

State: Illinois

Capital: Springfield

Major Cities: Chicago, Aurora, Naperville, Joliet, Rockford, Elgin, Peoria, Champaign, Waukegan

Major Companies: Walgreen Co, McDonald's, Boeing, Caterpillar, United Continental Holdings, Sears Holdings, Mondelez International, Veolia Environmental Services, JLL, Abbott

Major Sectors/Economy:

- State of Illinois is the home of 66 Fortune 100 companies.
- Illinois is ranked as the 4th most productive manufacturing state in the country behind California, Texas and Ohio
- Leading manufacturing industries in Illinois are Chemical manufacturing, machinery manufacturing, food manufacturing, fabricated metal products, transportation equipment, plastics and rubber products, and computer and electronic products.
- Major Companies: Boeing, Caterpillar, Deere, Abbott Laboratories, McDonalds, Exelon, Walgreens, Telephone & Data Systems (TDS), etc.

Chicago:

- The city of Chicago is the third-most populous city in the United States.
- The City is an International hub for Finance, Commerce, Industry, Technology, Telecommunications & Transportation
- The city of Chicago also hosts 12 Fortune Global 500 companies and 17 Financial Times 500 companies.
- Manufacturing, printing, publishing and food processing also play major roles in the city's economy
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University Eligibility and Fee:

University	Bachelors Eligibility	Bachelors Fee Range/yr	Masters Eligibility	Masters Fee Range/yr
University of Illinois Urbana Champaign	GPA – 3.7 SAT– 1270-1470 ACT – 26-31	\$28,606	GRE – 320+ GPA – 3.8/85% TOEFL – 100/IELTS – 7.0	\$
Northwestern University	GPA – 3.8 SAT– 1400-1560 ACT – 31-34	\$54,120	GRE – 320+ GPA – 3.8/85% TOEFL – 100/IELTS – 7.0	\$37,378
University of Illinois Chicago	GPA – 3.6 SAT– 990-1260 ACT – 21-26	\$23,800	GRE – 310+, GPA – 3.7/80% TOEFL – 80/IELTS – 6.5	\$33,564
IIT Chicago	GPA – 3.6 SAT– 1150-1380 ACT – 25-30	\$45,872	GRE – 300+ GPA – 3.5/75% TOEFL – 80/IELTS – 6.5	\$30,862

Northern Illinois University	GPA – 3.5 SAT– 950 -1150 ACT- 19- 25	\$23,799	Engg: GRE – 300 GPA – 3.3/70-75% CS/MIS – GRE – 295 GPA – 3.0/68-70% TOEFL – 80/IELTS – 6.5	\$18,794
Illinois State University	GPA – 3.4 SAT– 930-1210 ACT- 19-25	\$23,048	GRE – 300 GPA – 3.3/70-75% TOEFL – 80/IELTS – 6.5	\$17,290
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	GPA – 3.4 SAT– 930-1210 ACT- 19-25	\$17,123	GRE – 300 GPA – 3.3/70-75% TOEFL – 80/IELTS – 6.5	\$16,651
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	GPA – 3.4 SAT– 930-1210 ACT- 19-25	\$24,094	GRE – 295 GPA – 3.0/65% TOEFL – 80/IELTS – 6.5	\$29,200
Bradley University	GPA – 3.5 SAT– 1100 -1260 ACT- 24-26	\$33,360	GRE – 300 GPA – 3.3/70% TOEFL – 80/IELTS – 6.5	\$16,300
Western Illinois University	GPA – 3.4 SAT– 850-1010 ACT- 17-21	\$8,541	GRE – NR GPA – 3.2/68% TOEFL – 79/IELTS – 6.0	\$13,348
Northeastern Illinois University	GPA – 3.0 SAT– NR ACT-NR	\$19,016	GRE – 295 GPA – 3.0/65% TOEFL – 80/IELTS – 6.5	\$16,357
Eastern Illinois University	GPA – 3.4 SAT– 850-1010 ACT- 17-21	\$11,100	GRE – NR GPA – 3.2/68% TOEFL – 79/IELTS – 6.0	\$
University of Illinois Springfield	GPA – 3.0 SAT– NR ACT-NR	\$18,930	GRE – NR GPA – 2.8/65% TOEFL – 80/IELTS – 6.5	\$15,540

University Key points:

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University of Illinois Urbana Champaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in - 1867 • Students-45813 in spring 2018 • In 2015, research expenditures at UIUC totaled \$640 million. • It is classified as a R1 Doctoral Research University • The campus library system possesses the second-largest university library in the US after Harvard University • University rankings compiled by U.S. News & World Report, Times Higher Education and the Academic Ranking of World Universities rank Illinois among the top 50 universities in the world • One of the top 5 engineering schools in the world • Acceptance rate - 66% in 2015 • Invented the first graphical web browser • Ranked Public University - 14th • Alumni : 11 are Nobel Laureates and another 18 have won Pulitzer Prizes. • Total annual research funding exceeds \$600 million • Student-to-faculty ratio- 19:1
Northwestern University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in 1851 • Students - 21208 in fall 2016 • The University's former and present faculty and alumni include 16 Nobel Prize laureates, 38 Pulitzer Prize winners, • the university offers 124 undergraduate programs and 145 graduate and professional programs • Acceptance rate-15.3% • Received \$649.7 million in research funding in 2016 • Northwestern has roughly 225,000 alumni • 500+ student organizations and clubs • Total endowment and other trust funds - \$9.8 billions • Annually in sponsored research-\$676.5 million(2016-17) • Student-to-faculty- 7:1
University of Illinois Chicago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded - 1965 • Students - 30,539 • UIC operates the largest medical school in the United States with research expenditures exceeding \$412 million and consistently ranks in the top 50 U.S. institutions for research expenditures • The 2015 Times Higher Education World University Rankings ranked UIC as the 18th best in the world among universities less than 50 years old • The University of Illinois at Chicago offers 83 bachelor's degrees, 93 master's degrees, and 64 doctoral degrees • Student-to-faculty- 18:1

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IIT Chicago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in - 1890 • Enrolments- 7266 • The university and its contract research affiliate, IIT Research Institute (IITRI), have an annual research volume of \$130 million. • IIT has more than 40,000 living alumni • IIT was ranked as a tier 1 university being the 108th best university nationally and the fourth best university in the Chicago metropolitan area based on U.S. News & World Report's "Best Colleges 2014. • IIT was featured as #24 on Newsweek's College Rankings 2012: Most Rigorous Schools list • Payscale ranked IIT #5 among Midwestern universities for the salary potential of its graduates who earn a bachelor's degree • Student-to-faculty- 13:1
Northern Illinois University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded - 1895 • Enrolments- 20015 • Student-to-faculty-13:1 • Ranked the 30th top college in the United States by Payscale and CollegeNet's Social Mobility Index college rankings • Washington Monthly ranks NIU as the 135th National University in the United States, making it the 3rd highest ranked public university in Illinois. • 100+ undergraduate programs
Illinois State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranking: 91 on U.S. News and World Report's • Founded - 1857 • \$28.5 M External funding awarded to Redbird scholars • Endowment : \$144 million
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in - 1957 • Students - 14142 in fall 2016 • The university has an alumni base of more than 98,000 • In fiscal year 2014, SIUE faculty and staff received 185 grants and contracts for research, teaching, and service initiatives worth more than \$34 million • student to faculty ratio-20:1 • SIUE offers 65 baccalaureate degrees, 49 master's degrees • Washington Monthly, a national political magazine, ranks SIUE 40th among their 2014 Top 50 master's granting private and public colleges and universities in the nation • SIUE had 103,747 living alumni • U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges of 2018 lists SIUE among the best Regional Universities Midwest for the 14th consecutive year and among the top 15 public universities in that category

Southern Illinois University Carbondale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded - 1869 • Students- 14554 in fall 2017 • Student faculty ratio - 15:1 • SIU Carbondale offers 3 associate's, 100 bachelor's, 73 master's, and 36 Ph.D programs • SIU offers more than 300 academic degree programs across all levels: bachelors, masters, and doctoral • The Princeton Review ranked SIU in its 2017 list of "Best Midwestern" and "Green Colleges" as well as ranking it #43 in the "Top 50 Game Design: Ugrad" list • There are currently over 220,000 alumni
Bradley University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded - 1897 • Student faculty ratio - 12:1 • 95% of students gain real-world experience • Top 20 salary boosting schools • Enrolments - 5400 • More than 185 Academic programs • Alumni base of 67,000 • Bradley University was ranked 6th among Regional Midwest Universities in the 2017 edition of America's Best Colleges published by U.S. News & World Report.
Western Illinois University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in - 1899 • students-9083 • US News & World Report ranks Western Illinois University as 49th among regional universities • US News & World Report ranked Western Illinois University as 11th in Regional Universities (Midwest) • It offers 66 undergraduate and 2 doctoral programs • The student to faculty ratio is 14:1 • More than 135,000 alumni
Northeastern Illinois University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in - 1867 • Students-9538 • Explore over 80 rigorous programs in the arts, sciences, education and business. • There are more than 80,000 members of the Northeastern Illinois University Alumni Association. • Northeastern Illinois University offers more than 40 undergraduate degree and 50 graduate degree programs • The student to faculty ratio is- 16:1 • Alumni network that includes nearly 80,000 graduates
Eastern Illinois University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in - 1895 • students - 7030 • The student to faculty ratio is- 14:1 • In the publication's 2015 rankings, EIU ranks No. 4 amongst its peers in that region • With 50 undergraduate degree programs that include over 150 major and minor options and 36 graduate programs of study

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Illinois University students have more than 600 scholarships available to them, • Alumni satisfaction rate is 98 percent after one year from graduation and 99 percent after nine years from graduation. • Number of Alumni: More than 86,000
University of Illinois Springfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in - 1969 • Students - 5431 • The student to faculty ratio is- 14:1 • In the 2014 US News "Best Colleges" rankings, UIS ranked #8 in Top Public Schools (Midwest region) and #36 in Regional Universities (Midwest). • 27 undergraduate degree programs, 20 master's degree programs, and a doctorate in Public Administration.