



# **Transfer is Our Future**

## **(How Statewide Systems Improve Transfer)**

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# Desired learning outcomes

1. Understand implications of Illinois' transfer profile
2. Know benefits of statewide initiatives, transfer advising: planning is key
3. Discuss today's transfer challenges

# Illinois Transfer Profile

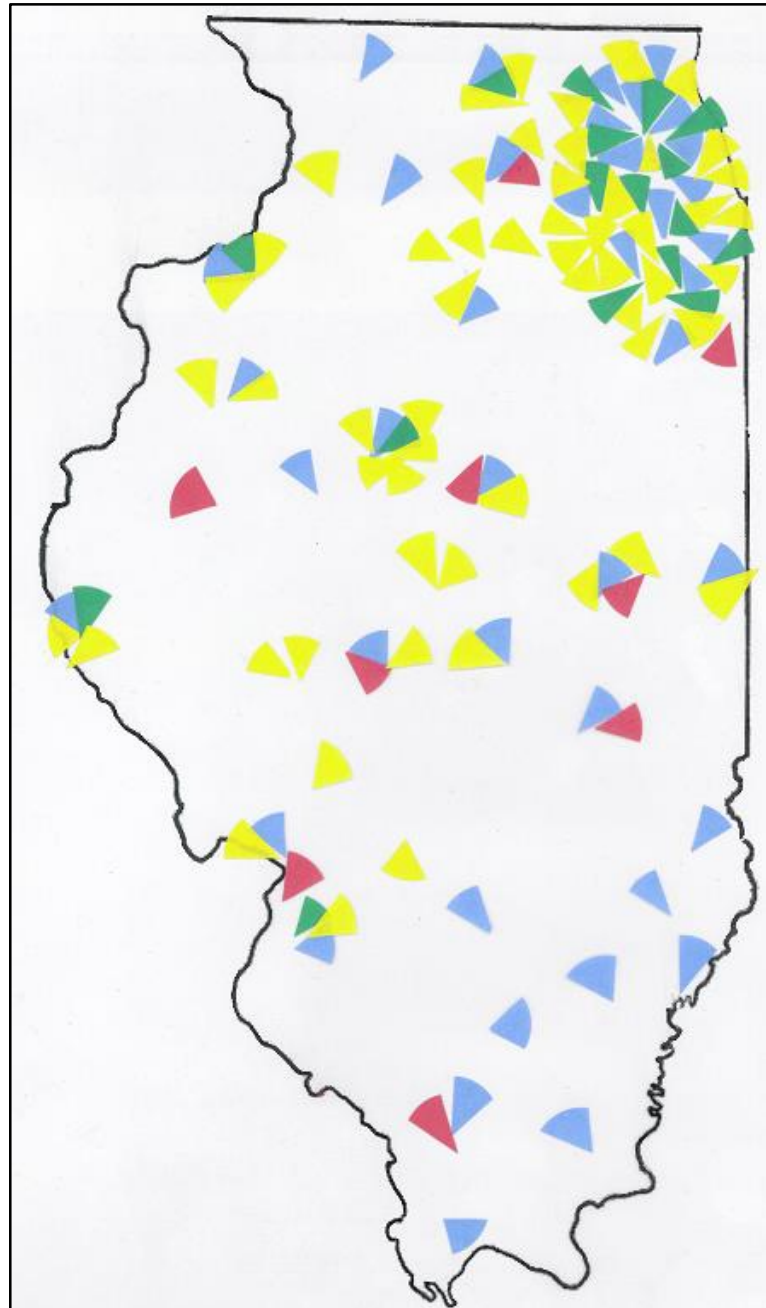
Number & type of Illinois institutions:

- 12 public universities
- 48 community colleges, 39 districts
- 98 Independent not-for-profit
- 29 Independent for-profit

More than 60 colleges/universities in city of Chicago alone

(Out-of-state institutions operating in IL *not* included.)

This map displays Illinois public universities, community colleges and independent institutions (NFP and for-profit) **outside** the City of Chicago.



Legend:

**Community Colleges**

**Public Universities**

**Independent NFP**

**Independent For-Profit**

This map displays Illinois public universities, community colleges and independent institutions (NFP and for-profit) **inside** the City of Chicago.



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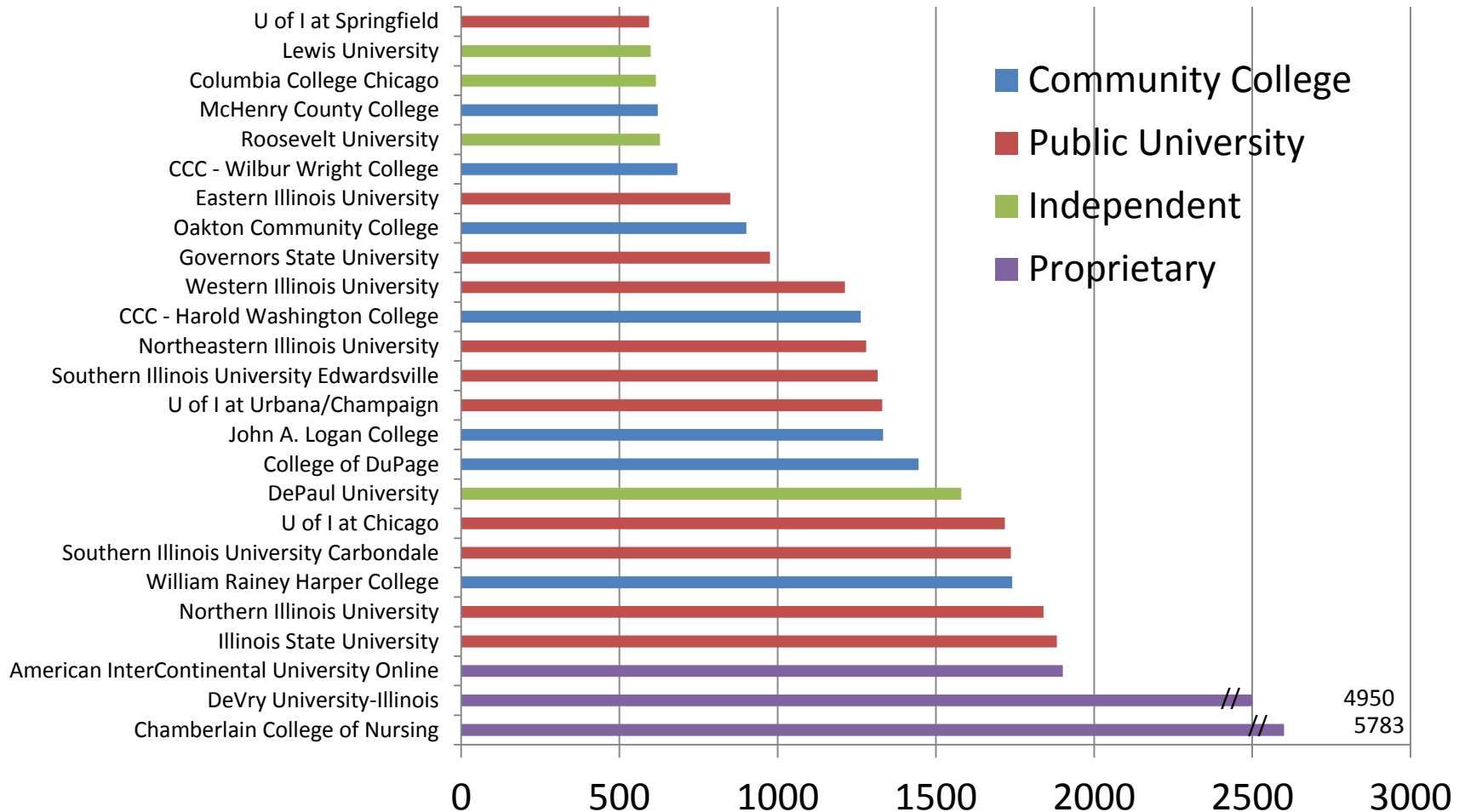
# **Coordinating/governing/influencing bodies:**

- Illinois Board of Higher Education
- Illinois Community College Board
- Illinois State Board of Education
- Illinois Student Assistance Commission
- Illinois Joining Forces, P-20 Council, Advance IL, etc.
- Illinois legislature, IL agencies

# Illinois transfer enrollment:

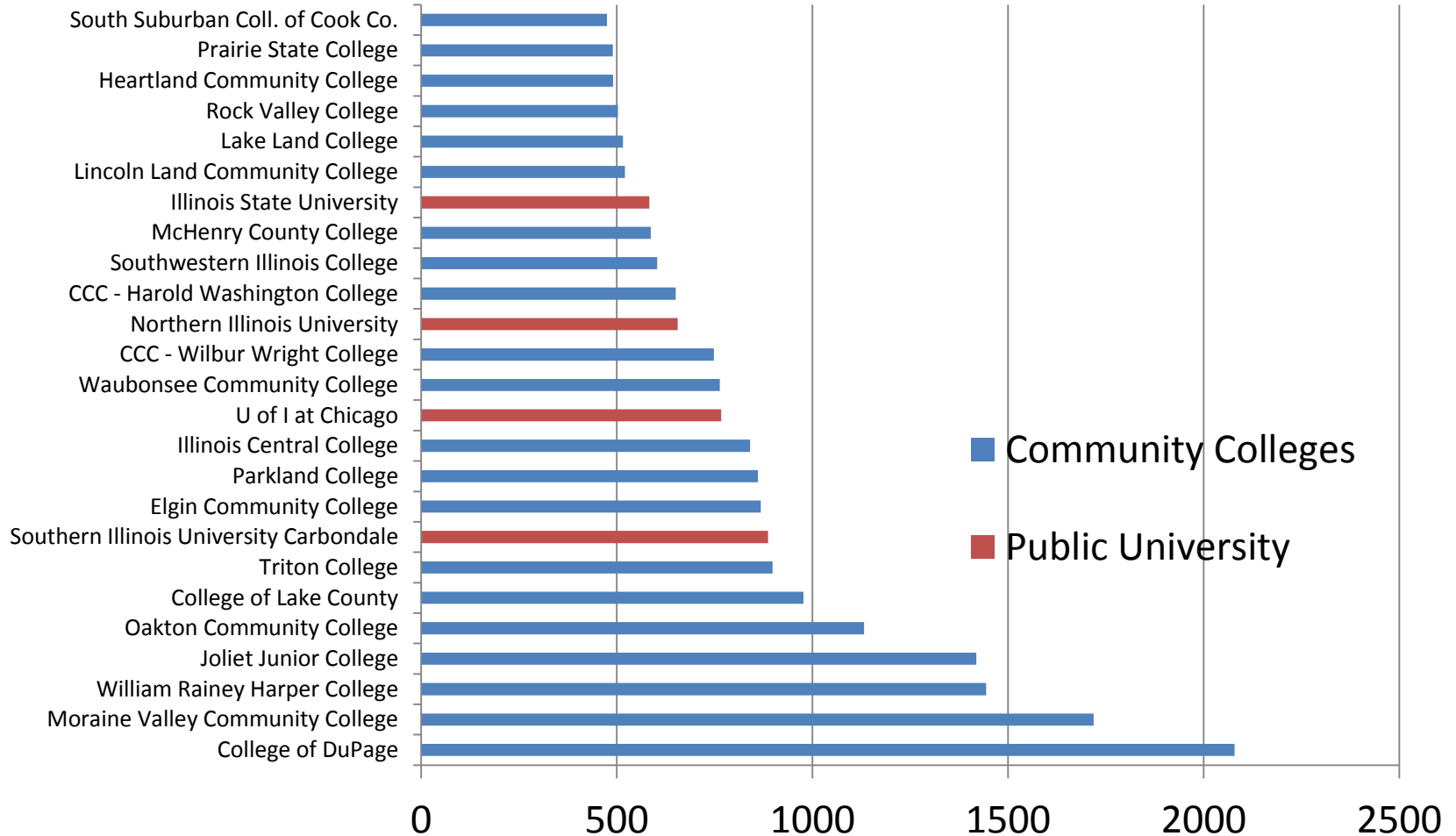
- Approx. 60,000 undergrad transfers to IL every Fall
  - No spring transfer data available
- More students transfer **to** community colleges than to public universities
- Be aware of IL top transfer institutions
  - To and From

# Fall 2014 undergraduate transfers TO Illinois institutions -- Top 25





# Fall 2014 undergraduate transfers FROM/to Illinois institutions -- Top 25



# Illinois transfer initiatives:

- IL Transfer Coordinators (1970's)
- Compact agreements (1970's)
- Illinois Articulation Initiative (1990's)
- iTransfer.org (1990's)
- MyCreditsTransfer, powered by Transferology™ (2002)
- Military articulation initiatives (2013)
- Finish Up Illinois (2015)

# MyCreditsTransfer

- State grant funded
- Launched in 2002 as Illinois CAS
  - Rebranded in 2008 as u.select Illinois
- 29 fully-licensed receiving schools in IL
  - 12 public universities
  - 8 community colleges
  - 8 independent institutions
  - 1 other (Illinois Articulation Initiative)
- Advisory Committee
- Collaborate closely with iTransfer/IAI



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# **How does it all come together?**

- **Voluntary participation**
- **Partnerships & collaborations**
- **Institutional diversity**
- **Funding**
- **Advisors are a critical link**

# Voluntary participation

- Lends to greater institutional buy-in
- Promotes transparency
- Increases opportunity for collaborations
  - Finding a good fit
- Accountability is more about information sharing than policing
- Effective communication pipelines are key


# Partnerships and collaborations

- Institutions share information
- Boards are active and informed
- Legislature is kept informed
- Collaboration promotes efficiencies
  - Cost sharing & low cost solutions
- Build on existing initiatives

# Institutional diversity

- Advantages – something for everyone
  - Institutional variety reflects student diversity
  - Compels us to look for common ground
  - Causes us to address differing approaches
- Challenges – institution-specific
  - Is difficult to scale
  - Have broad range of systems & processes
  - Requires ongoing investment

# Funding

- State appropriation – cuts & uncertainty
  - Attrition, turn over, reduction in force
  - Tight budgets force retooling of existing resources
  - Reliance on grants ... more uncertainty
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## *Transfer is the future ... Planning is key*

- Pathways, TAG, DAPP, Dual Enroll, GPS: helping students plan for transfer
- Retain IL transfer students in Illinois
- Experiential learning, internships, undergraduate research, online
- Align for college readiness
- Data, data and more data



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# **Summary/Q&A**

- **Transfer in Illinois – the new normal**
- **Benefits and challenges of statewide systems**
- **Collaboration and communication**

**Advisors are the link  
between the tools and the students.**



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**Thank you!**

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