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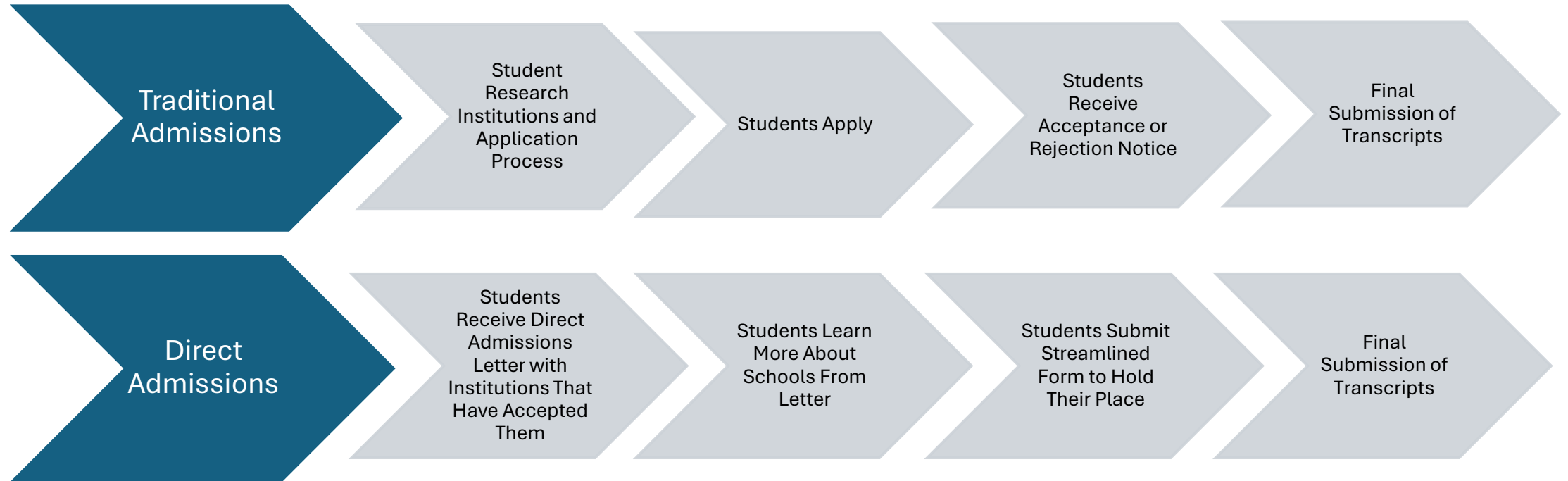
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Traditional Admissions vs. Direct Admissions

Traditional Admissions	Student Research Institutions and Application Process	Students Apply	Students Receive Acceptance or Rejection Notice	Final Submission of Transcripts

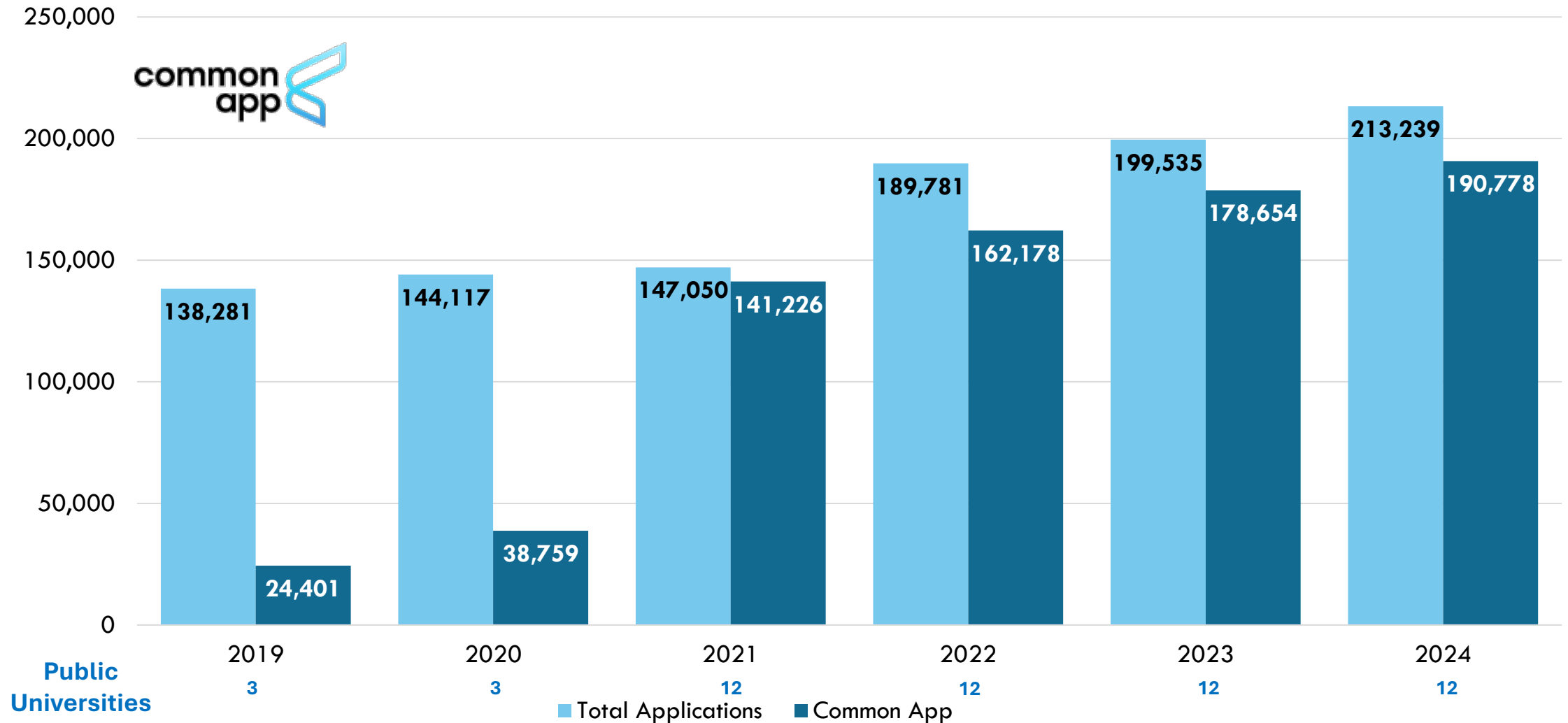| Direct Admissions	Students Receive Direct Admissions Letter with Institutions That Have Accepted Them	Students Learn More About Schools From Letter	Students Submit Streamlined Form to Hold Their Place	Final Submission of Transcripts

In both traditional and direct admissions, the admission is conditional upon submission of final transcripts.

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Traditional Application simplified through use of The Common App

↗ The Common App is an online portal that allows prospective students to apply to multiple colleges with the same basic application. In 2021, all public universities began using the Common App. Illinois was only the second state in the country to have all public universities on the Common App.

↗ With the Common App students can see the array of great Illinois options for college, part of our effort to keep high school graduates in Illinois for college.

Common App has led to dramatic increases in applications, including for students from low-income families and students of color

Total Illinois Public University Application Volume, Common App Volume

Source: IPEDS Admission Survey 2019-2024 & Common App Data Analytics & Research Report through February 2025

Direct Admission

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Seven Principles of Direct Admissions

- Proactive

- Guaranteed

- Universal

- Transparent

- Simple and Personalized

- Low-Cost

- Involves Trusted Adults

Source: Jennifer A. Delaney, Thong Minh Trinh, and Taylor K. Odle, "Direct Admissions: Policies and Principles." *College and University*. vol. 98 iss. 3 (Summer 2023): 76-77.

Goals for a Thriving Illinois

EQUITY

Close the equity gaps for students who have been left behind.

GROWTH

Increase talent and innovation to drive economic growth.

5 Consider implementation of a direct admissions program.

4 Encourage high school graduates to enroll in our higher education system and keep talent in Illinois.

SUSTAINABILITY

Build a stronger financial future for individuals and institutions.

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Direct Admission Illinois –
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One Click College Admit is Illinois' free, quick, and stress-free direct admissions program into the state's participating universities. With only their GPA, graduating high school students and transfering community college students are directly admitted to one or more Illinois public universities!
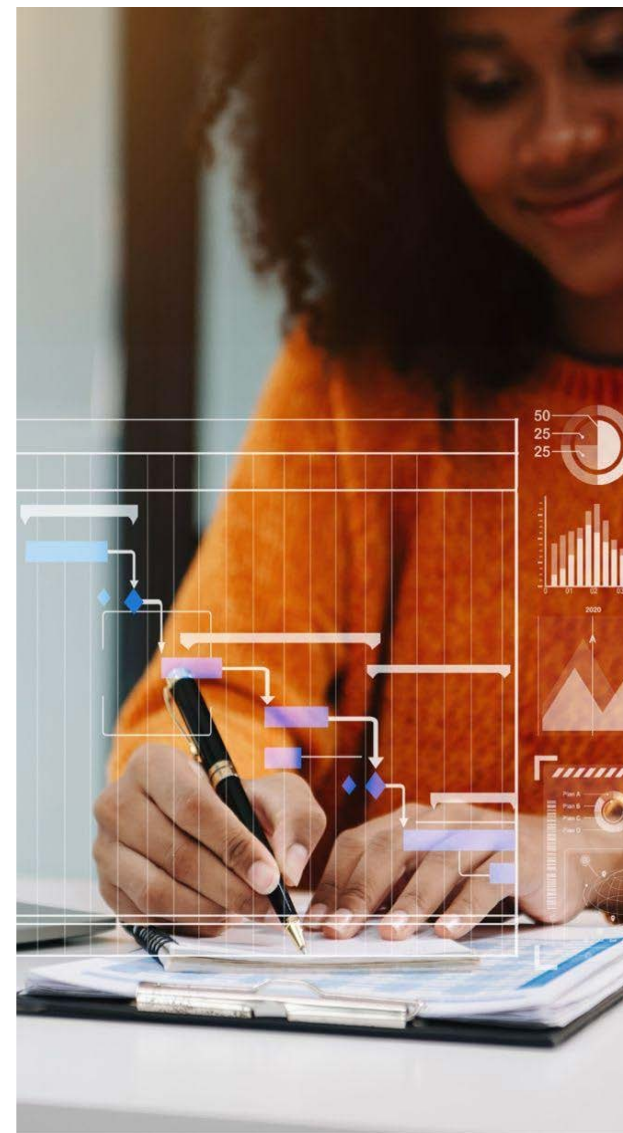
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- ↗ Removes application fees, essays, and letters of recommendation
- ↗ Expedites the admission process
- ↗ Ensures students, who meet eligibility criteria, a spot at an Illinois university
- ↗ Reminds high school students of open enrollment at their local Community College

Illinois *One Click College Admit* Pilot

To receive *One Click College Admit* offers, students must:
- Create a Common App account (or have an existing account)
- Indicate their permanent home address in IL
- Enter their GPA and GPA scale (*One Click College Admit* guide provides step by step directions)

↗ That's it – at this point there is no need to complete the full application inside Common App

↗ Eligibility match process will run weekly

↗ Institutions verify with transcripts before enrollment

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One Click College Admit Pilot Data

Data since the mid-January 2025 launch with 8 participating public universities
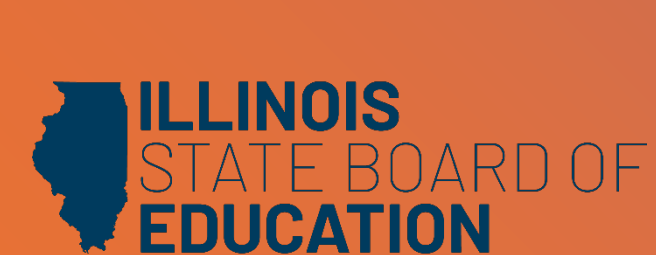
- **Undergraduate enrollment**
  - 65,363 students have been offered One Click admission
  - 3,240 have accepted the offer to at least one One Click institution
  - 5,507 have indicated interest in at least one of the One Click institutions
- **Student Profiles**
  - 3,102 of the 5,507 identified as first-gen
  - 1,983 of the first-gen students applied to at least one of the universities and 99% of them were fee waiver eligible
  - 2,508 of the 5,507 were low income (fee waiver eligible)
  - 2,514 students who indicated interest in at least one of the institutions, and 1,617 who applied to at least one institution, live in a zip code below the median income level

Source: Common App Direct Admissions Report – Illinois' One Click College Admit DA Program through 7-1-25.

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One Click

- Authorized via Public Act 104-0015

- High School and Community College (CC) Students included

- CC Transfer defined as student having earned *30 transferable credit hours* and is currently enrolled at the IL CC

- 10 Public Universities participating and UIUC and UIC with required "outreach" plan

- Uses verified GPA

Fall 2025
High School Juniors
&
CC Transfer Students

Process

- High School Juniors and CC Transfer Students must opt-in to allow their GPAs to be sent to ISAC for match process

- Universities must provide ISAC minimum GPA for match by 3/1/26, and every March thereafter

- High Schools must provide GPA of Juniors by July after Jr. year; ICCB will provide Transfer Student data by July

- ISAC will match for One Click offers

Process

- ISAC will provide matched data to CommonApp for high school students. CA will email student of the One Click offer; high school seniors will complete enrollment via CA

- ISAC / ICCB will communicate to Transfer Student of One Click admission offers; *TBD how Transfer Students act on offers*

- ISAC will provide Universities / Colleges names/contact info of students who received One Click offers to their institutions

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One Click Colleges and Universities beginning AY27

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- ✦ All Public Universities
- ✦ Awareness and Outreach offers to UIUC and UIC
- ✦ All Public Community Colleges

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Fall 2025

- o **August 2025 Opt-in Process opens** Parents of high school juniors and community college transfer students complete the opt-in form via ISAC platform.

Spring 2026

- o **Beginning March 1, 2026 (Annually after)** Public universities submit GPA admission standards; UIC/UIUC submit out-reach and access criteria incl. GPA.
- o **Opt-in Platform closes** May 22nd and every Friday before Memorial Day each year thereafter.

Summer 2026

- o By **July 1, 2026,** High schools provide junior/rising senior student data to ISAC for admission determinations. Community colleges provide transfer student data to ISAC for admission determinations.

Fall 2026

- o **September 2026** First One Click offers issued for enrollment in Fall 2027.

August 1, 2029

- o Program report submitted to the Governor and General Assembly.

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