

ILLINI SUCCESS 2021-2022 HIGHLIGHTS

The Illini Success initiative gathers data about the post-graduation pursuits of bachelor's degree recipients at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. This report focuses on experiences of Illinois students who graduated during the 2021-2022 academic year, including August 2021, December 2021, and May 2022 graduation cohorts.

Post-graduate outcomes were identified for 59% of the graduates, two percentage points higher than the previous cohort. Within the data collected, 95% of reporting graduates had secured a first destination of employment, additional education, or volunteer/service work within six months of graduation. Knowledge rates vary considerably across colleges and majors. Throughout the report, sample size and knowledge rates are reported to help make appropriate use of the data. As with all data sets, careful interpretation of the results is encouraged.

Warm congratulations are extended to all the graduates. Much appreciation is extended to those who shared information about their post-graduation endeavors and their success stories for this report.

SOME KEY FINDINGS FROM THE 2021-2022 GRADUATING CLASS

59%

knowledge rate of where our graduates have landed

47

U.S. states and 21 foreign countries were represented as first destination locations

95%

secured a first destination of employment (57%), additional education (38%), or volunteer position (<1%)

88%

of graduates report participating in experiential learning opportunities while at Illinois

75%

of Illinois residents secured their first destination within the state of Illinois (67% of graduate overall remain in Illinois)

44%

of graduates who participated in experiential learning opportunities received a full-time job offer as a result

\$75K

is the average salary reported by full-time employed bachelor's degree graduates across the university

Employment

Here are select employers and employment industries that hired 2021-2022 Illinois graduates. These lists are not exhaustive, but rather focus on the employers and industries that hired the greatest number of graduates overall, with attention paid to representing graduates from all Colleges. For greater detail, visit the College pages of this report and the Illini Success website.

SELECT EMPLOYERS

Employed more than 40 graduates

Deloitte
EY
KPMG
PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)

Employed more than 20 graduates

Accenture
Amazon
Crowe
Epic Systems
Facebook/Meta
Google
Microsoft

Employed more than 15 graduates

Chicago Public Schools
JPMorgan Chase
Medline Industries
Protiviti

United Airlines
University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign

Employed more than 10 graduates

Archer Daniels Midland (ADM)
Boeing
Caterpillar
Capital One
Goldman Sachs
PepsiCo
RSM

Employed more than 5 graduates

3M
Abbott
Aon
Bank of America
Burns & McDonnell
Capgemini
Cargill
Champaign Unit 4 School District

Constellation
Discover Financial Services
Echo Global Logistics
Eli Lilly & Co.
Epsilon
Frito-Lay
General Motors
Grant Thornton
IBM
Intel
John Deere
Kimley-Horn
Motorola Solutions
Northern Trust Corporation
Northrop Grumman
NTT DATA
NVIDIA
Schaumburg Community
Consolidated School District 54
Sequence
Synchrony Financial
West Monroe Partners
Texas Instruments
The Kraft Heinz Company
W. W. Grainger
Wells Fargo
William Blair & Company

Employed graduates

AT&T
Beaumont Animal Clinic
Carle Health
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Clean Harbors
Environmental Services
Cunningham Children's Home
ExxonMobil
Heartland Alliance
Illinois Department of Transportation
LaSalle Network
Mars
Nathan Wright Landscape Design
Procter & Gamble
Sony Music Publishing
State Farm Insurance
Teach for America
The Walsh Group
The Walt Disney Company
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Walgreens
WCIA
Willis Towers Watson

SELECT EMPLOYERS

Employed more than 100 graduates

Accounting
Banking & Financial Services
Computer Systems Design & Networks
Consulting
Education, Pre-K-12 Education
High Tech / Information Technology

Employed more than 75 graduates

Advertising, PR & Marketing
Computer & Electronic Products
Healthcare Services & Hospitals
Investment & Finance

Employed more than 50 graduates

Aerospace & Aviation
Consumer Services & Products
Food & Beverage
Insurance
Management Consulting
Manufacturing

Employed more than 25 graduates

Automotive
Business Services
Civil Engineering
Construction
Education, Higher Education
Electronics & Electronic
Manufacturing
Human Resources
Legal Services
Medical Devices

Non-Profit/Philanthropy
Pharmaceuticals
Research & Science
Scientific and Technical Consulting
Transportation & Logistics
Utilities and Renewable Energy

Employed more than 10 graduates

Agriculture & Agri-Business
Architecture & Planning
Biotechnology & Life Sciences
Chemicals
Design
Education, Other
Entrepreneurial/Start-Ups
Environment & Natural Resources
Government - Local, State & Federal
Health, Wellness & Fitness
Internet
Journalism, Media & Publishing

Mechanical & Industrial Engineering
Military & Defense
Movies, TV, Music
Oil & Gas
Real Estate
Retail Trade
Social & Human Services
Sports & Leisure

Employed graduates

Animal & Wildlife
Communication Services
Fashion & Apparel
Hotel, Restaurant, & Hospitality
Law Enforcement & Security
Mining & Metals
Museums, Historical Sites, & Libraries
Performing and Fine Arts
Politics
Travel & Tourism
Veterinary

Continuing Education

Here is information about the graduate and professional school choices of 2021-2022 Illinois graduates. These lists are not exhaustive, but rather focus on the institutions and programs of study that enrolled the greatest number of graduates overall, with attention paid to representing graduates from all Colleges. For greater detail, visit the College pages of this report and the Illini Success website.

SELECT GRADUATES AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

Enrolled more than 850 graduates

University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign

Enrolled more than 30 graduates

Columbia University
Northwestern University
Rush University
University of Illinois Chicago

Enrolled more than 15 graduates

DePaul University
Loyola University Chicago
New York University
Southern Illinois University
Carbondale
Stanford University
University of Chicago
University of Michigan
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Enrolled more than 10 graduates

Carnegie Mellon University
Duke University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Indiana University Bloomington
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Southern California
Washington University in St. Louis

Enrolled more than 5 graduates

Boston University
Cornell University
Dominican University
Elmhurst University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois State University
Johns Hopkins University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Northern Illinois University

Princeton University
Purdue University
Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
Saint Louis University
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology
The Ohio State University
University of California, San Diego
University of Iowa
University of Pennsylvania
University of Texas at Austin
University of Washington-Seattle

Enrolled graduates

Brown University
California Institute of the Arts
Case Western Reserve University
Creighton University School of Dentistry
Eastern Illinois University
Georgetown University
Harvard University
London Business School
Marquette University
Medical College of Wisconsin

Michigan State University
National University of Health Sciences
North Carolina State University
Palmer College of Chiropractic
Pennsylvania State University
Rice University
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of The Art Institute of Chicago
Texas A&M University
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Illinois Springfield
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

SELECT EMPLOYERS

Enrolled more than 100 graduates

Accountancy
Computer & Information Sciences
Engineering - Computer, Electrical
Health Professions & Sciences

Enrolled more than 50 graduates

Business & Management
Engineering - Aerospace, Materials, Mechanical
Engineering - Civil, Environmental, Industrial
Legal Professions & Studies
Medicine
Social Work

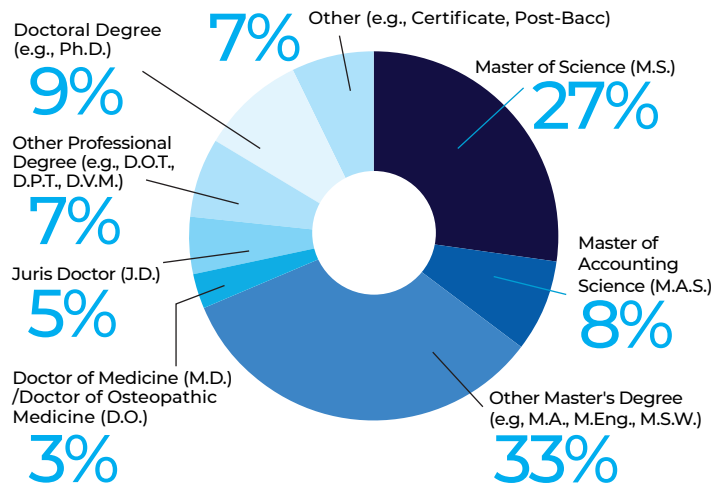
Enrolled more than 25 graduates

Architecture & Landscape Architecture
Biological & Biomedical Sciences
Data Science & Informatics
Education & Teaching
Engineering - Agricultural, Bio, Chemical
Human Resources & Labor Relations
Mathematics & Statistics
Nursing
Physical Sciences
Psychology

Enrolled more than 15 graduates

Animal Sciences
Community & Public Health
Environment & Natural Resources
Finance
Health Administration

DEGREES SOUGHT



Geographic Locations

As shared by 4,301 graduates, the majority of the 2021-2022 class (67%) chose a first destination within the state of Illinois, with an additional 32% selecting other U.S. destinations. Some of the most common U.S. destinations included states such as California, New York, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Indiana, Missouri, and Pennsylvania. An additional 1% of graduates indicated a variety of international locations across the world, including South Korea, Canada, China, India, Spain, Germany, and Japan.

Experiential Learning

Experiential learning activities connect classroom knowledge to the world in which students live and work. These experiences help students explore career and personal interests, develop transferable skills, expand networks and references, and strengthen their portfolios as they prepare to transition beyond their bachelor's degrees. 88% of 2021-2022 graduates reported participating in experiential learning, and 44% of those graduates received a full-time job offer as a result of their experience.

Internships	73%
Undergraduate Research Projects	29%
Study Abroad	7%
Service learning / volunteering	15%
Assistantships	18%
Field experiences / practicums	10%
Student teaching	7%
Clinical experiences	5%
Co-ops	5%
I did not complete any of the above	10%

All-Campus

ALL BACHELOR'S RECIPIENTS

Number of Graduates	8,102
Response Rate	59%
Secured a First Destination	95%
Employed	57%
Continuing Education	38%
Volunteer/Service	<1%
Seeking	5%
Other	<1%
Salary Average	\$74,974

College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Number of Graduates	747
Response Rate	49%
Secured a First Destination	96%
Employed	53%
Continuing Education	42%
Volunteer/Service	0%
Seeking	4%
Other	<1%
Salary Average	\$56,490

College of Applied Health Sciences

Number of Graduates	594
Response Rate	61%
Secured a First Destination	96%
Employed	25%
Continuing Education	71%
Volunteer/Service	<1%
Seeking	4%
Other	<1%
Salary Average	\$46,917

Gies College of Business

Number of Graduates	828
Response Rate	86%
Secured a First Destination	98%
Employed	74%
Continuing Education	24%
Volunteer/Service	0%
Seeking	2%
Other	<1%
Salary Average	\$73,530

College of Education

Number of Graduates	159
Response Rate	65%
Secured a First Destination	96%
Employed	84%
Continuing Education	12%
Volunteer/Service	0%
Seeking	4%
Other	0%
Salary Average	\$47,750

The Grainger College of Engineering

Number of Graduates	1,786
Response Rate	60%
Secured a First Destination	97%
Employed	62%
Continuing Education	35%
Volunteer/Service	0%
Seeking	3%
Other	<1%
Salary Average	\$92,813

College of Fine + Applied Arts

Number of Graduates	403
Response Rate	58%
Secured a First Destination	89%
Employed	54%
Continuing Education	35%
Volunteer/Service	0%
Seeking	10%
Other	<1%
Salary Average	\$56,386

School of Information Sciences

Number of Graduates	49
Response Rate	57%
Secured a First Destination	100%
Employed	89%
Continuing Education	11%
Volunteer/Service	0%
Seeking	0%
Other	0%
Salary Average	\$80,813

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Number of Graduates	3,286
Response Rate	53%
Secured a First Destination	94%
Employed	52%
Continuing Education	42%
Volunteer/Service	<1%
Seeking	6%
Other	<1%
Salary Average	\$74,705

College of Media

Number of Graduates	301
Response Rate	59%
Secured a First Destination	87%
Employed	70%
Continuing Education	17%
Volunteer/Service	0%
Seeking	12%
Other	<1%
Salary Average	\$54,195

School of Social Work

Number of Graduates	76
Response Rate	79%
Secured a First Destination	98%
Employed	12%
Continuing Education	86%
Volunteer/Service	0%
Seeking	2%
Other	0%
Salary Average	—