

SPRING 2018 ENROLLMENT SNAPSHOT FOR ILLINOIS PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

This following report provides a 2018 spring enrollment snapshot for Illinois public universities and includes information covering the last three academic years.

As shown in *Table 1*, in 2017-18 total FTE enrollment is down by -1.2% (-1,886 FTE) from 2016-17, but the decline is largely being driven by the -1.5% (-1,723 FTE) decline in undergraduate enrollment. Total graduate enrollment has remained relatively flat over the past three academic years.

Table 1: Undergraduate, Graduate, and Total Spring Enrollment (based on FTE)

	Undergraduate Enrollment			Graduate Enrollment			Total Enrollment		
	Spring 2015-16	Spring 2016-17	Spring 2017-18	Spring 2015-16	Spring 2016-17	Spring 2017-18	Spring 2015-16	Spring 2016-17	Spring 2017-18
CSU	2,301	1,502	1,365	1,055	983	876	3,356	2,485	2,241
EIU	5,736	4,654	4,275	923	904	843	6,659	5,558	5,118
GSU	2,267	2,283	2,273	1,453	1,272	1,041	3,720	3,555	3,314
ISU	16,349	15,878	15,704	1,488	1,394	1,404	17,837	17,272	17,108
NEIU	4,915	4,596	4,313	837	839	830	5,752	5,435	5,143
NIU	12,104	11,514	11,005	3,095	2,857	2,698	15,199	14,371	13,703
SIUC	10,606	9,817	8,871	2,186	2,623	2,505	12,792	12,440	11,376
SIUE	9,952	9,503	9,212	1,562	1,543	1,539	11,514	11,046	10,751
UIC	15,838	16,034	17,784	11,389	11,080	11,251	27,227	27,114	29,035
UIS	2,085	2,161	2,047	1,746	1,443	1,052	3,831	3,604	3,099
UIUC	31,762	32,299	32,433	13,063	13,596	14,352	44,825	45,895	46,785
WIU	7,546	7,016	6,252	1,075	1,091	1,071	8,621	8,107	7,323
Total	121,461	117,257	115,534	39,872	39,625	39,462	161,333	156,882	154,996

Undergraduate Enrollment (based on FTE)

As shown in *Table 2*, overall undergraduate enrollment at Illinois public universities declined by -3.5% (-4,204 FTE) from spring of 2015-16 to spring of 2016-17 and by -1.5% (-1,723 FTE) from spring of 2016-17 to spring of 2017-18. There was quite a bit of variation in spring enrollment between the public universities in comparing the last two years. Undergraduate enrollment growth was limited to the University of Illinois at Chicago and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Governors State University experienced roughly flat undergraduate enrollment. Several schools experienced year over year declines around -10%: Western Illinois University (-10.9%), Southern Illinois University Carbondale (-9.6%), Chicago State University (-9.1%), and Eastern Illinois University (-8.1%).

Table 2: Undergraduate Enrollment at Illinois Public Universities

Undergraduate Enrollment	Spring 2016-17		Spring 2017-18		to Spring 2015-16		to Spring 2016-17	
	Spring 2015-16	Spring 2016-17	Spring 2017-18	Difference in FTE	Percent (%) Difference	Difference in FTE	Percent (%) Difference	
CSU	2,301	1,502	1,365	-799	-34.7%	-137	-9.1%	
EIU	5,736	4,654	4,275	-1,082	-18.9%	-379	-8.1%	
GSU	2,267	2,283	2,273	16	0.7%	-10	-0.4%	
ISU	16,349	15,878	15,704	-471	-2.9%	-174	-1.1%	
NEIU	4,915	4,596	4,313	-319	-6.5%	-283	-6.2%	
NIU	12,104	11,514	11,005	-590	-4.9%	-509	-4.4%	
SIUC	10,606	9,817	8,871	-789	-7.4%	-946	-9.6%	
SIUE	9,952	9,503	9,212	-449	-4.5%	-291	-3.1%	
UIC	15,838	16,034	17,784	196	1.2%	1,750	10.9%	
UIS	2,085	2,161	2,047	76	3.6%	-114	-5.3%	
UIUC	31,762	32,299	32,433	537	1.7%	134	0.4%	
WIU	7,546	7,016	6,252	-530	-7.0%	-764	-10.9%	
Total	121,461	117,257	115,534	-4,204	-3.5%	-1,723	-1.5%	

Graduate Enrollment (based on FTE)

Overall graduate enrollment (based on FTE) at Illinois public universities has been relatively flat the past three years. When comparing spring enrollment in AY 2017-18 to AY 2016-17, growth in graduate enrollment was limited to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (+756 FTE) and the University of Illinois at Chicago (+171 FTE). Graduate enrollments were relatively flat at Illinois State University (+10 FTE), Northeastern Illinois University (-9 FTE), Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (-4 FTE) and Western Illinois University (-20 FTE). The University of Illinois at Springfield (-27.1%), Governors State University (-18.2%), and Chicago State University (-10.9%) all experienced notable declines in graduate enrollment.

Table 3: Graduate Enrollment at Illinois Public Universities

Graduate FTE Enrollment	Spring 2016-17		Spring 2017-18		to Spring 2015-16		to Spring 2016-17	
	Spring 2015-16	Spring 2016-17	Spring 2017-18	Absolute Difference	Percent (%) Difference	Absolute Difference	Percent (%) Difference	
CSU	1,055	983	876	-72	-6.8%	-107	-10.9%	
EIU	923	904	843	-19	-2.1%	-61	-6.7%	
GSU	1,453	1,272	1,041	-181	-12.5%	-231	-18.2%	
ISU	1,488	1,394	1,404	-94	-6.3%	10	0.7%	
NEIU	837	839	830	2	0.2%	-9	-1.1%	
NIU	3,095	2,857	2,698	-238	-7.7%	-159	-5.6%	
SIUC	2,186	2,623	2,505	437	20.0%	-118	-4.5%	
SIUE	1,562	1,543	1,539	-19	-1.2%	-4	-0.3%	
UIC	11,389	11,080	11,251	-309	-2.7%	171	1.5%	
UIS	1,746	1,443	1,052	-303	-17.4%	-391	-27.1%	
UIUC	13,063	13,596	14,352	533	4.1%	756	5.6%	
WIU	1,075	1,091	1,071	16	1.5%	-20	-1.8%	
Total	39,872	39,625	39,462	-247	-0.6%	-163	-0.4%	