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## **2017 SPRING ENROLLMENT SNAPSHOT FOR ILLINOIS PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES**

**Submitted for:** Information.

**Summary:** This report includes an analysis of spring enrollment over the past three academic years for the Illinois public universities. It focuses on full-time-equivalent (FTE) enrollment at the undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as FTE undergraduate and graduate enrollment combined.

Total FTE enrollment at Illinois public universities is down in spring 2017, but the decline is largely being driven by the decline in total undergraduate enrollment. Total graduate enrollment has remained relatively flat over the past three academic years and actually increased slightly in spring of 2016. Also, there was a large amount of variation in enrollment change between the public universities.

**Action Requested:** None.



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This following report provides a 2017 spring enrollment snapshot for Illinois public universities and includes information covering the last three academic years.

As shown in *Table 1*, in 2016-17 total full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment is down by -2.8 percent (-4,451 FTE) from 2015-16, but the decline is largely being driven by the -3.5 percent (-4,204 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 2014-15	Spring 2015-16	Spring 2016-17	Spring 2014-15	Spring 2015-16	Spring 2016-17	Spring 2014-15	Spring 2015-16	Spring 2016-17
CSU	2,606	2,301	1,502	1,035	1,055	983	3,641	3,356	2,485
EIU	6,189	5,736	4,654	843	923	904	7,032	6,659	5,558
GSU	2,290	2,267	2,283	1,372	1,453	1,272	3,662	3,720	3,555
ISU	16,339	16,349	15,878	1,523	1,488	1,394	17,862	17,837	17,272
NEIU	5,089	4,915	4,596	805	837	839	5,894	5,752	5,435
NIU	12,303	12,104	11,514	3,238	3,095	2,857	15,541	15,199	14,371
SIUC	11,026	10,606	9,817	2,386	2,186	2,623	13,412	12,792	12,440
SIUE	9,367	9,952	9,503	1,633	1,562	1,543	11,000	11,514	11,046
UIC	15,244	15,838	16,034	10,977	11,389	11,080	26,221	27,227	27,114
UIS	2,145	2,085	2,161	1,613	1,746	1,443	3,758	3,831	3,604
UIUC	31,580	31,762	32,299	12,670	13,063	13,596	44,250	44,825	45,895
WIU	8,122	7,546	7,016	1,076	1,075	1,091	9,198	8,621	8,107
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,300</b>	<b>121,461</b>	<b>117,257</b>	<b>39,171</b>	<b>39,872</b>	<b>39,625</b>	<b>161,471</b>	<b>161,333</b>	<b>156,882</b>

### Undergraduate Enrollment (based on FTE)

As shown in *Table 2*, overall undergraduate enrollment at Illinois public universities was fairly stable in moving from the spring of 2014-15 to the spring of 2015-16 (-839 FTE or -0.7 percent); however, it declined by -3.5 percent (-4,204 FTE) from spring of 2015-16 to spring of 2016-17. There was quite a bit of variation in spring enrollment in 2016-17 between the public universities: undergraduate enrollment growth was limited to the schools within the University of Illinois system, and Governors State University experienced roughly flat undergraduate enrollment. Chicago State University (-34.7 percent) and Eastern Illinois University (-18.9 percent) experienced the largest enrollment declines in spring of 2016-17, after experiencing the largest declines in the previous spring of 2015-16.

*Table 2: Undergraduate Enrollment at Illinois Public Universities*

	Undergraduate Enrollment			Spring 2015-16 to Spring 2014-15		Spring 2016-17 to Spring 2015-16	
	Spring 2014-15	Spring 2015-16	Spring 2016-17	Difference in FTE	Percent (%) Difference	Difference in FTE	Percent (%) Difference
CSU	2,606	2,301	1,502	-305	-11.7%	-799	-34.7%
EIU	6,189	5,736	4,654	-453	-7.3%	-1,082	-18.9%
GSU	2,290	2,267	2,283	-23	-1.0%	16	0.7%
ISU	16,339	16,349	15,878	10	0.1%	-471	-2.9%
NEIU	5,089	4,915	4,596	-174	-3.4%	-319	-6.5%
NIU	12,303	12,104	11,514	-199	-1.6%	-590	-4.9%
SIUC	11,026	10,606	9,817	-420	-3.8%	-789	-7.4%
SIUE	9,367	9,952	9,503	585	6.2%	-449	-4.5%
UIC	15,244	15,838	16,034	594	3.9%	196	1.2%
UIS	2,145	2,085	2,161	-60	-2.8%	76	3.6%
UIUC	31,580	31,762	32,299	182	0.6%	537	1.7%
WIU	8,122	7,546	7,016	-576	-7.1%	-530	-7.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,300</b>	<b>121,461</b>	<b>117,257</b>	<b>-839</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>	<b>-4,204</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>

### Graduate Enrollment (based on FTE)

After a modest increase in total graduate enrollment from 2014-15 to 2015-16 (+701 FTE or 1.8 percent), graduate enrollment was relatively flat in comparing spring of 2015-16 to spring of 2016-17 (-247 FTE or -0.6 percent). After experiencing a modest loss of graduate students in 2015-16, graduate enrollment at Southern Illinois University Carbondale increased by 20.0 percent (+437 FTE) in 2016-17. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign experienced a 4.1 percent increase in graduate enrollment (+533 FTE) from 2015-16 to 2016-17. When comparing spring enrollment in AY 2016-17 to AY 2015-16, all of the other public universities either experienced flat enrollment (such as Northeastern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville) or notable declines (University of Illinois at Springfield, Governors State University, Northern Illinois University, Chicago State University, and Illinois State University).

Table 3: Graduate Enrollment at Illinois Public Universities

Graduate FTE Enrollment	Spring 2015-16 to Spring 2014-15			Spring 2016-17 to Spring 2015-16			
	Spring 2014-15	Spring 2015-16	Spring 2016-17	Absolute Difference	Percent (%) Difference	Absolute Difference	Percent (%) Difference
CSU	1,035	1,055	983	20	1.9%	-72	-6.8%
EIU	843	923	904	80	9.5%	-19	-2.1%
GSU	1,372	1,453	1,272	81	5.9%	-181	-12.5%
ISU	1,523	1,488	1,394	-35	-2.3%	-94	-6.3%
NEIU	805	837	839	32	4.0%	2	0.2%
NIU	3,238	3,095	2,857	-143	-4.4%	-238	-7.7%
SIUC	2,386	2,186	2,623	-200	-8.4%	437	20.0%
SIUE	1,633	1,562	1,543	-71	-4.3%	-19	-1.2%
UIC	10,977	11,389	11,080	412	3.8%	-309	-2.7%
UIS	1,613	1,746	1,443	133	8.2%	-303	-17.4%
UIUC	12,670	13,063	13,596	393	3.1%	533	4.1%
WIU	1,076	1,075	1,091	-1	-0.1%	16	1.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,171</b>	<b>39,872</b>	<b>39,625</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>-247</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>

