

**60 x 2025**



IBHE has issued [the fall 2017 Enrollment Report](#). It provides a “snapshot” of Illinois higher education enrollments on the 10th day, or census date, of the fall term.

**Fall Enrollments by Sector**

Sector	Undergraduate		Graduate	
	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE
Public University	136,209	124,772	48,504	41,417
Community College	293,533	170,293	-	-
Private Not-for-Profit	129,407	124,911	84,236	64,947
Private For-Profit	46,844	29,878	15,764	7,387
Out-of-State	7,018	4,465	2,987	1,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>613,011</b>	<b>454,319</b>	<b>151,491</b>	<b>115,551</b>

**Illinois has 197 degree-granting institutions with degree granting authority from IBHE. Preliminary figures for fall 2017 find:**

- Total headcounts: just over 764,000
- Total full-time equivalent (FTE) Enrollments: just under 570,000
- Community colleges accounted for slightly less than half (48%) of the undergraduate enrollment based on headcount and 37% of undergraduate FTE enrollment.
- Public universities accounted for 22% of undergraduate headcount enrollment and over a quarter (27%) of all undergraduate FTE enrollment.

[Click here](#) for the complete IBHE DataPoint.

The **Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE)**, working in partnership with the **Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (INCCRRA)**, has received a planning grant from the **Robert R. McCormick Foundation**. This planning grant is for the purpose of advancing the efforts to enhance the preparation and professional development of early childhood educators in Illinois through an aligned credentialing system called **Illinois Gateways**. Through the planning period of calendar year 2018, IBHE and INCCRRA will work with multiple state agencies, institutions of higher education, and other early childhood education stakeholders to design a competency-based assessment system aligned with the state's Illinois Gateways credentials for the field. National experts in competency-based education and assessment will be part of the design work and support IBHE and INCCRRA in engaging stakeholders to develop the plans. This planning work will serve as a model for other Illinois workforce development and career pathway efforts.

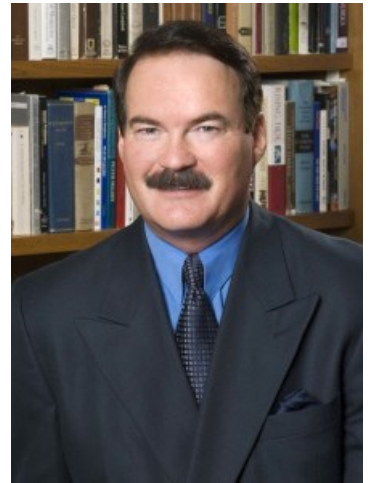
The Robert R. McCormick Foundation has long included Illinois Gateways as a focus area for creating a pipeline of qualified, effective, and diverse early childhood educators in Illinois. These credentials provide a competency-based pathway to initial employment; associate-, baccalaureate-, and master's-level degrees; as well as opportunities to specialize in areas such as Infant/Toddler work and leadership of early childhood programs. This competency-based pathway, inclusive of the Illinois Gateways credentials, is described in the policy brief, [“Advancing the Illinois Early Childhood Education Workforce: A Model College and Career Pathway.”](#)

## People in the News

The **Black Hawk College** Board of Trustees announced the appointment of [Dr. John Erwin](#) to the position of interim president to replace **Dr. Bettie Truitt**, who is retiring at the end of December. Dr. Erwin will assume the responsibilities of president on Jan. 2, 2018.

Most recently, Dr. Erwin served as interim president at Marion Technical College in Marion, Ohio. Previously he served as president of Illinois Central College in East Peoria, Illinois, from 2001 to 2015. Dr. Erwin has more than 30 years of administrative and instructional experience in higher education, the majority of which has been with community colleges. Dr. Erwin was awarded a Ph.D. and an M.A. from Indiana University. He received his B.A. from the University of Indianapolis.

Board of Trustees Chair **Rick Fiems** said, "I would like to thank Dr. Truitt for her contributions to the college over her 30-year career. We will miss her."



## Upcoming Events



**Save the Date –  
Thursday, July 19, 2018**

Please mark your calendars to attend the eighth annual College Changes Everything (CCE) Conference – the state's premier college access and success event. This one day conference focuses on effective practices and showcases resources available to help with increasing college access and college completion for students in support of the state's Goal 2025 – to increase the proportion of adults in Illinois with high-quality degrees and credentials to 60% by the year 2025. The conference will take place at the Tinley Park Convention Center, Tinley Park, Illinois.

A call for interest session proposals will go out in January. Please consider submitting a proposal to help make this conference a valuable professional development experience by sharing your knowledge and experience with colleagues from all over the state.

One of the strengths of this conference is that it brings together a diverse audience from across the state: college access practitioners; high school leaders, counselors, and case managers; college and university leaders and administrators; employers and workforce development professionals; and policymakers and elected officials interested in higher education. The conference also serves as an opportunity for stakeholders to improve their practice of collaboration and collective leadership as we work toward the state's goal.

## Other News

[The Illinois Green Ribbon Schools Program](#) recognizes schools and colleges that have active programs, actions, and dedication to promote and educate about sustainability. **Illinois Green Alliance**, working in partnership with the **Illinois State Board of Education** and the **Illinois Board of Higher Education**, will be accepting applications from schools across Illinois. This is a great opportunity to showcase your school's efforts to be green and highlight the achievements of staff, students, and families to your entire community.

Applications are due by the close of business on **February 12**. The top scoring schools will be submitted to the **U.S. Department of Education's** Green Ribbon Schools Program for consideration at the national level. Additional information about the timeline and the application for postsecondary institutions can be found [here](#).

## In Case You Missed It

**Bloomington Pantagraph**: Higher ed officials seek partnerships to fill tomorrow's jobs, December 11, 2017.

**Inside Higher Ed**: OER adoptions on the rise, December 19, 2017.

**Inside Higher Ed**: Enrollment slide continues, at slower rate, December 20, 2017.



**and Best Wishes for a Wonderful New Year!**

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