



REPORT ON THE ENTERING CLASS OF 2019

DEAR COLLEAGUES,

We're pleased to welcome to campus the largest, most academically talented, and most diverse freshman class in our history, along with our largest group of new transfers in the last 20 years.

This year's class is most notable because of its diversity in gender, race and ethnicity, and local, national, and global geography.

More women are choosing to enroll at Illinois. They account for all of the increase in new freshman enrollment and now represent 46.7 percent of the class. We also continue to see increases in racial and ethnic diversity, including a 9.4 percent increase in African American new freshmen and a 4.1 percent increase in Latinx new freshmen.

Our new freshman class brings together students from around the globe. New freshmen from central and southern Illinois increased by 18 percent. Significantly more students from several states—California, New Jersey, New York, Texas, and Missouri—chose to enroll. Our international students represent more countries. They also include more students from China and more students who graduated from a U.S. high school.

In addition, this is the most academically talented group of new freshmen we've ever brought to campus. Average raw and equivalent test scores used in review increased from 1339 SAT (29.0 ACT) to 1348 SAT (29.3 ACT). Average core academic GPA increased from 3.54 to 3.60, including over 500 more students with core academic GPAs over 3.50 and 500 fewer students with GPAs less than 3.50.

Finally, we enrolled 200 more new transfers than in the previous year. This increase was made up almost entirely of Illinois residents enrolling from two- and four-year colleges in the state.

As we begin the next recruitment and admissions cycle, we'll strive to maintain the size of our undergraduate enrollment while leveraging our brand identity of excellence, diversity, and collegiality with a global perspective.

Thank you for continuing to partner with us to recruit, admit, and enroll a new generation of Illini!

Sincerely,

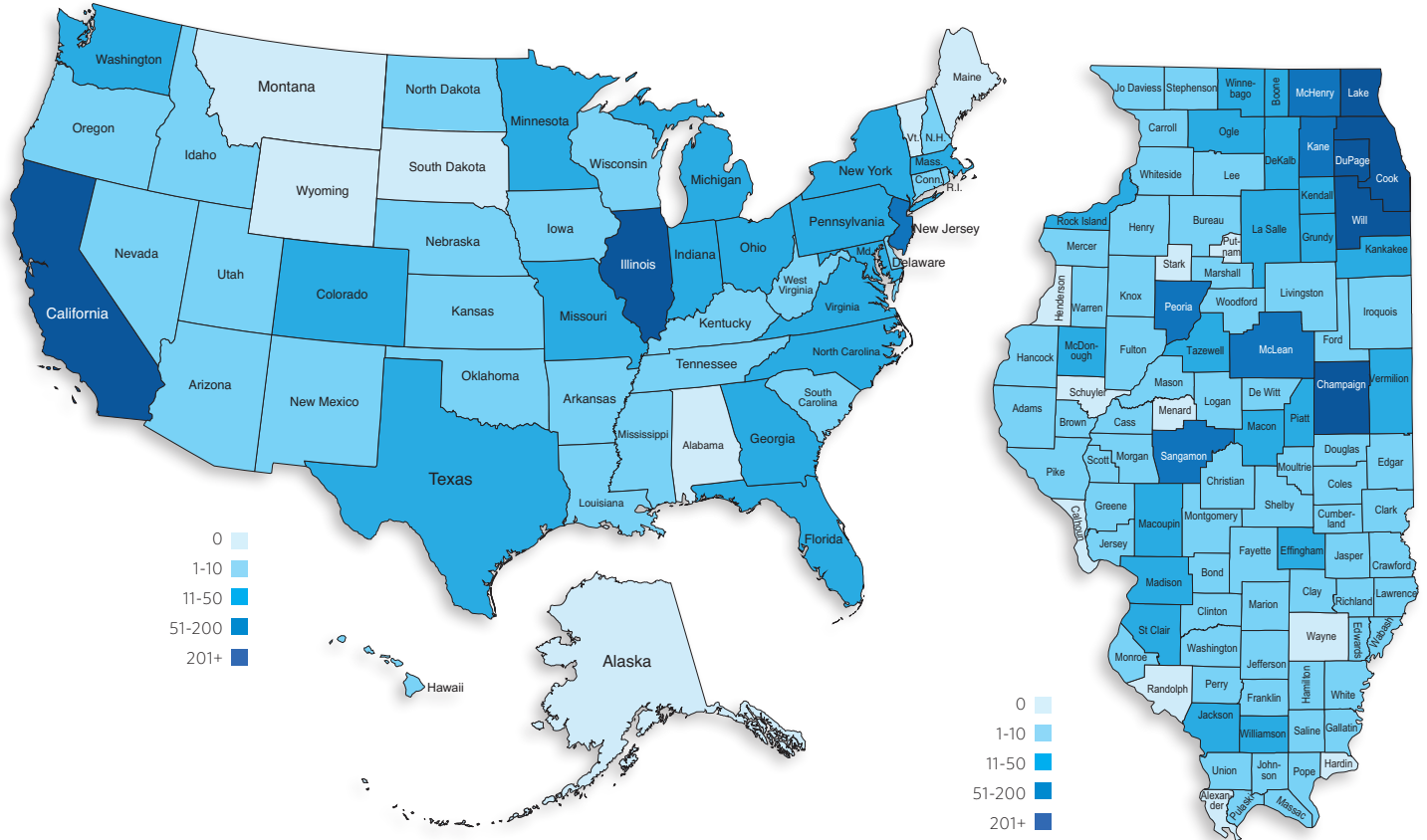


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WHERE DO OUR STUDENTS COME FROM?

We remain committed to serving the best and brightest students in Illinois and continue to attract talented students nationally and internationally.



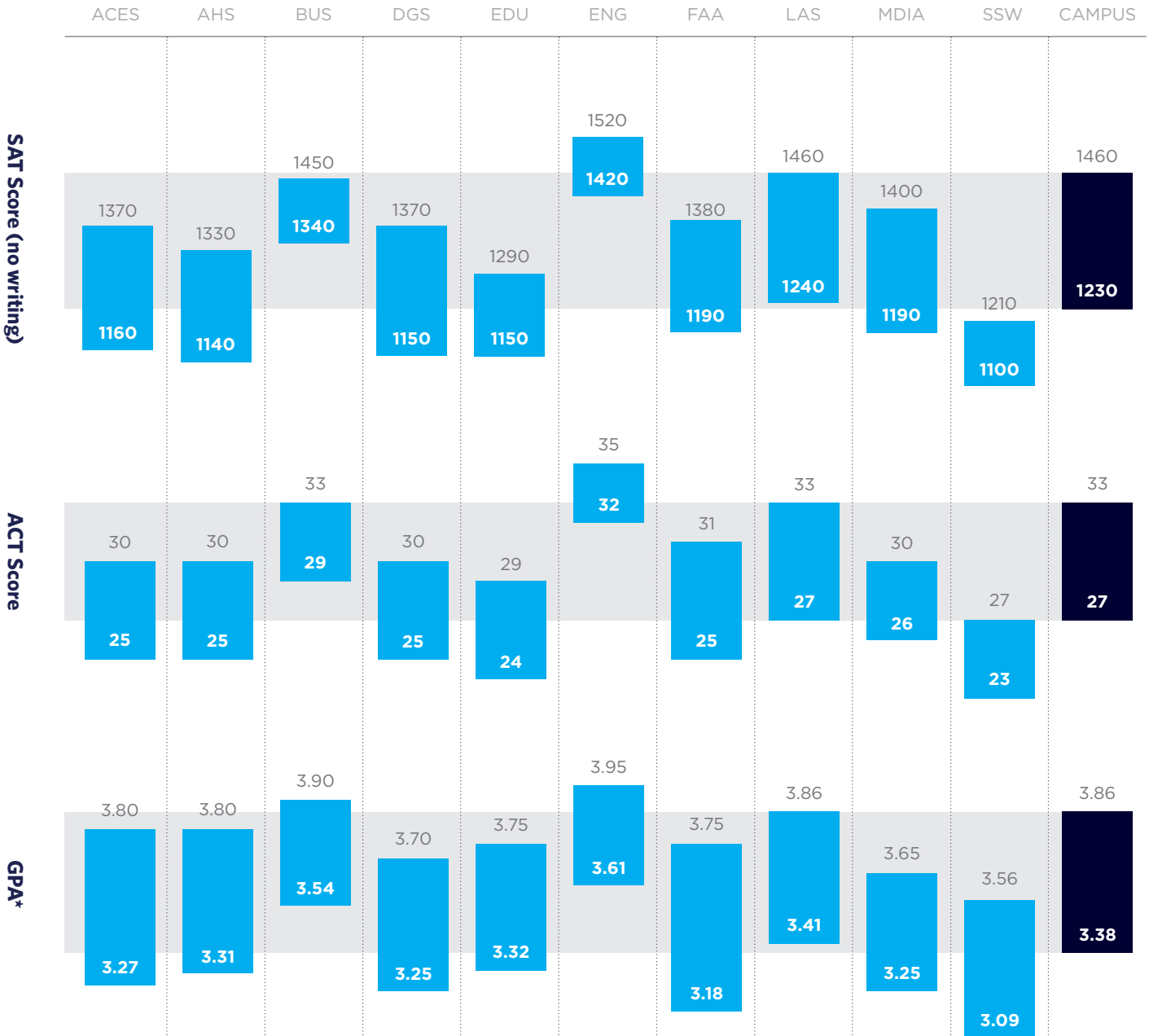
TOP ENROLLMENT FEEDERS

State	Country	Illinois High School	Illinois County
Illinois	China	Adlai E. Stevenson (Lincolnshire)	Cook
California	India	Lane Tech (Chicago)	DuPage
New Jersey	South Korea	Neuqua Valley (Naperville)	Lake
New York	Taiwan	Whitney M. Young (Chicago)	Will
Texas	Indonesia	Jones College Prep (Chicago)	Champaign
Virginia	Singapore	Hinsdale Central (Hinsdale)	Kane
Massachusetts	Canada	Glenbrook South (Glenview)	McHenry
Missouri	Saudi Arabia	New Trier (Winnetka)	McLean
Michigan	Thailand	William Fremd (Palatine)	Peoria
Washington	Turkey	Lyons Township (La Grange)	Sangamon

ACADEMIC PREPARATION

The Class of 2019 is the most academically talented group of new freshmen we've ever had, with an average SAT of 1348, an average ACT of 29.3, and an average GPA of 3.60.

MIDDLE 50% OF ENROLLED STUDENTS



*GPA is based on academic courses only using an unweighted 4.0 scale.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

We saw a significant increase in new freshmen from central and southern Illinois (18%). More students from several states also chose to enroll, and our international students represent more countries. Enrollment numbers were up across the majority of colleges. Liberal Arts and Sciences enrolled the largest class, followed by Engineering and the Division of General Studies.

ADMISSIONS TRENDS

	2019	2018	2017
Applied	43,509	39,406	38,965
Admitted	25,684	24,496	23,974
Enrolled	7,665	7,609	7,518

ADMISSIONS SELECTIVITY

	Applicants	Admits	Enrolled	Admit Rate
Illinois Residents	21,808	14,056	5,698	64.5%
Non-Resident	10,834	6,379	1,018	58.9%
International	10,867	5,249	949	48.3%
Total	43,509	25,684	7,665	59.0%

COLLEGE SELECTIVITY (FIRST-CHOICE MAJOR)

	Applicants	Admits	Admit Rate
ACES	1,898	1,117	58.9%
AHS	1,602	762	47.6%
BUS	4,401	1,847	42.0%
DGS	3,976	2,111	53.1%
EDU	753	385	51.1%
ENG	13,666	4,492	32.9%
FAA	1,840	1,089	59.2%
LAS	14,487	8,309	57.4%
MDIA	666	352	52.9%
SSW	220	106	48.2%
Total	43,509	20,570	47.3%

ENROLLED STUDENT PROFILE

Academic Qualifications (Middle 50%)

High School GPA	3.38-3.86
SAT Composite	1230-1460
ACT Composite	27-33

Demographics

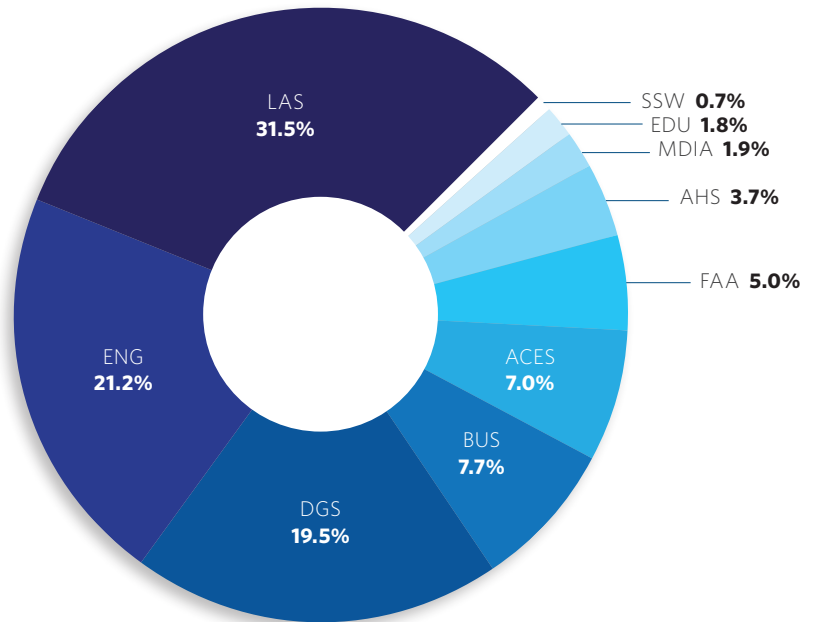
Male Female	53.3% 46.7%
Underrepresented	1,775 (23.2%)

Residency Distribution by Tuition

Illinois Residents	5,698 (74.3%)
Non-Residents	1,018 (13.3%)

ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE

	2019	2018	2017
ACES	538	512	450
AHS	287	266	282
BUS	591	634	560
DGS	1,498	1,663	1,675
EDU	138	131	142
ENG	1,628	1,559	1,545
FAA	381	341	377
LAS	2,411	2,326	2,311
MDIA	142	126	126
SSW	51	51	50
Total	7,665	7,609	7,518



RECRUITMENT EFFORTS

We increased our recruitment and outreach efforts this past year in order to have more touchpoints with students. The largest difference can be seen in the number of high school visits and college fairs we attended.

	High School Visits	College Fairs	Off-Campus Programs	On-Campus Visit Programs
2018-2019	1,040	460	67	499
2017-2018	814	367	61	430
2016-2017	910	331	58	376

UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS

With increases in both African American and Latino/Hispanic enrollment in 2019, we continue to become more diverse. We hope to continue this trend in future years through our persistent efforts in recruiting and yielding underrepresented students.

ETHNIC & RACIAL DIVERSITY

	2019	2018	2017
African American	521 (6.8%)	475 (6.2%)	500 (6.7%)
Latino/Hispanic	1,144 (14.9%)	1,093 (14.4%)	995 (13.2%)
Native American	2 (0.03%)	3 (0.04%)	3 (0.04%)
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	3 (0.04%)	8 (0.11%)	7 (0.09%)
Multirace URM	105 (1.4%)	111 (1.5%)	113 (1.5%)
Total	1,775 (23.2%)	1,690 (22.2%)	1,618 (21.5%)

TRANSFER SUMMARY

This year, we're welcoming the largest number of new transfer students in 20 years, an increase made up almost entirely of Illinois residents.

ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE

	2019	2018	2017
ACES	195	149	171
AHS	118	100	119
BUS	74	86	77
DGS	65	50	46
EDU	29	23	29
ENG	117	128	166
FAA	106	66	76
LAS	675	600	642
MDIA	39	31	26
SSW	30	15	28
Total	1,448	1,248	1,380

ETHNIC & RACIAL DIVERSITY

	2019	2018	2017
African American	119 (8.2%)	68 (5.4%)	58 (4.2%)
Latino/Hispanic	202 (14.0%)	139 (11.1%)	165 (12.0%)
Native American	0 (0.0%)	2 (0.2%)	0 (0.0%)
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0 (0.0%)	2 (0.2%)	4 (0.3%)
Multirace URM	30 (2.1%)	24 (1.9%)	24 (1.7%)
Total	351 (24.2%)	235 (18.8%)	251 (18.2%)

INSTITUTION TYPE

4-Year	2-Year	Unknown
470 (32.5%)	923 (63.7%)	55 (3.8%)