

# Distance Education Enrollments at Illinois Colleges and Universities

Data for Summer 2019/Academic Year 2018-2019

## Executive Summary

*Illinois colleges and universities reported 840,964 enrollments in all distance education delivery modes during academic year 2018-2019. Of those enrollments, 81% (834,111) were in online or blended course sections. Stored Media courses are down significantly, while Interactive TV courses showed the largest increase from 2017-2018.*

### Online Courses and Enrollments

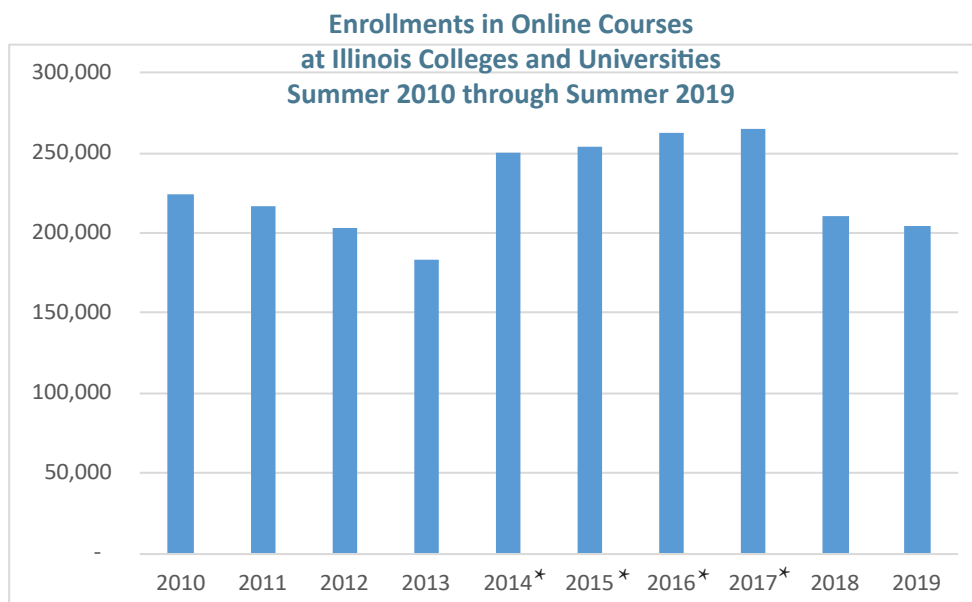
Illinois colleges and universities reported **204,773** enrollments during the Summer 2019 term. This is a 2.8% decrease from Summer 2018 term when there were **210,584** enrollments. The enrollments for Academic Year 2018-2019 for online and blended courses were **834,111**. This is a **0.5%** decrease from Academic Year 2017-2018 when there were **838,539** enrollments.

### Blended Courses

This report includes blended course enrollments from all institutions. This request for data shows **14,558** enrollments that account for **7.07%** of all enrollments for Summer 2019. 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 2010 through 2019.



\* Includes data from Chamberlain College of Nursing (started reporting 2014, stopped reporting 2017)

## Changes in Enrollment by Delivery Mode

### Online and Blended Enrollment Percentage

Online and blended enrollments accounted for **99.5%** of all distance education enrollments in the Summer 2019 term.

**All Other Delivery Mode Percentage**

The Summer 2019 term saw decreases in all delivery modes with online and blended courses and total enrollments decreasing **2.8%** and **2.5%** respectively. The largest decrease was seen in Stored Media courses. Table 2 in the Appendix shows the change in distance education enrollments by delivery mode from Summer 2018 to Summer 2019.

**Online Enrollments by Sector**

**Community College Enrollment**

During the Summer 2019 term, community colleges reported **68,040** enrollments for **33.23%** of all online course enrollments.

**Public University Enrollment**

Public universities reported **55,431** enrollments for **27.07%** of all online course enrollments.

**Independent For-Profit Colleges and Universities**

Independent for-profit colleges and universities reported **62,792** enrollments for **30.66%** of all online course enrollments.

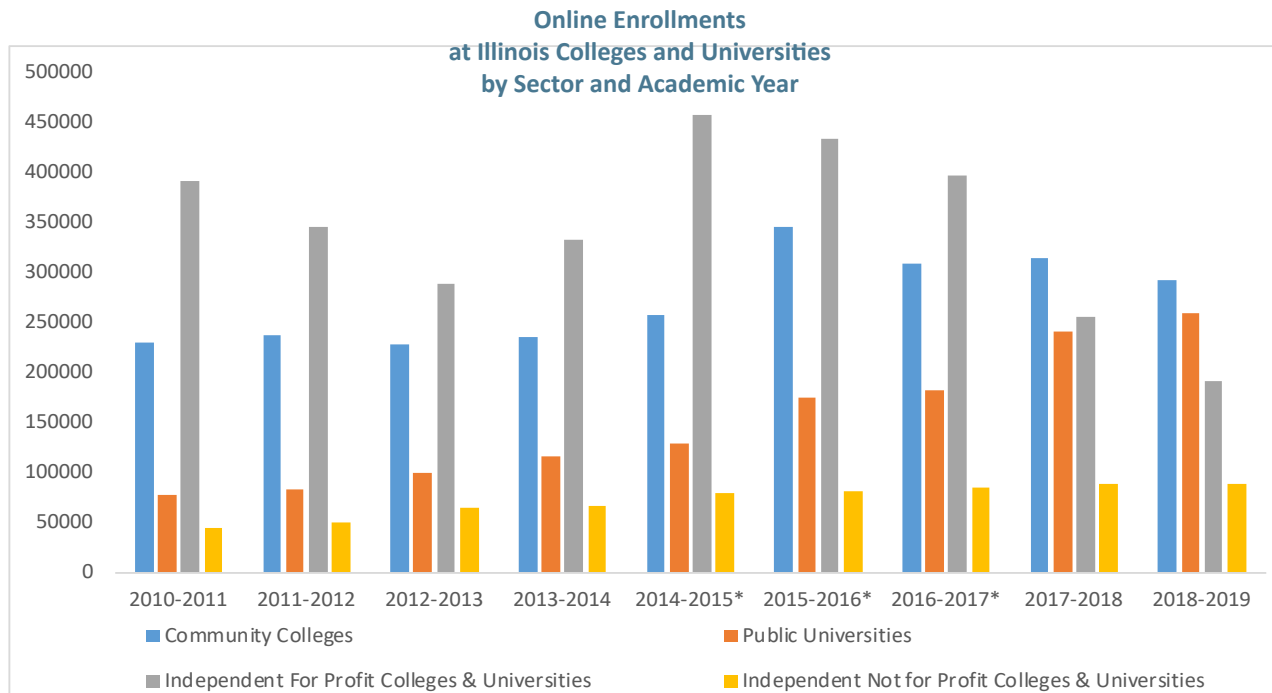
**Independent Not-For-Profit Colleges and Universities**

Independent not-for-profit colleges and universities reported **18,510** enrollments for **9.04%** of all online course enrollments.

**Institutions With the Largest Online Enrollments**

The Illinois institutions reporting the largest online course enrollments during the Summer 2019 term in each sector of higher education in Illinois were:

- **College of DuPage (10,196)** and **Joliet Junior College (4,998)** from the community college system.
- **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (15,858)** and **Illinois State University (8,350)** from the public universities.
- **DeVry University (62,792)** from the independent for-profit colleges and universities.
- **DePaul University (5,664)** from the independent not-for-profit colleges and universities.



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## 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.

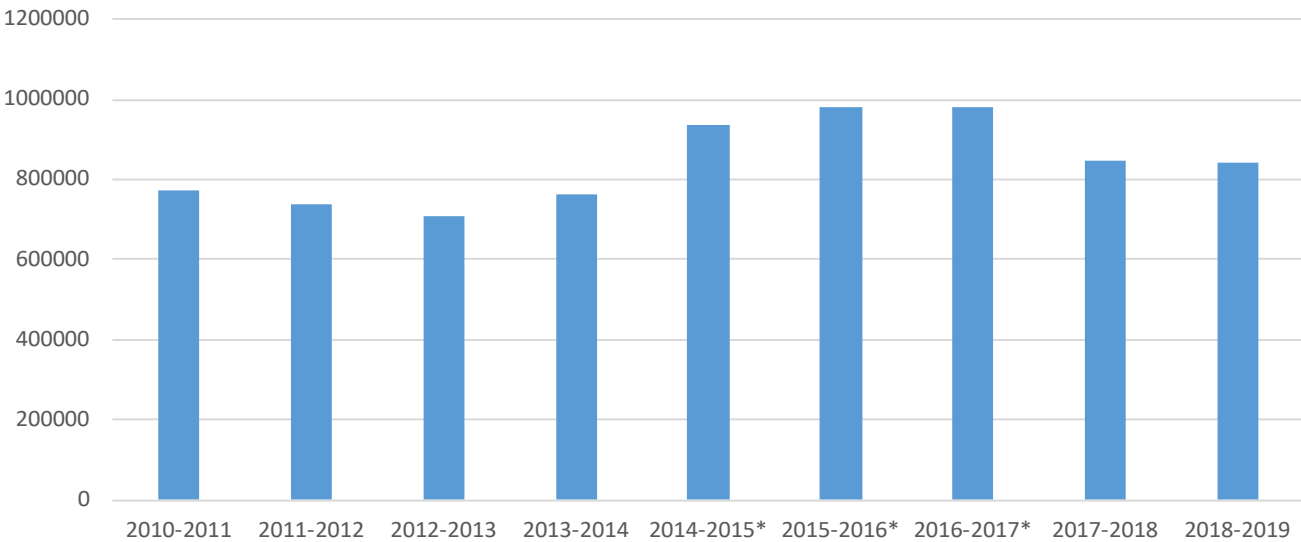
The residency of students enrolled in online courses varied by sector, with community colleges having the highest percentage of Illinois residents (**96%**), followed by independent not-for-profit colleges and universities (**82%**) and the public universities (**76%**).

## Annual Academic Year Enrollments

Illinois colleges and universities reported a total of **834,111** online course enrollments and **840,964** total enrollments in all distance education during academic year 2018-2019 (Fall 2018, Spring 2019 and Summer 2019). This is a decrease of 4,468 online course enrollments (**0.5%**) and a decrease of 5,721 course enrollments (**0.67%**) in all distance education delivery modes from the previous academic year (2017-2018).

## Distance Education Enrollment - A Retrospective Academic Year Enrollments 2010-2011 through 2018-2019

The chart below details the overall growth in distance education enrollments from academic year 2010-2011 to academic year 2018-2019.



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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 2019.

- Table 1** Distance Education Enrollments by Delivery Mode - Summer 2019
- Table 2** Change in Distance Education Enrollments by Delivery Mode from Summer 2018 to Summer 2019
- Table 3** Change in Academic Year Enrollments by Delivery Mode from 2017-2018 to 2018-2019
- Table 4** Academic Year Enrollments by Delivery Mode from 2010-2011 through 2018-2019
- Table 5** Distance Education Enrollments by Sector - Summer 2019
- Table 6** Distance Education Enrollments by Sector and Delivery Mode - Summer 2019
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- Table 8** Distance Education Enrollments by Institution - Summer 2019

**Table 1**  
**Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Delivery Mode**  
**Summer Term 2019**

| Delivery Mode  | Number of Enrollments | Percentage of Total |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Online         | 190,215               | 92.43%              |
| Blended        | 14,558                | 7.07%               |
| Stored Media   | 3                     | 0.00%               |
| Interactive TV | 937                   | 0.46%               |
| Correspondence | 75                    | 0.04%               |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>205,788</b>        | <b>100.00%</b>      |

**Table 2**  
**Change in Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Delivery Mode**  
**from Summer Term 2018 to Summer Term 2019**

| Delivery Mode                 | Summer 2018    | Summer 2019    | Change in Enrollment | Percentage Change |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Online with Blended           | 210,584        | 204,773        | -5,811               | -2.8%             |
| Stored Media                  | 11             | 3              | -8                   | -73%              |
| Interactive TV                | 479            | 937            | +458                 | +96%              |
| Correspondence                | 58             | 75             | +17                  | +29%              |
| <b>All Distance Education</b> | <b>211,132</b> | <b>205,788</b> | <b>-5,344</b>        | <b>-2.5%</b>      |

**Table 3**  
**Change in Academic Year Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Delivery Mode**  
**from 2016-2017 to 2017-2018**

| Delivery Mode                 | 2017-2018      | 2018-2019      | Change in Enrollment | Percentage Change |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Online with Blended           | 838,579        | 834,111        | -4,468               | -0.5%             |
| Stored Media                  | 3,665          | 13             | -3,652               | -99.6%            |
| Interactive TV                | 4,118          | 6,492          | +2,374               | +57.6%            |
| Correspondence                | 323            | 348            | +25                  | +7.7%             |
| <b>All Distance Education</b> | <b>846,685</b> | <b>840,964</b> | <b>-5,721</b>        | <b>-0.67%</b>     |

**Table 4**  
**Academic Year Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Delivery Mode**  
**from 2010-2011 through 2018-2019**

| Delivery Mode                 | 2010-2011      | 2011-2012      | 2012-2013      | 2013-2014      | 2014-2015*     | 2015-2016*     | 2016-2017*     | 2017-2018      | 2018-2019      |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Internet & Blended            | 743,287        | 715,074        | 691,580        | 749,171        | 921,757        | 972,738        | 973,437        | 838,579        | 834,111        |
| Stored Media                  | 12,997         | 8,689          | 4,362          | 3,896          | 2,856          | 1,275          | 1,094          | 3,664          | 13             |
| Interactive TV                | 9,457          | 9,680          | 7,382          | 5,924          | 6,517          | 6,865          | 6,870          | 4,118          | 6,492          |
| Open Broadcast TV             | 4,457          | 4,496          | 3,728          | 2,848          | 2,048          | 416            | 25             | 0              | 0              |
| Correspondence                | 3,460          | 2,440          | 2,139          | 1,801          | 807            | 566            | 277            | 323            | 348            |
| <b>All Distance Education</b> | <b>773,658</b> | <b>740,379</b> | <b>709,191</b> | <b>763,640</b> | <b>933,985</b> | <b>981,860</b> | <b>981,703</b> | <b>846,685</b> | <b>840,964</b> |

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**Table 5**  
**Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Sector**  
**Summer Term 2019**

| Sector   | Online (Internet and Blended) |                  | All Distance Education |                  |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
|  | Number of Enrollments         | Percent of Total | Number of Enrollments  | Percent of Total |
| Community Colleges                                   | 68,040                        | 33.23%           | 68,379                 | 33.23%           |
| Public Universities                                  | 55,431                        | 27.07%           | 56,107                 | 27.26%           |
| Independent For Profit Colleges and Universities     | 62,792                        | 30.66%           | 62,792                 | 30.51%           |
| Independent Not For Profit Colleges and Universities | 18,510                        | 9.04%            | 18,510                 | 8.99%            |
| <b>All Institutions</b>                              | <b>204,773</b>                | <b>100.00%</b>   | <b>205,788</b>         | <b>100.00%</b>   |

**Table 6**  
**Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Sector and Delivery Mode**  
**Summer Term 2019**

| Sector   | Online  | Blended | Interactive TV | Stored Media | Correspondence | Total   |
|--|---------|---------|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------|
| Community Colleges                                   | 60,256  | 7,784   | 278            | 3            | 58             | 68,379  |
| Public Universities                                  | 52,224  | 3,207   | 659            | 0            | 17             | 56,107  |
| Independent For Profit Colleges and Universities     | 61,428  | 1,364   | 0              | 0            | 0              | 62,792  |
| Independent Not For Profit Colleges and Universities | 16,307  | 2,203   | 0              | 0            | 0              | 18,510  |
| All Institutions                                     | 190,215 | 14,558  | 937            | 3            | 75             | 205,788 |

**Table 7**  
**Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Delivery Mode**  
**Fall Term 2010 to Summer Term 2019**

| Term        | Online  | Blended | Stored Media | Interactive TV | Open Broadcast TV | Correspondence | All Distance Education |
|-------------|---------|---------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| 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                |
| 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                |
| Spring 2018 | 273,856 | 43,316  | 3            | 3,368          | 0                 | 120            | 320,663                |
| Summer 2018 | 196,108 | 14,476  | 11           | 479            | 0                 | 58             | 211,132                |
| Fall 2018   | 258,655 | 45,153  | 7            | 2,594          | 0                 | 126            | 306,535                |
| Spring 2019 | 280,240 | 45,290  | 3            | 2,961          | 0                 | 147            | 328,641                |
| Summer 2019 | 190,215 | 14,558  | 3            | 937            | 0                 | 75             | 205,788                |

**Table 8**  
**Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Institution**  
**Summer Term 2019**

| <b>Institution</b>                  | <b>Internet</b> | <b>Blended</b> | <b>Interactive<br/>TV</b> | <b>Stored<br/>Media</b> | <b>Correspondence</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Black Hawk College                  | 1,149           | 33             | 12                        | 0                       | 0                     | 1,194        |
| Benedictine University              | **              | **             | **                        | **                      | **                    | **           |
| Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing  | 71              | 0              | 0                         | 0                       | 0                     | 71           |
| Bradley University                  | 646             | 39             | 0                         | 0                       | 0                     | 685          |
| Carl Sandburg College               | 696             | 93             | 13                        | 0                       | 0                     | 802          |
| Chamberlain College of Nursing      | **              | **             | **                        | **                      | **                    | **           |
| Chicago State University            | 555             | 46             | 0                         | 0                       | 0                     | 601          |
| City Colleges of Chicago*           |                 |                |                           |                         |                       |              |
| Harold Washington College           | **              | **             | **                        | **                      | **                    | **           |
| Harry S. Truman College             | **              | **             | **                        | **                      | **                    | **           |
| Kennedy-King College                | **              | **             | **                        | **                      | **                    | **           |
| Malcolm X College                   | **              | **             | **                        | **                      | **                    | **           |
| Olive-Harvey College                | **              | **             | **                        | **                      | **                    | **           |
| Richard J. Daley College            | **              | **             | **                        | **                      | **                    | **           |
| Wilbur Wright College               | **              | **             | **                        | **                      | **                    | **           |
| College of DuPage                   | 9,121           | 1,075          | 0                         | 0                       | 0                     | 10,196       |
| College of Lake County              | 3,771           | 669            | 0                         | 0                       | 0                     | 4,440        |
| Danville Area Community College     | 633             | 44             | 0                         | 0                       | 0                     | 677          |
| DePaul University                   | 4,879           | 785            | 0                         | 0                       | 0                     | 5,664        |
| DeVry University                    | 61,428          | 1,364          | 0                         | 0                       | 0                     | 62,792       |
| Eastern Illinois University         | 3,185           | 483            | 0                         | 0                       | 0                     | 3,668        |
| Elgin Community College             | 2,030           | 133            | 0                         | 0                       | 0                     | 2,163        |
| Elmhurst College                    | 295             | 86             | 0                         | 0                       | 0                     | 381          |
| Governors State University          | 1,913           | 108            | 0                         | 0                       | 0                     | 2,021        |
| Heartland Community College         | 1,986           | 29             | 0                         | 0                       | 0                     | 2,015        |
| Highland Community College          | 386             | 276            | 0                         | 0                       | 0                     | 662          |
| Illinois Central College            | 2,242           | 170            | 0                         | 0                       | 0                     | 2,412        |
| Illinois Eastern Community Colleges |                 |                |                           |                         |                       |              |
| Frontier Community College          | 141             | 80             | 0                         | 0                       | 15                    | 236          |
| Lincoln Trail Comm. College         | 215             | 7              | 0                         | 0                       | 7                     | 229          |
| Olney Central College               | 368             | 144            | 0                         | 0                       | 17                    | 529          |
| Wabash Valley College               | 347             | 23             | 0                         | 0                       | 5                     | 275          |
| Illinois Institute of Technology    | 367             | 0              | 0                         | 0                       | 0                     | 367          |
| Illinois State University           | 8,172           | 178            | 0                         | 0                       | 0                     | 8,350        |
| Illinois Valley Community College   | 625             | 25             | 0                         | 3                       | 0                     | 653          |
| John A. Logan College               | 1,416           | 194            | 0                         | 0                       | 0                     | 1,610        |
| John Wood Community College         | 608             | 6              | 0                         | 0                       | 0                     | 614          |
| Joliet Junior College               | 4,439           | 559            | 0                         | 0                       | 0                     | 4,998        |
| Judson College                      | 7               | 11             | 0                         | 0                       | 0                     | 18           |
| Kankakee Community College          | 548             | 328            | 0                         | 0                       | 14                    | 890          |

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| Institution                                    | Internet       | Blended       | Interactive<br>TV | Stored<br>Media | Correspondence | Total          |
|--|----------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Kaskaskia College                              | 1,345          | 32            | 39                | 0               | 0              | 1,416          |
| Kishwaukee College                             | 1,045          | 88            | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 1,133          |
| Lake Land College                              | 1,835          | 213           | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 2,048          |
| Lewis and Clark Comm. College                  | 643            | 105           | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 748            |
| Lewis University                               | 1,532          | 355           | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 1,887          |
| Lincoln Land Community College                 | 1,887          | 98            | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 1,985          |
| McHenry County College                         | 2,073          | 273           | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 2,346          |
| Moody Bible Institute                          | 683            | 0             | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 683            |
| Moraine Valley Comm. College                   | 3,414          | 729           | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 4,143          |
| Morton College                                 | 476            | 74            | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 550            |
| Northeastern Illinois University               | 1,238          | 707           | 78                | 0               | 0              | 2,023          |
| Northern Illinois University                   | 3,762          | 343           | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 4,105          |
| Oakton Community College                       | 3,474          | 220           | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 3,694          |
| Olivet Nazarene University                     | 1,654          | 106           | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 1,760          |
| Parkland College                               | 2,671          | 203           | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 2,874          |
| Prairie State College                          | **             | **            | **                | **              | **             | **             |
| Quincy University                              | 506            | 0             | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 506            |
| Rend Lake College                              | 367            | 175           | 69                | 0               | 0              | 611            |
| Richland Community College                     | 685            | 132           | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 817            |
| Rock Valley College                            | 1,865          | 310           | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 2,175          |
| Roosevelt University                           | 682            | 73            | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 755            |
| Rush University                                | 1,811          | 0             | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 1,811          |
| Sauk Valley Community College                  | 437            | 0             | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 437            |
| Shawnee Community College                      | 356            | 35            | 107               | 0               | 0              | 498            |
| South Suburban College                         | **             | **            | **                | **              | **             | **             |
| Southeastern Illinois College                  | 675            | 47            | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 722            |
| Southern Illinois University<br>Carbondale     | 4,099          | 59            | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 4,158          |
| Southern Illinois University<br>Edwardsville   | 6,089          | 842           | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 6,931          |
| Southwestern Illinois College                  | 1,932          | 38            | 14                | 0               | 0              | 1,984          |
| Spoon River College                            | 529            | 32            | 24                | 0               | 0              | 585            |
| Triton College                                 | **             | **            | **                | **              | **             | **             |
| University of Illinois at Chicago              | 2,102          | 367           | 513               | 0               | 0              | 2,982          |
| University of Illinois at Springfield          | 2,086          | 0             | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 2,086          |
| University of Illinois at Urbana-<br>Champaign | 15,858         | 0             | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 15,858         |
| University of St. Francis                      | 3,174          | 748           | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 3,922          |
| Waubonsee Community College                    | 3,924          | 66            | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 3,990          |
| Western Illinois University                    | 3,165          | 74            | 68                | 0               | 17             | 3,324          |
| William Rainey Harper College                  | 2              | 1,026         | 0                 | 0               | 0              | 1,028          |
| <b>Totals</b>                                  | <b>190,215</b> | <b>14,558</b> | <b>937</b>        | <b>3</b>        | <b>75</b>      | <b>205,788</b> |

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

\*\* Indicates data not reported.