

Spring 2016 Enrollment Snapshot

This report is a 2016 spring enrollment snapshot from the public universities that included information for last two academic years. To better establish enrollment patterns, this information was combined with fall enrollment numbers collected via IBHE's Fall Enrollment Survey (FES) I.

As shown in *Table 1*, total enrollment at the Illinois public universities was flat, evidencing no significant total changes in number of students being served at the twelve public universities.

Table 1: Combined Undergraduate and Graduate Enrolled (based on FTE)

	Undergraduate Enrollment				Graduate Enrollment			
	Fall 2014-15	Spring 2014-15	Fall 2015-16	Spring 2015-16	Fall 2014-15	Spring 2014-15	Fall 2015-16	Spring 2015-16
CSU	2,891	2,606	2,571	2,301	1,050	1,035	1,047	1,055
EIU	6,876	6,189	6,429	5,736	848	843	853	923
GSU	2,394	2,290	2,447	2,267	1,325	1,372	1,473	1,453
ISU	16,717	16,339	16,792	16,349	1,450	1,523	1,391	1,488
NEIU	5,745	5,089	5,522	4,915	860	805	844	837
NIU	13,691	12,303	13,328	12,104	3,249	3,238	3,174	3,095
SIUC	12,037	11,026	11,670	10,606	2,553	2,386	2,365	2,186
SIUE	10,082	9,367	10,350	9,952	1,684	1,633	1,635	1,562
UIC	16,142	15,244	17,022	15,838	11,318	10,977	11,665	11,389
UIS	2,312	2,145	2,265	2,085	1,569	1,613	1,656	1,746
UIUC	33,630	31,580	34,041	31,762	13,380	12,670	13,603	13,063
WIU	8,877	8,122	8,407	7,546	1,068	1,076	1,154	1,075
Total	131,394	122,300	130,844	121,461	40,354	39,171	40,860	39,872

Undergraduate Enrollment (based on FTE)

The fall to spring decrease was the same in both years (a 7% decline) in comparing fall and spring undergraduate enrollment in 2014-15 to fall and spring undergraduate enrollment in 2015-16. The decrease in enrollment from fall to spring can be explained by a combination of students stopping/dropping out of college (not being retained) and students graduating at the end of the fall semester.

As shown in *Table 2*, undergraduate enrollment at Illinois public universities was fairly stable in comparing both fall of 2014-15 to fall of 2015-16 (-550 FTE or -0.4%), as well as spring of 2014-15 to spring of 2015-16 (-839 FTE or -0.7%). However, there was quite a bit of variation between the public universities: undergraduate enrollment growth occurred at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Declines of at least 5% in undergraduate enrollment were experienced at Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois University, and Western Illinois University.

Table 2: Undergraduate Enrollment at Illinois Public Universities

	Undergraduate Enrollment				Fall 2015-16 to Fall 2014-15		Spring 2015-16 to Spring 2014-15	
	Fall 2014-15	Spring 2014-15	Fall 2015-16	Spring 2015-16	Absolute Difference	Percent (%) Difference	Absolute Difference	Percent (%) Difference
CSU	2,891	2,606	2,571	2,301	-320	-11.1%	-305	-11.7%
EIU	6,876	6,189	6,429	5,736	-447	-6.5%	-453	-7.3%
GSU	2,394	2,290	2,447	2,267	53	2.2%	-23	-1.0%
ISU	16,717	16,339	16,792	16,349	75	0.4%	10	0.1%
NEIU	5,745	5,089	5,522	4,915	-223	-3.9%	-174	-3.4%
NIU	13,691	12,303	13,328	12,104	-363	-2.7%	-199	-1.6%
SIUC	12,037	11,026	11,670	10,606	-367	-3.0%	-420	-3.8%
SIUE	10,082	9,367	10,350	9,952	268	2.7%	585	6.2%
UIC	16,142	15,244	17,022	15,838	880	5.5%	594	3.9%
UIS	2,312	2,145	2,265	2,085	-47	-2.0%	-60	-2.8%
UIUC	33,630	31,580	34,041	31,762	411	1.2%	182	0.6%
WIU	8,877	8,122	8,407	7,546	-470	-5.3%	-576	-7.1%
Total	131,394	122,300	130,844	121,461	-550	-0.4%	-839	-0.7%

Graduate Enrollment (based on FTE)

Illinois public universities experienced a slight increase in graduate enrollment in comparing fall of 2014-15 to fall of 2015-16 (+506 FTE or 1.3%) and spring of 2014-15 to spring of 2015-16 (+701 FTE or 1.8%). Governors State University, the University of Illinois at Chicago, the University of Illinois at Springfield, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Eastern Illinois University experienced graduate enrollment growth. Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Northern Illinois University, and Illinois State University experienced graduate enrollment declines during the same timeframe.

Table 3
Graduate Enrollment at Illinois Public Universities

	Graduate FTE Enrollment				Fall 2015-16 to Fall 2014-15		Spring 2015-16 to Spring 2014-15	
	Fall 2014-15	Spring 2014-15	Fall 2015-16	Spring 2015-16	Absolute Difference	Percent (%) Difference	Absolute Difference	Percent (%) Difference
CSU	1,050	1,035	1,047	1,055	-3	-0.3%	20	1.9%
EIU	848	843	853	923	5	0.6%	80	9.5%
GSU	1,325	1,372	1,473	1,453	148	11.2%	81	5.9%
ISU	1,450	1,523	1,391	1,488	-59	-4.1%	-35	-2.3%
NEIU	860	805	844	837	-16	-1.9%	32	4.0%
NIU	3,249	3,238	3,174	3,095	-75	-2.3%	-143	-4.4%
SIUC	2,553	2,386	2,365	2,186	-188	-7.4%	-200	-8.4%
SIUE	1,684	1,633	1,635	1,562	-49	-2.9%	-71	-4.3%
UIC	11,318	10,977	11,665	11,389	347	3.1%	412	3.8%
UIS	1,569	1,613	1,656	1,746	87	5.5%	133	8.2%
UIUC	13,380	12,670	13,603	13,063	223	1.7%	393	3.1%
WIU	1,068	1,076	1,154	1,075	86	8.1%	-1	-0.1%
Total	40,354	39,171	40,860	39,872	506	1.3%	701	1.8%