

## FALL 2018 ENROLLMENT SNAPSHOT FOR ILLINOIS PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

The following fall enrollment snapshot for the Illinois public universities was produced using data collected over the last four academic years via IBHE's Fall Enrollment I survey. It emphasizes full-time equivalent enrollment (FTE)<sup>1</sup>.

As shown in *Table 1*, overall fall enrollment in 2018-19 at Illinois public universities (including both undergraduate and graduate programs) declined -1% (-2,301 FTE) from academic year 2017-18 and -5% (-8,878 FTE) from academic year 2015-16. Southern Illinois University Carbondale (-13%), Western Illinois University (-11%), and Northeastern Illinois University (-10%) all experienced enrollment declines of 10% or greater relative to 2017-18. Eastern Illinois University (+10%), the University of Illinois at Chicago (+4%), and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (+2%) experienced an overall increase in fall enrollment relative to 2017-18.

*Table 1: Combined Undergraduate and Graduate Enrollment (based on FTE)*

	Combined Enrollment				Change in Enrollment in 2018	
	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	From 2015	From 2017
CSU	3,618	2,734	2,429	2,267	-37%	-7%
EIU	7,282	6,234	5,339	5,892	-19%	10%
GSU	3,920	3,886	3,554	3,320	-15%	-7%
ISU	18,183	18,533	18,308	18,115	0%	-1%
NEIU	6,366	6,101	5,777	5,201	-18%	-10%
NIU	16,502	15,712	14,982	14,352	-13%	-4%
SIUC	14,995	13,880	12,463	10,851	-28%	-13%
SIUE	11,985	11,870	11,523	10,942	-9%	-5%
UIC	28,687	28,935	30,418	31,620	10%	4%
UIS	3,921	3,985	3,526	3,211	-18%	-9%
UIUC	47,644	48,765	49,634	50,755	7%	2%
WIU	9,561	8,934	8,134	7,260	-24%	-11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>172,664</b>	<b>169,569</b>	<b>166,087</b>	<b>163,786</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>-1%</b>

### Undergraduate Enrollment (FTE)

Overall undergraduate fall enrollment at public universities declined -2% (-2,249 FTE) from academic year 2017-18 to 2018-19 and -6% (-8,405 FTE) when compared to 2015-16. As shown in *Table 2*, Southern Illinois University Carbondale (-14%), Northeastern Illinois University (-11%), and Western Illinois University (-11%) experienced undergraduate enrollment declines of

<sup>1</sup> Full-time equivalent (FTE) is a single value that includes all attempted credit hours for all students (full- and part-time) converted into a full-time basis by program level (undergraduate, graduate, and professional). For example, 15 undergraduate hours are the equivalent of one undergraduate FTE and 12 graduate hours are the equivalent of one graduate FTE.

greater than 10% from 2017-18 to 2018-19. Eastern Illinois University (+11%) and the University of Illinois at Chicago experienced increases in undergraduate enrollment (+8%) relative to 2017-18. The overall enrollment decline at public universities in 2018-19 can be mostly attributed to the decrease in undergraduate enrollment.

Table 2: Undergraduate Enrollment (based on FTE)

	Undergraduate Enrollment				Change in Enrollment in 2018	
	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	From 2015	From 2017
CSU	2,571	1,721	1,535	1,500	-42%	-2%
EIU	6,429	5,264	4,442	4,944	-23%	11%
GSU	2,447	2,456	2,387	2,332	-5%	-2%
ISU	16,792	17,056	16,826	16,559	-1%	-2%
NEIU	5,522	5,222	4,902	4,380	-21%	-11%
NIU	13,328	12,649	12,136	11,601	-13%	-4%
SIUC	11,670	10,829	9,763	8,369	-28%	-14%
SIUE	10,350	10,273	9,912	9,302	-10%	-6%
UIC	17,022	17,416	18,949	20,385	20%	8%
UIS	2,265	2,287	2,282	2,162	-5%	-5%
UIUC	34,041	34,592	34,573	34,702	2%	0%
WIU	8,407	7,818	6,981	6,203	-26%	-11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>130,844</b>	<b>127,583</b>	<b>124,688</b>	<b>122,439</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>-2%</b>

### Graduate Enrollment (FTE)

Total graduate enrollment at public universities in the fall of 2018-19 was nearly identical to 2017-18. As shown in Table 3, the University of Illinois at Springfield (-16%), Governors State University (-15%), and Chicago State University (-14%) had the largest declines in fall graduate enrollment relative to 2017-18. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (+6%) and Eastern Illinois University (+6%) experienced an increase in graduate enrollment relative to 2017-18, as did Illinois State University (+5%) and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (+2%).

Table 3: Graduate Enrollment (based on FTE)

	Graduate Enrollment				Change in Enrollment in 2018	
	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	From 2015	From 2017
CSU	1,047	1,013	894	767	-27%	-14%
EIU	853	970	897	948	11%	6%
GSU	1,473	1,430	1,167	988	-33%	-15%
ISU	1,391	1,477	1,482	1,556	12%	5%
NEIU	844	879	875	821	-3%	-6%
NIU	3,174	3,063	2,846	2,751	-13%	-3%
SIUC	3,325	3,051	2,700	2,482	-25%	-8%
SIUE	1,635	1,597	1,611	1,640	0%	2%
UIC	11,665	11,519	11,469	11,235	-4%	-2%
UIS	1,656	1,698	1,244	1,049	-37%	-16%
UIUC	13,603	14,173	15,079	16,053	18%	6%
WIU	1,154	1,116	1,153	1,057	-8%	-8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,820</b>	<b>41,986</b>	<b>41,399</b>	<b>41,347</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>0%</b>