

Fall 2016 Enrollment Snapshot for Public Universities

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

Overall Fall Enrollment (FTE)

As shown in Table 1, overall fall enrollment in 2016 at Illinois public universities (including both undergraduate and graduate programs) declined 3,095 (-2%) from academic year 2015. Chicago State University (-24%) and EIU (-14%) had the two largest decreases in combined fall enrollment when compared to academic year 2015. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2%), ISU (2%), UIS (2%), and UIC (1%) experienced an overall increase in fall enrollment relative to 2015.

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

	Combined Enrollment		Fall 2015 to Fall 2016	
	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Absolute Difference	Percent (%) Difference
CSU	3,618	2,734	-884	-24%
EIU	7,282	6,234	-1048	-14%
GSU	3,920	3,886	-34	-1%
ISU	18,183	18,533	350	2%
NEIU	6,366	6,101	-265	-4%
NIU	16,502	15,712	-790	-5%
SIUC	14,995	13,880	-1115	-7%
SIUE	11,985	11,870	-115	-1%
UIC	28,687	28,935	248	1%
UIS	3,921	3,985	64	2%
UIUC	47,644	48,765	1121	2%
WIU	9,561	8,934	-627	-7%
Total	172,664	169,569	-3095	-2%

Undergraduate Enrollment (FTE)

Overall the fall undergraduate FTE at public universities declined 3,261 (-2%) when compared to 2015. As shown in Table 2, Chicago State University (-33%) and EIU (-18%) had the two largest decreases in fall undergraduate FTE relative to 2015. Illinois State University (2%), UIUC (2%), and UIC (2%) experienced notable increases in fall undergraduate FTE when compared to 2015. The overall enrollment decrease at Public Universities can be mostly attributed to the decrease in undergraduate enrollment.

¹ 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.

Table 2: Undergraduate Enrollment (based on FTE)

	Undergraduate Enrollment		Fall 2015 to Fall 2016	
	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Absolute Difference	Percent (%) Difference
CSU	2,571	1,721	-850	-33%
EIU	6,429	5,264	-1165	-18%
GSU	2,447	2,456	9	0%
ISU	16,792	17,056	264	2%
NEIU	5,522	5,222	-300	-5%
NIU	13,328	12,649	-679	-5%
SIUC	11,670	10,829	-841	-7%
SIUE	10,350	10,273	-77	-1%
UIC	17,022	17,416	394	2%
UIS	2,265	2,287	22	1%
UIUC	34,041	34,592	551	2%
WIU	8,407	7,818	-589	-7%
Total	130,844	127,583	-3261	-2%

Graduate Enrollment (FTE)

Overall, graduate enrollment at public universities increased slightly from fall 2015 (an additional 166 graduate students, which equated to a relative increase of 0.4%). As shown in Table 3, Southern Illinois University Carbondale (-8%) had the largest decrease in fall graduate FTE relative to 2015. Eastern Illinois University (14%) had a significant increase in its fall graduate FTE. Illinois State University (6%), UIUC (4%), NEIU (4%), and UIS (3%) also experienced increases in their fall graduate FTE from 2015.

Table 3: Graduate Enrollment (based on FTE)

	Graduate Enrollment		Fall 2015 to Fall 2016	
	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Absolute Difference	Percent (%) Difference
CSU	1,047	1,013	-34	-3%
EIU	853	970	117	14%
GSU	1,473	1,430	-43	-3%
ISU	1,391	1,477	86	6%
NEIU	844	879	35	4%
NIU	3,174	3,063	-111	-3%
SIUC	3,325	3,051	-274	-8%
SIUE	1,635	1,597	-38	-2%
UIC	11,665	11,519	-146	-1%
UIS	1,656	1,698	42	3%
UIUC	13,603	14,173	570	4%
WIU	1,154	1,116	-38	-3%
Total	41,820	41,986	166	0.4%