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**University of Illinois system enrolls 70,195 on three campuses**  
*Preliminary 2008-09 student headcount*

URBANA—Total on-campus enrollment for the University of Illinois system for the 2008-09 academic year is 70,195, with entering freshman classes on its Urbana-Champaign, Chicago and Springfield campuses that total 10,576, according to preliminary enrollment figures released today.

The University of Illinois is the largest institution for higher education in the state of Illinois, with a total of 48,893 undergraduate, 17,770 graduate and 3,532 professional students enrolled at its three campuses. The U of I system awards about 18,000 degrees annually.

Freshman enrollment at the Urbana campus is 7,299 for the 2008-09 school year, 350 more than one year ago. The 141-year-old Big Ten university has a total of 41,892 enrolled on campus, 757 more than a year ago, including 31,181 undergraduates and 10,711 graduate and professional students. The university's law school is in Urbana.

Total enrollment at the Urbana campus has grown by 5,873, or 16 percent, in the last decade from 36,019 students in 1998.

Of the total 31,181 undergraduates at Urbana, 27,203 (87%) are Illinois residents, 1,753 are non-resident U.S. students and 2,225 are international students. The new freshman class is made up of 6,026 Illinois residents, 559 non-resident U.S. students and 714 international students

Total enrollment at the Chicago campus is up by 122 from one year ago to 25,247 students, including 15,668 undergraduates and 9,579 graduate and professional students. The university's college of medicine is located in Chicago, with regional sites in Rockford, Peoria and Urbana. The freshman class at UIC is 2,968, or 323 fewer than enrolled one year ago.

At UIC, the diversity of the student population is reflected in the undergraduate class, in which there is no majority racial or ethnic group. Forty-five percent are white/non-Hispanic; 23 percent are Asian/Pacific islander; 17 percent are Hispanic and 9 percent are African-American.

The newest U of I campus in Springfield has 309 freshmen this year, an increase of 48 from one year ago. The on-campus undergraduate class at UIS is 2,044 and graduate students number 1,012. UIS also has 1,200 students enrolled in UIS online courses. Situated in the state capital, UIS joined the U of I system in 1995 and began a four-year bachelor's degree program in 2001 with about 100 students.

The UIS campus also has an increasingly larger on-campus residential population, with about 1,050 students living in campus housing. The two newest UIS student housing facilities are the 200-bed Founders Hall and the Lincoln Residence Hall, which houses 226.

The snapshot of enrollment for the academic year is taken on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of classes, which was Monday for the Urbana and Springfield campuses and Wednesday for the Chicago campus. Enrollment statistics will be finalized later in the fall.

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The University of Illinois is a world leader in research and discovery, the largest educational institution in the state with 70,195 students, 24,000 faculty and staff, and campuses in Urbana-Champaign, Chicago and Springfield. The U. of I. awards nearly 18,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees annually.