

# Distance Education Enrollments at Illinois Colleges and Universities

Data for Summer 2016/Academic Year 2015-2016

## Executive Summary

*Illinois colleges and universities are nearing the 1,000,000 mark for distance education course enrollments. There were 981,880 enrollments reported in all distance education delivery modes during academic year 2015-2016. Of those enrollments, 99.06% (972,738) were in online or blended course sections.*

### Online Courses and Enrollments

Illinois colleges and universities reported **262,100** enrollments during the Summer 2016 term. This is a 3% increase from Summer 2015 term when there were **254,375** enrollments. The enrollments for Academic Year 2015-2016 for online and blended courses were **972,738**. This is an **5.5%** increase from Academic Year 2014-2015 when there were **921,757** enrollments.

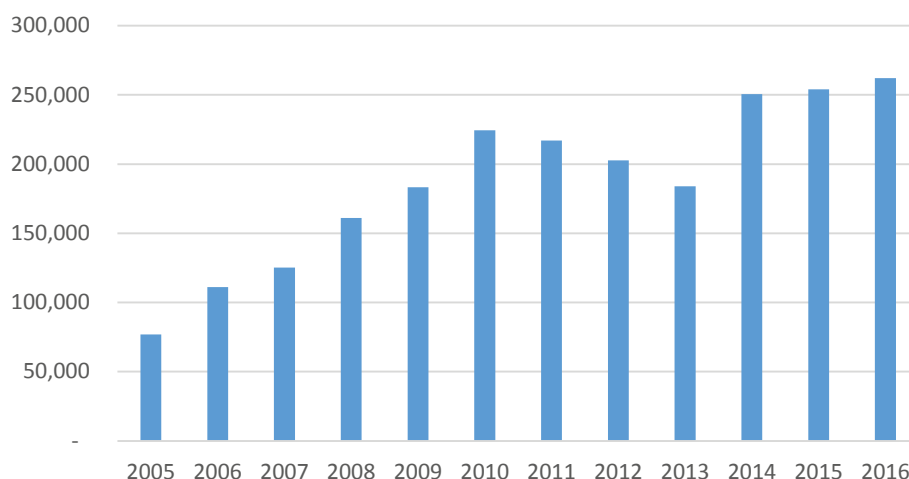
### Blended Courses

This report includes blended course enrollments from all institutions. This request for data shows **18,367** enrollments that account for **6.98%** of all enrollments for Summer 2016. The definition used for blended during this term is 25-75% at a distance.

## Enrollments in Online Courses

This graph shows online course enrollments reported by Illinois colleges and universities for the Summer terms from 2005 to 2016.

Enrollments in Online Courses  
at Illinois Colleges and Universities  
Summer 2005 to Summer 2016



## Changes in Enrollment by Delivery Mode

### Online and Blended Enrollment Percentage

Online and blended enrollments accounted for **99.58%** of all distance education enrollments in the Summer 2016 term.

**All Other Delivery Mode Percentage**

Enrollments in all distance education delivery modes decreased except for Correspondence for the Summer 2016 term. Table 2 in the Appendix shows the change in distance education enrollments by delivery mode from Summer 2015 to Summer 2016.

**Online Enrollments by Sector**

**Community College Enrollment**

During the Summer 2016 term community colleges reported **71,034** enrollments for **27.10%** of all online course enrollments.

**Public University Enrollment**

Public universities reported offering **41,091** enrollments for **15.68%** of all online course enrollments.

**Independent For-Profit Colleges and Universities**

Independent for-profit colleges and universities reported offering **133,594** enrollments for **50.97%** of all online course enrollments.

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

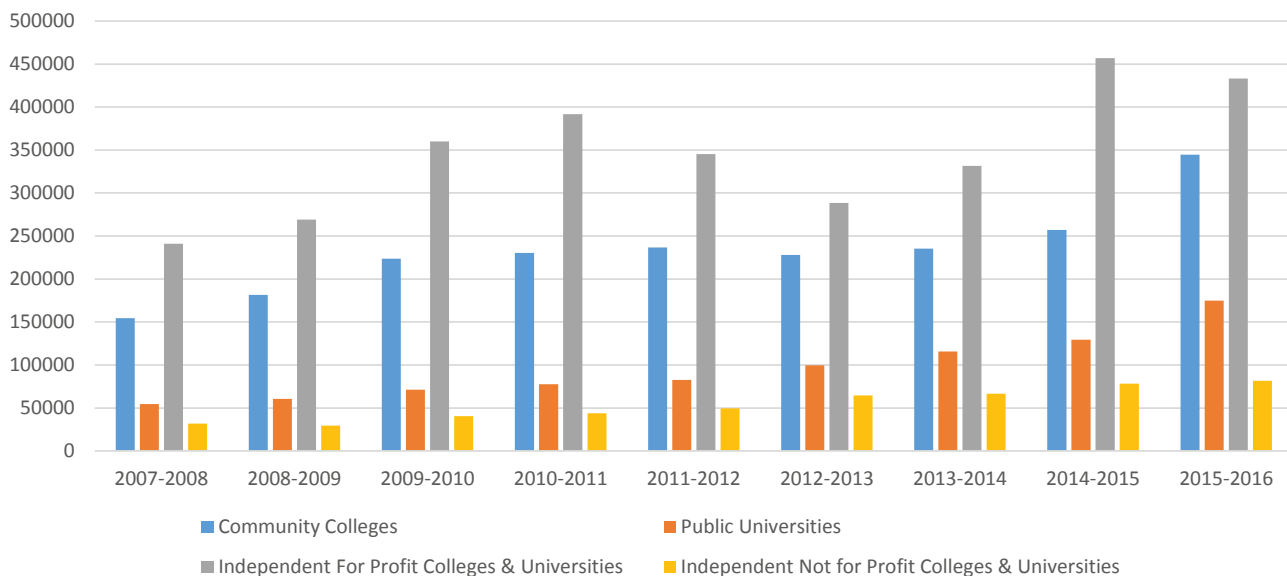
Independent not-for-profit colleges and universities reported **16,381** enrollments for **6.25%** of all online course enrollments.

**Institutions With the Largest Online Enrollments**

The Illinois institutions reporting the largest online course enrollments during the Summer 2016 term in each sector of higher education in Illinois were:

- **College of DuPage (8,431)** and **Parkland College (4,043)** from the community college system.
- **Illinois State University (6,861)** and **Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (5,225)** from the public universities.
- **DeVry University (76,268)** from the independent for-profit colleges and universities.
- **DePaul University (4,927)** from the independent not-for-profit colleges and universities.

**Online Enrollments  
at Illinois Colleges and Universities  
by Sector and Academic Year**



## 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 U.S. outside of Illinois.

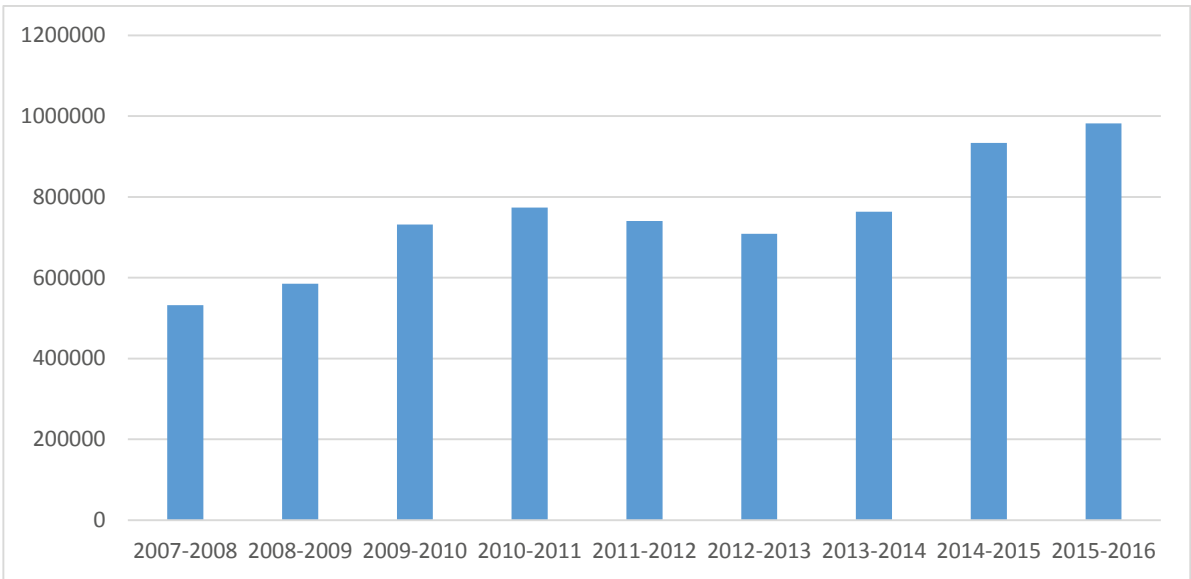
The residency of students enrolled in online courses varied by sector, with community colleges having the highest percentage of Illinois residents (**95%**), followed by public universities (**85%**), and the independent not-for-profit colleges and universities. (**81%**).

## Annual Academic Year Enrollments

Illinois colleges and universities reported a total of **972,738** online course enrollments and **981,880** enrollments in all distance education during academic year 2015-2016 (Fall 2015, Spring 2016 and Summer 2016). This is an increase of 50,981 online course enrollments (**5.5%**) and an increase of 47,895 course enrollments (**5%**) in all distance education delivery modes from the previous academic year (2014-2015).

## Distance Education Enrollment - A Retrospective Academic Year Enrollments 2007-2008 through 2015-2016

The chart below details the overall growth in distance education enrollments from academic year 2007-2008 to academic year 2015-2016.



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 Summer Term 2015.

- Table 1** Distance Education Enrollments by Delivery Mode
- Table 2** Change in Distance Education Enrollments by Delivery Mode from Summer 2015 to Summer 2016
- Table 3** Change in Academic Year Enrollments by Delivery Mode from 2014-2015 to 2015-2016
- Table 4** Academic Year Enrollments by Delivery Mode from 2006 to 2016
- Table 5** Enrollments in Online and All Distance Education Courses by Sector
- Table 6** Distance Education Enrollments by Sector and Delivery Mode
- Table 7** Distance Education Enrollments by Delivery Mode - Fall 2006 to Summer 2016
- Table 8** Distance Education Enrollments by Institution

**Table 1**  
**Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Delivery Mode**  
**Summer Term 2016**

Delivery Mode	Number of Enrollments	Percentage of Total
Online	243,733	92.60%
Blended	18,367	6.98%
Stored Media	480	0.18%
Interactive TV	164	0.06%
Open Broadcast TV	391	0.15%
Correspondence	77	0.03%
<b>Total</b>	<b>263,212</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Table 2**  
**Change in Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Delivery Mode**  
**from Summer Term 2015 to Summer Term 2016**

Delivery Mode	Summer 2015	Summer 2016	Change in Enrollment	Percentage Change
Online with Blended	254,375	262,100	+7,725	+3%
Stored Media	504	480	-24	-5%
Interactive TV	328	164	-164	-50%
Open Broadcast TV	451	391	-60	-13%
Correspondence	67	77	+10	+15%
<b>All Distance Education</b>	<b>255,725</b>	<b>263,212</b>	<b>+7,487</b>	<b>+3%</b>

**Table 3**  
**Change in Academic Year Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Delivery Mode**  
**from 2014-2015 to 2015-2016**

<b>Delivery Mode</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>Change in Enrollment</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
Online with Blended	921,757	972,738	+50,981	+5.5%
Stored Media	2,856	1,275	-1,581	-55%
Interactive TV	6,517	6,865	+348	+5%
Open Broadcast TV	2,048	416	-1,632	-80%
Correspondence	807	566	-241	-30%
<b>All Distance Education</b>	<b>933,985</b>	<b>981,880</b>	<b>+47,895</b>	<b>+5%</b>

**Table 4**  
**Academic Year Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Delivery Mode**  
**From 2007-2008 - 2015-2016**

<b>Delivery Mode</b>	<b>2007-2008</b>	<b>2008-2009</b>	<b>2009-2010</b>	<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>
Internet & Blended	481,738	540,518	695,371	743,287	715,074	691,580	749,171	921,757	972,738
Stored Media	22,471	21,469	17,669	12,997	8,689	4,362	3,896	2,856	1,275
Interactive TV	11,049	9,116	10,078	9,457	9,680	7,382	5,924	6,517	6,865
Open Broadcast TV	7,372	7,326	5,193	4,457	4,496	3,728	2,848	2,048	416
Correspondence	9,289	6,546	3,782	3,460	2,440	2,139	1,801	807	566
<b>All Distance Education</b>	<b>531,919</b>	<b>584,975</b>	<b>732,093</b>	<b>773,658</b>	<b>740,379</b>	<b>709,191</b>	<b>763,640</b>	<b>933,985</b>	<b>981,880</b>

**Table 5**  
**Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Sector**  
**Summer Term 2016**

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Online (Internet and Blended)</b>		<b>All Distance Education</b>	
	<b>Number of Enrollments</b>	<b>Percent of Total</b>	<b>Number of Enrollments</b>	<b>Percent of Total</b>
Community Colleges	71,034	27.10%	72,134	27.41%
Public Universities	41,091	15.68%	41,091	15.61%
Independent For Profit Colleges and Universities	133,594	50.97%	133,594	50.76%
Independent Not For Profit Colleges and Universities	16,381	6.25%	16,393	6.23%
<b>All Institutions</b>	<b>262,100</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>263,212</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Table 6**  
**Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Sector and Delivery Mode**  
**Summer Term 2016**

Sector	Online	Blended	Stored Media	Interactive TV	Open Broadcast TV	Correspondence	Total
Community Colleges	65,439	5,595	480	164	391	65	72,134
Public Universities	35,832	5,259	0	0	0	0	41,091
Independent For Profit Colleges and Universities	127,793	5,801	0	0	0	0	133,594
Independent Not For Profit Colleges and Universities	14,669	1,712	0	0	0	12	16,393
All Institutions	243,733	18,367	480	164	391	77	263,212

**Table 7**  
**Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Delivery Mode**  
**Fall Term 2007 to Summer Term 2016**

Term	Online	Blended	Stored Media	Interactive TV	Open Broadcast TV	Correspondence	All Distance Education
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	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	243,733	18,367	480	164	391	77	263,212

**Table 8**  
**Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Institution**  
**Summer Term 2016**

<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	1,100	55	0	0	18	0	1,173
Benedictine University	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing	33	0	0	0	0	0	33
Bradley University	864	21	0	0	0	0	885
Carl Sandburg College	465	53	0	19	0	0	537
Chamberlain College of Nursing	51,318	487	0	0	0	0	51,805
<b>City Colleges of Chicago*</b>							
Harold Washington College	3,262	1	391	0	0	0	3,654
Harry S. Truman College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kennedy-King College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malcolm X College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Olive-Harvey College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richard J. Daley College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilbur Wright College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chicago State University	565	0	0	0	0	0	565
College of DuPage	8,431	860	0	0	0	0	9,291
College of Lake County	3,303	510	0	0	0	0	3,813
Danville Area Community College	563	392	0	0	0	0	856
DePaul University	4,927	297	0	0	0	0	5,224
DeVry University	76,268	4,823	0	0	0	0	81,091
Eastern Illinois University	2,549	395	0	0	0	0	2,944
Elgin Community College	1,813	128	0	0	0	0	1,941
Elmhurst College	197	89	0	0	0	0	286
Governors State University	2,145	233	0	0	0	0	2,378
Heartland Community College	1,453	109	0	0	0	0	1,562
Highland Community College	360	0	0	0	222	0	582
Illinois Central College	2,461	183	0	0	0	0	2,644
<b>Illinois Eastern Community Colleges</b>							
Frontier Community College	107	42	0	0	0	12	161
Lincoln Trail Comm. College	314	40	0	0	0	1	355
Olney Central College	528	129	0	0	0	23	680
Wabash Valley College	281	56	0	0	0	0	337
Illinois Institute of Technology	384	0	0	0	0	0	384
Illinois State University	6,861	471	0	0	0	0	7,332
Illinois Valley Community College	715	48	0	0	13	0	776
John A. Logan College	1,057	110	0	0	0	0	1,167
John Wood Community College	690	24	0	0	0	0	714
Joliet Junior College	3,587	0	0	0	0	0	3,587
Judson College	58	6	0	0	0	0	64
Kankakee Community College	220	37	0	0	0	29	286

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Institution	Internet	Blended	Broadcast TV	Interactive TV	Stored Media	Correspondence	Total
Kaskaskia College	1,670	64	0	44	0	0	1,778
Kishwaukee College	794	139	0	0	0	0	933
Lakeland College	1,899	32	0	0	0	0	1,931
Lewis and Clark Comm. College	917	124	0	0	0	0	1,041
Lewis University	1,498	0	0	0	0	0	1,498
Lincoln Land Community College	1,741	88	0	23	0	0	1,852
McHenry County College	1,878	161	0	0	0	0	2,039
Midstate College	207	491	0	0	0	0	698
Moody Bible Institute	882	0	0	0	0	12	894
Moraine Valley Comm. College	2,755	546	0	0	0	0	3,321
Morton College	407	90	0	0	0	0	497
Northeastern Illinois University	742	709	0	0	0	0	1,451
Northern Illinois University	2,559	601	0	0	0	0	3,160
Oakton Community College	3,082	125	0	0	0	0	3,207
Olivet Nazarene University	1,702	625	0	0	0	0	2,327
Parkland College	4,043	0	0	0	91	0	4,134
Prairie State College	779	0	0	0	0	0	779
Quincy University	409	0	0	0	0	0	409
Rend Lake College	383	108	0	0	0	0	491
Richland Community College	532	105	0	0	0	0	637
Rock Valley College	1,398	287	0	0	0	0	1,685
Roosevelt University	663	32	0	0	0	0	695
Rush University	854	154	0	0	0	0	1,008
Sauk Valley Community College	487	0	0	0	0	0	487
Shawnee Community College	378	0	0	18	0	0	396
South Suburban College	640	0	0	0	0	0	640
Southeastern Illinois College	647	43	0	0	0	0	690
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	4,631	0	0	0	0	0	4,631
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	5,225	2,042	0	0	0	0	7,267
Southwestern Illinois College	1,896	75	0	24	0	0	1,995
Spoon River College	353	23	0	36	0	0	412
Triton College	2,101	87	0	0	0	0	2,188
University of Illinois at Chicago	2,604	474	0	0	0	0	3,078
University of Illinois at Springfield	2,924	254	0	0	0	0	3,178
University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign	1,853	0	0	0	0	0	1,853
University of St. Francis	2,198	488	0	0	0	0	2,686
Waubonsee Community College	3,420	0	0	0	136	0	3,556
Western Illinois University	3,174	80	0	0	0	0	3,254
William Rainey Harper College	2,509	820	0	0	0	0	3,329
<b>Totals</b>	<b>243,733</b>	<b>18,367</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>263,212</b>

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

\*\* Indicates data not reported.