

Distance Education Enrollments at Illinois Colleges and Universities

Data for Spring 2017

Executive Summary

Illinois colleges and universities reported a total of 363,168 enrollments in online and blended courses during the Spring 2017 term. Total enrollments in online and blended as well as all distance education courses (366,983) remained constant with an increase of below 1%. Broadcast media has been removed as an option for delivery mode due to zero or very small enrollments for several terms.

Online Courses and Enrollments

Illinois colleges and universities reported **363,168** enrollments in online and blended courses during the Spring 2017 term. This is a <1% increase in enrollments from Spring 2016 when there were **362,249** enrollments.

Blended Courses

All Illinois institutions now provide data on blended courses. The data shows **46,409** enrollments that account for **12.65%** of all enrollments for Spring 2017. The definition used for blended during this term is 25-75% at a distance.

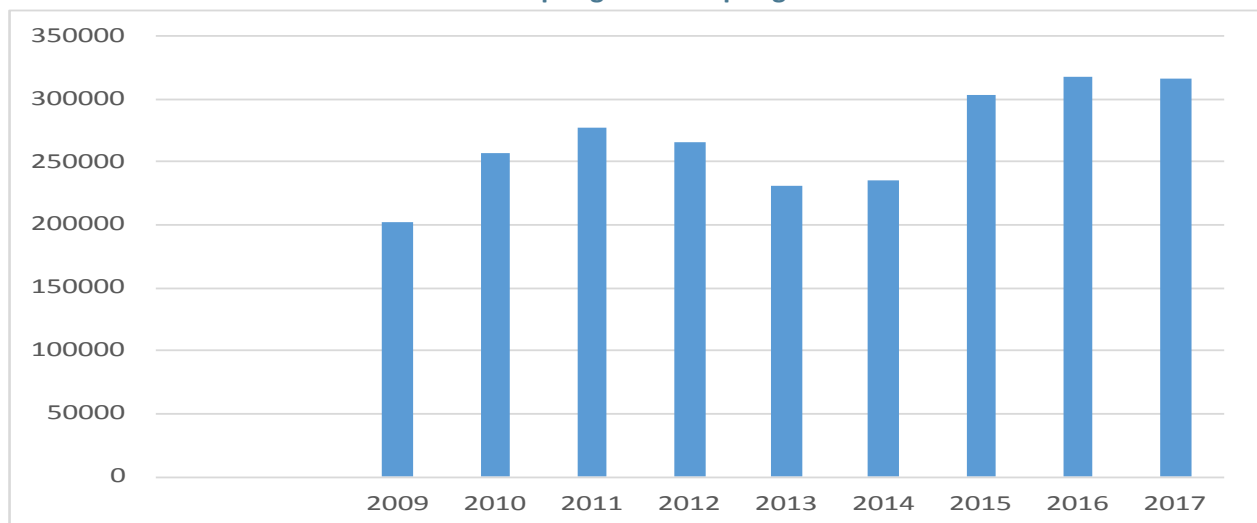
Online Enrollments by Sector

Community colleges reported **123,098** enrollments in online and blended courses which account for **33.90%** of enrollments for the Spring 2017 term. Public universities accounted for **18.72%**, independent not-for-profit institutions provided **9.65%** and independent for-profit institutions provided **37.74%** of enrollments for Spring 2017 term.

Enrollments in Online Courses

This graph shows online course enrollments reported by Illinois colleges and universities for the Spring terms from Spring 2009 to Spring 2017.

Enrollments in Online Courses
at Illinois Colleges and Universities
Spring 2009 to Spring 2017



Changes in Enrollment by Delivery Mode

Online Enrollment Percentage

Online enrollments accounted for **86.31%** of all distance education enrollments in the Spring 2017 term with blended enrollments accounting for another **12.65%** for a total of **98.96%** of all enrollments.

All Other Delivery Mode Percentage

Enrollments in the Correspondence delivery mode showed the only increase for the Spring 2017 term, but accounted for only **0.04%** of enrollments. Broadcast TV has been removed as a delivery mode option due to no enrollments for several terms. Table 2 in the Appendix shows the change in distance education enrollments by delivery mode from Spring 2016 to Spring 2017.

Online Enrollments by Sector

Community College Enrollment

During the Spring 2017 term community colleges reported **123,098** enrollments for **33.90%** of all online course enrollments.

Public University Enrollment

Public universities reported offering **67,979** enrollments for **18.72%** of all online course enrollments.

Independent For-Profit Colleges and Universities

Independent for-profit colleges and universities reported offering **137,049** enrollments for **37.74%** of all online course enrollments.

Independent Not-For-Profit Colleges and Universities

Independent not-for-profit colleges and universities reported **35,042** enrollments for **9.65%** of all online course enrollments.

Institutions With the Largest Online Enrollments

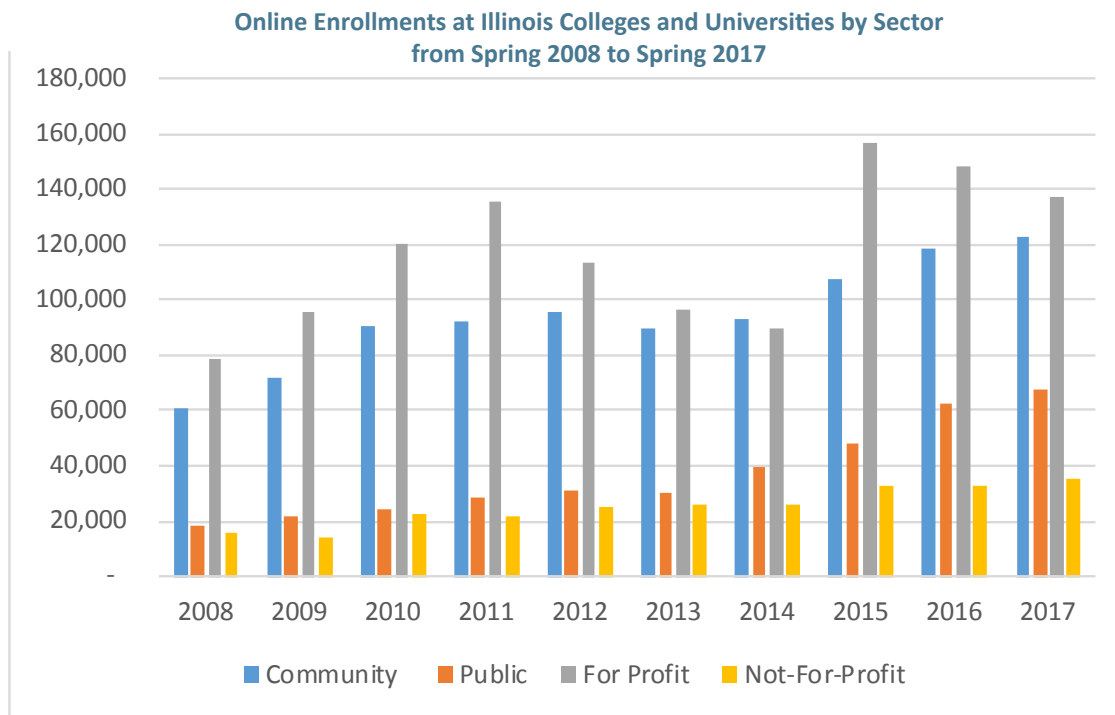
The Illinois institutions reporting the largest online course enrollments during the Spring 2017 term in each sector of higher education in Illinois were:

College of DuPage (14,397) and **College of Lake County (5,963)** from the community college system.

University of Illinois at Springfield (8,187) and **University of Illinois at Chicago (8,179)** from the public universities.

DeVry University (71,768) from the independent for-profit colleges and universities.

DePaul University (9,984) from the independent not-for-profit colleges and universities.



* additional Independent For Profit University began reporting data - Spring 2015

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 (**97.20%**), followed by the public universities (**80.36%**), and the independent not-for-profit colleges and universities (**76.74%**).

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 2017.

- Table 1** Distance Education Enrollments by Delivery Mode
- Table 2** Change in Distance Education Enrollments by Delivery Mode from Spring 2016 to Spring 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 to Spring 2017
- Table 6** Distance Education Enrollments by Institution

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

Delivery Mode	Number of Enrollments	Percentage of Total
Online	316,759	86.31%
Blended	46,409	12.65%
Stored Media	316	0.09%
Interactive TV	3,354	0.91%
Correspondence	145	0.04%
Total	366,983	100.00%

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

Delivery Mode	Spring 2016	Spring 2017	Change in Enrollment	Percentage Change
Online with Blended	362,249	363,168	+919	+0.25%
Stored Media	579	316	-263	-45%
Interactive TV	3,438	3,354	-84	-2%
Correspondence	128	145	+17	+13%
All Distance Education	366,394	366,983	+589	+0.16%

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

Sector	Online (Internet and Blended)		All Distance Education	
	Number of Enrollments	Percent of Total	Number of Enrollments	Percent of Total
Community Colleges	123,098	33.90%	125,414	34.17%
Public Universities	67,979	18.72%	69,478	18.93%
Independent For Profit Colleges and Universities	137,049	37.74%	137,049	37.34%
Independent Not For Profit Colleges and Universities	35,042	9.65%	35,042	9.55%
All Institutions	363,168	100.00%	366,983	100.00%

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

Sector	Online	Blended	Stored Media	Interactive TV	Correspondence	Total
Community Colleges	101,734	21,364	316	1,873	127	125,414
Public Universities	56,347	11,632	0	1,481	18	69,478
Independent For Profit Colleges and Universities	131,312	5,737	0	0	0	137,049
Independent Not For Profit Colleges and Universities	27,366	7,676	0	0	0	35,042
All Institutions	316,759	46,409	316	3,354	145	366,983

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

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

Institution	Internet	Blended	Interactive TV	Stored Media	Correspondence	Total
Black Hawk College	2,850	902	197	93	0	4,042
Benedictine University	**	**	**	**	**	**
Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing	120	30	0	0	0	150
Bradley University	1,078	112	0	0	0	1,190
Carl Sandburg College	1,181	99	468	0	0	1,748
Chamberlain College of Nursing	58,091	321	0	0	0	58,412
City Colleges of Chicago*						
Harold Washington College	5,822	11	0	0	0	5,833
Harry S. Truman College	51	0	0	0	0	51
Kennedy-King College	18	15	0	0	0	33
Malcolm X College	33	0	0	0	0	33
Olive-Harvey College	48	2	0	0	0	50
Richard J. Daley College	22	15	0	0	0	37
Wilbur Wright College	39	39	0	0	0	78
Chicago State University	2,095	0	0	0	0	2,095
College of DuPage	11,206	3,191	0	0	0	14,397
College of Lake County	4,490	1,473	0	0	0	5,963
Danville Area Community College	1,593	342	0	0	0	1,935
DePaul University	9,984	1,688	0	0	0	11,672
DeVry University	71,768	4,473	0	0	0	76,241
Eastern Illinois University	3,339	203	0	0	0	3,542
Elgin Community College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Elmhurst College	656	450	0	0	0	1,106
Governors State University	3,753	533	0	0	0	4,286
Heartland Community College	2,381	812	0	0	0	3,193
Highland Community College	975	545	75	0	0	1,595
Illinois Central College	3,508	793	0	0	0	4,301
Illinois Eastern Community Colleges						
Frontier Community College	95	126	0	0	37	258
Lincoln Trail Comm. College	442	305	0	0	54	801
Olney Central College	798	261	0	0	17	1,076
Wabash Valley College	281	568	0	0	0	849
Illinois Institute of Technology	1,663	0	0	0	0	1,663
Illinois State University	4,528	1,395	0	0	0	5,923
Illinois Valley Community College	943	78	0	9	0	1,030
John A. Logan College	2,331	445	0	0	0	2,776
John Wood Community College	2,003	113	0	0	0	2,116
Joliet Junior College	4,742	1,174	0	0	0	5,916
Judson College	81	154	0	0	0	235
Kankakee Community College	1,152	570	0	0	19	1,741

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Kaskaskia College	2,816	487	355	0	0	3,658
Kishwaukee College	1,600	448	0	0	0	2,048
Lakeland College	3,518	158	114	0	0	3,790
Lewis and Clark Comm. College	1,152	149	0	0	0	1,301
Lewis University	2,388	512	0	0	0	2,900
Lincoln Land Community College	3,053	326	0	0	0	3,379
McHenry County College	3,026	941	0	0	0	3,967
Midstate College	1,453	943	0	0	0	2,396
Moody Bible Institute	2,470	0	0	0	0	2,470
Moraine Valley Comm. College	3,878	1,815	9	0	0	5,702
Morton College	701	436	0	0	0	1,137
Northeastern Illinois University	1,693	1,817	144	0	0	3,654
Northern Illinois University	5,298	1,469	9	0	0	6,776
Oakton Community College	3,605	496	0	0	0	4,101
Olivet Nazarene University	2,137	553	0	0	0	2,690
Parkland College	4,642	0	0	214	0	4,856
Prairie State College	312	0	0	0	0	312
Quincy University	443	0	0	0	0	443
Rend Lake College	1,279	575	150	0	0	2,004
Richland Community College	1,237	684	0	0	0	1,921
Rock Valley College	2,342	400	0	0	0	2,742
Roosevelt University	1,420	85	0	0	0	1,505
Rush University	1,170	80	0	0	0	1,250
Sauk Valley Community College	1,237	0	0	0	0	1,237
Shawnee Community College	701	83	303	0	0	1,087
South Suburban College	537	6	0	0	0	543
Southeastern Illinois College	2,618	315	53	0	0	2,986
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	8,084	0	0	0	0	8,084
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	4,750	1,888	0	0	0	6,638
Southwestern Illinois College	3,159	340	100	0	0	3,599
Spoon River College	1,023	9	49	0	0	1,081
Triton College	3,318	188	0	0	0	3,506
University of Illinois at Chicago	5,451	2,728	390	0	0	8,569
University of Illinois at Springfield	6,767	1,420	0	0	0	8,187
University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign	5,290	0	0	0	0	5,290
University of St. Francis	3,756	4,012	0	0	0	7,768
Waubonsee Community College	3,998	210	0	0	0	4,208
Western Illinois University	5,299	179	938	0	18	6,434
William Rainey Harper College	4,978	1,419	0	0	0	6,397
Totals	316,759	46,409	3,354	316	145	366,983

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

** Indicates data not reported.