

# Illinois Community College System

Community College districts cover the entire state with 39 districts and 48 colleges

**Third Largest community college system** in the Nation (combined FT, PT, credit, non-credit)

1. California – Approx. 2.25 million students
2. Texas – Approx. 1.50 million students
3. **Illinois** – **Approx. 1.00 million students**
4. Florida – Approx. 800 thousand students

**Illinois has seen record enrollments the past six semesters**

**Shared funding** (latest statewide figures FY 2004)

- \$ Local district property taxes – 41.3%
- \$ Student tuition and fees – 32.6%
- \$ State combined grants – 26.0%

**65% of students enrolled in higher education institutions in Illinois are enrolled in community colleges**

**Welcoming students of all ages** (most recent credit enrollment figures)

- \$ 31 years old – average age
- \$ 43% between ages of 17 and 24
- \$ 39% are 31 years or older
- \$ More than 5% of students already have earned a baccalaureate degree or higher

**Community colleges have three major areas of emphasis**

**\$ Baccalaureate/ Transfer curriculum**

- Largest community college credit instructional area
- Accounted for 29%+ of all collegiate degrees earned
- Minorities make up 27% of baccalaureate/transfer enrollment
- Transfer credits facilitated by Illinois Articulation Initiative

**More than 16,000 transferred from community colleges** to baccalaureate institutions, fall 2004

Each Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degree includes Gen Ed courses approved for transfer

**Partners in Teacher Education**

- \$ More than 60% of teacher ed grads already had earned community college credit
- \$ Newest degree is Associate of Arts in Teaching
- \$ Address growing teacher shortages in Illinois
- \$ Models for AAT in Secondary Math and Secondary Science approved – Early Childhood and Special Ed next

**\$ Career and Technical Education**

- ICCB has administrative responsibility for postsecondary federal \$\$ and state CTE funds
- Second largest credit instructional area – increasing enrollments
- Includes AAS degree and certificates
- Largest number and % of all completions

**\$ Adult Education and Family Literacy**

- ICCB administers Illinois Adult Education and GED
- Community colleges provide majority of adult ed classes
- ESL enrollments nearly 60% of Adult Ed population