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First-year performance at Illinois public universities and colleges

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The newly-released High School-to-College Success Report shows how Illinois public school graduates fared when they became freshmen at the state's universities and community colleges. The ACT company tracked more than 90,000 students who graduated from public high schools between 2006 and 2008, and then enrolled full-time at an Illinois university or community college that fall. The data do not include students who went to a private college or out-of-state. For each high school, families can look up average high school GPAs and grade point averages earned at each public university and community college that students attended.

Sources: Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois Community College Board, ACT Company and Tribune research.

Institution	Type	Number Enrolled	ACT Composite	Credit Hours	High School GPA	Freshman GPA	Difference
All public universities and community colleges		90675	21.4	17.9	3.08	2.52	-0.56
All community colleges	Community College	48328	19.4	10.7	2.84	2.30	-0.54
All public 4-year universities	Public University	42347	23.6	26.1	3.37	2.78	-0.59
University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign	Public University	11648	27.5	29.7	3.70	3.14	-0.56
Illinois State University Normal	Public University	5946	23.6	28.1	3.35	2.82	-0.53
Northern Illinois University DeKalb	Public University	5103	21.7	24.5	3.17	2.55	-0.62
University of Illinois Chicago	Public University	4825	23.4	25	3.42	2.62	-0.80
College of Du Page Glen Ellyn	Community College	4079	20.3	9.8	2.83	2.17	-0.66
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	Public University	4013	21.6	23	3.10	2.52	-0.58
William Rainey Harper College Palatine	Community College	3997	20.1	10.2	2.81	2.39	-0.42
Western Illinois University Macomb	Public University	3004	20.9	24.5	3.09	2.57	-0.52
Eastern Illinois University Charleston	Public University	3003	21.4	25.7	3.18	2.68	-0.50
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	Public University	2872	22.4	23.8	3.36	2.72	-0.64

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Moraine Valley Community College Palos Hills	Community College	2661	19.6	10.6	2.87	2.37	-0.50
College of Lake County Grayslake	Community College	2594	20.2	10	2.81	2.14	-0.67
Joliet Junior College Joliet	Community College	2552	19.1	10.6	2.72	2.48	-0.24
Illinois Central College East Peoria	Community College	2170	19.9	10.7	2.87	2.22	-0.65
Parkland College Champaign	Community College	1727	20.9	11.4	3.02	2.54	-0.48
Elgin Community College Elgin	Community College	1717	20.4	11.1	2.92	2.27	-0.65
Rock Valley College Rockford	Community College	1645	19.4	10.2	2.90	2.13	-0.77
Waubonsee Community College Sugar Grove	Community College	1636	19.5	11.2	2.87	2.65	-0.22
Oakton Community College Des Plaines	Community College	1394	20	10.7	2.77	2.21	-0.56
Triton College River Grove	Community College	1344	18	10	2.67	2.20	-0.47
Southwestern Illinois College Belleville	Community College	1315	19.8	10.6	2.82	2.37	-0.45
Wright College Chicago	Community College	1186	17.7	10	2.64	2.16	-0.48
Heartland Community College Normal	Community College	1170	20.1	10.6	2.82	2.21	-0.61
Lincoln Land Community College Springfield	Community College	1130	19.3	10.4	2.86	2.04	-0.82
Harold Washington College Chicago	Community College	1099	16.8	10	2.6	2.03	-0.57
Rend Lake College Ina	Community College	1069	19.5	13.9	3.07	2.75	-0.32
Northeastern Illinois University Chicago	Public University	1057	18.4	15.8	2.86	2.51	-0.35
McHenry County College Crystal Lake	Community College	1054	20.3	11.2	2.85	2.38	-0.47
Black Hawk College Moline	Community College	1014	19.2	10.7	2.90	2.14	-0.76
Lake Land College Mattoon	Community College	858	19.2	13	2.98	2.40	-0.58
Kishwaukee College Malta	Community College	773	19.2	10	2.79	2.12	-0.67

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John Wood Community College Quincy	Community College	722	19.6	11.3	3.08	2.31	-0.77
Prairie State College Chicago Heights	Community College	700	17.7	9.2	2.67	1.87	-0.80
Highland Community College Freeport	Community College	694	20.2	12.5	2.98	2.61	-0.37
John A. Logan College Carterville	Community College	685	20	12.2	3.11	2.58	-0.53
Morton College Cicero	Community College	670	17.5	9.7	2.61	2.22	-0.39
Illinois Valley Community College Oglesby	Community College	627	20	11.9	2.94	2.22	-0.72
Spoon River College Canton	Community College	510	18.7	12.4	2.87	2.85	-0.02
Kankakee Community College Kankakee	Community College	496	20.6	11	2.95	2.28	-0.67
Kaskaskia College Centralia	Community College	476	18.9	14.4	2.92	2.94	0.02
Chicago State University Chicago	Public University	462	18.6	16.4	2.93	2.03	-0.90
Kennedy King College Chicago	Community College	462	15.2	9.3	2.53	1.90	-0.63
Carl Sandburg College Galesburg	Community College	457	19	11.4	2.87	2.20	-0.67
Richard J. Daley College Chicago	Community College	444	16.7	9.7	2.68	2.26	-0.42
University of Illinois Springfield	Public University	414	22.3	24.7	3.24	2.66	-0.58
Truman College Chicago	Community College	413	16.6	9.8	2.61	2.11	-0.50
Sauk Valley Community College Dixon	Community College	405	20.2	11	3.05	2.27	-0.78
Malcolm X College Chicago	Community College	380	15.8	9.4	2.59	1.90	-0.69
Danville Area Community College Danville	Community College	369	19.3	11.7	2.92	2.40	-0.52
Richland Community College Decatur	Community College	340	20	13.3	2.79	2.58	-0.21
Lewis and Clark Community College Godfrey	Community College	329	17.6	10	2.61	2.16	-0.45

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South Suburban College of Cook County South Holland	Community College	300	18.1	11.2	2.72	2.24	-0.48
Olive -Harvey College Chicago	Community College	246	15.2	9.4	2.48	1.83	-0.65
Olney Central College Olney	Community College	117	20.1	14.3	3.10	2.94	-0.16
Southeastern Illinois College Harrisburg	Community College	108	18.8	13.4	3.03	2.49	-0.54
Shawnee College Ullin	Community College	105	19	13	3.00	2.53	-0.47
Lincoln Trail College Robinson	Community College	36	19.1	17	2.97	2.83	-0.14
Wabash Valley College Mt. Carmel	Community College	27	17.9	18.7	2.91	3.04	0.13
Frontier Community College Fairfield	Community College	26	20.1	14	2.83	2.92	0.09