Common App in Illinois

First-Year Application Data
2020–2021

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358,820 Applications submitted

57,483 Unique applicants

896 Unique colleges and universities applied to (out of 919)

Destination of Applications

- 68% Out-of-State
- 32% In-State

Percent of applications to all Common App member colleges and universities by Illinois applicants

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59% Applications submitted with fee waiver or no fee

37% Applications submitted with a test score

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Applicants by Race/Ethnicity

- Asian 10%
- Latinx 24%
- Nonresident Alien 1%
- Two or More Races 4%
- White 45%
- Black or African American 13%
- Native American 0%
- Pacific Islander 0%
- Unknown 3%

Applicants by Sex

- 44% Male
- 56% Female

Applicants by First-Generation Status

- 62% Not first-generation
- 38% First-generation
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Top receiving institutions nationally from applicants in Illinois (descending)

- University of Illinois at Chicago
- DePaul University
- Loyola University Chicago
- Northern Illinois University
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Purdue University
- Northwestern University
- University of Michigan
- University of Iowa
- Marquette University
- Indiana University Bloomington
- Bradley University
- Michigan State University
- Saint Xavier University
- University of Chicago

In-State Applications to IL Institutions

- Northwestern University
- Loyola University Chicago
- Saint Xavier University
- DePaul University
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- Northern Illinois University
- University of Chicago
- Bradley University

Applications

- 15,000
- 10,000
- 7,500
- 5,000
- 12,500
- 17,500

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Top applying counties in Illinois (descending)

- Cook County
- DuPage County
- Lake County
- Williamson County
- Kankakee County
- McHenry County
- Kendall County
- Winnebago County
- Saline County
- McLean County
- Peoria County
- Madison County
- Champaign County
- Sangamon County
- Kankakee County
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Year-over-year comparisons

+18% State annual change in applications

+6% State annual change in applicants
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Total comparisons, inclusive of all applicants and all countries

+18%  State annual change in applications

+6%  State annual change in applicants

+17%  Total annual change in applications

+9%  Total annual change in applicants

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