27 - Mathematics and Statistics	292	3.5	23	0.6	2	0.8	317	2.5
30 - Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	215	2.6	24	0.6	2	0.8	241	1.9
31 - Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	134	1.6	59	1.4	16	6.1	209	1.6
38 - Philosophy and Religious Studies	13	0.2	7	0.2	.	.	20	0.2
40 - Physical Science	203	2.4	74	1.8	3	1.1	280	2.2
42 - Psychology	373	4.5	260	6.2	16	6.1	649	5.1
43 - Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting	.	.	99	2.4	13	4.9	112	0.9
44 - Public Administration and Social Services Prof.	50	0.6	7	0.2	11	4.2	68	0.5
45 - Social Science	404	4.9	102	2.4	8	3.0	514	4.0
50 - Visual and Performing Arts	169	2.0	36	0.9	4	1.5	209	1.6
51 - Health Professions and Related Programs	226	2.7	36	0.9	5	1.9	267	2.1
52 - Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Services	718	8.7	303	7.3	49	18.6	1,070	8.4
54 - History	63	0.8	7	0.2	4	1.5	74	0.6
Total	8,297	100.0	4,177	100.0	264	100.0	12,738	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	510	6.1
Applied Health Sciences	360	4.3
College of Media	100	1.2
Division of General Studies	1,321	15.9
Education	161	1.9
Fine & Applied Arts	344	4.1
Gies College of Business	673	8.1
Grainger Engineering	2,012	24.2
Liberal Arts & Sciences	2,678	32.3
School of Information Sciences	88	1.1
School of Social Work	50	0.6
Total	8,297	100.0

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Chicago Admissions College

	N	%
Applied Health Sciences	166	4.0
Architecture, Design, & the Arts	272	6.5
Business Administration	600	14.4
Education	125	3.0
Engineering	842	20.2
Liberal Arts & Sciences	2,072	49.6
School of Public Health	71	1.7
Urban Planning & Public Affairs	29	0.7
Total	4,177	100.0

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Springfield Admissions College

	N	%
Business and Management	52	19.7
Education and Human Services	8	3.0
Liberal Arts & Sciences	114	43.2
Provost & VC Acad Affairs	57	21.6
Public Affairs & Administratn	33	12.5
Total	264	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	165
2	140640	Lane Tech High Sch	Chicago	134
3	141383	Whitney M Young Magnet Hs	Chicago	97
4	143347	William Fremd High Sch	Palatine	97
5	140187	Metea Valley High School	Aurora	91
6	142078	Glenbrook South High Sch	Glenview	87
7	143108	Neuqua Valley High Sch	Naperville	85
8	140905	Jones College Prep	Chicago	74
9	142300	Hinsdale Township HS Central	Hinsdale	71
10	143105	Naperville Central High Sch	Naperville	67
11	141860	Evanston Township High Sch	Evanston	65
12	141100	Lincoln Park High Sch	Chicago	63
13	143106	Naperville North High Sch	Naperville	62
14	143215	Glenbrook North High Sch	Northbrook	62
15	144214	Vernon Hills High Sch	Vernon Hills	61
16	142483	Lyons Township HS N Campus	La Grange	60
17	141805	York Comm High Sch	Elmhurst	58
18	143343	J B Conant High Sch	Hoffman Estates	58
19	140205	Barrington Comm Hs	Barrington	56
20	144430	New Trier Township High Sch	Winnetka	55
21	140177	Illinois Math and Science Acad	Aurora	52
22	141382	Walter Payton Coll Prep Sch	Chicago	50
23	143377	Maine Township HS South	Park Ridge	47
24	143245	Oak Park and River Forest Hs	Oak Park	46
25	140447	Buffalo Grove High Sch	Buffalo Grove	45

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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	155
2	140034	Noble-Mansueto High School	Chicago	68
3	141345	Von Steuben Metro Science Ctr	Chicago	59
4	141385	William H Taft High Sch	Chicago	59
5	141410	J S Morton High Sch East	Cicero	58
6	143926	Niles Township West Hs	Skokie	52
7	140303	J S Morton High Sch West	Berwyn	49
8	141315	Thomas Kelly High Sch	Chicago	49
9	143357	Amos Alonzo Stagg High Sch	Palos Hills	49
10	143927	Niles North High Sch	Skokie	48
11	140677	Benito Juarez High Sch	Chicago	45
12	141083	Noble-Muchin College Prep	Chicago	45
13	140940	Back of the Yards College Prep	Chicago	42
14	141100	Lincoln Park High Sch	Chicago	41
15	141042	Eric Solorio Academy High Sch	Chicago	40
16	141055	Senn High Sch	Chicago	39
17	143108	Neuqua Valley High Sch	Naperville	39
18	140693	Noble-Chicago Bulls Prep	Chicago	38
19	141342	Northside College Prep Hs	Chicago	38
20	140897	John F Kennedy High Sch	Chicago	37
21	140991	Noble-ITW David Speer Acad	Chicago	37
22	141016	Curie Metropolitan HS	Chicago	37
23	141307	Stephen T Mather High Sch	Chicago	37
24	141383	Whitney M Young Magnet Hs	Chicago	37
25	141595	Maine Township HS East	Park Ridge	37

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Rank	HS Code	HS Name	HS City	Frequency
1	140612	Glenwood High Sch	Chatham	12
2	143975	Springfield High Sch	Springfield	12
3	143965	Sacred Heart Griffin Hs	Springfield	10
4	144322	Waukegan High Sch	Waukegan	7
5	144400	Williamsville High Sch	Williamsville	6
6	140536	Dundee-Crown High Sch	Carpentersville	4
7	143685	Rochester High Sch	Rochester	4
8	140140	Athens Community High School	Athens	3
9	140160	Auburn High Sch	Auburn	3
10	143085	Mount Zion High Sch	Mt Zion	3
11	143186	Sangamon Valley High School	Niantic	3
12	143660	Riverton High Sch	Riverton	3
13	143955	Springfield Southeast Hs	Springfield	3
14	144095	Taylorville High Sch	Taylorville	3
15	140040	Alton High School	Alton	2
16	140367	Bolingbrook High Sch	Bolingbrook	2
17	140700	Schurz High Sch	Chicago	2
18	140785	Dunbar Voc Career Acad	Chicago	2
19	141060	Noble-Baker College Prep	Chicago	2
20	141558	Eisenhower High Sch	Decatur	2
21	141562	Douglas MacArthur High Sch	Decatur	2
22	142000	Galesburg High Sch	Galesburg	2
23	142760	Kaneland High Sch	Maple Park	2
24	142985	Mooseheart High Sch	Mooseheart	2
25	143330	Oswego Comm High Sch	Oswego	2

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Urbana-Champaign Top 25 Majors

Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Business Undeclared	670
2	Biology	506
3	Computer Science	374
4	Psychology	373
5	Computer Engineering	301
6	Electrical Engineering	280
7	Mechanical Engineering	220
8	Political Science	198
9	Pre-Engineering	197
10	Mathematics	178
11	Aerospace Engineering	163
12	Civil Engineering	143
13	Animal Sciences	141
14	Economics	140
15	Engineering Undeclared	134
16	Biochemistry	125
17	Agr & Consumer Economics	109
18	Interdisciplinary Health Sci	108
19	Architectural Studies	103
20	Bioengineering	98
21	Kinesiology	94
22	Community Health	88
23	Information Sciences	88
24	Elementary Education	86
25	Chemistry	85

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Chicago Top 25 Majors

Rank	Major	Frequency
1	LAS - PreHealth/PreScience	503
2	Computer Science	364
3	Biological Sciences	298
4	Bus Admin-Undeclared	283
5	Psychology	136
6	Applied Psychology	124
7	Architecture	104
8	Biochemistry	103
9	Mechanical Engineering	101
10	Criminology, Law, and Justice	99
11	Urban Education	99
12	AHS-Undeclared	86
13	Computer Engineering	86
14	Engineering-Undeclared	80
15	Accounting	79
16	Public Health - Undeclared	71
17	Finance	66
18	Graphic/Industrial Desgn-Found	66
19	Marketing	64
20	Civil Engineering	60
21	Kinesiology	59
22	Art-Foundation	58
23	Liberal Arts - PreNeuroscience	56
24	Political Science	54
25	Chemistry	53

Note: Based on declared majors only

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Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Business Administration	42
2	Biology	33
3	Computer Science	24
4	Exercise Science	16
5	Psychology	16
6	Criminology and Criminal Just	13
7	Social Work	8
8	Accountancy	7
9	Legal Studies	7
10	Political Science	6
11	Medical Laboratory Sciences	5
12	History	4
13	Chemistry	3
14	Public Administration	3
15	Visual Arts	3
16	Biochemistry	2
17	Communication	2
18	Economics	2
19	Environmental Studies	2
20	Global Studies	2
21	Information Systems Security	2
22	Mathematical Sciences	2
23	English	1
24	Management Information Systems	1
25	Theatre	1