UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SYSTEM

First-Time Freshman Characteristics
Fall 2024

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 98,000 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 27,000 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	1	0.0	.	.	4	0.0
Asian	2,153	23.9	983	22.2	14	5.3	3,150	23.0
Black or African American	443	4.9	430	9.7	57	21.8	930	6.8
Hispanic/Latino	1,434	15.9	1,793	40.6	39	14.9	3,266	23.9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2	0.0	1	0.0	.	.	3	0.0
White	3,112	34.5	748	16.9	130	49.6	3,990	29.1
Two or more races	392	4.4	126	2.9	9	3.4	527	3.8
Race and ethnicity unknown	219	2.4	58	1.3	.	.	277	2.0
U.S. Nonresident (Nonresident alien)	1,250	13.9	279	6.3	13	5.0	1,542	11.3
Gender								
Male	4,539	50.4	2,054	46.5	111	42.4	6,704	49.0
Female	4,469	49.6	2,365	53.5	151	57.6	6,985	51.0
Residency**								
Resident	6,403	71.1	3,949	89.4	225	85.9	10,577	77.3
Non-Resident/Unknown	1,355	15.0	191	4.3	24	9.2	1,570	11.5
International	1,250	13.9	279	6.3	13	5.0	1,542	11.3
Total	9,008	100.0	4,419	100.0	262	100.0	13,689	100.0

*US Department of Education racial/ethnic reporting categories. In response to Executive Orders for more inclusive terminology, "Nonresident alien" was changed to "U.S. Nonresident" in 2022.
**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	9,004	100.0	4,360	98.7	257	98.1	13,621	99.5
Part-Time	4	0.0	59	1.3	5	1.9	68	0.5
First Generation								
Yes	2,014	22.4	1,780	40.3	104	39.7	3,898	28.5
No	6,994	77.6	2,639	59.7	158	60.3	9,791	71.5
Age Range*								
Under 18	447	5.0	199	4.5	7	2.7	653	4.8
18	7,838	87.0	3,906	88.4	210	80.2	11,954	87.3
19	677	7.5	253	5.7	23	8.8	953	7.0
20	38	0.4	32	0.7	8	3.1	78	0.6
21	2	0.0	9	0.2	3	1.1	14	0.1
22	2	0.0	9	0.2	1	0.4	12	0.1
23	1	0.0	5	0.1	.	.	6	0.0
24	1	0.0	2	0.0	.	.	3	0.0
25 and over	2	0.0	4	0.1	10	3.8	16	0.1
Total	9,008	100.0	4,419	100.0	262	100.0	13,689	100.0

*As of the official 10th day census date.

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ACT Composite Score Distribution

ACT Distribution	Urbana-Champaign		Chicago		Springfield		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
13	.	.	.	.	1	3.3	1	0.1
15	.	.	.	.	1	3.3	1	0.1
16	1	0.1	1	0.5	2	6.7	4	0.2
17	2	0.1	1	0.5	.	.	3	0.2
18	5	0.4	3	1.5	.	.	8	0.5
19	3	0.2	3	1.5	2	6.7	8	0.5
20	7	0.5	1	0.5	1	3.3	9	0.5
21	7	0.5	10	5.0	1	3.3	18	1.1
22	10	0.7	12	6.0	.	.	22	1.3
23	20	1.4	8	4.0	6	20.0	34	2.1
24	26	1.8	10	5.0	2	6.7	38	2.3
25	27	1.9	11	5.5	1	3.3	39	2.4
26	38	2.7	19	9.5	4	13.3	61	3.7
27	48	3.4	18	9.0	3	10.0	69	4.2
28	49	3.5	21	10.4	1	3.3	71	4.3
29	84	6.0	15	7.5	.	.	99	6.0
30	119	8.5	17	8.5	.	.	136	8.3
31	119	8.5	17	8.5	4	13.3	140	8.5
32	151	10.7	9	4.5	.	.	160	9.8
33	189	13.4	9	4.5	.	.	198	12.1
34	199	14.1	9	4.5	1	3.3	209	12.8
35	230	16.3	5	2.5	.	.	235	14.3
36	74	5.3	2	1.0	.	.	76	4.6
Total	1,408	100.0	201	100.0	30	100.0	1,639	100.0

Note: Includes only those students who submitted their ACT scores for consideration in the application process. 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	%
501 - 600	.	.	1	0.1	.	.	1	0.0
601 - 700	2	0.0	.	.	2	2.4	4	0.1
701 - 800	7	0.2	5	0.4	5	6.0	17	0.3
801 - 900	23	0.5	15	1.1	8	9.6	46	0.8
901 - 1000	61	1.4	54	4.1	15	18.1	130	2.3
1001 - 1050	61	1.4	64	4.8	9	10.8	134	2.3
1051 - 1100	98	2.3	91	6.9	7	8.4	196	3.4
1101 - 1150	140	3.2	142	10.7	8	9.6	290	5.1
1151 - 1200	169	3.9	170	12.8	9	10.8	348	6.1
1201 - 1250	194	4.5	181	13.6	7	8.4	382	6.7
1251 - 1300	239	5.5	183	13.8	4	4.8	426	7.4
1301 - 1350	304	7.1	150	11.3	5	6.0	459	8.0
1351 - 1400	392	9.1	117	8.8	2	2.4	511	8.9
1401 - 1450	601	13.9	71	5.3	1	1.2	673	11.8
1451 - 1500	815	18.9	44	3.3	1	1.2	860	15.0
1501 - 1550	899	20.9	30	2.3	.	.	929	16.2
1551 - 1600	305	7.1	10	0.8	.	.	315	5.5
Total	4,310	100.0	1,328	100.0	83	100.0	5,721	100.0

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Test Score Statistics

		N	Mean	25th Percentile	50th Percentile (Median)	75th Percentile
Urbana-Champaign	ACT Composite	1,408	31.5	30.0	32.0	34.0
	SAT Total	4,310	1,398.3	1,320.0	1,450.0	1,510.0
Chicago	ACT Composite	201	27.4	25.0	28.0	31.0
	SAT Total	1,328	1,235.7	1,140.0	1,240.0	1,330.0
Springfield	ACT Composite	30	24.0	21.0	24.0	27.0
	SAT Total	83	1,073.4	960.0	1,090.0	1,200.0

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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	3.8	.	.	.	.	344	2.5
03 - Natural Resources and Conservation	80	0.9	.	.	3	1.1	83	0.6
04 - Architecture and Related Services	133	1.5	85	1.9	.	.	218	1.6
05 - Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	23	0.3	11	0.2	.	.	34	0.2
09 - Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	211	2.3	26	0.6	2	0.8	239	1.7
11 - Computer and Information Science and Support Services	529	5.9	363	8.2	34	13.0	926	6.8
13 - Education	211	2.3	114	2.6	14	5.3	339	2.5
14 - Engineering	2,120	23.5	527	11.9	.	.	2,647	19.3
15 - Engineering Technologies and Related Fields	.	.	2	0.0	.	.	2	0.0
16 - Foreign Languages, Literature, and Linguistics	41	0.5	3	0.1	.	.	44	0.3
19 - Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	63	0.7	25	0.6	.	.	88	0.6
22 - Legal Professions and Studies	.	.	.	.	8	3.1	8	0.1
23 - English Language and Literature/Letters	74	0.8	24	0.5	1	0.4	99	0.7
24 - Liberal Arts and Science, General Studies and Humanities	1,306	14.5	1,570	35.5	51	19.5	2,927	21.4
26 - Biological and Biomedical Sciences	594	6.6	413	9.3	20	7.6	1,027	7.5
27 - Mathematics and Statistics	229	2.5	28	0.6	1	0.4	258	1.9
30 - Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	344	3.8	39	0.9	.	.	383	2.8
31 - Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	173	1.9	87	2.0	15	5.7	275	2.0
38 - Philosophy and Religious Studies	19	0.2	5	0.1	.	.	24	0.2
40 - Physical Science	412	4.6	59	1.3	4	1.5	475	3.5
42 - Psychology	347	3.9	252	5.7	21	8.0	620	4.5
43 - Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting	.	.	135	3.1	12	4.6	147	1.1
44 - Public Administration and Social Services Prof.	85	0.9	3	0.1	3	1.1	91	0.7
45 - Social Science	427	4.7	107	2.4	8	3.1	542	4.0
50 - Visual and Performing Arts	192	2.1	51	1.2	9	3.4	252	1.8
51 - Health Professions and Related Programs	270	3.0	85	1.9	10	3.8	365	2.7
52 - Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Services	714	7.9	391	8.8	44	16.8	1,149	8.4
54 - History	67	0.7	14	0.3	2	0.8	83	0.6
Total	9,008	100.0	4,419	100.0	262	100.0	13,689	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	642	7.1
Applied Health Sciences	426	4.7
College of Media	158	1.8
Division of General Studies	1,088	12.1
Education	200	2.2
Fine & Applied Arts	427	4.7
Gies College of Business	661	7.3
Grainger Engineering	2,454	27.2
Liberal Arts & Sciences	2,656	29.5
School of Information Sciences	211	2.3
School of Social Work	85	0.9
Total	9,008	100.0

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Chicago Admissions College

	N	%
Applied Health Sciences	237	5.4
Architecture,Design,& the Arts	243	5.5
Business Administration	717	16.2
Education	103	2.3
Engineering	921	20.8
Liberal Arts & Sciences	2,117	47.9
School of Public Health	44	1.0
Urban Planning &Public Affairs	37	0.8
Total	4,419	100.0

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Springfield Admissions College

	N	%
Business and Management	44	16.8
Health, Science, & Technology	108	41.2
Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	30	11.5
Provost & VC Acad Affairs	50	19.1
Public Affairs and Education	30	11.5
Total	262	100.0

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Urbana-Champaign Top 25 Illinois Sending High Schools

Rank	HS Code	HS Name	HS City	Frequency
1	140640	Lane Tech High Sch	Chicago	137
2	143550	Adlai E Stevenson Lincolnshire	Lincolnshire	132
3	143108	Neuqua Valley High Sch	Naperville	94
4	143347	William Fremd High Sch	Palatine	93
5	140187	Metea Valley High School	Aurora	92
6	142483	Lyons Township HS N Campus	La Grange	90
7	144430	New Trier Township High Sch	Winnetka	90
8	141383	Whitney M Young Magnet Hs	Chicago	88
9	142078	Glenbrook South High Sch	Glenview	85
10	141805	York Comm High Sch	Elmhurst	83
11	140905	Jones College Prep	Chicago	75
12	141860	Evanston Township High Sch	Evanston	75
13	143245	Oak Park and River Forest Hs	Oak Park	63
14	143343	J B Conant High Sch	Hoffman Estates	61
15	143377	Maine Township HS South	Park Ridge	61
16	144214	Vernon Hills High Sch	Vernon Hills	61
17	143062	Prospect High Sch	Mt Prospect	60
18	143105	Naperville Central High Sch	Naperville	60
19	141382	Walter Payton Coll Prep Sch	Chicago	58
20	143215	Glenbrook North High Sch	Northbrook	58
21	143106	Naperville North High Sch	Naperville	54
22	140177	Illinois Math and Science Acad	Aurora	53
23	141100	Lincoln Park High Sch	Chicago	53
24	142275	Highland Park High Sch	Highland Park	49
25	143325	Carl Sandburg High Sch	Orland Park	48

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Rank	HS Code	HS Name	HS City	Frequency
1	140640	Lane Tech High Sch	Chicago	106
2	140677	Benito Juarez High Sch	Chicago	81
3	141385	William H Taft High Sch	Chicago	81
4	141345	Von Steuben Metro Science Ctr	Chicago	61
5	143550	Adlai E Stevenson Lincolnshire	Lincolnshire	60
6	140899	John Hancock High Sch	Chicago	56
7	141315	Thomas Kelly High Sch	Chicago	56
8	141307	Stephen T Mather High Sch	Chicago	52
9	140905	Jones College Prep	Chicago	48
10	143926	Niles Township West Hs	Skokie	48
11	143108	Neuqua Valley High Sch	Naperville	47
12	143357	Amos Alonzo Stagg High Sch	Palos Hills	47
13	140187	Metea Valley High School	Aurora	46
14	141410	J S Morton High Sch East	Cicero	46
15	143343	J B Conant High Sch	Hoffman Estates	43
16	140655	Amundsen High Sch	Chicago	42
17	140877	Hubbard High Sch	Chicago	40
18	140303	J S Morton High Sch West	Berwyn	38
19	143325	Carl Sandburg High Sch	Orland Park	38
20	140991	Noble-ITW David Speer Acad	Chicago	35
21	141239	Noble-Pritzker College Prep	Chicago	34
22	141595	Maine Township HS East	Park Ridge	34
23	143927	Niles North High Sch	Skokie	34
24	141016	Curie Metropolitan HS	Chicago	33
25	141100	Lincoln Park High Sch	Chicago	33

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Rank	HS Code	HS Name	HS City	Frequency
1	143975	Springfield High Sch	Springfield	17
2	140612	Glenwood High Sch	Chatham	14
3	143955	Springfield Southeast Hs	Springfield	9
4	144319	Cristo Rey St Martin Coll Prep	Waukegan	7
5	143685	Rochester High Sch	Rochester	6
6	143960	Lanphier High Sch	Springfield	6
7	144400	Williamsville High Sch	Williamsville	6
8	142625	Lincoln Comm High Sch	Lincoln	4
9	143660	Riverton High Sch	Riverton	4
10	143725	Rock Island High Sch	Rock Island	4
11	140140	Athens Community High School	Athens	3
12	140160	Auburn High Sch	Auburn	3
13	140562	Devry Advantage Academy	Chicago	3
14	142320	Huntley High Sch	Huntley	3
15	144095	Taylorville High Sch	Taylorville	3
16	140187	Metea Valley High School	Aurora	2
17	140305	Civic Memorial High Sch	Bethalto	2
18	140454	Central High Sch	Burlington	2
19	140981	Bronzeville Sch Ins - DuSable	Chicago	2
20	141035	Morgan Park High Sch	Chicago	2
21	141108	Noble-Rowe Clark Math & Sci	Chicago	2
22	141297	Gwendolyn Brooks Coll Prp Acad	Chicago	2
23	141347	Noble-Gary Comer Coll Prep	Chicago	2
24	141387	Bogan Technical High School	Chicago	2
25	141645	Dunlap High School	Dunlap	2

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Urbana-Champaign Top 25 Majors

Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Business Undeclared	644
2	Biology	389
3	Psychology	347
4	Mechanical Engineering	262
5	Computer Science	254
6	Electrical Engineering	253
7	Aerospace Engineering	233
8	Engineering Undeclared	222
9	Political Science	222
10	Computer Engineering	220
11	Physics	210
12	Information Sciences + DS	178
13	Civil Engineering	173
14	Agr & Consumer Economics	157
15	Bioengineering	154
16	Chemical Engineering	153
17	LAS - Undeclared	147
18	Animal Sciences	137
19	Architectural Studies	133
20	Interdisciplinary Health Sci	127
21	Mathematics	125
22	Chemistry	121
23	Kinesiology	113
24	Biochemistry	105
25	Economics	102

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Chicago Top 25 Majors

Rank	Major	Frequency
1	LAS - PreHealth/PreScience	443
2	Biological Sciences	324
3	Bus Admin-Undeclared	290
4	Computer Science	238
5	Mechanical Engineering	157
6	Psychology	139
7	Criminology, Law, and Justice	135
8	Computer Engineering	128
9	Finance	123
10	Applied Psychology	113
11	Accounting	110
12	AHS-Undeclared	104
13	Biochemistry	89
14	Kinesiology	87
15	Architecture	85
16	Urban Education	78
17	Biomedical Engineering	75
18	Electrical Engineering	68
19	Liberal Arts - PreNeuroscience	66
20	Engineering-Undeclared	65
21	Marketing	63
22	Computer Science & Design	56
23	Political Science	53
24	Civil Engineering	51
25	Graphic/Industrial Desgn-Found	51

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Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Pre-Nursing	46
2	Business Administration	38
3	Computer Science	33
4	Psychology	21
5	Biology	19
6	Exercise Science	15
7	Criminology and Criminal Just	12
8	Medical Laboratory Science	10
9	Elementary Education	8
10	Legal Studies	8
11	Visual Arts	7
12	Accounting	6
13	Political Science	6
14	Chemistry	4
15	Environmental Studies	3
16	Middle Grades Education	3
17	Social Work	3
18	Communication	2
19	History	2
20	Secondary Mathematics Ed	2
21	Sociology/Anthropology	2
22	Theatre	2
23	Biochemistry	1
24	English	1
25	Information Systems Security	1

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