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African American Employment Plan Illinois Public Universities

The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) submits the annual *Illinois African American Employment Plan for Public Universities* to the Illinois General Assembly pursuant to the African American Employment Plan Act (20 ILCS 30/20). This report provides information on the progress of efforts to hire and promote African American faculty and administrative staff at public universities.

The IBHE conducted a survey of the Illinois public universities to obtain the number of African Americans employed as of June 30, 2019, the end of the fiscal year. The total number of African American employees at public universities and IBHE in 2019 was 5,954. This is an increase of 310 employees from the previous year. The numbers of African American employees in 2017, 2018, and 2019 are shown by campus in the table below.

**African American Employees at Public Universities, 2017 to 2019
(Full-Time and Part-Time)**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Chicago State University	383	398	557
Eastern Illinois University	45	23	29
Governors State University	246	246	273
Illinois State University	216	224	225
Northeastern Illinois University	205	178	189
Northern Illinois University	219	200	224
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale	266	258	280
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville	319	308	306
University of Illinois at Chicago	2,541	2,606	2,647
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	939	988	1,018
University of Illinois at Springfield	50	46	50
University of Illinois System Administration	83	75	70
Western Illinois University	91	90	83
Board of Higher Education	4	4	3
Totals	5,607	5,644	5,954
Change in 1 Year (number)		37	310
Change in 1 Year (percent)		0.66%	5.49%
Change in 2 Year (number)			347
Change in 2 Year (percent)			6.18%

*University board members not counted as faculty/staff

The data collected from the public universities show that most African American employees are employed as administrative support staff (59.46%), service maintenance (16.21%) and faculty members (15.50%). Less than 8 percent are administrators in public universities.

African American Employees in Public Universities, 2019
Employment Categories

	<u>Administrators</u>	<u>Faculty (Includes Adjunct)</u>	<u>Administrative Support Staff</u>	<u>Skilled Craft Workers</u>	<u>Service Maintenance</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Chicago State University	33	190	269	15	50	557
Eastern Illinois University	8	19	1	0	1	29
Governors State University	26	101	126	4	16	273
Illinois State University	20	37	75	1	92	225
Northeastern Illinois University	11	49	102	5	22	189
Northern Illinois University	29	40	100	6	49	224
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	28	55	150	6	41	280
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	6	46	219	0	35	306
University of Illinois at Chicago	140	193	1,908	15	391	2,647
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	115	153	474	30	246	1,018
University of Illinois at Springfield	8	15	21	0	6	50
University of Illinois System Administration	8	0	62	0	0	70
Western Illinois University	7	25	35	0	16	83
Board of Higher Education	3					3
Subtotals	442	923	3,542	82	965	5,954
Percentage of Totals	7.42%	15.50%	59.49%	1.38%	16.21%	100.00%

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IBHE asked each public university to describe the activities, strategies, and programs to recruit, promote, and retain African American employees. Each institution provided information about current and future internal studies, surveys, and committees regarding African American employment. The activities vary by institution due to the individual missions of the institutions and the populations of students served. The narratives are shown in Appendix A.

Appendix A Employment Plan Survey Question and Answer
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Survey Question:

Does the institution conduct internal studies, have surveys for monitoring the recruitment of African American employees, and have committees that monitor employment or departure of employees from the institution?

Chicago State University

The University utilizes applicant demographic data to evaluate the diversity of an applicant pool. Recruitment strategies are developed for groups that are underrepresented, when necessary. Exit interviews are conducted to obtain data for identifying actions necessary for employee recruitment and retention. The University Diversity group assists in monitoring activities necessary for increasing diversity of sex, race and ethnicity.

Eastern Illinois University

Eastern Illinois University conducts ongoing assessment of the recruitment, promotion and advancement, retention, and departures of African American employees.

Applicants for each faculty or administrative/professional position are provided the opportunity to identify their demographic characteristics. This enables the university to review the composition of applicant pools in the context of potential availability for the relevant job group. Each department's recruiting efforts are reviewed and monitored by Eastern Illinois University's Office of Civil Rights and Diversity.

During the review process, candidates, who are African American, who withdraw from interviews or who decline offers of employment, are provided opportunities to complete an online survey. It asks them to inform the campus why they elected to withdraw from the process and to share their perceptions of strengths and concerns about the campus. In addition, newly employed faculty members and professional staff, who are African American, are invited to share their perceptions about what could be done to improve upon the recruitment and interview process. This information is analyzed and reported to hiring departments and senior administrators for use in subsequent recruitment efforts.

Governors State University

Governors State University has a Diversity Advisory Council whose mission is to provide a coordinating function for diversity groups and issues on campus including serving as a clearinghouse for information and acting as a champion for diversity.

The objectives of the Diversity Advisory Council will align most closely with the following goals and will focus on both employees and students: Improve student success with an emphasis on enrollment, retention, graduation, transfer rates, and effective teaching and learning outcomes; Improve success of minority, underrepresented, and under-prepared student populations in addition to closing the gap between high school and college performance; Bringing the voice of the employee into the council and to act as a catalyst in building a more diverse work environment; Improve workplace equality: an environment in which every individual has an equal opportunity to perform, develop, and advance; Set goals and action plans in alignment with College's mission and strategic plan; and Collect and analyze relevant data.

Illinois State University

On an annual basis, Illinois State University prepares, distributes, and publicly presents and Affirmative Action Plan (AAP) that details the University's campus-wide commitment to the principles of diversity, inclusion, and equal opportunity. To this end, the AAP contains workforce surveys that measure departmental efforts to recruit, promote, and retain African American employees, lists programmatic efforts that evidence the commitment of each unit's strategies to promote and achieve diversity, and provides detailed analysis of the workforce to both the President and the Board of Trustees.

Northeastern Illinois University

The Office of Institutional Research and Assessment (IRA) generates data regarding all employees with respect to their race and ethnicity. The Affirmative Action Officer uses this information to monitor progress and strategize with University Hiring Agents toward diversity representative of our region. Moreover, every NEIU job applicant is asked to fill out a confidential form identifying race/ethnicity, gender and disability.

Northern Illinois University

The Academic Colleges as well as the Administrative Divisions, The Center for Affirmative Action and Diversity Resources, Human Resource Services, The Presidential Commissions, Supportive Professional Staff Council, the Operating Staff Council, and the Office of Institutional Research conduct internal and university wide surveys that monitor the recruitment of African American employees, monitor employment and departure of employees from the institution.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale

SIU Carbondale has conducted internal climate studies. The responsibility for monitoring departure of employees from the University has been shifted to Human Resources. The Associate Chancellor for Institutional Diversity continues to monitor minorities in the Affirmative Action Plan and in the MWD (Minority, Women and Disabled) Annual Report.

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Pursuant to its affirmative action plan, the Office of Equal Opportunity, Access and Title IX Coordination (EOA) works closely with Human Resources to increase the representation of women and minorities in groups in which they are underrepresented. EOA conducts training for search committees for goal relate positions to emphasize the need for increased recruitment and requires that search committees develop thorough recruitment plan. Applicants are surveyed how they learned of the position they applied to evaluate how successful candidates learned of the job. EOA monitors hiring and termination of employment.

University of Illinois at Chicago

The Office for Access and Equity reviews compliance of all academic search and waiver of search requests. In addition, the Academic Search Coordinator for each College serves as a liaison between the Office for Access and Equity and academic departments or administrative units that seek to fill faculty and other academic staff positions. He or she acts as a resource person at the department or unit level for academic personnel transactions, especially in the recruitment, selection, and appointment of individuals to new or vacant positions.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Target of Opportunity Program - The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is committed to building and maintaining a faculty that is excellent in many dimensions. The Office of the Provost supports three programs in which partial or total central financial support for academic positions may be provided,

including the Target of Opportunity Program (TOP). The TOP is designed to support recruitment of outstanding faculty members who will enhance our institution's strategic goals and build on our reputation as a leading public research university. The goal of the program is to attract leading faculty members among groups that are underrepresented by race, ethnicity, gender, disability, and veteran's status in specific units on campus.

CORE - Charged/reviewing and providing guidance in diversity efforts; including faculty and staff.

DRIVE - Faculty committee committed to the recruitment and retention of underrepresented faculty at the Illinois campus. This committee provides workshops, resources, information, professional development, and data to support the recruitment and hiring of diverse faculty at Illinois.

Other Ongoing Efforts - Illinois makes a variety of good faith efforts for each and every search for academic and professional staff, appoints EEO officers to every college on the Illinois campus charged with reviewing and overseeing the search process for each college, and we nominate Diversity Advocates to serve on all search committees to further advocate for diversity in the search process and help committees avoid unintentional bias in the search process.

University of Illinois at Springfield

The institution regularly reviews efforts to outreach to, recruit and retain African American employees, employing a full-time administrator to monitor employment and departure of employees, along with dedicated confidential exit interviews conducted by Human Resources professionals.

University of Illinois System Administration

University Administration (UA) evaluates the selection process to ensure freedom from bias by reviewing job applications and other pre-employment forms to ensure information is job related; evaluating selection methods; training management and search committee members on interviewing protocols and equal employment opportunity/affirmative action. A formal assessment is undertaken midway and at the end of the affirmative action plan year to monitor our recruitment efforts, promotions, and the departure of employees.

Western Illinois University

The University prepares an annual Affirmative Action plan which shows underutilization and establishes goals for underutilized employee groups. The University does not have a survey for monitoring recruitment of African American employees. The Campus Climate and Programs sub-committee of the University Diversity Committee (UDC) has finalized a survey to assess campus climate which includes questions about the campus climate by demographic. The Workforce Diversity sub-committee of the UDC is working on an exit survey and procedure to collect information for faculty and administrative and professional positions. The University's Human Resources Office collects and monitors data on the employment and departure of Civil Service employees.