

Distance Education Enrollments at Illinois Colleges and Universities

Data for Summer 2020/Academic Year 2019-2020

Executive Summary

Illinois colleges and universities reported 998,304 enrollments in all distance education delivery modes during academic year 2019-2020. This is an increase of 19% from enrollments for the academic year 2018-2019. Online course enrollments from Summer 2019 to Summer 2020 increased 47% which indicates a COVID19 instruction increase in online course delivery.

Online Courses and Enrollments

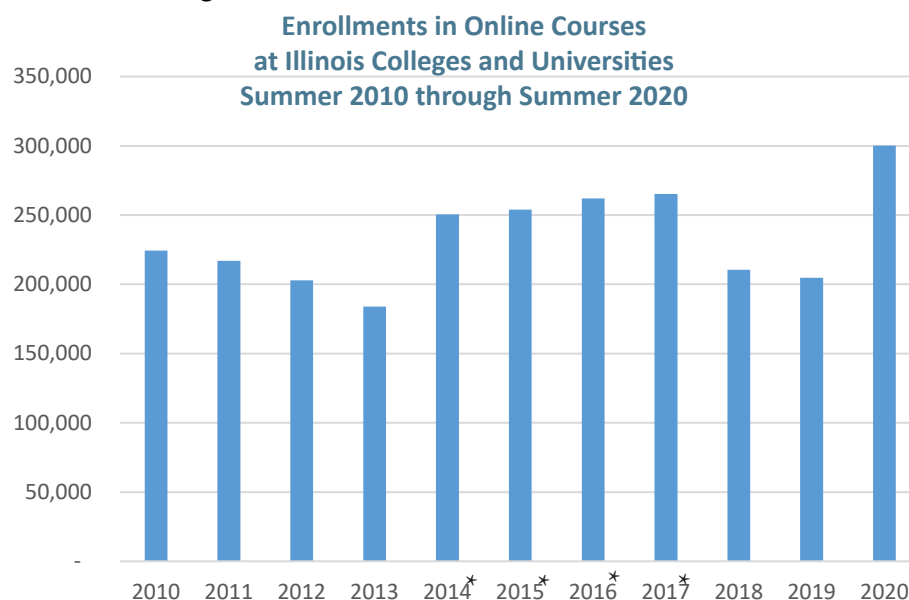
Illinois colleges and universities reported **300,073 online** enrollments during the Summer 2020 term. This is a 46% increase from Summer 2019 term when there were **204,773** enrollments. The enrollments for Academic Year 2019-2020 for online and blended courses were **991,263**. This is a **19%** increase from Academic Year 2018-2019 when there were **834,111** enrollments.

Blended Courses

This report includes blended course enrollments from all institutions. This request for data shows **9,206** enrollments that account for **3.05%** of all enrollments for Summer 2020. This is a decrease from past terms with a nod to COVID19 courses being offered online versus blended.

Enrollments in Online Courses

This graph shows online course enrollments reported by Illinois colleges and universities for the Summer terms from 2010 through 2020.



* 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 **99.57%** of all distance education enrollments in the Summer 2020 term.

All Other Delivery Mode Percentage

The Summer 2020 term saw increases in online and blended courses and interactive TV courses with enrollments increasing **47% and 33%** respectively. Stored Media and Correspondence enrollments both decreased from Summer 2019 to Summer 2020. Table 2 in the Appendix shows the change in distance education enrollments by delivery mode from Summer 2019 to Summer 2020.

Online Enrollments by Sector

Community College Enrollment

During the Summer 2020 term, community colleges reported **113,312** enrollments for **37.76%** of all online course enrollments.

Public University Enrollment

Public universities reported **91,306** enrollments for **30.43%** of all online course enrollments.

Independent For-Profit Colleges and Universities

Independent for-profit colleges and universities reported **69,195** enrollments for **23.06%** of all online course enrollments.

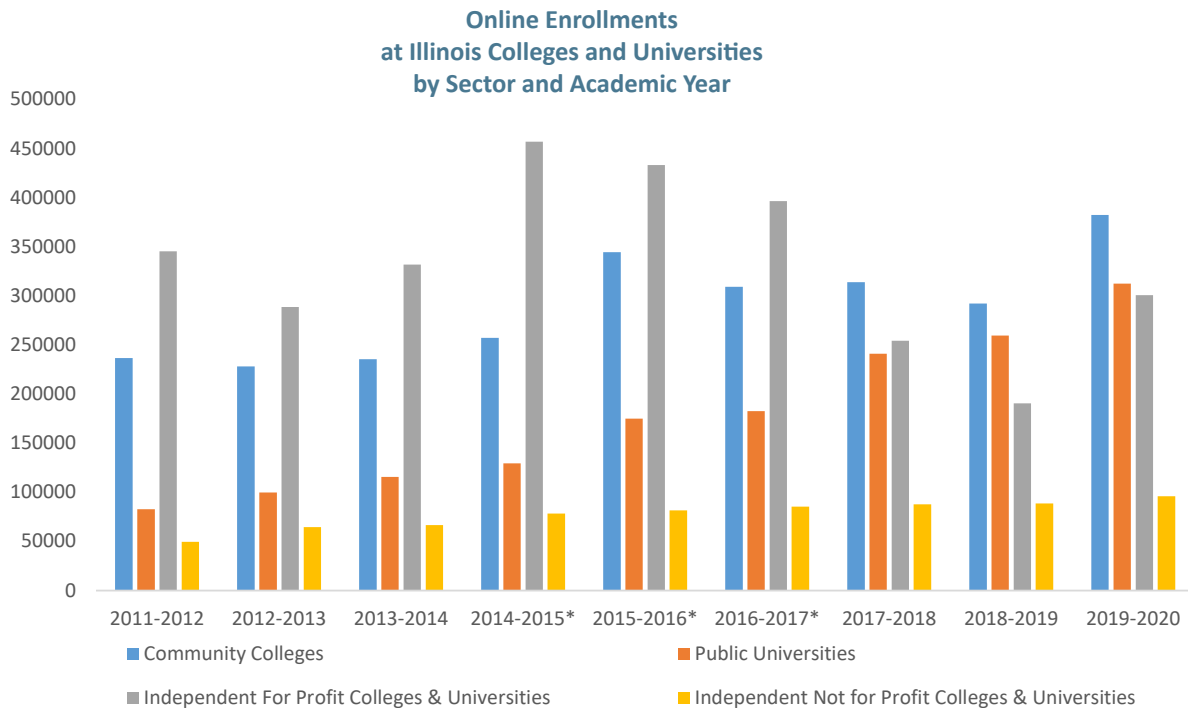
Independent Not-For-Profit Colleges and Universities

Independent not-for-profit colleges and universities reported **26,260** enrollments for **8.75%** of all online course enrollments.

Institutions With the Largest Online Enrollments

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

- **College of DuPage (20,589)** and **Harper College (10,987)** from the community college system.
- **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (24,042)** and **Illinois State University (10,966)** from the public universities.
- **DeVry University (69,195)** from the independent for-profit colleges and universities.
- **DePaul University (12,997)** 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.

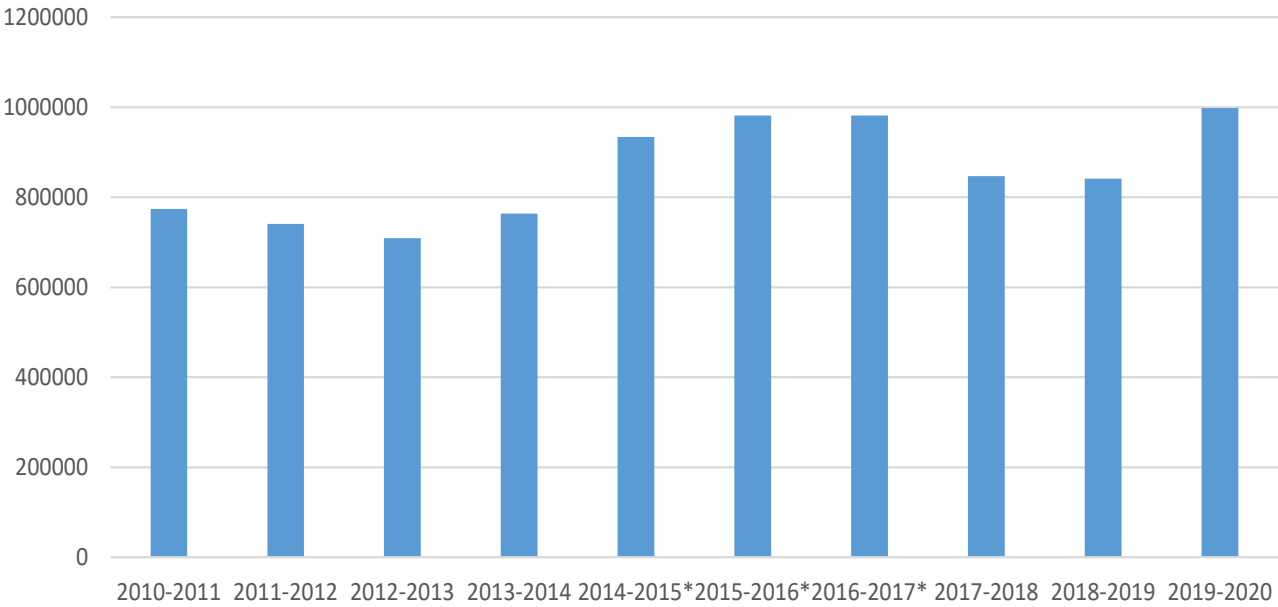
The residency of students enrolled in online courses varied by sector, with community colleges having the highest percentage of Illinois residents (**96%**), followed by independent not-for-profit colleges and universities (**82%**) and the public universities (**76%**).

Annual Academic Year Enrollments

Illinois colleges and universities reported a total of **991,263** online course enrollments and **998,304** total enrollments in all distance education during academic year 2019-2020 (Fall 2019, Spring 2020 and Summer 2020). This is an increase of 157,152 online course enrollments (**19%**) and an increase of 157,340 course enrollments (**19%**) in all distance education delivery modes from the previous academic year (2018-2019).

Distance Education Enrollment - A Retrospective Academic Year Enrollments 2010-2011 through 2019-2020

The chart below details the overall growth in distance education enrollments from academic year 2010-2011 to academic year 2019-2020.



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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 2020.

- Table 1** Distance Education Enrollments by Delivery Mode - Summer 2020
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Table 1
Distance Education Enrollments
at Illinois Colleges and Universities
by Delivery Mode
Summer Term 2020

Delivery Mode	Number of Enrollments	Percentage of Total
Online	290,867	96.52%
Blended	9,206	3.05%
Stored Media	0	0.00%
Interactive TV	1,249	0.41%
Correspondence	36	0.01%
Total	301,358	100.00%

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

Delivery Mode	Summer 2019	Summer 2020	Change in Enrollment	Percentage Change
Online with Blended	204,773	300,073	+95,300	+47%
Stored Media	3	0	-3	-100%
Interactive TV	937	1,249	+312	+33%
Correspondence	75	36	-39	-52%
All Distance Education	205,788	301,358	+95,570	+46%

Table 3
Change in Academic Year Enrollments
at Illinois Colleges and Universities
by Delivery Mode
from 2018-2019 to 2019-2020

Delivery Mode	2018-2019	2019-2020	Change in Enrollment	Percentage Change
Online with Blended	834,111	991,263	+157,152	+19%
Stored Media	13	14	+1	+7%
Interactive TV	6,492	6,793	+301	+5%
Correspondence	348	234	-114	-33%
All Distance Education	840,964	998,304	+157,340	+19%

Table 4
Academic Year Enrollments
at Illinois Colleges and Universities
by Delivery Mode
from 2011-2012 through 2019-2020

Delivery Mode	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015*	2015-2016*	2016-2017*	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Internet & Blended	715,074	691,580	749,171	921,757	972,738	973,437	838,579	834,111	991,263
Stored Media	8,689	4,362	3,896	2,856	1,275	1,094	3,664	13	14
Interactive TV	9,680	7,382	5,924	6,517	6,865	6,870	4,118	6,492	6,793
Open Broadcast TV	4,496	3,728	2,848	2,048	416	25	0	0	0
Correspondence	2,440	2,139	1,801	807	566	277	323	348	234
All Distance Education	740,379	709,191	763,640	933,985	981,860	981,703	846,685	840,964	998,304

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Table 5
Distance Education Enrollments
at Illinois Colleges and Universities
by Sector
Summer Term 2020

Sector	Online (Internet and Blended)		All Distance Education	
	Number of Enrollments	Percent of Total	Number of Enrollments	Percent of Total
Community Colleges	113,312	37.76%	114,030	37.84%
Public Universities	91,306	30.43%	91,873	30.49%
Independent For Profit Colleges and Universities	69,195	23.06%	69,195	22.96%
Independent Not For Profit Colleges and Universities	26,260	8.75%	26,260	8.71%
All Institutions	300,073	100.00%	301,358	100.00%

Table 6
Distance Education Enrollments
at Illinois Colleges and Universities
by Sector and Delivery Mode
Summer Term 2020

Sector	Online	Blended	Interactive TV	Stored Media	Correspondence	Total
Community Colleges	109,608	3,704	687	0	31	114,030
Public Universities	87,020	4,286	562	0	5	91,873
Independent For Profit Colleges and Universities	69,195	0	0	0	0	69,195
Independent Not For Profit Colleges and Universities	25,044	1,216	0	0	0	26,260
All Institutions	290,867	9,206	1,249	0	36	301,358

Table 7
Distance Education Enrollments
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by Delivery Mode
Fall Term 2011 to Summer Term 2020

Term	Online	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	254,621
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	243,733	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

Table 8
Distance Education Enrollments
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by Institution
Summer Term 2020

Institution	Internet	Blended	Interactive TV	Stored Media	Correspondence	Total
Black Hawk College	1,526	0	0	0	0	1,526
Benedictine University	**	**	**	**	**	**
Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing	58	26	0	0	0	84
Bradley University	1,517	0	0	0	0	1,517
Carl Sandburg College	600	122	14	0	0	736
Chamberlain College of Nursing	**	**	**	**	**	**
Chicago State University	409	87	0	0	0	496
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	20,574	15	0	0	0	20,589
College of Lake County	5,293	496	0	0	0	5,789
Danville Area Community College	906	240	0	0	0	1,146
DePaul University	12,997	0	0	0	0	12,997
DeVry University	69,195	0	0	0	0	69,195
Eastern Illinois University	4,698	0	0	0	0	4,698
Elgin Community College	1,975	0	0	0	0	1,975
Elmhurst College	491	28	0	0	0	519
Governors State University	2,004	51	0	0	0	2,055
Heartland Community College	3,128	0	0	0	0	3,128
Highland Community College	661	130	0	0	0	791
Illinois Central College	4,719	34	0	0	0	4,753
Illinois Eastern Community Colleges						
Frontier Community College	144	212	0	0	7	363
Lincoln Trail Comm. College	215	73	0	0	1	289
Olney Central College	354	345	0	0	8	707
Wabash Valley College	415	90	0	0	1	506
Illinois Institute of Technology	**	**	**	**	**	**
Illinois State University	10,966	0	0	0	0	10,966
Illinois Valley Community College	1,064	5	0	0	0	1,069
John A. Logan College	1,913	31	0	0	0	1,944
John Wood Community College	985	0	0	0	0	985
Joliet Junior College	5,682	437	0	0	0	6,119
Judson College	19	1	0	0	0	20
Kankakee Community College	1,254	140	0	0	14	1,408

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Kaskaskia College	1,314	118	0	0	0	1,432
Kishwaukee College	1,341	18	0	0	0	1,359
Lake Land College	3,011	0	0	0	0	3,011
Lewis and Clark Comm. College	704	118	0	0	0	822
Lewis University	2,236	0	0	0	0	2,236
Lincoln Land Community College	3,230	266	0	0	0	3,496
McHenry County College	4,370	0	0	0	0	4,370
Moody Bible Institute	779	622	0	0	0	1,401
Moraine Valley Comm. College	8,375	50	0	0	0	8,425
Morton College	1,161	0	642	0	0	1,803
Northeastern Illinois University	7,352	0	0	0	0	7,352
Northern Illinois University	8,716	0	0	0	0	8,716
Oakton Community College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Olivet Nazarene University	1,479	51	0	0	0	1,530
Parkland College	4,134	191	0	0	0	4,325
Prairie State College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Quincy University	470	0	0	0	0	470
Rend Lake College	1,033	123	21	0	0	1,177
Richland Community College	946	169	0	0	0	1,115
Rock Valley College	4,580	13	0	0	0	4,593
Roosevelt University	1,763	18	0	0	0	1,781
Rush University	**	**	**	**	**	**
Sauk Valley Community College	701	8	0	0	0	709
Shawnee Community College	859	0	0	0	0	859
South Suburban College	**	**	**	**	**	**
Southeastern Illinois College	739	0	0	0	0	739
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	7,630	9	0	0	0	7,639
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	9,917	43	0	0	0	9,960
Southwestern Illinois College	4,126	192	0	0	0	4,318
Spoon River College	488	68	10	0	0	566
Triton College	**	**	**	**	**	**
University of Illinois Chicago	5,267	4,031	540	0	0	9,838
University of Illinois Springfield	2,337	65	0	0	0	2,402
University of Illinois Urbana- Champaign	24,042	0	0	0	0	24,042
University of St. Francis	3,235	470	0	0	0	3,705
Waubonsee Community College	6,101	0	0	0	0	6,101
Western Illinois University	3,682	0	22	0	5	3,709
William Rainey Harper College	10,987	0	0	0	0	10,987
Totals	290,867	9,206	1,249	0	36	301,358

** Indicates data not reported.