

## ACI Colleges and Universities Contribute More than \$3.5 Billion to Illinois Economy, Updated Figures Show

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Associated Colleges of Illinois

MEMBER SCHOOL DATA

Student population: **66,916**  
 Financial impact on state of Illinois: **\$3.5 billion**  
 Jobs provided: **34,122**  
 Financial aid provided: **\$998 million**

(Scroll down for more specific data for each member college or university)

Member School	Student Population (Fall 2017)	Student-Faculty Ratio	Academic Programs	Employed 2 Years After Graduation	Median Income 2 Years After Graduation	State Economic Impact	State 2016	Total Financial Aid per Student	Percentage of Students Receiving Financial Aid	Average Financial Aid per Student
Augustine College	2,647	12:1	71 majors	96%	\$53,000	\$163,021,300	1,841	\$21,444,119	99%	\$27,532
Benedictine University	5,100	17:1	55 majors	91%	\$43,000	\$299,510,532	2,792	\$40,785,167	99%	\$18,272
Blackburn College	854	11:1	48 majors	93%	\$37,400	\$33,836,802	318	\$9,579,647	99%	\$17,610
Concordia University Chicago	5,732	11:1	75 majors	95%	\$39,700	\$219,702,262	1,824	\$24,490,133	100%	\$18,999
Dominiun University	3,127	10:1	40 majors	94%	\$41,100	\$177,302,359	1,635	\$40,416,363	100%	\$20,589
Earlham College	2,421	14:1	73 majors	94%	\$42,300	\$105,277,433	1,223	\$60,772,094	100%	\$21,921
Eureka College	614	13:1	30 majors	96%	\$36,000	\$38,190,976	397	\$7,210,005	100%	\$11,957
Illinois College	959	11:1	36 majors	97%	\$42,800	\$66,410,378	644	\$23,008,416	100%	\$24,143
Illinois Wesleyan University	1,649	10:1	44 majors	96%	\$59,100	\$148,991,523	1,404	\$42,870,940	100%	\$26,438
Justin University	1,283	9:1	81 majors	93%	\$42,800	\$63,996,224	640	\$14,319,864	100%	\$20,596
Knox College	1,392	11:1	37 majors	91%	\$28,700	\$96,131,600	1,000	\$42,057,000	99%	\$20,281
Lincoln University	4,226	13:1	75 majors	95%	\$43,000	\$333,674,874	2,427	\$59,295,430	99%	\$14,721

ACI's [26 member colleges and universities](#) contribute an economic value of more than \$3.5 billion to the Illinois economy, according to updated, publicly available information compiled by ACI. In addition, the member schools employ more than 34,000 people, enroll nearly 70,000 students and provide \$900 million in financial aid.

The updated 2019 information is available on the ACI website on the [Member School Data](#) web page.

[Comparative data](#) also shows that ACI member colleges graduate significantly more education and nursing majors than larger, nonmember colleges and universities in Illinois.

“Members, donors, employers and other ACI partners have expressed a significant interest in this information on our website,” said Mick Weltman, ACI executive director. “The data shows ACI member colleges and universities have small faculty-student classroom ratios, a wide range of academic programs and majors, and strong employment rates for their students within two years after graduation.”

The updated data is available in aggregated form, as well as individual data per member school. ACI's compilation includes several data points about its members:

- Demographic information
- Academic programs
- Employment statistics after graduation
- State economic impact and jobs
- Financial aid provided by each institution

“We want to encourage sharing this information with individuals, families, school personnel, human resources professionals, business contacts and others,” Weltman said.

The data were updated by Quinn Leach, intern and North Park University graduate, and Eli O'Sullivan Kurtz, ACI manager of operations and research, using publicly available sources. Sources included member schools' own websites, plus data from the Federation of Independent Colleges and Universities' Economic Input Calculator and the National Center for Education Statistics' Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System.