

Distance Education Enrollments at Illinois Colleges and Universities

Data for Fall 2017

Executive Summary

Illinois colleges and universities reported a total of 368,979 enrollments in online and blended courses during the Fall 2017 term. Enrollments in all distance education courses totaled 373,046 for Fall 2017 term. Online and blended courses reported by all institutions show a 7% increase from Fall 2016 and accounted for 98.90% of all enrollments for Fall 2017.

Distance Education Enrollments

Illinois colleges and universities reported **373,046** enrollments during the Fall 2017 term. This is a **7%** increase in enrollments from Fall 2016 when there were **348,518** enrollments.

Blended Courses

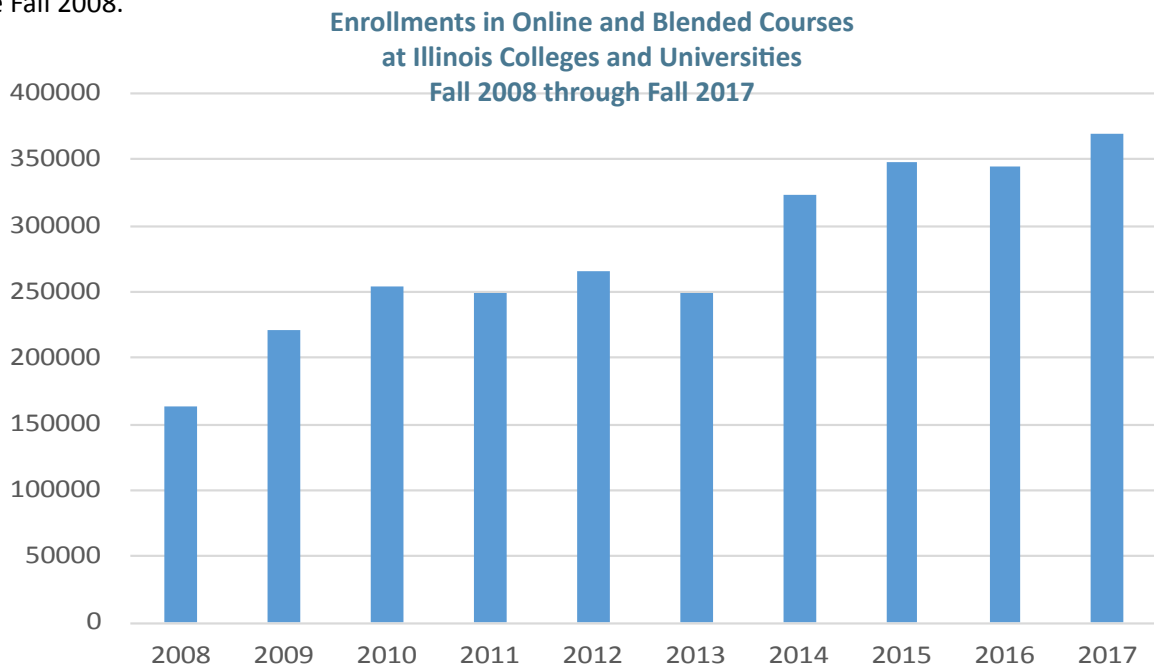
All Illinois institutions now provide data on blended courses. The **41,725** enrollments for Fall 2017 account for **11.18%** of all distance education enrollments. Blended and online enrollments accounted for **98.90%** of all distance education enrollments for Fall 2017.

Online Enrollments by Sector

Community colleges account for **31.56%** of all online course enrollments and **31.85%** of all distance education enrollments. The table on page 3 shows online enrollments by sector from Fall 2005 through Fall 2017.

Enrollments in Online Courses

This graph shows online course enrollments reported by Illinois colleges and universities for the Fall terms since Fall 2008.



Changes in Enrollment by Delivery Mode

Online Enrollment Percentage

Online enrollments accounted for **87.72%** of all distance education enrollments in the Fall 2017 term with blended enrollments accounting for another **11.18%** for a total of **98.90%** of all enrollments.

All Other Delivery Mode Percentage

Enrollments in all other delivery modes accounted for only **1.10%** of all enrollments in the Fall 2017 term. Table 2 in the Appendix shows the change in distance education enrollments by delivery mode from Fall 2016 through Fall 2017.

Online Enrollments by Sector

Community College Enrollment

During the Fall 2017 term, community colleges reported **116,465** enrollments for **31.56%** of all online course enrollments.

Public University Enrollment

Public universities reported **95,580** enrollments for **25.90%** of all online course enrollments.

Independent For-Profit Colleges and Universities

Independent for-profit colleges and universities reported **124,441** enrollments for **33.73%** of all online course enrollments.

Independent Not-For-Profit Colleges and Universities

Independent not-for-profit colleges and universities reported **32,493** enrollments for **8.81%** of all online course enrollments.

Institutions With the Largest Online (Internet and Blended) Enrollments

The Illinois institutions reporting the largest online course enrollments during the Fall 2017 term in each sector of higher education in Illinois were:

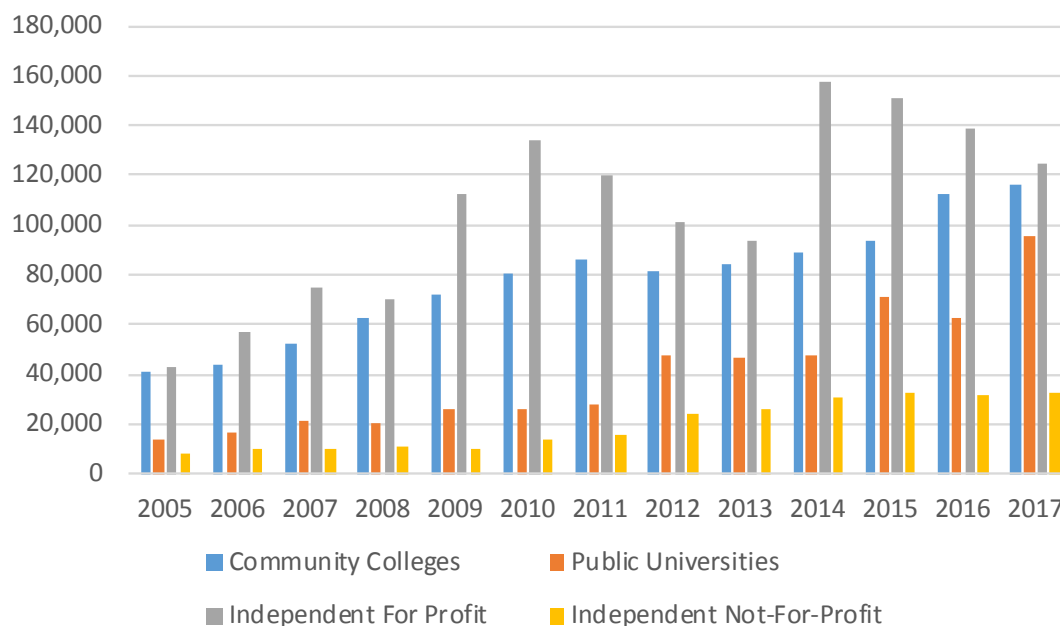
College of DuPage (12,937) and **Triton College (5,924)** from the community college system.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (35,550) and **University of Illinois at Chicago (8,924)** from the public universities.

DeVry University (66,025) from the independent for-profit colleges and universities.

DePaul University (10,327) from the independent not-for-profit colleges and universities.

Online Enrollments at Illinois Colleges and Universities by Sector



Online Enrollments by Residency

The vast majority of all online course enrollments reported by Illinois public colleges and universities were from students residing in the state. Independent colleges and universities had a majority of online course enrollments from students living in the USA but outside of Illinois.

The State of Illinois greatly appreciates the cooperative effort of all Illinois colleges and universities and the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) in submitting the distance education course enrollment data for this report.

Appendix

The following tables show several different views of the course enrollments in distance education for the Fall Term 2017.

- Table 1** Distance Education Enrollments by Delivery Mode
- Table 2** Change in Distance Education Enrollments by Delivery Mode from Fall 2016 through Fall 2017
- Table 3** Enrollments in Online and All Distance Education Courses by Sector
- Table 4** Distance Education Enrollments by Sector and Delivery Mode
- Table 5** Distance Education Enrollments by Delivery Mode - Fall 2008 through Fall 2017
- Table 6** Distance Education Enrollments by Institution

Table 1
Distance Education Enrollments
at Illinois Colleges and Universities
by Delivery Mode
Fall Term 2017

| Delivery Mode | Number of Enrollments | Percentage of Total |
|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Online | 327,254 | 87.72% |
| Blended | 41,725 | 11.18% |
| Stored Media | 271 | 0.08% |
| Interactive TV | 3,651 | 0.98% |
| Correspondence | 145 | 0.04% |
| Total | 373,046 | 100.00% |

Table 2
Change in Distance Education Enrollments
at Illinois Colleges and Universities
by Delivery Mode
from Fall Term 2016 to Fall Term 2017

| Delivery Mode | Fall 2016 | Fall 2017 | Change in Enrollment | Percentage Change |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Online with Blended | 345,006 | 368,979 | +23,973 | +7% |
| Stored Media | 467 | 271 | -196 | -42% |
| Interactive TV | 2,976 | 3,651 | +675 | +22% |
| Correspondence | 69 | 145 | +76 | +110% |
| All Distance Education | 348,518 | 373,046 | +24,528 | +7% |

Table 3
Distance Education Enrollments
at Illinois Colleges and Universities
by Sector
Fall Term 2017

| Sector | Online (Internet and Blended) | | All Distance Education | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Number of Enrollments | Percent of Total | Number of Enrollments | Percent of Total |
| Community Colleges | 116,465 | 31.56% | 118,830 | 31.85% |
| Public Universities | 95,580 | 25.90% | 97,191 | 26.05% |
| Independent For Profit Colleges and Universities | 124,441 | 33.73% | 124,441 | 33.36% |
| Independent Not For Profit Colleges and Universities | 32,493 | 8.81% | 32,584 | 8.74% |
| All Institutions | 368,979 | 100.00% | 373,046 | 100.00% |

Table 4
Distance Education Enrollments
at Illinois Colleges and Universities
by Sector and Delivery Mode
Fall Term 2017

| Sector | Online | Blended | Stored Media | Interactive TV | Correspondence | Total |
|---|---------|---------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------|
| Community Colleges | 96,888 | 19,577 | 271 | 2,021 | 73 | 118,830 |
| Public Universities | 82,414 | 13,166 | 0 | 1,604 | 7 | 97,191 |
| Independent For Profit Colleges and Universities | 120,443 | 3,998 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 124,441 |
| Independent Not For Profit Colleges and Universities | 27,509 | 4,984 | 0 | 26 | 65 | 32,584 |
| All Institutions | 327,254 | 41,725 | 271 | 3,651 | 145 | 373,046 |

Table 5
Distance Education Enrollments
at Illinois Colleges and Universities
by Delivery Mode
Fall Term 2008 to Fall Term 2017

| Term | Online | Blended | Stored Media | Interactive TV | Open Broadcast TV | Correspondence | All Distance Education |
|-------------|---------|---------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Fall 2008 | 163,804 | NA | 7,771 | 4,198 | 2,803 | 3,051 | 181,627 |
| Spring 2009 | 202,764 | NA | 8,262 | 3,845 | 2,487 | 2,830 | 220,188 |
| Summer 2009 | 173,950 | NA | 5,436 | 1,073 | 1,445 | 1,256 | 183,160 |
| Fall 2009 | 220,780 | NA | 6,731 | 4,362 | 1,586 | 1,407 | 234,866 |
| Spring 2010 | 257,655 | NA | 7,009 | 4,472 | 2,061 | 1,684 | 272,881 |
| Summer 2010 | 216,936 | NA | 3,929 | 1,244 | 691 | 1,546 | 224,346 |
| Fall 2010 | 254,200 | NA | 5,090 | 4,279 | 1,040 | 1,622 | 266,231 |
| Spring 2011 | 277,879 | NA | 5,168 | 4,109 | 2,058 | 1,238 | 290,452 |
| Summer 2011 | 211,208 | NA | 2,739 | 1,069 | 1,359 | 600 | 216,975 |
| Fall 2011 | 250,053 | NA | 3,793 | 4,448 | 1,859 | 1,154 | 261,307 |
| Spring 2012 | 265,359 | NA | 3,725 | 4,533 | 1,729 | 932 | 276,278 |
| Summer 2012 | 199,662 | NA | 1,171 | 699 | 908 | 354 | 202,794 |
| Fall 2012 | 254,300 | 10,991 | 1,752 | 3,843 | 1,510 | 745 | 273,141 |
| Spring 2013 | 231,748 | 10,689 | 1,770 | 3,138 | 1,425 | 781 | 249,550 |
| Summer 2013 | 179,843 | 4,009 | 840 | 401 | 793 | 613 | 186,499 |
| Fall 2013 | 233,326 | 16,557 | 1,329 | 2,973 | 1,091 | 402 | 255,678 |
| Spring 2014 | 236,101 | 12,732 | 1,821 | 2,170 | 1,088 | 709 | 254,621 |
| Summer 2014 | 233,461 | 16,994 | 746 | 241 | 669 | 690 | 252,801 |
| Fall 2014 | 282,505 | 40,891 | 1,182 | 3,557 | 966 | 374 | 329,475 |
| Spring 2015 | 303,332 | 40,654 | 1,170 | 2,632 | 631 | 366 | 348,785 |
| Summer 2015 | 237,535 | 16,840 | 504 | 328 | 451 | 67 | 255,725 |
| Fall 2015 | 302,870 | 45,519 | 216 | 3,263 | 25 | 361 | 352,274 |
| Spring 2016 | 318,183 | 44,066 | 579 | 3,438 | 0 | 128 | 366,394 |
| Summer 2016 | 243,183 | 18,367 | 480 | 164 | 391 | 77 | 263,212 |
| Fall 2016 | 301,599 | 43,407 | 467 | 2,976 | 25 | 69 | 348,543 |
| Spring 2017 | 316,759 | 46,409 | 316 | 3,354 | 0 | 145 | 366,983 |
| Summer 2017 | 250,566 | 14,697 | 311 | 540 | 0 | 63 | 266,177 |
| Fall 2017 | 327,254 | 41,725 | 3,651 | 271 | 0 | 145 | 373,046 |

Table 6
Distance Education Enrollments
at Illinois Colleges and Universities
by Institution
Fall Term 2017

| Institution | Internet | Blended | Interactive TV | Stored Media | Correspondence | Total |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Black Hawk College | 2,377 | 1,065 | 75 | 40 | 0 | 3,557 |
| Benedictine University | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing | 154 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 154 |
| Bradley University | 538 | 256 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 794 |
| Carl Sandburg College | 884 | 92 | 572 | 0 | 0 | 1,548 |
| Chamberlain College of Nursing | 57,405 | 751 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58,156 |
| City Colleges of Chicago* | | | | | | |
| Harold Washington College | 5,827 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,838 |
| Harry S. Truman College | 50 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 |
| Kennedy-King College | 19 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| Malcolm X College | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| Olive-Harvey College | 36 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| Richard J. Daley College | 31 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| Wilbur Wright College | 83 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 135 |
| Chicago State University | 1,005 | 283 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,288 |
| College of DuPage | 9,928 | 3,009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12,937 |
| College of Lake County | 3,806 | 1,426 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,232 |
| Danville Area Community College | 1,434 | 244 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,678 |
| DePaul University | 8,832 | 1,495 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,327 |
| DeVry University | 62,778 | 3,247 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66,025 |
| Eastern Illinois University | 3,605 | 203 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,808 |
| Elgin Community College | 2,303 | 507 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,810 |
| Elmhurst College | 601 | 489 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,090 |
| Governors State University | 3,255 | 805 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,060 |
| Harper College | 3,857 | 1,873 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,431 |
| Heartland Community College | 2,083 | 712 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,795 |
| Highland Community College | 869 | 396 | 101 | 0 | 0 | 1,366 |
| Illinois Central College | 2,921 | 570 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,491 |
| Illinois Eastern Community Colleges | | | | | | |
| Frontier Community College | 125 | 115 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 261 |
| Lincoln Trail Comm. College | 452 | 315 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 771 |
| Olney Central College | 706 | 184 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 920 |
| Wabash Valley College | 274 | 621 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 900 |
| Illinois Institute of Technology | 1,527 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 1,553 |
| Illinois State University | 4,460 | 1,392 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,852 |
| Illinois Valley Community College | 943 | 122 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 1,075 |
| John A. Logan College | 1,984 | 314 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,298 |
| John Wood Community College | 1,797 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,797 |
| Joliet Junior College | 5,133 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,133 |
| Judson College | 81 | 155 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 236 |

| Institution | Internet | Blended | Interactive TV | Stored Media | Correspondence | Total |
|--|----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Kankakee Community College | 1,630 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 1,686 |
| Kaskaskia College | 2,418 | 486 | 327 | 0 | 0 | 3,231 |
| Kishwaukee College | 1,508 | 265 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,773 |
| Lakeland College | 3,280 | 132 | 116 | 0 | 0 | 3,528 |
| Lewis and Clark Comm. College | 1,177 | 191 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,368 |
| Lewis University | 2,528 | 788 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,316 |
| Lincoln Land Community College | 2,459 | 300 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,759 |
| McHenry County College | 3,034 | 1,020 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,054 |
| Midstate College | 260 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 260 |
| Moody Bible Institute | 2,670 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,670 |
| Moraine Valley Comm. College | 3,503 | 1,873 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,376 |
| Morton College | 575 | 391 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 966 |
| Northeastern Illinois University | 1,277 | 2,455 | 93 | 0 | 0 | 3,825 |
| Northern Illinois University | 5,833 | 1,066 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 6,936 |
| Oakton Community College | 3,280 | 420 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,700 |
| Olivet Nazarene University | 2,234 | 441 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,675 |
| Parkland College | 4,056 | 0 | 0 | 221 | 0 | 4,277 |
| Prairie State College | 864 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 906 |
| Quincy University | 616 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 616 |
| Rend Lake College | 790 | 370 | 84 | 0 | 0 | 1,244 |
| Richland Community College | 1,201 | 598 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,799 |
| Rock Valley College | 1,970 | 736 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,706 |
| Roosevelt University | 2,273 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 2,314 |
| Rush University | 1,681 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,681 |
| Sauk Valley Community College | 1,086 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,086 |
| Shawnee Community College | 612 | 92 | 392 | 0 | 0 | 1,096 |
| South Suburban College | 547 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 547 |
| Southeastern Illinois College | 1,548 | 652 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 2,231 |
| Southern Illinois University Carbondale | 8,165 | 176 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8,341 |
| Southern Illinois University Edwardsville | 3,468 | 2,467 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 5,943 |
| Southwestern Illinois College | 2,777 | 285 | 146 | 0 | 0 | 3,208 |
| Spoon River College | 905 | 39 | 177 | 0 | 0 | 1,121 |
| Triton College | 5,857 | 67 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,924 |
| University of Illinois at Chicago | 4,389 | 4,035 | 500 | 0 | 0 | 8,924 |
| University of Illinois at Springfield | 6,401 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6,501 |
| University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign | 35,550 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35,550 |
| University of St. Francis | 3,774 | 1,360 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,134 |
| Waubonsee Community College | 3,870 | 216 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,086 |
| Western Illinois University | 5,006 | 184 | 966 | 0 | 7 | 6,163 |
| Totals | 327,254 | 41,725 | 3,651 | 271 | 145 | 373,046 |

* All online students are course takers at HWC, but this population is dispersed among the seven home colleges.

** Indicates data not reported.