

Distance Education Enrollments at Illinois Colleges and Universities

Data for Spring 2020

Executive Summary

Illinois colleges and universities reported a total of 351,991 enrollments in internet and blended courses during the Spring 2020 term, this is an increase of 8% over the Spring 2019 term. Online (internet and blended) enrollments accounted for 99.42% of all distance education enrollments for the Spring 2020 term.

Online Courses and Enrollments

Illinois colleges and universities reported **351,991** enrollments in internet and blended courses during the Spring 2020 term. This is a **8%** increase in enrollments from Spring 2019 when there were **325,530** enrollments.

Blended Courses

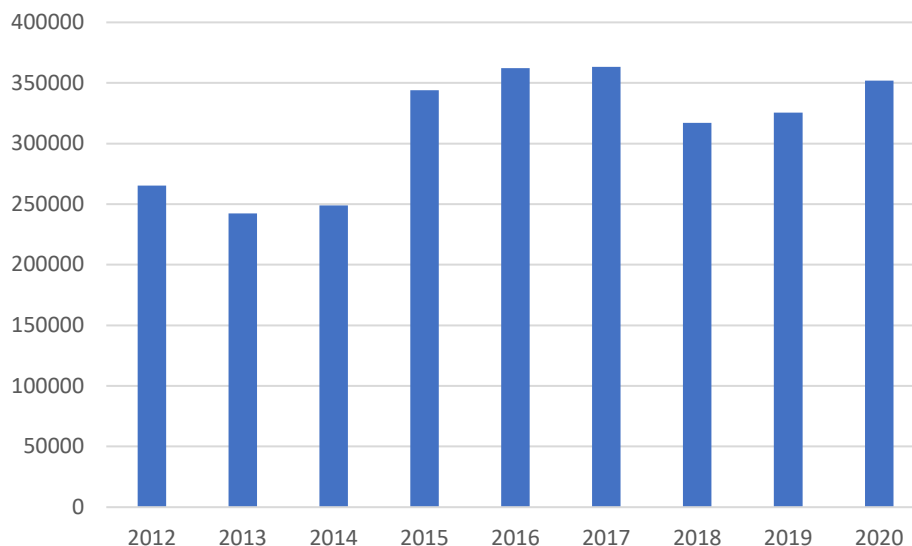
All Illinois institutions now provide data on blended courses. The data shows **49,004** enrollments that account for **13.84%** of all enrollments for Spring 2020. The definition used for blended during this term is 25-75% of the course at a distance.

Online Enrollments by Sector

Community colleges reported **136,306** enrollments in online and blended courses which account for **38.72%** of all enrollments for the Spring 2020 term. Public universities accounted for **31.96%**, independent not-for-profit institutions provided **10.32%** and independent for-profit institutions provided **19.00%** of enrollments for Spring 2020 term.

Enrollments in Online Courses

This graph shows online (internet and blended) course enrollments reported by Illinois colleges and universities for the Spring terms from Spring 2012 to Spring 2020.



* additional Independent For-Profit University began reporting data - Spring 2015 and stopped Spring 2018

Changes in Enrollment by Delivery Mode

Online Enrollment Percentage

Internet enrollments accounted for **85.58%** of all distance education enrollments in the Spring 2020 term with blended enrollments accounting for another **13.84%** for a combined total of **99.42%** of all enrollments.

All Other Delivery Mode Percentage

Enrollments all other delivery modes decreased for the Spring 2020 term, but accounted for only **0.57%** of enrollments. Table 2 in the Appendix shows the change in distance education enrollments by delivery mode from Spring 2019 to Spring 2020.

Online Enrollments by Sector

Community College Enrollment

During the Spring 2020 term, community colleges reported **136,306** enrollments for **38.72%** of all online course enrollments.

Public University Enrollment

Public universities reported offering **112,505** enrollments for **31.96%** of all online course enrollments.

Independent For-Profit Colleges and Universities

Independent for-profit colleges and universities reported offering **66,867** enrollments for **19%** of all online course enrollments.

Independent Not-For-Profit Colleges and Universities

Independent not-for-profit colleges and universities reported **36,313** enrollments for **10.32%** of all online course enrollments.

Institutions With the Largest Online Enrollments

The Illinois institutions reporting the largest online course enrollments during the Spring 2020 term in each sector of higher education in Illinois were:

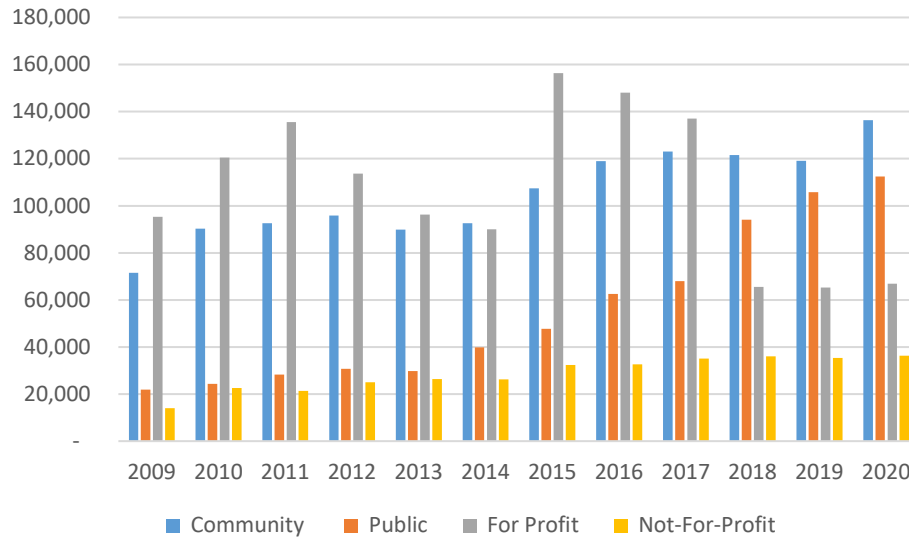
Illinois Central College (13,979) and **Moraine Valley (10,014)** from the community college system.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (45,563) and **Northern Illinois University (10,852)** from the public universities.

DeVry University (66,867) from the independent for-profit colleges and universities.

DePaul University (13,247) from the independent not-for-profit colleges and universities.

Online Enrollments at Illinois Colleges and Universities by Sector from Spring 2009 to Spring 2020



* additional Independent For-Profit University began reporting data - Spring 2015 and stopped Spring 2018

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 (**97.47%**), followed by the independent not-for-profit colleges and universities (**79.94%**), and the public universities (**74.75%**).

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 2020.

- Table 1** Distance Education Enrollments by Delivery Mode
- Table 2** Change in Distance Education Enrollments by Delivery Mode from Spring 2019 to Spring 2020
- 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 2010 to Spring 2020
- Table 6** Distance Education Enrollments by Institution

Table 1
Distance Education Enrollments
at Illinois Colleges and Universities
by Delivery Mode
Spring Term 2020

| Delivery Mode | Number of Enrollments | Percentage of Total |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Internet | 302,987 | 85.58% |
| Blended | 49,004 | 13.84% |
| Stored Media | 0 | 0.00% |
| Interactive TV | 1,963 | 0.55% |
| Correspondence | 69 | 0.02% |
| Total | 354,023 | 100.00% |

Table 2
Change in Distance Education Enrollments
at Illinois Colleges and Universities
by Delivery Mode
from Spring Term 2019 to Spring Term 2020

| Delivery Mode | Spring 2019 | Spring 2020 | Change in Enrollment | Percentage Change |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Internet with Blended | 325,530 | 351,991 | +26,461 | +8% |
| Stored Media | 3 | 0 | -3 | -100% |
| Interactive TV | 2,961 | 1,963 | -998 | -34% |
| Correspondence | 147 | 69 | -78 | -53% |
| All Distance Education | 328,641 | 354,023 | +25,382 | +8% |

Table 3
Distance Education Enrollments
at Illinois Colleges and Universities
by Sector
Spring Term 2020

| Sector | Internet and Blended | | All Distance Education | |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| | Number of Enrollments | Percent of Total | Number of Enrollments | Percent of Total |
| Community Colleges | 136,306 | 38.72% | 136,407 | 38.53% |
| Public Universities | 112,505 | 31.96% | 114,412 | 32.32% |
| Independent For Profit Colleges and Universities | 66,867 | 19.00% | 66,867 | 18.89% |
| Independent Not For Profit Colleges and Universities | 36,313 | 10.32% | 36,337 | 10.26% |
| All Institutions | 351,991 | 100.00% | 354,023 | 100.00% |

Table 4
Distance Education Enrollments
at Illinois Colleges and Universities
by Sector and Delivery Mode
Spring Term 2020

| Sector | Internet | Blended | Stored Media | Interactive TV | Correspondence | Total |
|--|----------|---------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------|
| Community Colleges | 104,653 | 31,653 | 0 | 54 | 47 | 136,407 |
| Public Universities | 102,002 | 10,503 | 0 | 1,896 | 11 | 114,412 |
| Independent For Profit Colleges and Universities | 65,564 | 1,303 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66,867 |
| Independent Not For Profit Colleges and Universities | 30,768 | 5,454 | 0 | 13 | 11 | 36,337 |
| All Institutions | 302,987 | 49,004 | 0 | 1,963 | 69 | 354,023 |

Table 5
Distance Education Enrollments
at Illinois Colleges and Universities
by Delivery Mode
Fall Term 2011 to Spring Term 2020

| Term | Internet | Blended | Stored Media | Interactive TV | Correspondence | All Distance Education |
|-------------|----------|---------|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Fall 2011 | 250,053 | NA | 3,793 | 4,448 | 1,154 | 261,307 |
| Spring 2012 | 265,359 | NA | 3,725 | 4,533 | 932 | 276,278 |
| Summer 2012 | 199,662 | NA | 1,171 | 699 | 354 | 202,794 |
| Fall 2012 | 254,300 | 10,991 | 1,752 | 3,843 | 745 | 273,141 |
| Spring 2013 | 231,748 | 10,689 | 1,770 | 3,138 | 781 | 249,550 |
| Summer 2013 | 179,843 | 4,009 | 840 | 401 | 613 | 186,499 |
| Fall 2013 | 233,326 | 16,557 | 1,329 | 2,973 | 402 | 255,678 |
| Spring 2014 | 236,101 | 12,732 | 1,821 | 2,170 | 709 | 255,161 |
| Summer 2014 | 233,461 | 16,994 | 746 | 241 | 690 | 252,801 |
| Fall 2014 | 282,505 | 40,891 | 1,182 | 3,557 | 374 | 329,475 |
| Spring 2015 | 303,332 | 40,654 | 1,170 | 2,632 | 366 | 348,785 |
| Summer 2015 | 237,535 | 16,840 | 504 | 328 | 67 | 255,725 |
| Fall 2015 | 302,870 | 45,519 | 216 | 3,263 | 361 | 352,274 |
| Spring 2016 | 318,183 | 44,066 | 579 | 3,438 | 128 | 366,394 |
| Summer 2016 | 243,183 | 18,367 | 480 | 164 | 77 | 263,212 |
| Fall 2016 | 301,599 | 43,407 | 467 | 2,976 | 69 | 348,543 |
| Spring 2017 | 316,759 | 46,409 | 316 | 3,354 | 145 | 366,983 |
| Summer 2017 | 250,566 | 14,697 | 311 | 540 | 63 | 266,177 |
| Fall 2017 | 327,254 | 41,725 | 3,651 | 271 | 145 | 373,046 |
| Spring 2018 | 273,856 | 43,316 | 3 | 3,368 | 120 | 320,663 |
| Summer 2018 | 196,108 | 14,476 | 11 | 479 | 58 | 211,132 |
| Fall 2018 | 258,655 | 45,153 | 7 | 2,594 | 126 | 306,535 |
| Spring 2019 | 280,240 | 45,290 | 3 | 2,961 | 147 | 328,641 |
| Summer 2019 | 190,215 | 14,558 | 3 | 937 | 75 | 205,788 |
| Fall 2019 | 288,296 | 49,644 | 14 | 3,588 | 108 | 341,650 |
| Spring 2020 | 302,987 | 49,004 | 0 | 1,963 | 69 | 354,023 |

Table 6
Distance Education Enrollments
at Illinois Colleges and Universities
by Institution
Spring Term 2020

| Institution | Internet | Blended | Interactive TV | Stored Media | Correspondence | Total |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Black Hawk College | 3,887 | 294 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,181 |
| Benedictine University | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing | 275 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 275 |
| Bradley University | 1,247 | 320 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,567 |
| Carl Sandburg College | 4,809 | 120 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,929 |
| Chamberlain College of Nursing | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| City Colleges of Chicago | | | | | | |
| Harold Washington College | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Harry S. Truman College | 1,023 | 64 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,087 |
| Kennedy-King College | 8,462 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8,470 |
| Malcolm X College | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| Olive-Harvey College | 1,991 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,011 |
| Richard J. Daley College | 77 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 77 |
| Wilbur Wright College | 28 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| Chicago State University | 1,075 | 253 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,328 |
| College of DuPage | 1,806 | 3,401 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,207 |
| College of Lake County | 1,196 | 2,319 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,515 |
| Danville Area Community College | 28 | 607 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 635 |
| DePaul University | 11,237 | 2,010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,247 |
| DeVry University | 65,564 | 1,303 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66,867 |
| Eastern Illinois University | 4,604 | 928 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,532 |
| Elgin Community College | 1,513 | 56 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,569 |
| Elmhurst College | 826 | 537 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,363 |
| Governors State University | 3,858 | 491 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,349 |
| Heartland Community College | 3,163 | 1,068 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,231 |
| Highland Community College | 1,816 | 991 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,807 |
| Illinois Central College | 13,798 | 181 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,979 |
| Illinois Eastern Community Colleges | | | | | | |
| Frontier Community College | 1,621 | 164 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 1,811 |
| Lincoln Trail Comm. College | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Olney Central College | 0 | 490 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 490 |
| Wabash Valley College | 487 | 3,397 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 3,903 |
| Illinois Institute of Technology | 1,565 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 1,578 |
| Illinois State University | 6,082 | 1,186 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7,268 |
| Illinois Valley Community College | 2,259 | 729 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,988 |
| John A. Logan College | 4,473 | 428 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,901 |
| John Wood Community College | 1,315 | 887 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,202 |
| Joliet Junior College | 744 | 113 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 857 |
| Judson College | 113 | 446 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 579 |
| Kankakee Community College | 1,540 | 551 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2,093 |

| Institution | Internet | Blended | Interactive TV | Stored Media | Correspondence | Total |
|--|----------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Kaskaskia College | 5,511 | 1,270 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 6,795 |
| Kishwaukee College | 325 | 199 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 524 |
| Lake Land College | 3,517 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,539 |
| Lewis and Clark Comm. College | 4,005 | 371 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,376 |
| Lewis University | 2,836 | 454 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,290 |
| Lincoln Land Community College | 1,082 | 509 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,591 |
| McHenry County College | 995 | 1,963 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,958 |
| Moody Bible Institute | 2,605 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2,616 |
| Moraine Valley Comm. College | 8,068 | 1,946 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,014 |
| Morton College | 1,047 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,063 |
| Northeastern Illinois University | 1,698 | 1,518 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 3,274 |
| Northern Illinois University | 9,345 | 1,507 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,852 |
| Oakton Community College | 595 | 78 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 673 |
| Olivet Nazarene University | 1,559 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,619 |
| Parkland College | 7,175 | 2,422 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9,597 |
| Prairie State College | 2,985 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,985 |
| Quincy University | 1,155 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,155 |
| Rend Lake College | 19 | 447 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 480 |
| Richland Community College | 1,239 | 228 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,467 |
| Rock Valley College | 734 | 1,555 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,289 |
| Roosevelt University | 3,122 | 276 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,398 |
| Rush University | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| Sauk Valley Community College | 2,358 | 230 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,588 |
| Shawnee Community College | 52 | 104 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 182 |
| South Suburban College | 1,441 | 154 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,595 |
| Southeastern Illinois College | 1,293 | 338 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,631 |
| Southern Illinois University Carbondale | 7,289 | 228 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7,517 |
| Southern Illinois University Edwardsville | 6,661 | 1,532 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8,193 |
| Southwestern Illinois College | 7 | 115 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 122 |
| Spoon River College | 7 | 481 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 488 |
| Triton College | 0 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 |
| University of Illinois at Chicago | 6,856 | 2,629 | 577 | 0 | 0 | 10,071 |
| University of Illinois at Springfield | 2,337 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,402 |
| University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign | 45,563 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45,563 |
| University of St. Francis | 4,228 | 1,422 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,650 |
| Waubonsee Community College | 1,210 | 851 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,061 |
| Western Illinois University | 6,625 | 166 | 1,261 | 0 | 11 | 8,063 |
| William Rainey Harper College | 4,912 | 2,386 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7,298 |
| Totals | 302,987 | 49,004 | 1,963 | 0 | 69 | 354,023 |

** Indicates data not reported.