

ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD

FALL 2008 OPENING ENROLLMENT SURVEY RESULTS

Statewide Results. Overall, statewide Illinois Community College System opening Fall 2008 enrollments are up compared to last fall. These opening enrollments reflect the end of the regular fall registration period which is usually the 10th day of class. Systemwide, Fall 2008 enrollments showed an increase in headcount (+ 1.9 percent) and an increase in the number of Full-time Equivalent (FTE + 2.7 percent) enrollments compared to last year. Statewide compared to last fall, more students were attending a community college and those attending took more credits.

The number of students enrolled in credit courses at Illinois community colleges as of the end of regular registration for Fall 2008 was 353,742 or 6,465 more than last fall. Statewide FTE enrollment was 202,851 which is up the equivalent of 5,378 full-time students from Fall 2007. These preliminary counts are from the internet based Fall 2008 Enrollment Survey and results are subject to verification upon receipt of the detailed Fall Enrollment (E1) data submission.

Table 1 provides systemwide comparative fall census enrollment counts for the last five years. Statewide opening headcount enrollments increased slightly after the four consecutive years of decreases. This year's statewide FTE enrollment increase marks the second year that the FTE enrollment has grown. Current opening fall statewide FTE is similar to the corresponding Fall 2004 FTE.

Table 1
SUMMARY OF OPENING FALL ENROLLMENT IN
ILLINOIS PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGES FROM 2004 TO 2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Headcount	363,204	352,824	350,508	347,277	353,742
Percent Change	-0.5%	-2.9%	-0.7%	-0.9%	1.9%
FTE	203,091	197,367	196,868	197,473	202,851
Percent Change	0.2%	-2.8%	-0.3%	0.3%	2.7%

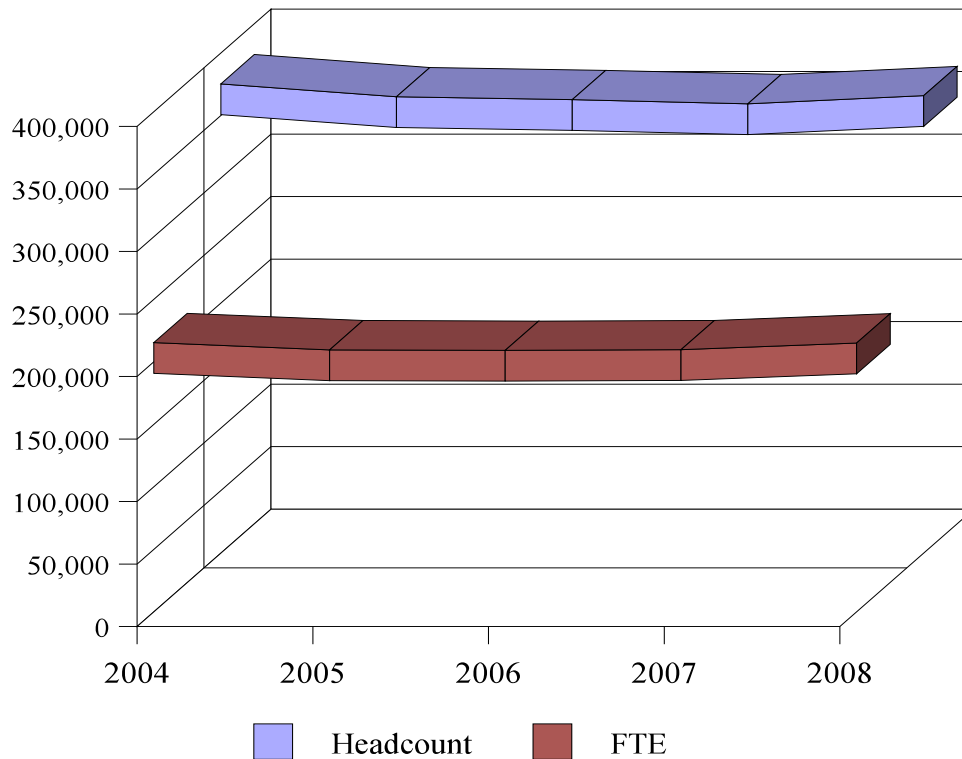


Figure 1: Opening Fall Headcount and FTE Enrollment, 2004-2008

Results by College. Table 2 provides comparative information by college of Fall 2004 through 2008 headcount enrollments. A one-year comparison between Fall 2007 and Fall 2008 among the 48 community colleges shows that twenty-one colleges exhibited headcount enrollment increases of one percent or above. Fifteen colleges reported headcount decreases of one percent or more. The remaining twelve colleges experienced little or no change (less than one percent).

Table 3 provides a college level comparative data on FTE enrollments for the most recent five-year period. The number of colleges with FTE enrollment increases lead those who reported FTE declines (2.5:1). Over the past year, FTE increases were reported by 30 colleges, decreases by 12, and six colleges registered little or no change.

Updated Results for Students in Correctional Facilities. Table 4 provides a comparison of 2007 and 2008 fall headcount enrollment for each community college, broken out by correctional and non-correctional student enrollment. Table 5 shows a comparison of FTE enrollment – correctional and non-correctional students – for Fall 2007 and Fall 2008 by community college. Eleven Illinois community colleges furnished instructional services to correctional facilities during the Fall semester of both 2007 and 2008. In the latest data, there were 3,289 students in correctional facilities which accounts for 0.9 percent of the statewide headcount. Proportionately, this was the same as in Fall 2007 (0.9 percent). Similarly, students in

correctional facilities accounted for 0.8 percent (1,534) of the overall FTE enrollment in Fall 2008 which is similar to Fall 2007 (0.9 percent). An examination of only student enrollments in correctional facilities reveals a headcount increase of 8.2 percent (250) and an FTE decrease of -18.4 percent (- 346 FTE). Exclusively non-correctional headcount enrollment increased (1.8 percent) from Fall 2007 to Fall 2008. The non-correctional FTE enrollments increased 2.9 percent.

Results for Internet Enrollment by College. Fall 2008 is the first year that internet enrollments have been reported from all colleges in the Opening Fall Enrollment Survey. Table 6 provides duplicated and unduplicated headcount internet enrollment for Fall 2008. There were 67,835 duplicated internet enrollments and 45,713 unduplicated internet enrollments for Fall 2008. Based on unduplicated beginning of term counts, in Fall 2008 internet headcount enrollments accounted for 12.9 percent of overall headcount enrollments.

Table 7 provides opening internet FTE enrollment for Fall 2008. There were 14,327 internet FTE enrollments. In Fall 2008, internet FTE enrollments accounted for 7.1 percent of overall opening FTE enrollments.

Additional Background. Fall opening enrollment information for credit-generating students are recorded by the colleges at the end of the regular fall registration period, which is typically the 10th day of class. Opening fall enrollment data are gathered from postsecondary institutions nationwide. Historically, these counts provide a "snapshot" of opening fall term enrollment for year-to-year and institution-to-institution comparisons. The diversity of the community college system and its students is not fully captured in these opening enrollment data. Colleges actively seek out opportunities to serve students that may not fit into the traditional reporting framework. Modules within terms/late-start classes and internet based course delivery are some examples of college outreach efforts. Providing increasingly flexible scheduling from one year to the next is necessary to accommodate student schedules and compete successfully in the marketplace. Hence, enrollment trends are more fully captured through use of annual data.

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Table 2

**COMPARISON OF FINAL FALL 2004 - 2007 OPENING HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT
WITH FALL 2008 PRELIMINARY OPENING ENROLLMENT**

Dist. No.	District/College	Fall 2004 Headcount	Fall 2005 Headcount	Fall 2006 Headcount	Fall 2007 Headcount	Fall 2008 Headcount	% Change 2004-2008	% Change 2007-2008
503	Black Hawk	6,600	6,407	6,151	6,311	6,179	-6.4 %	-2.1 %
508	Chicago	(63,811)	(58,649)	(57,603)	(56,908)	(59,703)	(-6.4)	(4.9)
06	Daley	10,817	9,977	10,105	9,679	9,711	-10.2	0.3
01	Kennedy-King	5,813	5,274	5,179	6,140	6,873	18.2	11.9
03	Malcolm X	7,813	7,149	6,442	6,031	7,202	-7.8	19.4
05	Olive-Harvey	5,672	4,996	4,285	4,078	4,063	-28.4	-0.4
04	Truman	14,001	12,518	12,229	11,354	11,835	-15.5	4.2
02	Washington	7,987	7,613	8,302	8,633	8,342	4.4	-3.4
07	Wilbur-Wright	11,708	11,122	11,061	10,993	11,677	-0.3	6.2
507	Danville	2,638	2,728	3,500	2,832	2,722	3.2	-3.9
502	DuPage	29,854	27,117	26,032	25,768	25,668	-14.0	-0.4
509	Elgin	10,851	10,449	10,072	9,613	9,821	-9.5	2.2
512	Harper	15,265	15,026	15,053	15,156	15,250	-0.1	0.6
540	Heartland	4,647	4,736	4,764	4,827	5,062	8.9	4.9
519	Highland	2,500	2,406	2,136	2,049	2,183	-12.7	6.5
514	Illinois Central	12,046	12,402	12,145	11,804	12,020	-0.2	1.8
529	Illinois Eastern	(10,317)	(8,552)	(10,534)	(9,363)	(9,363)	(-9.2)	(0.0)
04	Frontier	1,960	2,164	2,453	2,102	2,364	20.6	12.5
01	Lincoln Trail	1,496	1,532	1,504	1,445	1,376	-8.0	-4.8
02	Olney Central	1,670	1,701	1,737	1,610	1,486	-11.0	-7.7
03	Wabash Valley	5,191	3,155	4,840	4,206	4,137	-20.3	-1.6
513	Illinois Valley	4,078	4,027	3,939	4,103	4,231	3.8	3.1
525	Joliet	12,751	13,022	12,924	13,149	14,088	10.5	7.1
520	Kankakee	3,513	3,369	3,353	3,591	3,764	7.1	4.8
501	Kaskaskia	4,601	4,764	5,070	5,041	5,066	10.1	0.5
523	Kishwaukee	4,192	4,348	4,675	4,466	4,134	-1.4	-7.4
532	Lake County	15,868	15,745	15,558	16,010	16,359	3.1	2.2
517	Lake Land	7,196	7,181	7,431	7,177	7,107	-1.2	-1.0
536	Lewis & Clark	7,446	7,512	7,781	7,875	8,016	7.7	1.8

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526	Lincoln Land	6,942	6,847	6,532	6,655	6,659	-4.1 %	0.1 %
530	Logan	7,281	7,431	7,364	7,559	7,608	4.5	0.6
528	McHenry	5,331	5,444	5,414	5,274	5,374	0.8	1.9
524	Moraine Valley	16,077	15,929	15,693	15,859	17,477	8.7	10.2
527	Morton	4,436	4,744	5,049	5,057	4,959	11.8	-1.9
535	Oakton	11,212	11,040	10,597	10,805	10,747	-4.1	-0.5
505	Parkland	9,536	9,752	9,336	9,407	9,273	-2.8	-1.4
515	Prairie State	5,342	5,083	5,294	5,507	5,368	0.5	-2.5
521	Rend Lake	3,420	4,913	4,837	4,821	5,346	56.3	10.9
537	Richland	3,112	3,034	3,152	3,274	3,284	5.5	0.3
511	Rock Valley	9,475	8,145	8,011	7,923	8,072	-14.8	1.9
518	Sandburg	3,575	3,260	2,930	2,693	2,615	-26.9	-2.9
506	Sauk Valley	2,623	2,745	2,609	2,700	2,393	-8.8	-11.4
531	Shawnee	2,077	1,975	2,056	2,176	2,388	15.0	9.7
510	South Suburban	7,535	7,072	7,160	6,260	6,078	-19.3	-2.9
533	Southeastern	3,578	2,949	3,023	2,606	2,766	-22.7	6.1
522	Southwestern	14,376	14,479	13,601	13,713	13,217	-8.1	-3.6
534	Spoon River	2,412	2,333	2,032	2,139	2,124	-11.9	-0.7
504	Triton	15,597	15,845	15,738	15,658	15,547	-0.3	-0.7
516	Waubonsee	8,682	8,834	8,843	8,731	9,308	7.2	6.6
539	Wood	2,411	2,530	2,516	2,417	2,403	-0.3	-0.6
TOTALS/AVERAGES		363,204	352,824	350,508	347,277	353,742	-2.6 %	1.9 %

SOURCE OF DATA: Fall Enrollment (E1) Data Submission and Fall Enrollment Survey