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Distance Education State Almanac 2017

Illinois

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Illinois



	State	% of National
Population	12,801,539	3.9%
18-55 Population	6,144,739	4.0%
Number of Institutions	194	4.0%

Illinois has 194 degree-granting higher education institutions, which represent 4.0% of all such institutions in the United States. These institutions enrolled a total of 802,784 students as of fall 2015 (651,083 of which are studying at the undergraduate level and 151,701 at the graduate level). The fall 2015 figure is a decrease of 31,281 students (or -3.8%) from the number enrolled in the fall of 2012.

Among the total student body, 193,935 (149,217 undergraduates and 44,718 graduate students) were taking at least one course at a distance. This is 24.2% of the enrolled student body, which is lower than the national average rate of 29.7%. The number of students taking distance education courses in the state increased by 46,918 (or 31.9%) between fall 2012 and fall 2015. This is higher than the national level of growth of 11.0%.

100,225 students in Illinois are taking all of their courses at a distance, made up of 66,361 undergraduates and 33,864 graduates. This represents 12.5% of all students enrolled in the state, a rate that is lower than the national average of 14.3%. A total of 44,584 (or 44.5% of these exclusively online students) live in Illinois, the remainder come from outside of the state. This rate is lower than the national in-state average of 55.1%.

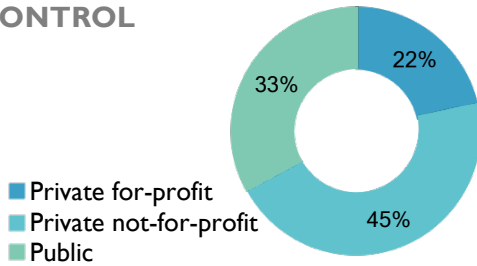
The number of students that take any of their courses on campus, including those who take all of their courses on campus and those who take a mix of on-campus and distance courses, is 702,559, or 87.5% of the total student enrollment in Illinois. This number represents a decrease in proportion on campus from the four years prior (92.3% from 769,964 students in 2012). The -4.8% rate is a larger change than the national 1.7% decrease.

Overall and Distance Enrollment - 2015

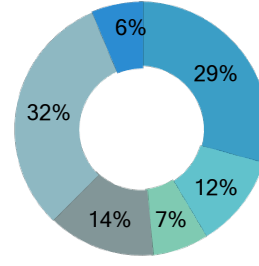
		Total		Undergraduate		Graduate	
		All Students	Any Distance	All Students	Any Distance	All Students	Any Distance
	Total	802,784	193,935	651,083	149,217	151,701	44,718
Control	Private for-profit	71,797	58,240	55,677	43,642	16,120	14,598
	Private not-for-profit	221,883	35,127	135,636	14,196	86,247	20,931
	Public	509,104	100,568	459,770	91,379	49,334	9,189
Type	2 to 4-year	322,298	63,046	322,298	63,046	0	0
	4-year or more	480,486	130,889	328,785	86,171	151,701	44,718
Institutional Enrollment Size	Under 1,000	24,711	4,279	17,467	2,534	7,244	1,745
	1,000 - 4,999	159,097	32,288	131,372	24,394	27,725	7,894
	5,000 - 9,999	195,005	42,103	168,684	32,283	26,321	9,820
	10,000 - 19,999	188,796	39,181	164,055	35,068	24,741	4,113
	20,000 and above	235,175	76,084	169,505	54,938	65,670	21,146
Carnegie	Associate's College	320,596	64,225	320,596	64,225	0	0
	Baccalaureate College	23,209	1,552	22,538	1,528	671	24
	Doctoral University	231,161	38,066	147,940	24,514	83,221	13,552
	Master's College	162,595	58,768	125,062	42,103	37,533	16,665
	Specialized	64,055	31,282	33,827	16,805	30,228	14,477
	Unassigned	1,168	42	1,120	42	48	0

Distribution of State Institutions

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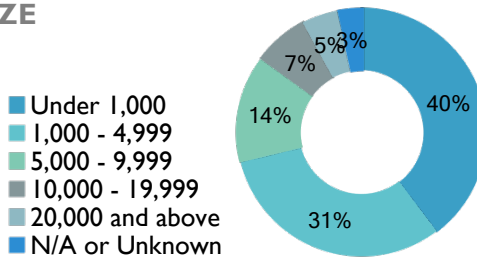


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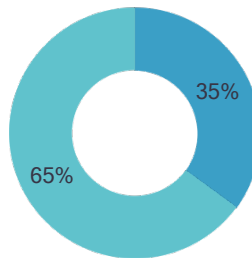


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- Doctoral University
- Master's College
- Specialized
- Unassigned

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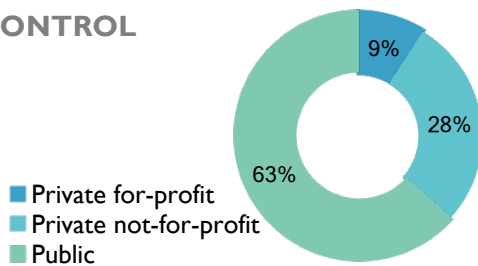
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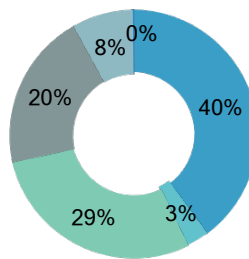
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Distribution of Total Student Enrollment

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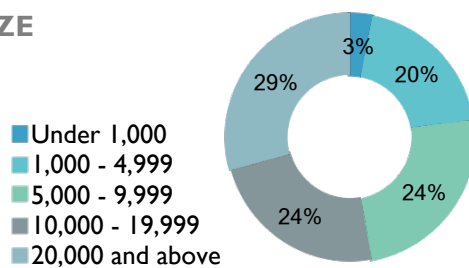


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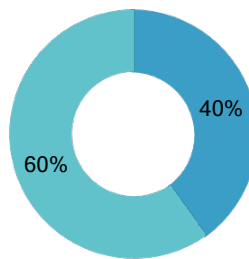


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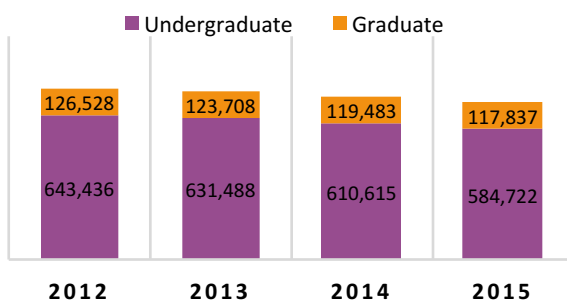


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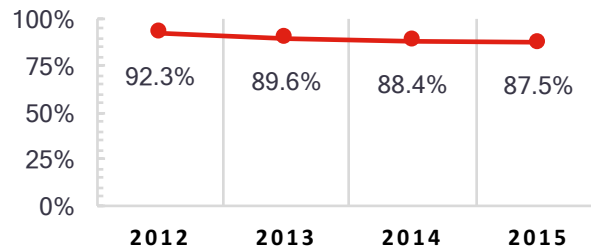


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On-Campus Students

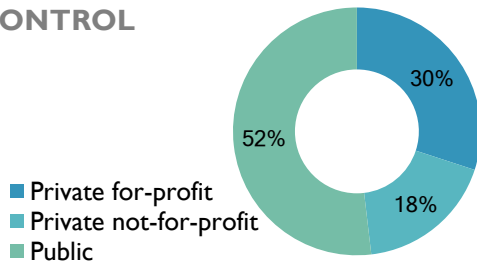


PERCENT ON CAMPUS

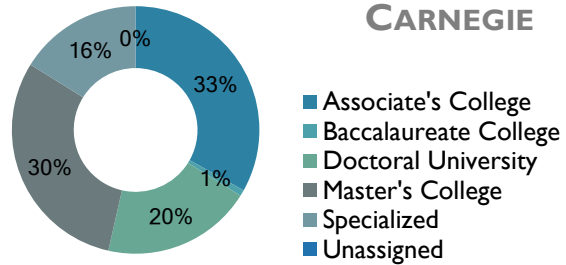


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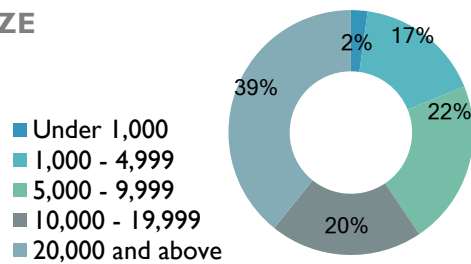
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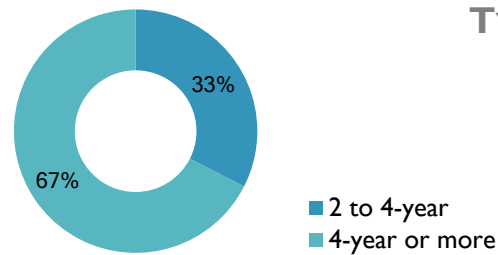
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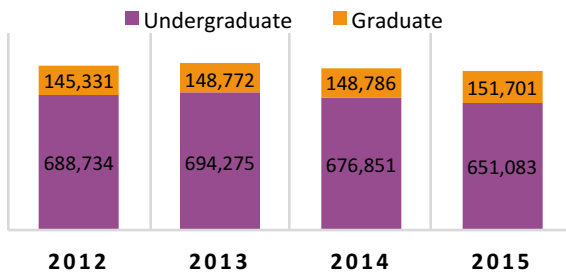


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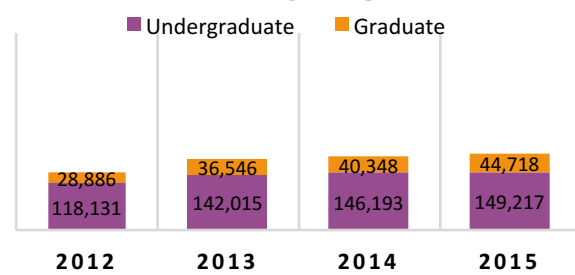


Enrollment Trends

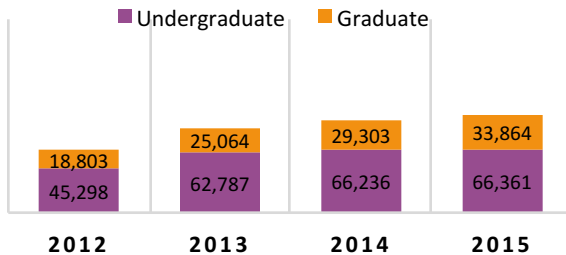
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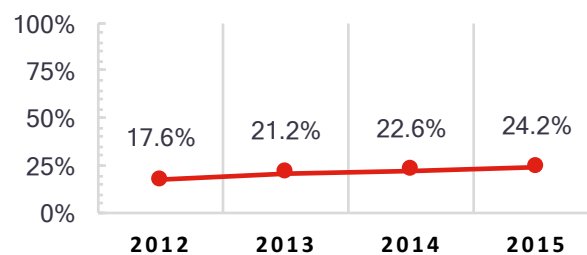
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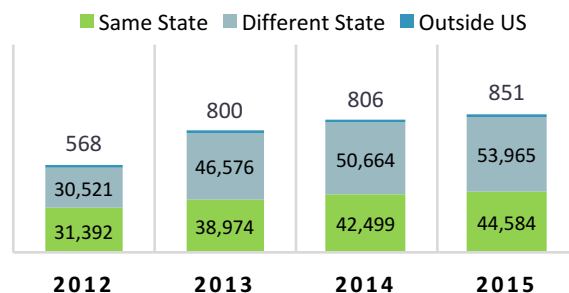
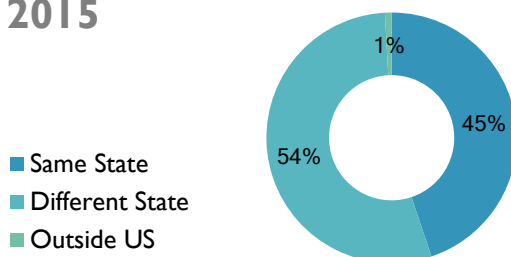


PERCENT DISTANCE



Exclusively Distance Student Locations

2015



Overall Enrollment in Illinois

Top 10 Institutions by Total Numbers of Students - 2015

Rank	Institution	Total	Undergrad	Graduate	Control
1	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	45,842	33,368	12,474	Public
2	University of Illinois at Chicago	29,048	17,575	11,473	Public
3	College of DuPage	28,678	28,678	0	Public
4	DePaul University	23,539	15,961	7,578	Private not-for-profit
5	Chamberlain College of Nursing-Illinois	23,250	15,132	8,118	Private for-profit
6	Northwestern University	21,655	8,839	12,816	Private not-for-profit
7	Illinois State University	20,760	18,426	2,334	Public
8	Northern Illinois University	20,130	15,027	5,103	Public
9	Southern Illinois University-Carbondale	17,292	13,031	4,261	Public
10	Loyola University Chicago	16,437	11,079	5,358	Private not-for-profit

Top 10 Institutions by Enrollment Growth 2012-2015

Rank	Institution	2012	2015	Change	Control
1	Chamberlain College of Nursing-Illinois	11,898	23,250	11,352	Private for-profit
2	College of DuPage	26,156	28,678	2,522	Public
3	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	44,520	45,842	1,322	Public
4	University of Illinois at Chicago	27,875	29,048	1,173	Public
5	Aurora University	4,681	5,423	742	Private not-for-profit
6	Loyola University Chicago	15,720	16,437	717	Private not-for-profit
7	University of St Francis	3,512	3,957	445	Private not-for-profit
8	Northwestern University	21,215	21,655	440	Private not-for-profit
9	Governors State University	5,530	5,938	408	Public
10	Midwestern University-Downers Grove	2,547	2,932	385	Private not-for-profit

Distance Enrollment in Illinois

Top 10 Institutions by Distance Enrollment - 2015

Rank	Institution	Total	Undergrad	Graduate	Control
1	Chamberlain College of Nursing-Illinois	22,114	13,996	8,118	Private for-profit
2	American InterContinental University-Online	11,560	10,383	1,177	Private for-profit
3	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	10,720	8,955	1,765	Public
4	College of DuPage	5,749	5,749	0	Public
5	DePaul University	5,562	3,884	1,678	Private not-for-profit
6	University of Illinois at Chicago	4,913	2,920	1,993	Public
7	University of Illinois at Springfield	3,443	1,837	1,606	Public
8	Illinois State University	3,297	3,020	277	Public
9	Joliet Junior College	3,122	3,122	0	Public
10	Western Illinois University	3,108	2,468	640	Public

Top 10 Institutions by Distance Enrollment Growth 2012-2015

Rank	Institution	2012	2015	Change	Control
1	Chamberlain College of Nursing-Illinois	11,096	22,114	11,018	Private for-profit
2	Joliet Junior College	0	3,122	3,122	Public
3	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	8,525	10,720	2,195	Public
4	Illinois State University	1,723	3,297	1,574	Public
5	Southern Illinois University-Carbondale	1,647	2,837	1,190	Public
6	Parkland College	1,885	3,026	1,141	Public
7	DePaul University	4,441	5,562	1,121	Private not-for-profit
8	Rush University	421	1,511	1,090	Private not-for-profit
9	Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville	803	1,862	1,059	Public
10	Concordia University-Chicago	2,003	3,041	1,038	Private not-for-profit