

Distance Education Enrollments at Illinois Colleges and Universities

Data for Spring 2020

Executive Summary

Illinois colleges and universities reported a total of 353,250 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 **353,250** 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

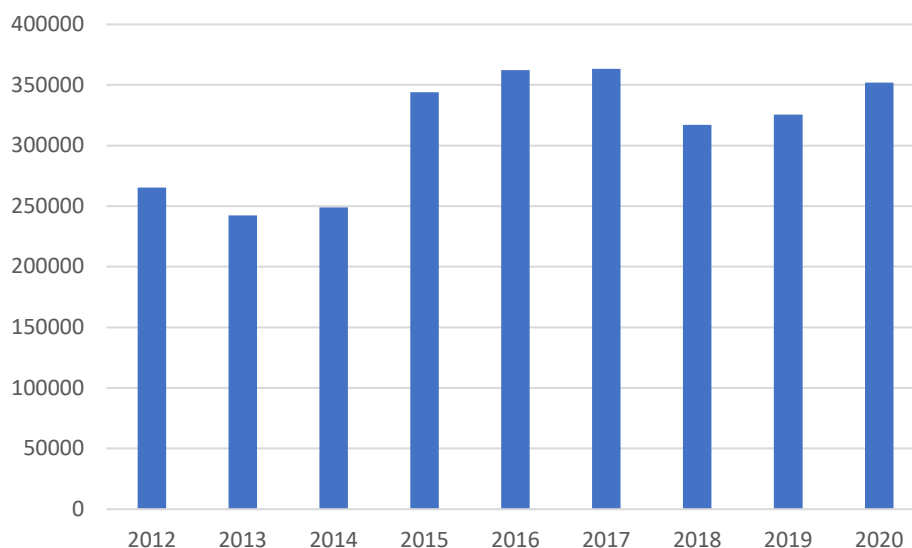
All Illinois institutions now provide data on blended courses. The data shows **49,075** enrollments that account for **13.81%** of all enrollments for Spring 2020. The definition used for blended during this term is 25-75% of the course at a distance.

Online Enrollments by Sector

Community colleges reported **137,565** enrollments in online and blended courses which account for **38.94%** of all enrollments for the Spring 2020 term. Public universities accounted for **31.85%**, independent not-for-profit institutions provided **10.28%** and independent for-profit institutions provided **18.93%** 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 **85.61%** of all distance education enrollments in the Spring 2020 term with blended enrollments accounting for another **13.81%** 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 **0.58%** 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 **137,565** enrollments for **38.94%** of all online course enrollments.

Public University Enrollment

Public universities reported offering **112,505** enrollments for **31.85%** of all online course enrollments.

Independent For-Profit Colleges and Universities

Independent for-profit colleges and universities reported offering **66,867** enrollments for **18.93%** of all online course enrollments.

Independent Not-For-Profit Colleges and Universities

Independent not-for-profit colleges and universities reported **36,313** enrollments for **10.28%** 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:

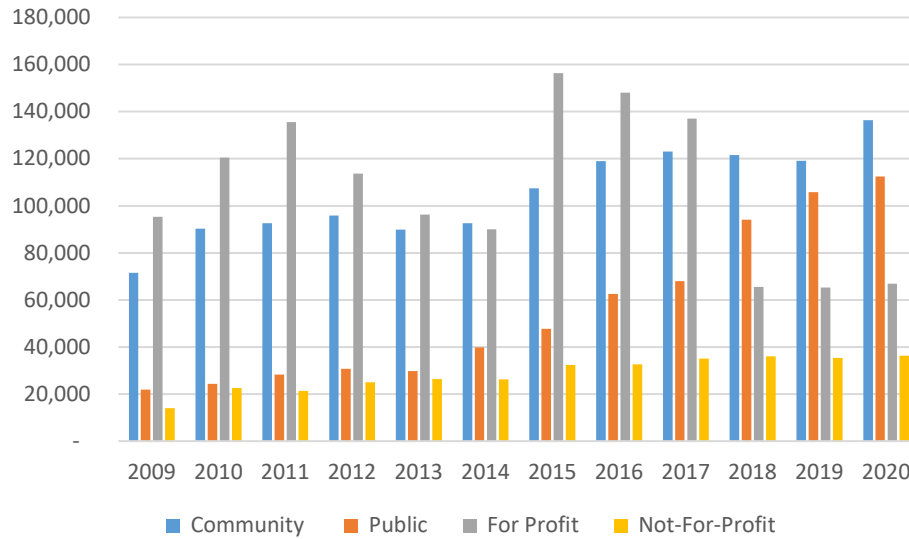
College of DuPage (14,281) and **Harold Washington College (8,470)** from the community college system.

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



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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 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	304,175	85.61%
Blended	49,075	13.81%
Stored Media	0	0.00%
Interactive TV	1,956	0.55%
Correspondence	90	0.03%
Total	355,296	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	353,250	+27,720	+8%
Stored Media	3	0	-3	-100%
Interactive TV	2,961	1,956	-1,005	-34%
Correspondence	147	90	-57	-39%
All Distance Education	328,641	355,296	+26,655	+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	137,565	38.94%	137,680	38.75%
Public Universities	112,505	31.85%	114,412	32.20%
Independent For Profit Colleges and Universities	66,867	18.93%	66,867	18.82%
Independent Not For Profit Colleges and Universities	36,313	10.28%	36,337	10.23%
All Institutions	353,250	100.00%	355,296	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	105,841	31,724	0	47	68	137,680
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	5,545	0	13	11	36,337
All Institutions	304,175	49,075	0	1,956	90	355,296

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	304,175	49,075	0	1,956	90	355,296

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	3,028	306	0	0	0	3,334
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	1,804	88	0	0	0	1,892
Chamberlain College of Nursing	**	**	**	**	**	**
City Colleges of Chicago						
Harold Washington College	8,462	8	0	0	0	8,470
Harry S. Truman College	109	5	0	0	0	114
Kennedy-King College	7	15	0	0	0	22
Malcolm X College	4	0	0	0	0	4
Olive-Harvey College	169	38	0	0	0	207
Richard J. Daley College	24	0	0	0	0	24
Wilbur Wright College	49	4	0	0	0	53
Chicago State University	1,075	253	0	0	0	1,328
College of DuPage	10,773	3,508	0	0	0	14,281
College of Lake County	4,958	2,215	0	0	0	7,173
Danville Area Community College	1,495	558	0	0	0	2,053
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	1,659	561	0	0	0	2,220
Elmhurst College	826	537	0	0	0	1,363
Governors State University	3,858	491	0	0	0	4,349
Heartland Community College	2,934	814	0	0	0	3,748
Highland Community College	919	543	0	0	0	1,462
Illinois Central College	4,174	697	0	0	0	4,871
Illinois Eastern Community Colleges						
Frontier Community College	229	274	0	0	22	525
Lincoln Trail Comm. College	599	0	0	0	0	599
Olney Central College	0	870	0	0	19	889
Wabash Valley College	245	542	0	0	2	789
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	1,047	68	0	0	0	1,115
John A. Logan College	1,830	384	0	0	0	2,214
John Wood Community College	1,621	242	0	0	0	1,863
Joliet Junior College	5,511	1,230	0	0	0	6,741
Judson College	113	446	0	0	0	579
Kankakee Community College	993	996	0	0	25	2,014

Institution	Internet	Blended	Interactive TV	Stored Media	Correspondence	Total
Kaskaskia College	2,259	717	14	0	0	2,990
Kishwaukee College	1,540	503	0	0	0	2,043
Lake Land College	3,796	247	0	0	0	4,043
Lewis and Clark Comm. College	1,206	188	0	0	0	1,394
Lewis University	2,836	454	0	0	0	3,290
Lincoln Land Community College	3,051	518	0	0	0	3,569
McHenry County College	3,327	1,060	0	0	0	4,387
Moody Bible Institute	2,605	0	0	0	11	2,616
Moraine Valley Comm. College	4,795	2,006	0	0	0	6,801
Morton College	734	490	0	0	0	1,224
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	4,005	411	0	0	0	4,416
Olivet Nazarene University	1,559	60	0	0	0	1,619
Parkland College	3,990	2,428	0	0	0	6,418
Prairie State College	1,202	92	0	0	0	1,294
Quincy University	1,155	0	0	0	0	1,155
Rend Lake College	1,082	310	7	0	0	1,399
Richland Community College	1,348	809	0	0	0	2,157
Rock Valley College	2,358	862	0	0	0	3,220
Roosevelt University	3,122	276	0	0	0	3,398
Rush University	**	**	**	**	**	**
Sauk Valley Community College	1,289	149	0	0	0	1,438
Shawnee Community College	711	159	26	0	0	896
South Suburban College	717	107	0	0	0	824
Southeastern Illinois College	1,215	396	0	0	0	1,611
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	3,844	282	0	0	0	4,126
Spoon River College	991	428	0	0	0	1,419
Triton College	0	3,348	0	0	0	3,348
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	4,381	197	0	0	0	4,578
Western Illinois University	6,625	166	1,261	0	11	8,063
William Rainey Harper College	5,357	2,051	0	0	0	7,408
Totals	304,175	49,075	1,956	0	90	355,296

** Indicates data not reported.