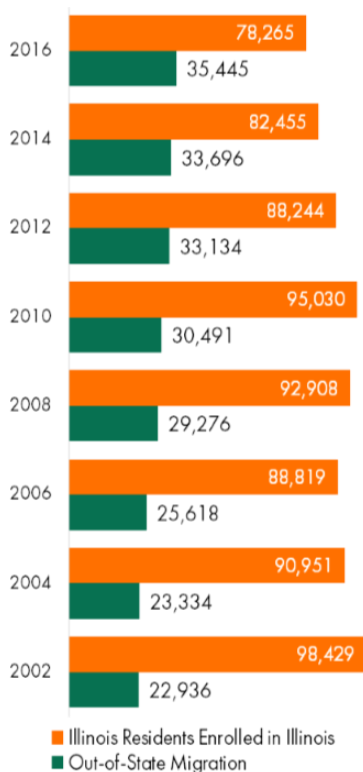


Infographic: Outmigration



97% of Illinois high school graduates enrolled at a two-year college attended an Illinois community college

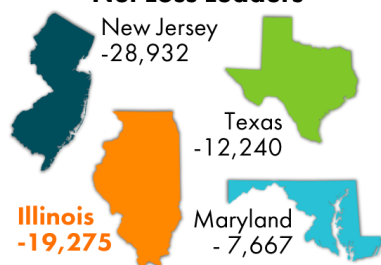


3% attended an out-of-state two-year college

Number of Illinois residents enrolled as college freshmen:



Net Loss Leaders

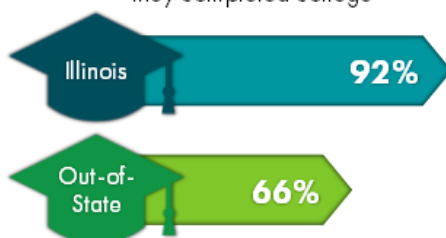


Top Producers of Illinois Non-Resident Freshmen

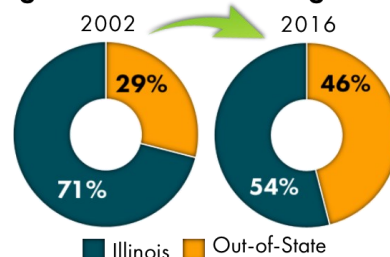
Outside USA	2,856
California	1,338
Indiana	1,164
Missouri	1,154

Illinois Employment Rates

Illinois high school graduates and where they completed college

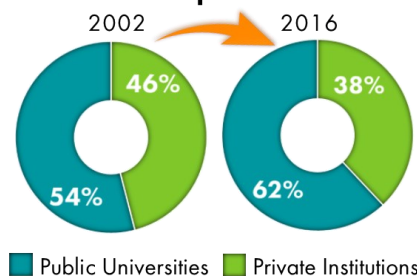


More 4-year college-going Illinois high school graduates are enrolling out-of-state

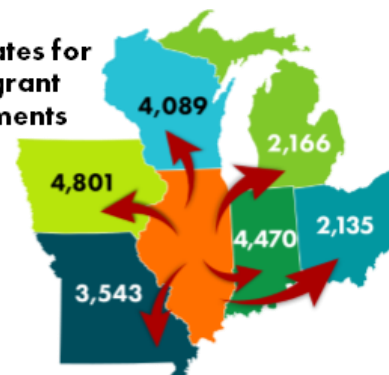


+57% increase in the rate of out-of-state enrollment

More Illinois outmigrants are enrolling at out-of-state public universities



Top states for outmigrant enrollments



Top Out-of-State Schools for Illinois Freshmen (2016)



University of Iowa	1,690
Iowa State University	1,017
Indiana University	901
University of Missouri	894



Kishwaukee College and **Northern Illinois University** (NIU) recently expanded their academic partnership, announcing [a new degree completion option for the Associate Degree Nursing program at Kishwaukee and the Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science Completion Program at NIU](#). The agreement was formally signed and executed by both institutions on January 10.

The RN to B.S. Degree Completion is a customized academic pathway between both institutions that allows students to complete the Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing Program at Kishwaukee while taking a number of classes at NIU. After graduation from Kishwaukee, students complete final course work at NIU to earn their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. As part of this partnership, Kishwaukee will facilitate students' clinical experiences. Additionally, students will be able to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) after successfully completing the Kishwaukee portion of the program.

"This innovative program has students taking classes simultaneously at both institutions," said **Derryll Block**, Dean of NIU's College of Health and Human Sciences. "The program is a result of collaboration between Kishwaukee and NIU to better guide students to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing in order to be better prepared to serve the needs of individuals, families, communities and populations."

"The trend in healthcare is for an increase in nurses who hold a BSN and this agreement will allow more of our students to achieve that goal in a time- and cost-efficient manner," said **Bette Chilton**, Dean of Health and Education at Kishwaukee College. "This is a great step forward for our students and for healthcare professionals in our local hospitals and clinics."

[Harper College and three strategic partners](#) are working to make earning a bachelor's degree even more accessible.

Students typically will complete 60 credit hours (the associate degree) at Harper's lower tuition rate and the second half of the bachelor's degree with financial incentives from **DePaul University**, **Northern Illinois University** (NIU), and **Roosevelt University**, yielding a more economical bachelor's degree on Harper's campus.

Students also will have access to the partner universities' admissions, registration and academic advising staff from Harper's campus.

Programs launching in upcoming months include:

- **DePaul:** Communication and Media; Information Technology; Business Administration.
- **NIU:** Computer Science; Marketing; Psychology.
- **Roosevelt:** Educational Studies – Early Care and Education; Criminal Justice.

Additional bachelor's degree programs are also under consideration.

"The collaborations of the institutions will increase the percentage of Harper students who earn a bachelor's degree after expressing that intention, and that is great news for the students and their families, but also the region and the state," NIU Acting President **Lisa Freeman** said.

In addition to the University Center partnerships, Harper College President **Dr. Ken Ender** pointed to the College's Power of 15 initiative and Promise Scholarship Program. If incoming students take advantage of both, they'd begin at Harper with a semester of college credit under their belt and benefit from up to two years of free tuition.

"Access is related not just to cost and geography, but to (college) readiness, and we think that's what all these programs provide," Ender said.

[Elmhurst College](#) is holding a scholarship competition for first generation college students. Students are required to compose and submit a video answering the question: As a first generation student, what would graduating from college mean to you and your family/friends? The first-place winner will receive a four-year, full-tuition scholarship. The second-place winner will receive a stipend to cover four years' room and board. All students who enter the competition will receive a \$1,000 annual American Dream Grant, which can be added to previously awarded merit scholarships and/or grant aid. The scholarship contest is open to all first-generation college students who have been admitted to Elmhurst College for the fall of 2018.

"We firmly believe in the power of higher education to transform lives," President **Troy D. VanAken** said. "We're very excited about this competition because it will be a meaningful opportunity to hear directly from our first-generation students, and to celebrate their decision to come to Elmhurst College."

Tuition Assistance Programs for Foster Youth Pursuing Postsecondary Education has been compiled by the Education Commission of the States. This [50-State Review](#) serves as a tool to better understand the state-level support for this vulnerable student population and provides a guidepost for possible policy redesign. An accompanying [interactive data visualization](#) provides an in-depth look at tuition assistance programs available in specific states and the number of foster youth in care.

IBHE Staff News

Stephanie Bernoteit has been named the **Illinois Board of Higher Education's** new Deputy Director for Academic Affairs by IBHE Executive Director **Al Bowman**. "I am pleased to announce Dr. Bernoteit's new position," stated Bowman. "Stephanie has already shown her strong leadership and contributions in the Academic Affairs unit, and I look forward to working with her in her new role."

Bernoteit served as senior associate director for Academic Affairs and she represents IBHE on state-level work related to improving educator preparation, early childhood education, and P-20 student success, and manages partnership initiatives with the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development to support the preparation and educational attainment of the State's early childhood workforce.



Bernoteit has over 27 years of experience in education, in various sectors including elementary education, educator preparation, non-profit leadership, teaching quality initiatives, university advancement, and higher education. Bernoteit holds a B.S. Education from Northwest Missouri State University, an M.S. Drake University, and an Ed.D. from Illinois State University. Stephanie also holds graduate certificates in Indiana University and Georgetown University, as well as educator licensure from the States of Illinois and Iowa. Stephanie was also in the first cohort of early childhood educators to earn National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, a designation she held from 1996-2016.

Events

The [Adult Education and Literacy Strategic Plan Taskforce](#) will hold its' final meeting on January 16, at the **Illinois Community College Board**, 401 E. Capitol, Springfield, IL 62701 from 12:30 -3:30 p.m. The Adult Education Strategic Plan will be submitted to the General Assembly on January 31, 2018 and will be posted to the [ICCB website](#). For more information please contact [Jennifer Foster](#).

Administrative Rules for the **Illinois Board of Higher Education's** Division of Academic Affairs have been updated, effective December 19, 2017. These rules include changes in fees and authorizations for private institutions to operate and grant degrees in Illinois, changes in review of programs from Illinois public universities, as well as changes to fees and approvals for Private Business and Vocational Schools (PBVS) approvals. Updates were also made to dual credit course approvals for public and private institutions (does not apply to Illinois community colleges). Visit the [IBHE website](#) for copies of the updated rules and information about the IBHE approval and review procedures.

The [Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report on Public University Tuition and Fee Waivers](#) has been published by the **Illinois Board of Higher Education**. This report presents information on the purposes and goals of waiver programs, as well as data for Fiscal Year 2017 by each institution at the undergraduate and graduate levels. A state-wide summary for Fiscal Year 2016 by each waiver category is included for comparative purposes. Data on the number and value of waivers granted are presented in total and at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

IBHE Student Art Exhibition

Taylor Fields, Heartland Community College



Hiking in Illinois



Shorline Sunset



Power Lines



Windfarm Sunrise



Summer Sunset

Student Laureates

**Augustana
College**



Abigail M. Wieland

**Aurora
University**



Tia Lucia Carr

**Benedictine
University**



**Rachel Elaine
Warren**

**Blackburn
College**



Noah B. Daum

**Bradley
University**



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