

What you need to know about Independent Illinois Colleges & Universities

Private colleges annually generate **13 BILLION** in economic vitality at the state and local levels.

Each year, private colleges provide more than **\$850 MILLION** in direct aid, tuition discounts, and need-based student aid to their own students.

FIFTY-TWO PERCENT of all Illinois students at four-year colleges are now enrolled at a private institution.

Private colleges employ **56,882** faculty and staff at the nearly 130 private college campuses across Illinois.

“ In addition to its economic significance, Knox College is highly valued for its leadership role in our community. Knox not only **serves as a hub of culture and education**, faculty and staff are also actively engaged in civic affairs, community development, and social causes designed to improve our quality of life. The future of our community relies heavily on the continued leadership of the college. ”

— Robert C. Maus, President,
Galesburg Area Chamber of Commerce

Our members

Founded in 1904, the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities is the oldest private college association in the nation. The Federation advocates for 58 Illinois private colleges and universities and their students through information sharing, government relations, and public affairs.

Adler School of Professional Psychology	Olivet Nazarene University
Augustana College	Principia College
Aurora University	Quincy University
Benedictine University	Robert Morris College
Blackburn College	Rockford College
Bradley University	Roosevelt University
Chicago School of Professional Psychology	Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
Columbia College Chicago	Rush University
Concordia University Chicago	Saint Anthony College of Nursing
DePaul University	St. Augustine College
Dominican University	St. John's College
East-West University	Saint Xavier University
Elmhurst College	School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Eureka College	Shimer College
Greenville College	Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies
Illinois College	Springfield College in Illinois
Illinois College of Optometry	Trinity Christian College
Illinois Institute of Technology	Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences
Illinois Wesleyan University	University of Chicago
Judson University	University of Saint Francis
Knox College	West Suburban College of Nursing
Lake Forest College	Wheaton College
Lewis University	
Lincoln College	
Loyola University Chicago	
McCormac College	
MacMurray College	
McKendree University	
Midwestern University	
Millikin University	
Monmouth College	
National University of Health Sciences	
National-Louis University	
North Central College	
North Park University	
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The Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities represents Illinois' non-profit private colleges and universities, which are a cornerstone of our state's educational system.

Our students and our missions as private institutions are as diverse as any in higher education. From large research universities and mid-sized urban colleges to more than a dozen smaller liberal arts institutions, our institutions reflect the diversity of the state of Illinois. We are proudly serving a public good while providing high-quality private education.

Illinois' private colleges are delivering financial aid in record amounts, graduating students into key workforce areas and expanding the opportunities of higher education to more diverse populations than ever before. It is a fact that more students attend private colleges in Illinois than attend public universities.

Our institutions don't just represent the population, however. We also represent the values, the hopes and the dreams of our citizens and students. Thank you for your interest in Illinois' private colleges and universities. To find out more, please visit us on the web at www.federationedu.org.

Charles R. Middleton, Ph.D.
Chairman of the Board



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The facts about Independent Illinois Colleges & Universities

Fact 1:

62% of all graduate students are enrolled at Illinois independent colleges.

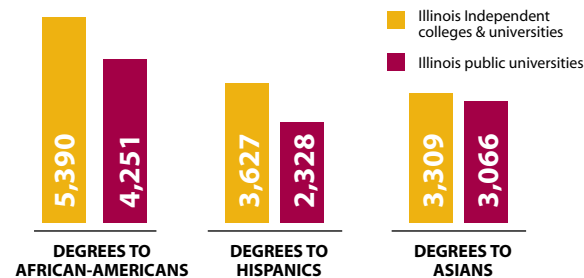
“ Illinois private institutions play a vital role in the training and development of our workforce. Highly educated and skilled college graduates are the most important resource for any large or small business. Our private colleges give Illinois employers an advantage by producing the workforce we need to compete with other states. ”

— Jerry Roper, President and CEO, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

Fact 2:

55% of all minority students at four-year colleges are at private institutions.

Independent Illinois colleges and universities are diverse and essential in keeping the state's higher education system accessible to students of various backgrounds.



Fact 3:

Over 25% of Illinois community college transfers choose an independent college.

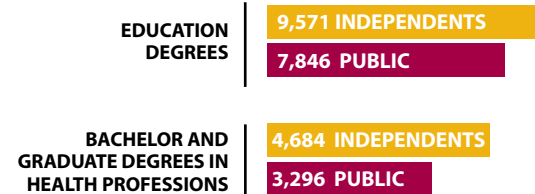
Accommodating transfer students is a high priority for independent Illinois colleges and universities. Close to 11,000 transfer students were drawn to independents—many coming from Illinois' P-16 pipeline—in 2005 alone.

Fact 4:

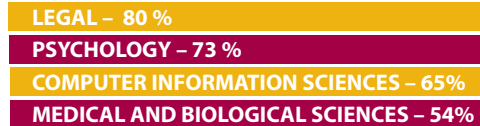
Illinois independent colleges award the most degrees of any sector.

Illinois independent colleges contribute the most teachers and health care professionals with advanced degrees.

Many of the best trained teachers graduate from independent Illinois colleges and universities. Sixty-seven percent of the education master's degrees were granted at independent institutions in 2006 as well as 35 percent of the undergraduate degrees.



Illinois independent colleges also lead the state by producing advanced and professional degrees in several key areas:



“ My private college experience prepared me to teach in today's ever-changing world. It gave me the tools and skills I needed to succeed. ”

— Todd Rosenfeldt, Teacher, Highwood, Illinois MA in Teaching, National-Louis University



Fact 5:

Private colleges provide more than **\$850 MILLION** in student aid from their own resources.

Every year private colleges use internal resources to offer students over \$850 million in scholarships, tuition discounts, and institutional aid. Thanks to this aid, students at private colleges take on only a marginally greater amount of debt than those at public institutions.

Fact 6:

The average private college graduate debt is only **\$2,581** more than the average public graduate debt.

Funding Illinois independent colleges is a smart investment

Fact 7:

In fiscal year 2008, independents received **LESS THAN 8%** of all state funding appropriated for higher education.

Fact 8:

MORE THAN 25% of Illinois students choose to use their MAP dollars at an independent institution.

A majority of the money that comes from that 8 percent is awarded to needy students through the Monetary Award Program (MAP), with other assistance provided through grants from the IBHE.

Private colleges are delivering a solid return on the state's investment. The state must capitalize on that valuable return and prioritize MAP and other vital higher education programs for now and for our future.

