

# Distance Education Enrollments at Illinois Colleges and Universities

Data for Spring 2021

## Executive Summary

***\*\*Due to unforeseen circumstances, the community college enrollment data for Spring 2021 term is unavailable. The following report contains only data on the 4 year public, independent for-profit and independent not-for-profit colleges and universities.\*\****

### Online Courses and Enrollments

Illinois colleges and universities reported **716,225** enrollments in internet and blended courses that account for **94.91%** of all enrollments during the Spring 2021 term.

### Blended Courses

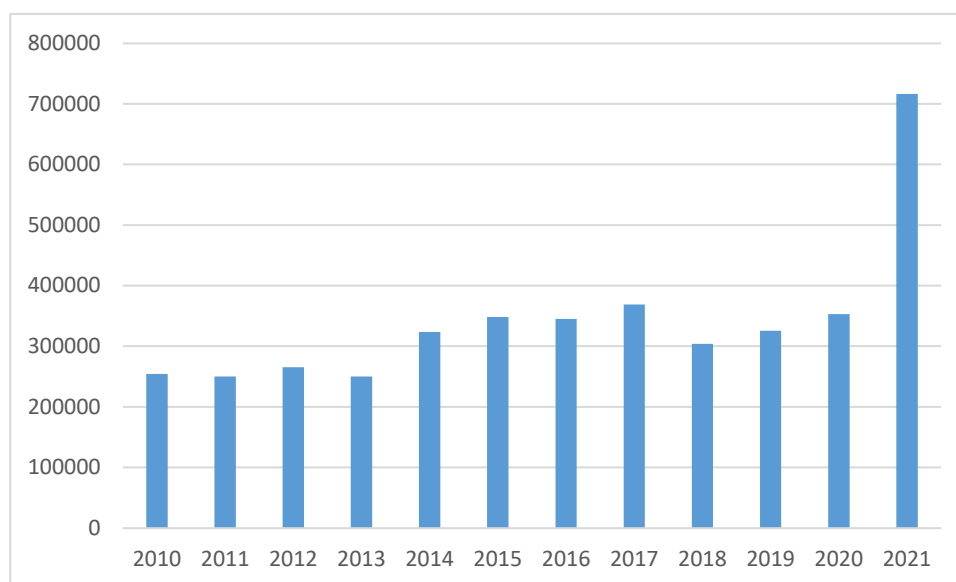
All Illinois institutions now provide data on blended courses. The data shows **33,276** enrollments that account for **13.81%** of all enrollments for Spring 2021. The definition used for blended during this term is 25-75% of the course at a distance or via an online modality.

### Online Enrollments by Sector

Public universities accounted for **74.08%**, independent not-for-profit institutions provided **15.41%** and independent for-profit institutions provided **10.51%** of enrollments for Spring 2021 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 2010 to Spring 2021.



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

\*\* no community college data reported for Spring 2021

\*\*\* potentially impacted by Covid

## Changes in Enrollment by Delivery Mode

### Online Enrollment Percentage

Internet enrollments accounted for **94.91%** of all distance education enrollments in the Spring 2021 term with blended enrollments accounting for another **4.62%** for a combined total of **99.53%** of all enrollments.

### All Other Delivery Mode Percentage

Enrollments all other delivery modes accounted for only **0.46%** of all distance education enrollments for Spring 2021. Interactive TV and Correspondence were the only other delivery modes to have enrollments for Spring 2021.

## Online Enrollments by Sector

### Public University Enrollment

Public universities reported offering **529,692** enrollments for **73.96%** of all online course enrollments.

### Independent For-Profit Colleges and Universities

Independent for-profit colleges and universities reported offering **75,648** enrollments for **10.56%** of all online course enrollments.

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

Independent not-for-profit colleges and universities reported **110,885** enrollments for **15.48%** of all online course enrollments.

### Institutions With the Largest Online Enrollments

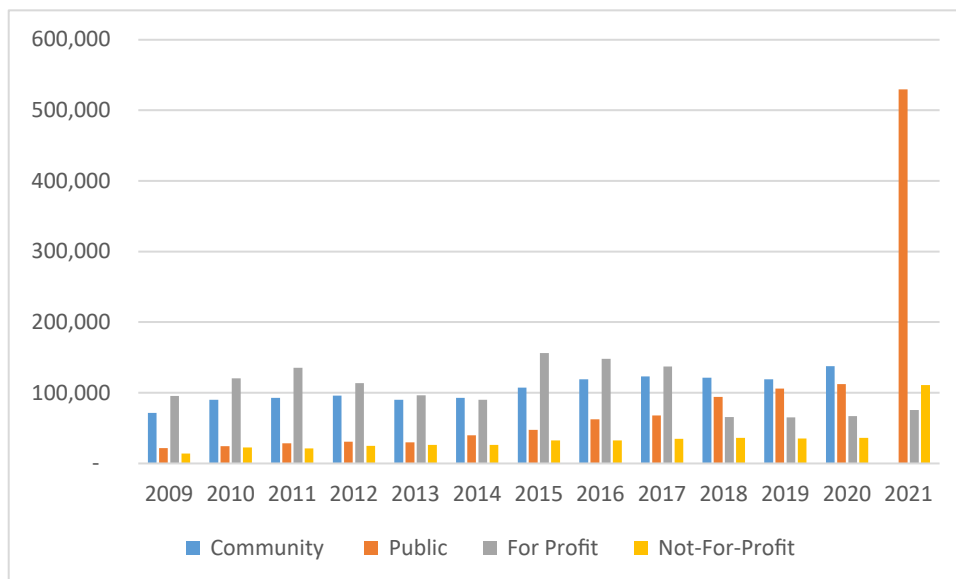
The Illinois institutions reporting the largest online course enrollments during the Spring 2021 term in each sector of higher education in Illinois were:

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (252,904)** and **Illinois State University (85,822)** from the public universities.

**DeVry University (75,648)** from the independent for-profit colleges and universities.

**DePaul University (63,039)** from the independent not-for-profit colleges and universities.

Online Enrollments at Illinois Colleges and Universities by Sector from Spring 2009 to Spring 2021



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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 independent not-for-profit colleges and universities having the highest percentage of Illinois residents (**79.51%**), followed by the the public universities (**78.80%**).

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 2021.

- Table 1** Distance Education Enrollments by Delivery Mode
- Table 2** Enrollments in Online and All Distance Education Courses by Sector
- Table 3** Distance Education Enrollments by Sector and Delivery Mode
- Table 4** Distance Education Enrollments by Delivery Mode - Fall 2010 to Spring 2021
- Table 5** Distance Education Enrollments by Institution

**Table 1**  
**Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Delivery Mode**  
**Spring Term 2021**

<b>Delivery Mode</b>	<b>Number of Enrollments</b>	<b>Percentage of Total</b>
Internet	682,949	94.91%
Blended	33,276	4.62%
Stored Media	0	0.00%
Interactive TV	3,310	0.46%
Correspondence	6	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>719,541</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Table 2**  
**Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Sector**  
**Spring Term 2021**

<b>Sector</b>	<b>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>
Public Universities	529,692	73.96%	533,008	74.08%
Independent For Profit Colleges and Universities	75,648	10.56%	75,648	10.51%
Independent Not For Profit Colleges and Universities	110,885	15.48%	110,885	15.41%
<b>All Institutions</b>	<b>716,225</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>719,541</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Table 3**  
**Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Sector and Delivery Mode**  
**Spring Term 2021**

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Internet</b>	<b>Blended</b>	<b>Stored Media</b>	<b>Interactive TV</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>Total</b>
Public Universities	510,689	19,003	0	3,310	6	533,008
Independent For Profit Colleges and Universities	74,817	831	0	0	0	75,648
Independent Not For Profit Colleges and Universities	97,443	13,442	0	0	0	110,885
<b>All Institutions</b>	<b>682,949</b>	<b>33,276</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,310</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>719,541</b>

**Table 4**  
**Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Delivery Mode**  
**Fall Term 2011 to Spring Term 2021**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Internet</b>	<b>Blended</b>	<b>Stored Media</b>	<b>Interactive TV</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>All Distance Education</b>
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
Summer 2020	290,867	9,206	0	1,249	36	301,358
Fall 2020	1,105,857	103,141	0	33,237	70	1,242,323
Spring 2021	682,949	33,276	0	3,310	6	719,541

**Table 5**  
**Distance Education Enrollments**  
**at Illinois Colleges and Universities**  
**by Institution**  
**Spring Term 2021**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Internet</b>	<b>Blended</b>	<b>Interactive TV</b>	<b>Stored Media</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>Total</b>
Black Hawk College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Benedictine University	**	**	**	**	**	**
Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing	188	0	0	0	0	188
Bradley University	9	9	0	0	0	18
Carl Sandburg College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Chamberlain College of Nursing	**	**	**	**	**	**
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	**	**	**	**	**	**
Chicago State University	1,070	259	0	0	0	1,329
College of DuPage	**	**	**	**	**	**
College of Lake County	**	**	**	**	**	**
Danville Area Community College	**	**	**	**	**	**
DePaul University	62,333	706	0	0	0	63,039
DeVry University	74,817	831	0	0	0	75,648
Eastern Illinois University	11,442	4,966	0	0	0	16,408
Elgin Community College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Elmhurst College	6,732	3,801	0	0	0	10,533
Governors State University	4,935	479	0	0	0	5,414
Heartland Community College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Highland Community College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Illinois Central College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Illinois Eastern Community Colleges						
Frontier Community College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Lincoln Trail Comm. College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Olney Central College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Wabash Valley College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Illinois Institute of Technology	1,655	3,112	0	0	0	4,767
Illinois State University	80,557	5,265	0	0	0	85,822
Illinois Valley Community College	**	**	**	**	**	**
John A. Logan College	**	**	**	**	**	**
John Wood Community College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Joliet Junior College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Judson College	120	710	0	0	0	830
Kankakee Community College	**	**	**	**	**	**

Institution	Internet	Blended	Interactive TV	Stored Media	Correspondence	Total
Kaskaskia College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Kishwaukee College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Lake Land College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Lewis and Clark Comm. College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Lewis University	5,493	2,681	0	0	0	8,174
Lincoln Land Community College	**	**	**	**	**	**
McHenry County College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Moody Bible Institute	2,545	88	0	0	0	2,633
Moraine Valley Comm. College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Morton College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Northeastern Illinois University	19,585	596	0	0	0	20,181
Northern Illinois University	55,296	4,543	0	0	0	59,839
Oakton Community College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Olivet Nazarene University	1,089	8	0	0	0	1,097
Parkland College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Prairie State College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Quincy University	2,381	0	0	0	0	2,381
Rend Lake College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Richland Community College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Rock Valley College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Roosevelt University	4,560	233	0	0	0	4,793
Rush University	3,753	733	0	0	0	4,486
Sauk Valley Community College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Shawnee Community College	**	**	**	**	**	**
South Suburban College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Southeastern Illinois College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	7,563	293	0	0	0	7,856
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	34,044	0	0	0	0	34,044
Southwestern Illinois College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Spoon River College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Triton College	**	**	**	**	**	**
University of Illinois Chicago	15,341	1,118	455	0	0	16,914
University of Illinois Springfield	11,206	563	0	0	0	11,769
University of Illinois Urbana- Champaign	252,904	0	0	0	0	252,904
University of St. Francis	6,585	1,361	0	0	0	7,946
Waubonsee Community College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Western Illinois University	16,746	921	2,855	0	6	20,528
William Rainey Harper College	**	**	**	**	**	**
<b>Totals</b>	<b>682,949</b>	<b>33,276</b>	<b>3,310</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>719,541</b>

\*\* Indicates data not reported.