

## Tuition and Basic Fees for a Full-time In-district Student:

In FY 2009, average annual tuition and basic fee costs based on fall 2008 costs for a full-time, **in-district Illinois** community college student was **\$2,521**, up 6.9 percent (\$162) over the previous year. Average tuition and fees increased by one third compared to five years ago (31.4 percent or \$603). Looking back eight years reveals that average tuition and fees are up 62 percent (\$965).



In FY 2009, the highest annual in-district tuition and basic fees were at **Carl Sandburg College** (\$3,810) in western Illinois and lowest tuition/fees were at **Illinois Eastern Community College** (\$1,890) in southeastern Illinois.

## Number of Enrolled Students Who Receive Monetary Award Program (MAP) Grants:

MAP Grants are applied toward tuition and mandatory fees, for Illinois residents who attend [approved Illinois colleges](#) and demonstrate financial need, based on the information provided on the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA). During FY 2007, 57,211 students received MAP grants. **Harold Washington College** (N=2,848), **South Suburban College** (N=2,822), and **College of DuPage** (N=2,452) had the largest number of students receiving MAP grants in FY 2007. The average award in FY 2007 was \$989.

## Number of Enrolled Students Who Receive Illinois Incentive for Access (IIA) Grants:

The Illinois Incentive for Access (IIA) Grant is designed to serve the neediest students. In FY 2007, a total of 14,801 students who were enrolled in community colleges received IIA Grants That is an increase of 16.6 percent from the prior year. **Harold Washington College** (N=1,032), **South Suburban College** (N=905), and **Kennedy-King College** (N=703) had the largest number of students receiving IIA grants in FY 2007. The average IIA grant for all recipients was \$371.

## Number of Enrolled Students Who Receive Pell Grants:

Pell Grants are need-based and can be used to help pay for any educational expenses including tuition, fees, room and board, and/or living expenses. During FY 2007, a total of 81,695 (a 1.6% decrease from FY 2006) students who were enrolled in Illinois community colleges received Pell Grants. Combined, the **City Colleges of Chicago** had 18,956 students receiving Pell Grants, the largest in any district. **South Suburban College** enrolled 4,246 students with Pell Grants the second largest number of students.

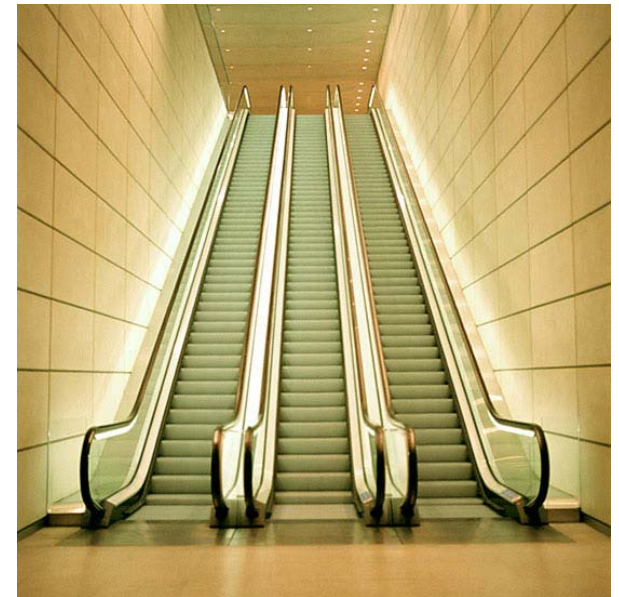


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# Illinois Community College System Performance Report

## Affordability



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## Affordability Background:

According to Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) analysis, college has become **less affordable** for low to middle-income independent students in Illinois. After subtracting need-based aid from college costs students paid from \$1,400 to \$6,900 more at community colleges and \$4,200 to \$10,400 more at public universities in FY 2007 than in FY 1997. Even after adjusting for inflation, out-of-pocket costs increased by \$400 to \$3,800 at community colleges and by \$3,200 to \$7,400 at public universities.



## Here's Why College Affordability is Suffering Based on ISAC Analysis:

- College attendance **costs increased** more than \$4,100 (64 percent) at community colleges and nearly \$7,700 (89 percent) at public universities between FY 1997 and FY 2007.
- **Tuition and fees drove the increased costs.** Enrollment-weighted average tuition and fees increased nearly \$1,100 (80 percent) at community colleges and \$4,200 (117 percent) at public universities over the same time period.
- Changes in **income failed to keep up** with college costs. Income increases for Illinois households headed by a single person, the population of independent students considered in this study, ranged from \$2,000 (38 percent) to \$14,500 (40 percent) depending on the income quintile.

- Inflation-adjusted **MAP awards were smaller** for many independent students. Awards decreased between FY 1997 and FY 2007 for second income quintile independent students without dependents and fourth quintile independent students with dependents at community colleges and public universities as well as first and second quintile independent students with dependents at community colleges.

- The percentage of **tuition and fees covered by MAP declined** over the past ten years. Coverage for the lowest income students at community colleges fell from 100 percent in FY 1997, and as recently as FY 2002, to 67 percent in FY 2007. MAP coverage of public university tuition and fees declined from 100 to 63 percent.



- The percentage of **total costs covered by Pell and MAP decreased** over time for most students.
- In FY 2007, **remaining need exceeded the annual maximum** Stafford loan amount for freshmen forcing many students to rely on more costly alternative loans. <http://www.collegezone.com/media/Affordability2007FINAL.pdf>

## Community College Accomplishments and Plans FY 2008:

Community colleges are involved in many activities aimed at keeping college accessible and enhancing affordability, including

attempting to expand financial aid opportunities, exploring avenues to contain tuition and textbook costs, and



expanding online/distance education. Other efforts include controlling travel costs, capitalizing on technology, attempting to contain rising energy costs, investing in green technology, enhancing dual credit, and seeking additional external funds.

## Community College Challenges FY 2009:



Community colleges cited various affordability challenges for 2009, including those related to financial aid, tuition, textbooks, dual credit funding cuts, limited external funding, and other budget cuts. A reoccurring theme

contributing to these affordability challenges is the decrease in state support for higher education in Illinois. Community colleges still provide the most affordable avenue for higher education access in Illinois.

## First Generation College Students:

In FY 2008, 80,130 Illinois community college students were first generation college students. This is a 2.9 percent increase from the 77,877 in FY 2007. Colleges with the highest numbers of first generation students included **Southwestern Illinois College** (N = 3,744), **College of DuPage** (N = 3,528), and **Illinois Central College** (N = 3,362).