

State Outlook: Illinois

Demographics Trends

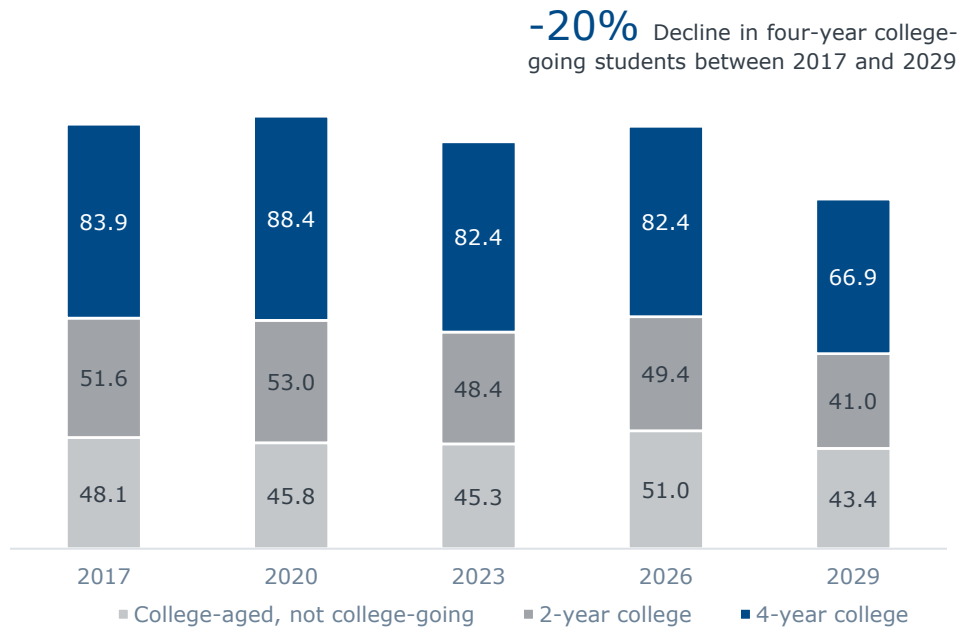
Recruitment Pool Set to Shrink Substantially in the Next Decade

Small changes in enrollment patterns of four-year college-going students until 2026 will be followed by a steep decline between 2026 and 2029.

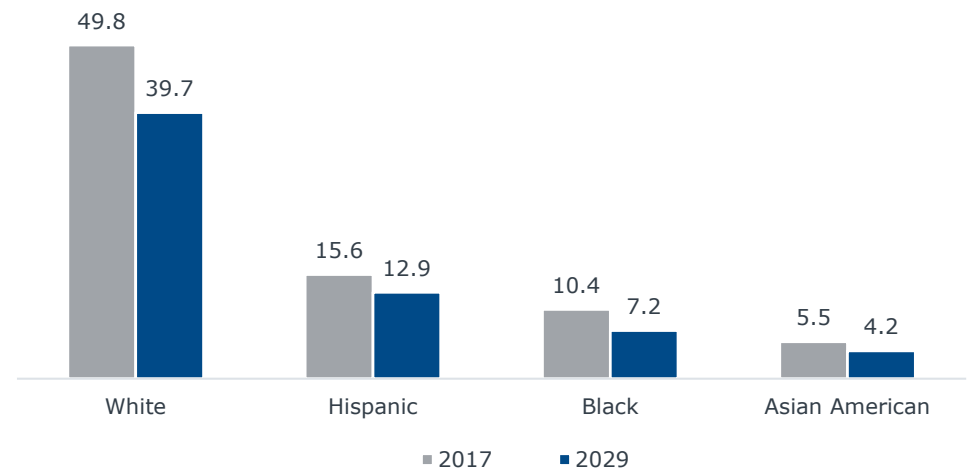
Declining Student Populations from All Races/Ethnicities

Non-Hispanic White students will experience the largest decline in absolute terms (loss of 10,000 students over the next decade). Other student segments will also decrease in size.

Forecasted Number of College-Aged and College-Going Students (Thousands), by Year of High School Graduation



Projected Number of Four-Year College-Going Students (Thousands), by Race/Ethnicity



Source: Grawe, Nathan D., *Demographics and the Demand for Higher Education*, 2017; EAB analysis.

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Affordability Trends

Lower Proportion of Low-Income Households

43% of Illinois households make less than \$50,000 per year compared to 46% nationally in the same income category. Similarly, Illinois has a larger proportion of wealthy households making \$100,000 to \$199,000 per annum.

IL's Public Institutions Less Affordable Than Most States'

The average net price at Illinois's public institutions is a quarter of the state's median household income, making it one of the less economical states to enroll in public education in the United States.

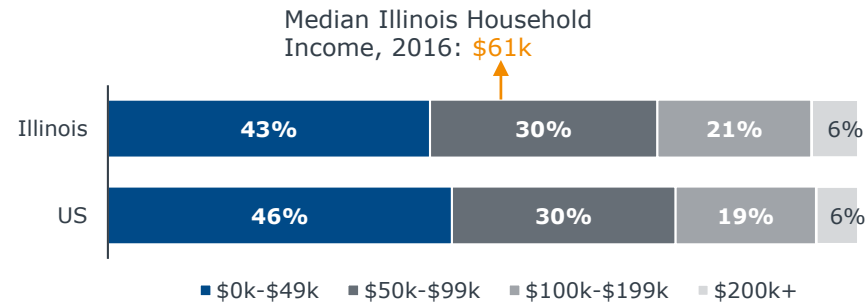
IL's Private Institutions More Affordable Than Most States'

Illinois's private colleges are much more expensive than their public counterparts (net price is 36% of median household income for privates vs. 25% for publics). However, in contrast to the publics, the average net price of private institutions as a percentage of median household income is lower in Illinois than private institutions in 62% of states in the United States.

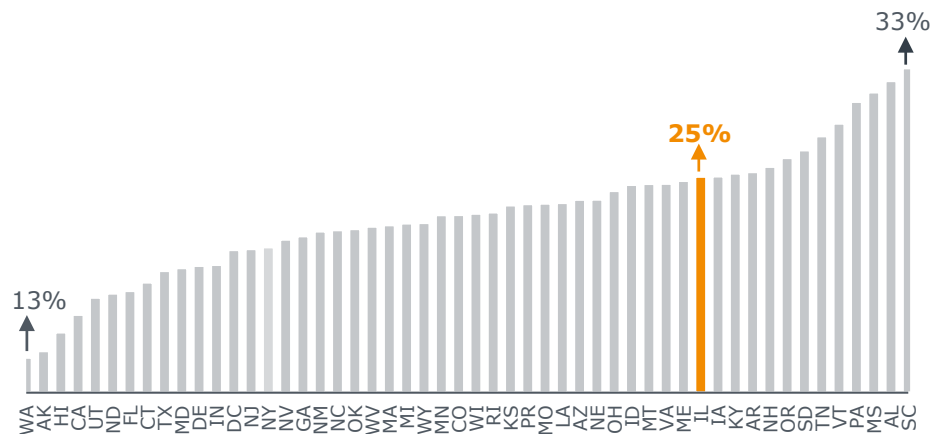
More Debt Among Graduates

More college graduates are in debt in Illinois relative to the rest of the country. Average debt per borrower is also higher than that of the average US graduate borrower.

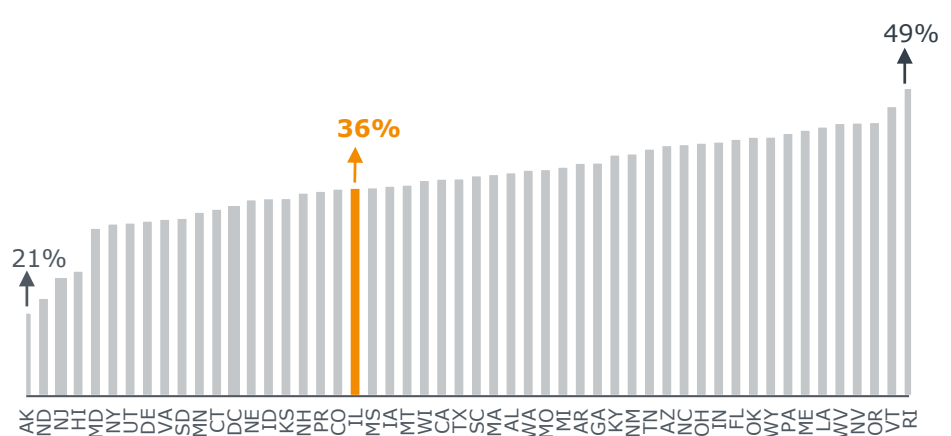
Number of Households by Income Segment (Thousands), 2016



Average Public Institution Net Price as % of Median Household Income



Average Private Institution Net Price as % of Median Household Income



Student Loan Statistics, 2016

	Illinois	US
Percentage of College Graduates with Student Debt	64%	60%
Average Debt per Borrower	\$28,479	\$27,975

Source: IPEDS, National Center for Education Statistics; 2016 American Community Survey (ACS), U.S. Census Bureau; 2017 Student Loan Debt by School by State Report, LendEDU, 2018, <https://lendedu.com/blog/student-loan-debt-statistics-by-school-by-state-2017>; EAB analysis.

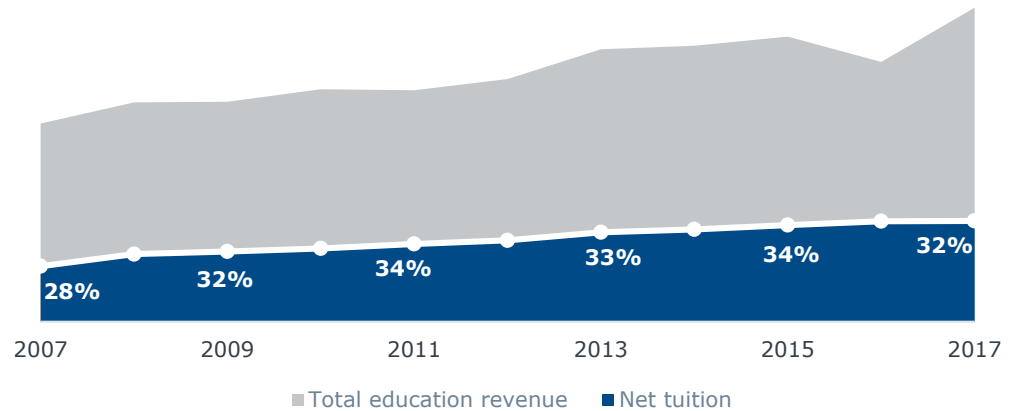
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Funding and Appropriations Trends

Net Tuition as a Percentage of Total Education Has Held Steady Since 2009

After an initial increase of 6 percentage points between 2007 and 2011, net tuition as a proportion of total education revenue has changed minimally in the last six years.

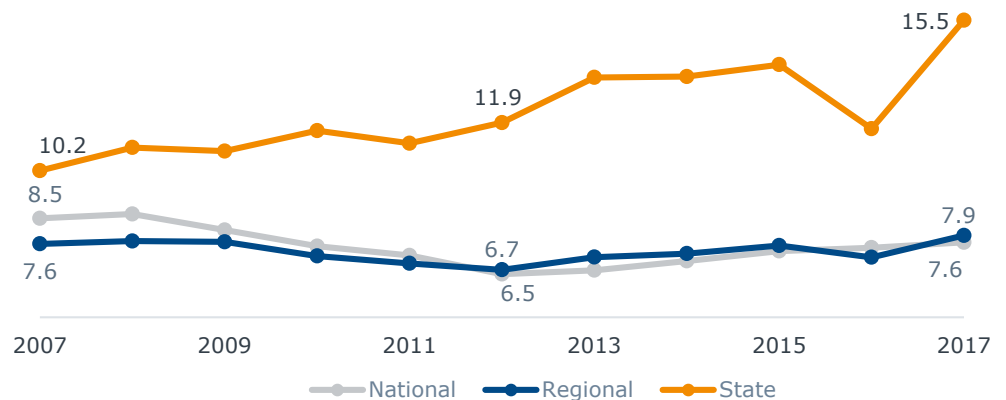
Net Tuition as a Proportion of Total Education Revenues, per Student FTE



State Appropriations per Student FTE Almost Twice the Regional and National Figures

Educational appropriations per student FTE in Illinois have increased significantly over the last decade, while national and regional appropriations have largely remained the same. Consequently, Illinois state appropriations per student FTE in 2017 were \$15,468, almost double the amount of regional and national appropriations.

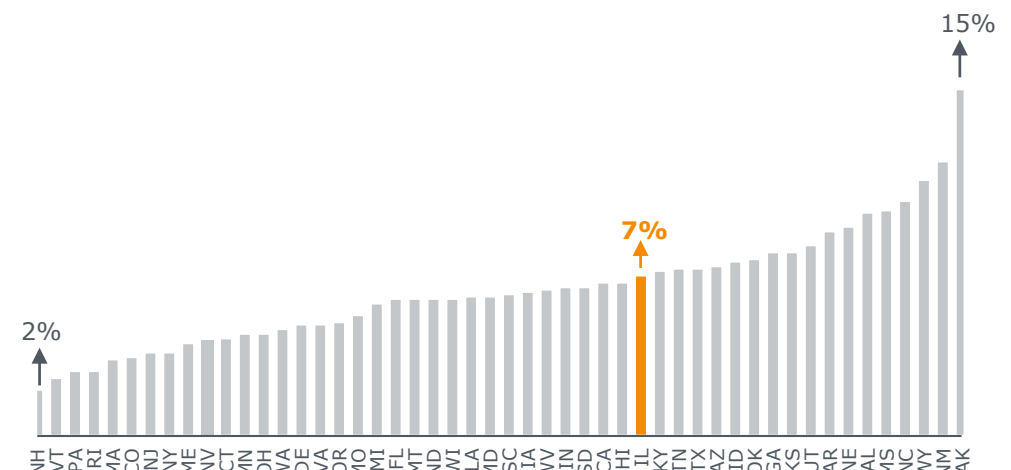
Educational Appropriations per Student FTE in IL, Regionally¹ and Nationally (Thousands), 2007-2017



IL Allocates a Larger Proportion of Its Tax Revenues to Higher Education Compared to Other States

Given the high levels of state educational appropriations per student FTE, it is unsurprising that Illinois allocates a larger proportion of its tax revenues to higher education than most states.

Percentage of Tax Revenues Allocated to Higher Education by State, 2015



¹ Refers to East North Central region, which includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

Source: "2016 State Higher Education Finance (SHEF) Report," State Higher Education Executive Officers, <http://www.sheeo.org/projects/shef-fy16/>; EAB analysis.