



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SYSTEM

First-Time Freshman Characteristics

Fall 2025



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 100,000 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 28,000 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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Fall 2025 First-Time Freshman Characteristics

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	0.6	7	0.0
Asian	2,001	21.7	1,084	20.1	11	3.5	3,096	20.7
Black or African American	477	5.2	560	10.4	71	22.8	1,108	7.4
Hispanic/Latino	1,399	15.2	2,267	41.9	39	12.5	3,705	24.8
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0.0	1	0.0	.	.	2	0.0
White	3,213	34.9	941	17.4	160	51.3	4,314	28.9
Two or more races	416	4.5	165	3.1	13	4.2	594	4.0
Race and ethnicity unknown	262	2.8	129	2.4	4	1.3	395	2.6
U.S. Nonresident (Nonresident alien)	1,435	15.6	256	4.7	12	3.8	1,703	11.4
Gender								
Male	4,664	50.7	2,524	46.7	125	40.1	7,313	49.0
Female	4,543	49.3	2,881	53.3	187	59.9	7,611	51.0
Residency**								
Resident	6,549	71.1	4,930	91.2	274	87.8	11,753	78.8
Non-Resident/Unknown	1,223	13.3	219	4.1	26	8.3	1,468	9.8
International	1,435	15.6	256	4.7	12	3.8	1,703	11.4
Total	9,207	100.0	5,405	100.0	312	100.0	14,924	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	9,198	99.9	5,331	98.6	309	99.0	14,838	99.4
Part-Time	9	0.1	74	1.4	3	1.0	86	0.6
First Generation								
Yes	2,055	22.3	2,503	46.3	129	41.3	4,687	31.4
No	7,152	77.7	2,902	53.7	183	58.7	10,237	68.6
Age Range*								
Under 18	466	5.1	254	4.7	6	1.9	726	4.9
18	8,077	87.7	4,811	89.0	256	82.1	13,144	88.1
19	618	6.7	264	4.9	29	9.3	911	6.1
20	34	0.4	41	0.8	5	1.6	80	0.5
21	6	0.1	16	0.3	3	1.0	25	0.2
22	3	0.0	6	0.1	3	1.0	12	0.1
23	1	0.0	5	0.1	.	.	6	0.0
24	.	.	2	0.0	3	1.0	5	0.0
25 and over	2	0.0	6	0.1	7	2.2	15	0.1
Total	9,207	100.0	5,405	100.0	312	100.0	14,924	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	0.4	1	7.1	2	0.1
14	.	.	1	0.4	.	.	1	0.1
15	1	0.1	1	0.4	.	.	2	0.1
16	.	.	1	0.4	.	.	1	0.1
17	3	0.2	4	1.8	.	.	7	0.4
18	5	0.4	3	1.3	2	14.3	10	0.6
19	9	0.6	6	2.7	.	.	15	0.9
20	9	0.6	10	4.4	3	21.4	22	1.3
21	10	0.7	6	2.7	.	.	16	1.0
22	8	0.6	3	1.3	1	7.1	12	0.7
23	12	0.9	13	5.8	1	7.1	26	1.6
24	16	1.1	15	6.7	.	.	31	1.9
25	27	1.9	22	9.8	1	7.1	50	3.1
26	23	1.6	11	4.9	1	7.1	35	2.1
27	44	3.2	24	10.7	.	.	68	4.2
28	51	3.7	11	4.9	1	7.1	63	3.9
29	72	5.2	12	5.3	.	.	84	5.1
30	100	7.2	20	8.9	1	7.1	121	7.4
31	132	9.5	15	6.7	1	7.1	148	9.1
32	176	12.6	11	4.9	1	7.1	188	11.5
33	197	14.1	15	6.7	.	.	212	13.0
34	212	15.2	8	3.6	.	.	220	13.5
35	195	14.0	11	4.9	.	.	206	12.6
36	92	6.6	1	0.4	.	.	93	5.7
Total	1,394	100.0	225	100.0	14	100.0	1,633	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	%
400 - 500	.	.	2	0.1	.	.	2	0.0
501 - 600	.	.	2	0.1	.	.	2	0.0
601 - 700	2	0.0	10	0.4	.	.	12	0.2
701 - 800	5	0.1	64	2.6	3	3.3	72	1.0
801 - 900	26	0.6	174	7.0	12	13.2	212	2.9
901 - 1000	94	2.0	309	12.4	19	20.9	422	5.9
1001 - 1050	83	1.8	185	7.4	12	13.2	280	3.9
1051 - 1100	100	2.2	201	8.0	10	11.0	311	4.3
1101 - 1150	139	3.0	238	9.5	9	9.9	386	5.4
1151 - 1200	159	3.5	227	9.1	9	9.9	395	5.5
1201 - 1250	201	4.4	270	10.8	6	6.6	477	6.6
1251 - 1300	243	5.3	235	9.4	2	2.2	480	6.7
1301 - 1350	324	7.0	210	8.4	5	5.5	539	7.5
1351 - 1400	460	10.0	148	5.9	3	3.3	611	8.5
1401 - 1450	605	13.2	120	4.8	1	1.1	726	10.1
1451 - 1500	874	19.0	62	2.5	.	.	936	13.0
1501 - 1550	987	21.5	35	1.4	.	.	1,022	14.2
1551 - 1600	296	6.4	8	0.3	.	.	304	4.2
Total	4,598	100.0	2,500	100.0	91	100.0	7,189	100.0

Note: Includes only those students who submitted their SAT scores for consideration in the application process. Does not include converted ACT scores.

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Test Score Statistics

		N	Mean	25th Percentile	50th Percentile (Median)	75th Percentile
Urbana-Champaign	ACT Composite	1,394	31.6	30.0	32.0	34.0
	SAT Total	4,598	1,395.9	1,320.0	1,440.0	1,510.0
Chicago	ACT Composite	225	27.1	24.0	27.0	31.0
	SAT Total	2,500	1,157.3	1,025.0	1,170.0	1,300.0
Springfield	ACT Composite	14	23.3	20.0	22.5	28.0
	SAT Total	91	1,063.5	940.0	1,050.0	1,180.0

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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	392	4.3	.	.	.	.	392	2.6
03 - Natural Resources and Conservation	65	0.7	.	.	3	1.0	68	0.5
04 - Architecture and Related Services	149	1.6	89	1.6	.	.	238	1.6
05 - Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	15	0.2	7	0.1	.	.	22	0.1
09 - Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	220	2.4	29	0.5	6	1.9	255	1.7
11 - Computer and Information Science and Support Services	485	5.3	280	5.2	38	12.2	803	5.4
13 - Education	262	2.8	182	3.4	14	4.5	458	3.1
14 - Engineering	2,283	24.8	645	11.9	.	.	2,928	19.6
15 - Engineering Technologies and Related Fields	.	.	1	0.0	.	.	1	0.0
16 - Foreign Languages, Literature, and Linguistics	30	0.3	6	0.1	.	.	36	0.2
19 - Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	62	0.7	17	0.3	.	.	79	0.5
22 - Legal Professions and Studies	.	.	.	.	4	1.3	4	0.0
23 - English Language and Literature/Letters	69	0.7	22	0.4	3	1.0	94	0.6
24 - Liberal Arts and Science, General Studies and Humanities	1,273	13.8	1,611	29.8	54	17.3	2,938	19.7
26 - Biological and Biomedical Sciences	668	7.3	733	13.6	28	9.0	1,429	9.6
27 - Mathematics and Statistics	244	2.7	23	0.4	1	0.3	268	1.8
30 - Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	342	3.7	47	0.9	3	1.0	392	2.6
31 - Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	175	1.9	.	.	18	5.8	193	1.3
38 - Philosophy and Religious Studies	12	0.1	2	0.0	1	0.3	15	0.1
40 - Physical Science	366	4.0	107	2.0	3	1.0	476	3.2
42 - Psychology	317	3.4	287	5.3	31	9.9	635	4.3
43 - Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting	.	.	188	3.5	16	5.1	204	1.4
44 - Public Administration and Social Services Prof.	96	1.0	7	0.1	8	2.6	111	0.7
45 - Social Science	378	4.1	126	2.3	15	4.8	519	3.5
50 - Visual and Performing Arts	148	1.6	53	1.0	4	1.3	205	1.4
51 - Health Professions and Related Programs	263	2.9	390	7.2	8	2.6	661	4.4
52 - Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Services	848	9.2	533	9.9	54	17.3	1,435	9.6
54 - History	45	0.5	20	0.4	.	.	65	0.4
Total	9,207	100.0	5,405	100.0	312	100.0	14,924	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	663	7.2
Applied Health Sciences	438	4.8
College of Media	179	1.9
Division of ExploratoryStudies	1,052	11.4
Education	240	2.6
Fine & Applied Arts	416	4.5
Gies College of Business	787	8.5
Grainger Engineering	2,513	27.3
Liberal Arts & Sciences	2,625	28.5
School of Information Sciences	198	2.2
School of Social Work	96	1.0
Total	9,207	100.0

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Chicago Admissions College

	N	%
Applied Health Sciences	246	4.6
Architecture,Design,& the Arts	285	5.3
Business Administration	915	16.9
Education	153	2.8
Engineering	1,060	19.6
Liberal Arts & Sciences	2,559	47.3
Nursing	94	1.7
School of Public Health	55	1.0
Urban Planning &Public Affairs	38	0.7
Total	5,405	100.0

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Springfield Admissions College

	N	%
Business and Management	57	18.3
Health, Science, & Technology	128	41.0
Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	31	9.9
Provost & VC Acad Affairs	53	17.0
Public Affairs and Education	43	13.8
Total	312	100.0

**University of Illinois System
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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 Lincolnshire	Lincolnshire	186
2	140640	Lane Tech High Sch	Chicago	160
3	143245	Oak Park and River Forest Hs	Oak Park	96
4	143347	William Fremd High Sch	Palatine	91
5	143108	Neuqua Valley High Sch	Naperville	90
6	144430	New Trier Township High Sch	Winnetka	88
7	142078	Glenbrook South High Sch	Glenview	85
8	141860	Evanston Township High Sch	Evanston	84
9	143215	Glenbrook North High Sch	Northbrook	78
10	141383	Whitney M Young Magnet Hs	Chicago	77
11	142483	Lyons Township HS N Campus	La Grange	76
12	140187	Metea Valley High School	Aurora	65
13	140205	Barrington Comm Hs	Barrington	65
14	143106	Naperville North High Sch	Naperville	63
15	143377	Maine Township HS South	Park Ridge	63
16	140184	Waubonsie Valley High Sch	Aurora	60
17	140905	Jones College Prep	Chicago	60
18	142300	Hinsdale Township HS Central	Hinsdale	59
19	143062	Prospect High Sch	Mt Prospect	59
20	143105	Naperville Central High Sch	Naperville	58
21	143343	J B Conant High Sch	Hoffman Estates	57
22	140177	Illinois Math and Science Acad	Aurora	56
23	141805	York Comm High Sch	Elmhurst	56
24	144214	Vernon Hills High Sch	Vernon Hills	53
25	141385	William H Taft High Sch	Chicago	50

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Rank	HS Code	HS Name	HS City	Frequency
1	140640	Lane Tech High Sch	Chicago	143
2	141385	William H Taft High Sch	Chicago	105
3	143550	Adlai E Stevenson Lincolnshire	Lincolnshire	86
4	140677	Benito Juarez High Sch	Chicago	81
5	141345	Von Steuben Metro Science Ctr	Chicago	78
6	140187	Metea Valley High School	Aurora	68
7	141100	Lincoln Park High Sch	Chicago	66
8	140905	Jones College Prep	Chicago	65
9	143927	Niles North High Sch	Skokie	65
10	140899	John Hancock High Sch	Chicago	63
11	141016	Curie Metropolitan HS	Chicago	62
12	141410	J S Morton High Sch East	Cicero	61
13	141307	Stephen T Mather High Sch	Chicago	58
14	140877	Hubbard High Sch	Chicago	56
15	141315	Thomas Kelly High Sch	Chicago	53
16	143926	Niles Township West Hs	Skokie	52
17	140991	Noble-ITW David Speer Acad	Chicago	50
18	140303	J S Morton High Sch West	Berwyn	49
19	141042	Eric Solorio Academy High Sch	Chicago	48
20	143108	Neuqua Valley High Sch	Naperville	47
21	140367	Bolingbrook High Sch	Bolingbrook	46
22	140930	Lake View High Sch	Chicago	45
23	143357	Amos Alonzo Stagg High Sch	Palos Hills	45
24	143347	William Fremd High Sch	Palatine	44
25	141239	Noble-Pritzker College Prep	Chicago	42

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Springfield Top 25 Illinois Sending High Schools

Rank	HS Code	HS Name	HS City	Frequency
1	140612	Glenwood High Sch	Chatham	13
2	143955	Springfield Southeast Hs	Springfield	13
3	143975	Springfield High Sch	Springfield	13
4	143960	Lanphier High Sch	Springfield	8
5	144400	Williamsville High Sch	Williamsville	8
6	142350	Jacksonville High Sch	Jacksonville	7
7	143685	Rochester High Sch	Rochester	5
8	144322	Waukegan High Sch	Waukegan	5
9	142155	Greenvew Comm Hs	Greenvew	4
10	143775	Rushville High Sch	Rushville	4
11	144095	Taylorville High Sch	Taylorville	4
12	140917	Kenwood Acad	Chicago	3
13	141122	Lindblom Math and Science Acad	Chicago	3
14	142307	Homewood Flossmoor Cmty Hs	Flossmoor	3
15	143205	University High Sch	Normal	3
16	143220	North Chicago Comm Hs	North Chicago	3
17	143345	Palatine High Sch	Palatine	3
18	143515	Pleasant Plains High Sch	Pleasant Plains	3
19	143965	Sacred Heart Griffin Hs	Springfield	3
20	140034	Noble-Mansueto High School	Chicago	2
21	140151	Father McGivney Catholic HS	Glen Carbon	2
22	140187	Metee Valley High School	Aurora	2
23	140390	Art In Motion Charter School	Chicago	2
24	140693	Noble-Chicago Bulls Prep	Chicago	2
25	140905	Jones College Prep	Chicago	2

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Urbana-Champaign Top 25 Majors

Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Business Undeclared	780
2	Biology	452
3	Psychology	317
4	Electrical Engineering	307
5	Engineering Undeclared	247
6	Aerospace Engineering	242
7	Mechanical Engineering	237
8	Computer Science	227
9	Political Science	213
10	Civil Engineering	196
11	Computer Engineering	188
12	Chemical Engineering	187
13	Agr & Consumer Economics	184
14	Physics	177
15	LAS - Undeclared	164
16	Information Sciences + DS	161
17	Animal Sciences	154
18	Mathematics	144
19	Materials Science & Engr	141
20	Architectural Studies	133
21	Chemistry	127
22	Biochemistry	117
23	Interdisciplinary Health Sci	109
24	Bioengineering	106
25	Kinesiology	105

Note: Based on declared majors only

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Chicago Top 25 Majors

Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Biological Sciences	468
2	Bus Admin-Undeclared	358
3	LAS - PreHealth/PreScience	282
4	Integrated Health Studies	266
5	Mechanical Engineering	226
6	Criminology, Law, and Justice	188
7	Finance	188
8	Computer Science	178
9	Biochemistry	176
10	Engineering-Undeclared	158
11	Accounting	153
12	Applied Psychology	149
13	Psychology	138
14	Urban Education	136
15	Computer Engineering	116
16	AHS-Undeclared	107
17	Liberal Arts - PreNeuroscience	95
18	Nursing (BSN)	94
19	Architecture	89
20	Biomedical Engineering	89
21	Kinesiology	89
22	Marketing	87
23	Civil Engineering	83
24	Graphic/Industrial Desgn-Found	75
25	Electrical Engineering	73

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Springfield Top 25 Majors

Rank	Major	Frequency
1	Business Administration	46
2	Pre-Nursing	45
3	Psychology	31
4	Computer Science	27
5	Biology	24
6	Exercise Science	18
7	Criminology and Criminal Just	16
8	Political Science	15
9	Accounting	8
10	Information Systems Security	8
11	Medical Laboratory Science	8
12	Social Work	7
13	Communication	6
14	Elementary Education	6
15	Biochemistry	4
16	Legal Studies	4
17	Chemistry	3
18	English	3
19	Environmental Studies	3
20	International and Global Studi	3
21	Management Information Systems	3
22	Secondary History Education	3
23	Middle Grades Education	2
24	Secondary English Ed	2
25	Theatre	2