

# Distance Education Enrollments at Illinois Colleges and Universities

Data for Spring 2015

## Executive Summary

*Illinois colleges and universities reported a total of 343,986 enrollments in online and blended courses during the Spring 2015 term. All other delivery modes showed a decline in Spring 2015 including a 48% decrease in Correspondence courses and a 36% decrease in Stored Media Courses. Enrollments in all distance education courses totaled 348,785 for Spring 2015 term for a 37% increase from Spring 2014.*

### Online Courses and Enrollments

Illinois colleges and universities reported **343,986** enrollments in online and blended courses during the Spring 2015 term. This is a **38%** increase in enrollments from Spring 2014 when there were **248,833** enrollments.

### Blended Courses

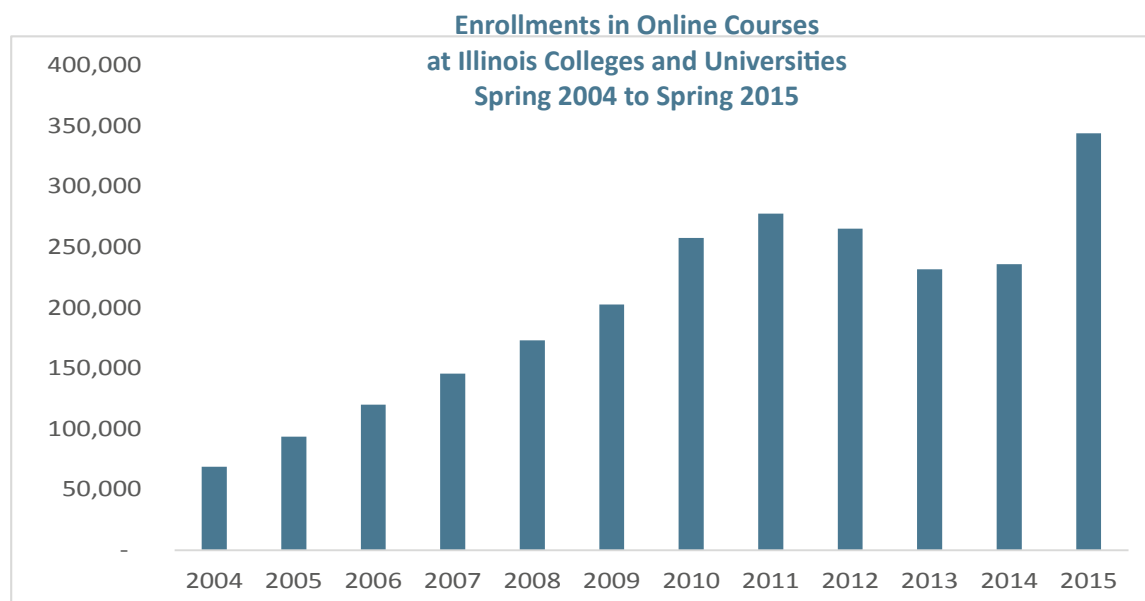
All Illinois institutions now provide data on blended courses. The data shows **40,654** enrollments that account for **11.66%** of all enrollments for Spring 2015. The definition used for blended during this term is 25-75% at a distance.

### Online Enrollments by Sector

Community colleges reported **107,439** enrollments in online and blended courses which account for **31.89%** of enrollments for the Spring 2015 term. Public universities accounted for **13.87%**, independent not-for-profit institutions provided **9.43%** and independent for-profit institutions provided **45.47%** of enrollments for Spring 2015 term.

## Enrollments in Online Courses

This graph shows online course enrollments reported by Illinois colleges and universities for the Spring terms since Spring 2004.



## Changes in Enrollment by Delivery Mode

### Online Enrollment Percentage

Online enrollments accounted for **86.97%** of all distance education enrollments in the Spring 2015 term with blended enrollments accounting for another **11.66%** for a total of **98.63%** of all enrollments.

### All Other Delivery Mode Percentage

Enrollments in all other delivery modes decreased for the Spring 2015 term, although only **1.37%** of enrollments were in delivery modes other than online. Table 2 in the Appendix shows the change in distance education enrollments by delivery mode from Spring 2014 to Spring 2015.

## Online Enrollments by Sector

### Community College Enrollment

During the Spring 2015 term community colleges reported **107,439** enrollments for **31.23%** of all online course enrollments.

### Public University Enrollment

Public universities reported offering **47,708** enrollments for **13.87%** of all online course enrollments.

### Independent For-Profit Colleges and Universities

Independent for-profit colleges and universities reported offering **156,408** enrollments for **45.47%** of all online course enrollments.

### Independent Not-For-Profit Colleges and Universities

Independent not-for-profit colleges and universities reported **32,431** enrollments for **9.43%** of all online course enrollments.

### Institutions With the Largest Online Enrollments

The Illinois institutions reporting the largest online course enrollments during the Spring 2015 term in each sector of higher education in Illinois were:

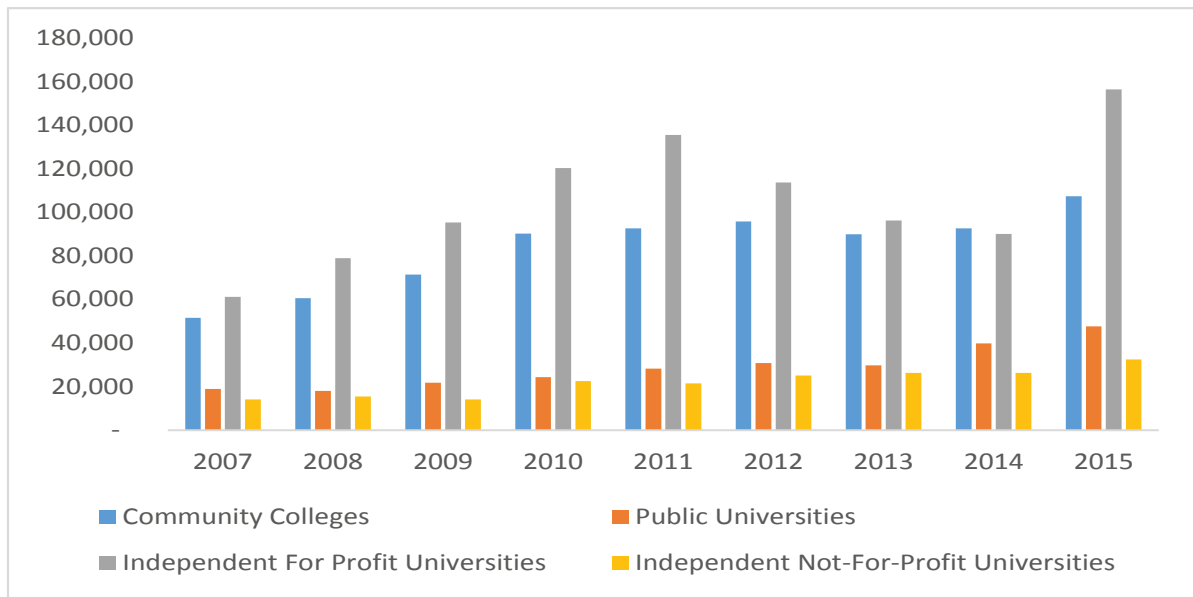
**College of DuPage (13,417)** and **College of Lake County (5,273)** from the community college system.

**University of Illinois at Chicago (8,303)** and **University of Illinois at Springfield (6,386)** from the public universities.

**DeVry University (99,371)** from the independent for-profit colleges and universities.

**DePaul University (8,553)** from the independent not-for-profit colleges and universities.

Online Enrollments at Illinois Colleges and Universities by Sector from Spring 2007 to Spring 2015



\* additional Independent For Profit University began reporting data

### 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 student course enrollments living in the USA, but outside of Illinois.

The residency of students enrolled in online courses varied by sector, with community colleges having the highest percentage of Illinois residents (**97.3%**), followed by the public universities (**80.8%**), and the independent not-for-profit colleges and universities (**77.8%**).

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 Spring Term 2015.

- Table 1** Distance Education Enrollments by Delivery Mode
- Table 2** Change in Distance Education Enrollments by Delivery Mode from Spring 2014 to Spring 2015
- 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 2006 to Spring 2015
- Table 6** Distance Education Enrollments by Institution

**Table 1**  
**Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Delivery Mode**  
**Spring Term 2015**

Delivery Mode	Number of Enrollments	Percentage of Total
Online	303,332	86.97%
Blended	40,654	11.66%
Stored Media	1,170	0.34%
Interactive TV	2,632	0.75%
Open Broadcast TV	631	0.18%
Correspondence	366	0.10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>348,785</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Table 2**  
**Change in Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Delivery Mode**  
**from Spring Term 2014 to Spring Term 2015**

Delivery Mode	Spring 2014	Spring 2015	Change in Enrollment	Percentage Change
Online with Blended	248,833	343,986	+95,153	+38%
Stored Media	1,821	1,170	-651	-36%
Interactive TV	2,710	2,632	-78	-3%
Open Broadcast TV	1,088	631	-457	-42%
Correspondence	709	366	-343	-48%
<b>All Distance Education</b>	<b>255,161</b>	<b>348,785</b>	<b>+93,624</b>	<b>+37%</b>

**Table 3**  
**Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Sector**  
**Spring Term 2015**

Sector	Online (Internet and Blended)		All Distance Education	
	Number of Enrollments	Percent of Total	Number of Enrollments	Percent of Total
Community Colleges	107,439	31.23%	111,236	31.89%
Public Universities	47,708	13.87%	48,658	13.95%
Independent For Profit Colleges and Universities	156,408	45.47%	156,408	44.84%
Independent Not For Profit Colleges and Universities	32,431	9.43%	32,483	9.31%
<b>All Institutions</b>	<b>343,986</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>348,785</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Table 4**  
**Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Sector and Delivery Mode**  
**Spring Term 2015**

Sector	Online	Blended	Stored Media	Interactive TV	Open Broadcast TV	Correspondence	Total
Community Colleges	89,650	17,789	1,170	1,666	631	330	111,236
Public Universities	40,299	7,409	0	950	0	0	48,658
Independent For Profit Colleges and Universities	147,750	8,658	0	0	0	0	156,408
Independent Not For Profit Colleges and Universities	25,633	6,798	0	16	0	36	32,483
All Institutions	303,332	40,654	1,170	2,632	631	366	348,785

**Table 5**  
**Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Delivery Mode**  
**Fall Term 2006 to Spring Term 2015**

Term	Online	Blended	Stored Media	Interactive TV	Open Broadcast TV	Correspondence	All Distance Education
Fall 2006	127,383	NA	9,174	5,341	2,450	4,124	148,472
Spring 2007	145,740	NA	9,806	5,086	2,707	4,442	167,781
Summer 2007	112,416	NA	6,767	1,184	3,930	2,942	125,239
Fall 2007	158,326	NA	9,021	5,055	2,544	3,513	178,459
Spring 2008	173,140	NA	8,032	5,081	2,641	3,383	192,277
Summer 2008	150,272	NA	5,418	913	2,187	2,393	161,183
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	224,346
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	255,161
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

**Table 6**  
**Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Institution**  
**Spring Term 2015**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Internet</b>	<b>Blended</b>	<b>Broadcast TV</b>	<b>Interactive TV</b>	<b>Stored Media</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>Total</b>
Black Hawk College	2,538	528	0	74	73	0	3,213
Benedictine University	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing	65	62	0	0	0	0	127
Bradley University	855	47	0	0	0	0	902
Carl Sandburg College	943	206	0	298	0	0	1,447
Chamberlain College of Nursing	47,420	439	0	0	0	0	47,859
City Colleges of Chicago*							
Harold Washington College	5,861	4	631	0	0	0	6,496
Harry S. Truman College	31	0	0	0	26	0	57
Kennedy-King College	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Malcolm X College	19	0	0	0	0	0	19
Olive-Harvey College	24	6	0	0	0	0	30
Richard J. Daley College	45	0	0	0	0	0	45
Wilbur Wright College	51	22	0	0	0	0	73
Chicago State University	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
College of DuPage	10,894	2,523	0	0	0	0	13,417
College of Lake County	3,845	1,418	0	0	10	0	5,273
Danville Area Community College	1,124	769	0	0	0	0	1,893
DePaul University	8,553	2,587	0	0	0	0	11,140
DeVry University	99,371	7,502	0	0	0	0	106,873
Eastern Illinois University	2,256	0	0	0	0	0	2,256
Elgin Community College	2,552	931	0	0	0	0	3,483
Elmhurst College	727	211	0	0	0	0	938
Governors State University	3,160	0	0	16	0	0	3,176
Heartland Community College	2,061	520	0	0	0	0	2,581
Highland Community College	919	0	0	55	571	0	1,545
Illinois Central College	3,475	822	0	0	0	0	4,297
Illinois Eastern Community Colleges							
Frontier Community College	103	122	0	0	0	33	258
Lincoln Trail Comm. College	447	166	0	0	0	17	630
Olney Central College	730	238	0	0	0	36	1,004
Wabash Valley College	182	336	0	0	0	0	518
Illinois Institute of Technology	1,373	0	0	16	0	0	1,389
Illinois State University	2,971	1,514	0	0	0	0	4,485
Illinois Valley Community College	1,144	76	0	0	6	0	1,226
John A. Logan College	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
John Wood Community College	1,286	27	0	0	0	0	1,313
Joliet Junior College	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Judson College	30	0	0	0	0	0	30
Kankakee Community College	1,380	52	0	0	0	25	1,457

## Illinois Enrollment Report

Institution	Internet	Blended	Broadcast TV	Interactive TV	Stored Media	Correspondence	Total
Kaskaskia College	3,231	484	0	357	0	9	4,081
Kishwaukee College	1,560	296	0	0	0	0	1,856
Lakeland College	3,896	240	0	186	0	0	4,322
Lewis and Clark Comm. College	1,434	0	0	0	0	0	1,434
Lewis University	2,503	0	0	0	0	0	2,503
Lincoln Land Community College	2,558	260	0	25	0	0	2,843
McHenry County College	3,123	681	0	0	0	0	3,804
Midstate College	959	717	0	0	0	0	1,676
Moody Bible Institute	2,797	0	0	0	0	36	2,833
Moraine Valley Comm. College	3,517	1,251	0	0	0	0	4,768
Morton College	775	772	0	0	0	0	1,547
Northeastern Illinois University	1,102	1,465	0	160	0	0	2,727
Northern Illinois University	3,406	0	0	87	0	0	3,493
Oakton Community College	3,559	94	0	0	0	0	3,653
Olivet Nazarene University	670	1,302	0	0	0	0	1,972
Parkland College	4,637	0	0	0	293	0	4,930
Prairie State College	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Quincy University	306	0	0	0	0	0	306
Rend Lake College	933	1,006	0	55	13	0	2,007
Richland Community College	1,160	615	0	0	0	0	1,775
Rock Valley College	1,744	720	0	0	0	0	2,464
Roosevelt University	2,857	133	0	0	0	0	2,990
Rush University	1,135	206	0	0	0	0	1,341
Sauk Valley Community College	1,132	0	0	32	0	0	1,164
Shawnee Community College	761	63	0	222	0	0	1,046
South Suburban College	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Southeastern Illinois College	1,795	513	0	61	0	0	2,369
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	5,482	0	0	0	0	0	5,482
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	2,477	1,066	0	17	0	0	3,500
Southwestern Illinois College	2,874	374	0	163	0	0	3,411
Spoon River College	1,021	20	0	138	0	210	1,389
Triton College	2,680	149	0	0	0	0	2,829
University of Illinois at Chicago	5,688	2,615	0	670	0	0	8,973
University of Illinois at Springfield	6,386	0	0	0	0	0	6,386
University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign	2,750	0	0	0	0	0	2,750
University of St. Francis	3,762	2,250	0	0	0	0	6,012
Waubonsee Community College	4,009	0	0	0	178	0	4,187
Western Illinois University	4,621	809	0	0	0	0	5,430
William Rainey Harper College	3,597	1,485	0	0	0	0	5,082
<b>Totals</b>	<b>303,332</b>	<b>40,654</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>2,632</b>	<b>1,170</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>348,785</b>

\* technology issue with data reported to ICCB

\*\* Indicates data not reported.