

REPORT ON THE ENTERING CLASS OF 2020



UNIVERSITY OF
ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

DEAR COLLEAGUES,

Although the COVID-19 pandemic created a challenging enrollment cycle, we're thrilled to welcome to campus a talented and diverse cohort of new freshmen and transfers.

There are 7,530 new freshmen and 1,247 new transfer students starting classes this fall. An additional 277 new freshmen and 68 new transfer students have requested to delay admission until a later term. This new cohort of students will allow campus to meet our current and future enrollment goals.

The most notable difference with previous years is an increase in the number of students who were not able to enroll after accepting our offer of admission (i.e., summer melt) due to the impact of the global pandemic. This is especially true for international students who were unable to obtain a visa and travel to campus to enroll in face-to-face classes.

The incoming cohort of new freshmen is similar in diversity to last year's class and more diverse than in previous years. Approximately 23 percent identify as a historically underrepresented group. In addition, 24 percent of students in the incoming class are the first in their families to go to college. Thanks to Illinois Commitment, which provides full tuition and fees for students from families with incomes of less than \$67,000, 18 percent of incoming new freshmen qualified for free and reduced lunch waivers.

The incoming class continued to demonstrate excellence in the classroom and on standardized tests. While the average SAT decreased slightly from 1340 to 1330, the average core academic GPA increased from 3.60 to 3.61 and the average ACT increased from 29.5 to 29.8.

In the year ahead, we will need to adapt our recruitment and admissions process to meet an evolving landscape. Students have not been able to take standardized tests or visit campus. We must change our practices to meet students where they are at, helping them to tailor their college experience, discover the innovation that occurs in Urbana-Champaign, and create their own legacy as an Illini!

Sincerely,

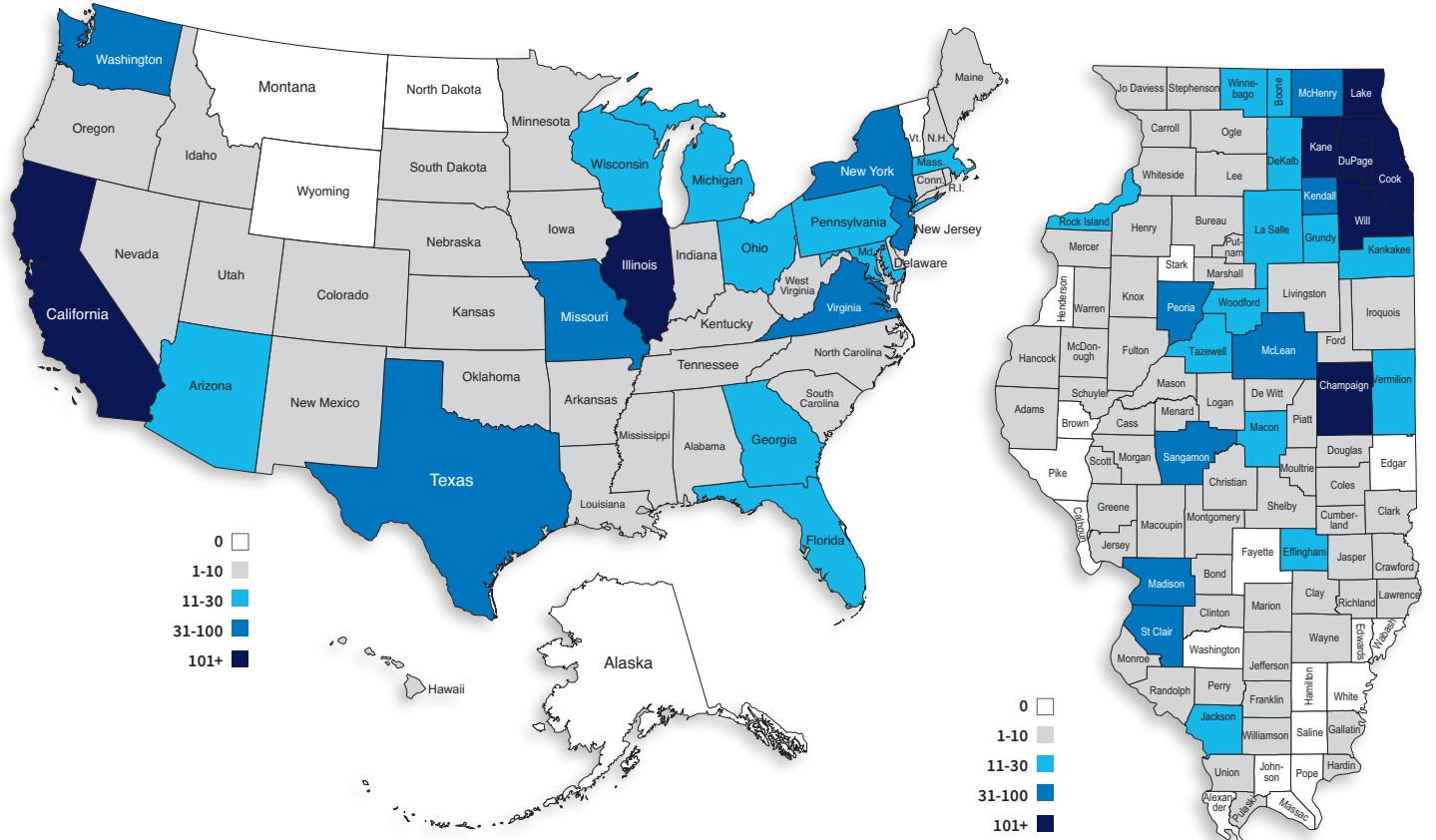


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WHERE DO OUR STUDENTS COME FROM?

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



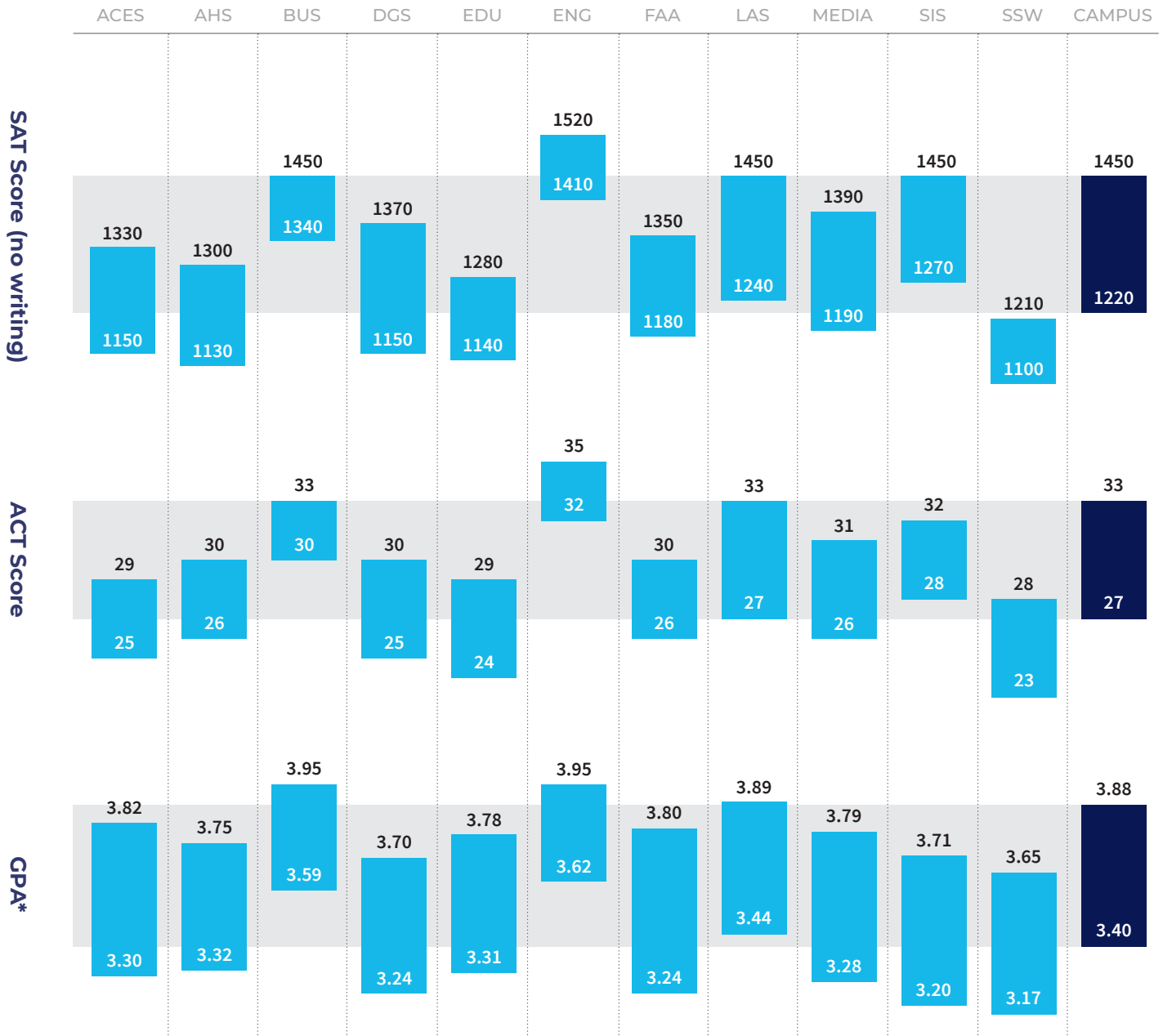
TOP ENROLLMENT FEEDERS

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

ACADEMIC PREPARATION

The academically talented class of 2020 is well prepared to succeed at UIUC, with a mean SAT of 1333, a mean ACT of 29.8, and a mean GPA of 3.61.

MIDDLE 50% OF ENROLLED STUDENTS



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

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

During an unprecedented year, enrollment numbers held steady across the majority of colleges. Notable increases were seen in Education and Applied Health Sciences.

ADMISSIONS TRENDS

	2020	2019	2018
Applied	43,473	43,509	39,406
Admitted	27,520	25,684	24,496
Enrolled	7,530	7,665	7,609

ADMISSIONS SELECTIVITY

	Applicants	Admits	Enrolled	Admit Rate
Illinois Residents	20,460	14,245	5,649	69.6%
Non-Resident	11,768	7,112	980	60.4%
International	11,245	6,163	901	54.8%
Total	43,473	27,520	7,530	63.3%

COLLEGE SELECTIVITY (FIRST-CHOICE MAJOR)

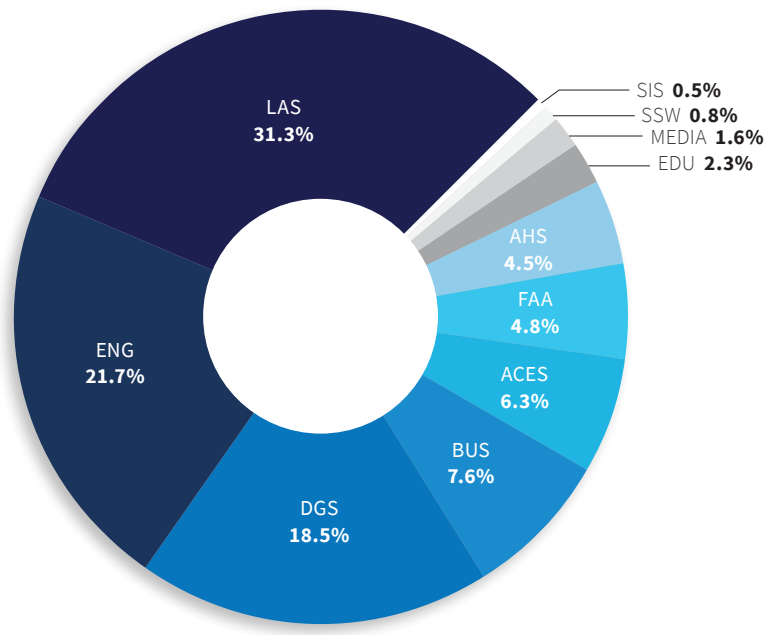
	Applicants	Admits	Admit Rate
ACES	1,766	1,039	58.8%
AHS	1,507	840	55.7%
BUS	4,389	1,934	44.1%
DGS	3,541	2,214	62.5%
EDU	731	422	57.7%
ENG	13,812	5,011	36.3%
FAA	1,707	1,072	62.8%
LAS	14,900	9,250	62.1%
MDIA	688	364	52.9%
SIS	192	131	68.2%
SSW	240	114	47.5%
Total	43,473	22,391	51.5%

ENROLLED STUDENT PROFILE

Academic Qualifications (Middle 50%)		Demographics		Residency Distribution by Tuition	
High School GPA	3.40-3.88	Male Female	53.7% 46.3%	Illinois Residents	5,649 (75.0%)
SAT Composite	1220-1450	Underrepresented	1,733 (23.0%)	Non-Residents	980 (13.0%)
ACT Composite	27-33				

ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE

	2020	2019	2018
ACES	478	538	512
AHS	340	287	266
BUS	569	591	634
DGS	1,395	1,498	1,663
EDU	174	138	131
ENG	1,631	1,628	1,559
FAA	365	381	341
LAS	2,359	2,411	2,326
MDIA	120	142	126
SIS	40	N/A	N/A
SSW	59	51	51
Total	7,530	7,665	7,609



RECRUITMENT EFFORTS

Our standard recruitment efforts were cut short in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although our total number of events were fewer than last year, we were still able to offer a number of virtual options for students in place of our usual recruitment programming.

	High School Visits	College Fairs	Off-Campus Programs	On-Campus Visit Programs
2019-2020	1,005	331	28	330
2018-2019	1,040	460	67	499
2017-2018	814	367	61	430

UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS

The incoming cohort of new freshmen is similar in diversity to last year's class and more diverse than in previous years. Approximately 23 percent of students identify as a historically underrepresented group, and 24 percent are the first in their families to attend college.

ETHNIC & RACIAL DIVERSITY

	2020	2019	2018
African American	501 (6.7%)	521 (6.8%)	475 (6.2%)
Latino/Hispanic	1,128 (15.0%)	1,144 (14.9%)	1,093 (14.4%)
Native American	1 (0.01%)	2 (0.03%)	3 (0.04%)
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 (0.03%)	3 (0.04%)	8 (0.11%)
Multirace URM	101 (1.3%)	105 (1.4%)	111 (1.5%)
Total	1,733 (23.0%)	1,775 (23.2%)	1,690 (22.2%)

TRANSFER SUMMARY

After welcoming the largest number of new transfer students in 20 years in 2019, our 2020 transfer enrollment looks largely the same as it did in 2018.

ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE

	2020	2019	2018
ACES	162	195	149
AHS	114	118	100
BUS	83	74	86
DGS	50	65	50
EDU	27	29	23
ENG	107	117	128
FAA	100	106	66
LAS	514	675	600
MDIA	50	39	31
SIS	20	N/A	N/A
SSW	20	30	15
Total	1,247	1,448	1,248

ETHNIC & RACIAL DIVERSITY

	2020	2019	2018
African American	64 (5.1%)	119 (8.2%)	68 (5.4%)
Latino/Hispanic	191 (15.3%)	202 (14.0%)	139 (11.1%)
Native American	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (0.2%)
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1 (0.1%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (0.2%)
Multirace URM	17 (1.4%)	30 (2.1%)	24 (1.9%)
Total	273 (21.9%)	351 (24.2%)	235 (18.8%)

INSTITUTION TYPE

4-Year	2-Year	Unknown
373 (29.9%)	826 (66.2%)	48 (3.8%)