



ILLINOIS COLLEGE GUIDE

Niche has the most comprehensive data on U.S. colleges and universities. We analyze this data along with millions of reviews from students and alumni to help you understand what a college is really like.

WHAT IS A NICHE GRADE?

The Overall Niche Grade is a comprehensive assessment based on rigorous analysis of academic, admissions, and student life data along with millions of reviews from students and alumni.

MOST POPULAR COLLEGES IN ILLINOIS

- 1 **A+** **Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**
Public • Champaign
Undergrads 31,989
- 2 **A+** **Northwestern Univ.**
Private • Evanston
Undergrads 8,247
- 3 **A-** **DePaul University**
Private • Chicago
Undergrads 13,664

- 4 **B+** **Illinois State University**
Public • Normal
Undergrads 17,151
- 5 **A-** **Univ. of Illinois at Chicago**
Public • Chicago
Undergrads 16,176
- 6 **A-** **Loyola Univ. Chicago**
Private • Chicago
Undergrads 9,774

- 7 **A+** **University of Chicago**
Private • Chicago
Undergrads 5,978
- 8 **A** **Illinois Wesleyan Univ.**
Private • Bloomington
Undergrads 1,828
- 9 **B** **Northern Illinois Univ.**
Public • DeKalb
Undergrads 13,224
- 10 **A-** **Bradley University**
Private • Peoria
Undergrads 4,222
- 11 **A** **Augustana College - Illinois**
Private • Rock Island
Undergrads 2,460
- 12 **B-** **Columbia College Chicago**
Private • Chicago
Undergrads 7,806
- 13 **B** **Southern Illinois Univ. Carbondale**
Public • Carbondale
Undergrads 11,371
- 14 **A** **Wheaton College - Illinois**
Private • Wheaton
Undergrads 2,410
- 15 **B** **Western Illinois Univ.**
Public • Macomb
Undergrads 8,106
- 16 **B** **North Central College**
Private • Naperville
Undergrads 2,590
- 17 **B+** **Eastern Illinois Univ.**
Public • Charleston
Undergrads 6,255
- 18 **A** **Illinois Institute of Technology**
Private • Chicago
Undergrads 2,789
- 19 **B** **Southern Illinois Univ. Edwardsville**
Public • Edwardsville
Undergrads 9,953
- 20 **B** **Lewis University**
Private • Romeoville
Undergrads 3,809

Most Popular Colleges In Illinois



College	Niche Report Card					Public/ Private	Undergrads	Net Price	Acceptance Rate	SAT Range	ACT Range	Student to Faculty	Grad. Rate	Most Popular Majors
	Overall	Academics	Value	Student Life	Diversity									

1	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Champaign	A+	A+	A+	A+	A	Public	31,989	\$16,841	66%	1270-1470	26-31	19:1	85%	Psychology, Accounting, Cellular Biology, Economics, Computer Science
2	Northwestern University Evanston	A+	A+	A+	A+	A	Private	8,247	\$30,552	13%	1400-1560	31-34	7:1	93%	Economics, Communications, Psychology, Biology, Journalism
3	DePaul University Chicago	A-	A-	A-	A-	A	Private	13,664	\$30,676	72%	1050-1260	22-27	16:1	73%	Communications, Liberal Arts and Humanities, Finance, Accounting, Management Sciences and Information Systems
4	Illinois State University Normal	B+	B	A	B+	B	Public	17,151	\$17,509	88%	1005-1275	21-26	18:1	73%	Elementary Education, Finance, Marketing, Management Sciences and Information Systems, Accounting
5	University of Illinois at Chicago Chicago	A-	B+	A	B	A	Public	16,176	\$11,494	77%	990-1260	21-26	18:1	60%	Psychology, Biology, Nursing, Criminal Justice and Safety Studies, Kinesiology and Exercise Science
6	Loyola University Chicago Chicago	A-	A-	A-	B+	A	Private	9,774	\$32,108	71%	1038-1260	24-29	14:1	74%	Biology, Nursing, Psychology, Communications, Political Science and Government
7	University of Chicago Chicago	A+	A+	A+	A+	A	Private	5,978	\$33,107	8%	1440-1600	32-35	6:1	92%	Economics, Mathematics & Statistics, Biology, Political Science and Government, Public Policy Analysis
8	Illinois Wesleyan University Bloomington	A	A	A	A	A-	Private	1,828	\$31,409	62%	1180-1370	25-30	11:1	83%	Biology, Business, Psychology, Nursing, Accounting
9	Northern Illinois University DeKalb	B	B+	B+	B-	A-	Public	13,224	\$19,205	50%	900-1080	19-25	15:1	50%	Communications, Nursing, Psychology, Health Service Preparatory Studies, Accounting
10	Bradley University Peoria	A-	A-	A+	B+	A-	Private	4,222	\$27,211	66%	1020-1270	23-28	12:1	74%	Mechanical Engineering, Nursing, Business Administration and Management, Psychology, Accounting
11	Augustana College - Illinois Rock Island	A	A	A	A-	B+	Private	2,460	\$22,715	49%	No Data	25-32	12:1	76%	Biology, Business Administration and Management, Communications, Psychology, Communication Disorders
12	Columbia College Chicago Chicago	B-	B	C+	B+	A	Private	7,806	\$29,181	88%	1040-1246	22-29	12:1	42%	Cinematography and Video Production, Graphic Design, Recording Arts, Technician, Radio, Television, and Digital Communication, Retailing Management
13	Southern Illinois University Carbondale Carbondale	B	B	B	B-	A-	Public	11,371	\$15,595	81%	930-1210	19-25	15:1	45%	Trade and Industrial Teacher Education, Criminology, Aviation Management and Operations, Psychology, Health Care Management
14	Wheaton College - Illinois Wheaton	A	A	A	A	A-	Private	2,410	\$27,792	71%	1200-1410	27-32	11:1	89%	Managerial Economics, Biology, English, Psychology, Health Service Preparatory Studies
15	Western Illinois University Macomb	B	B+	A-	B-	A-	Public	8,106	\$16,412	60%	No Data	18-23	14:1	53%	Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Administration, Liberal Arts and Humanities, Communications, Psychology, Business Administration and Management
16	North Central College Naperville	B	B	A-	B+	B+	Private	2,590	\$23,565	57%	No Data	22-27	14:1	67%	Psychology, Marketing, Business Administration and Management, Kinesiology and Exercise Science, Finance
17	Eastern Illinois University Charleston	B+	B+	A-	B	B+	Public	6,255	\$15,549	50%	No Data	19-24	15:1	58%	Liberal Arts and Humanities, Kinesiology and Exercise Science, Communications, Psychology, Family Studies and Consumer Sciences
18	Illinois Institute of Technology Chicago	A	A	A+	B	A	Private	2,789	\$23,371	53%	1150-1380	25-30	13:1	73%	Architecture, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Computer Science, Business Administration and Management
19	Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Edwardsville	B	B	B+	B	B+	Public	9,953	\$15,859	88%	900-1173	20-26	19:1	49%	Nursing, Business Administration and Management, Psychology, Biology, Communications
20	Lewis University Romeoville	B	B	A-	C+	B+	Private	3,809	\$19,986	62%	1000-1160	20-25	13:1	66%	Nursing, Criminal Justice and Safety Studies, Business Administration and Management, Psychology, Aviation Management and Operations

The Most Popular Colleges are the schools that receive the most views on Niche.com.

Niche Grades evaluate specific aspects of campus life based on rigorous data analysis along with millions of student reviews.

Public colleges receive state funding and offer in-state residents lower tuition. **Private colleges** don't distinguish between in-state and out-of-state.

Net Price is average cost after financial aid for students receiving grant or scholarship aid, as reported by the college.

Acceptance Rate is the percentage of students who apply to a college and are accepted.

A college's **SAT and ACT ranges** represent the test scores of the 25th and 75th percentile of students who are enrolled.

Student Faculty Ratio is the number of students who attend a college, divided by the number of faculty. A ratio of 10:1 indicates 10 students for every one faculty.

Graduation Rate is the percentage of undergraduate students who receive their degree within six years.

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