Illinois Fast Facts

38% Illinois residents think K–12 education in Illinois is headed in the right direction.

EdChoice Public Opinion Tracker

Illinois Parents’ Schooling Preferences If Cost and Transportation Weren’t Factors

Public District School: 41.0 %

Charter School: 5.0 %

Private School: 41.0 %

Home School: 9.0 %

Don’t Know/Refused/Skipped: 4.0 %

Where K–12 Illinois Students Attend School Now

Public District School: 85.0 %

Charter School: 3.0 %

Private School Out of Pocket: 9.0 %

Private School Through a School Choice Program: 0.3 %

Home School: 2.7 %

Illinois K–12 Education Spending

$39.1 Billion Total Illinois Public Education Revenue


Illinois Public Education Funding Sources

State: 40.0 %

Local: 54.0 %

Federal: 6.0 %

School Spending/Costs By Sector

$20,152 Avg. Illinois Total Spending Per Pupil (Public)

$8,464 Avg. Illinois Private K–12 Tuition Per Pupil

$324 Avg. Cost Per Pupil (Tax Credits for Educational Expenses)

$7,132 Avg. Cost Per Pupil (Invest in Kids Program)


Illinois Education Spending Out of Total

Public District Schools: 99.8 %

Private School Choice (all programs combined): 0.2 %

Illinois Public School Hiring and Salary Trends since 1992

Percentage Change Per Student Spending Avg. Teacher Salaries Students All Staff Teachers All Other Staff

0 20 40 60 80 100

National Center on Education Statistics

Illinois Student Transportation

Illinois requires sending districts to provide transportation for students with special needs transferring between districts.

Charters: Illinois allows charter school students to be transported along existing bus routes.

Private Schools: Illinois allows private school students to be transported along existing bus routes.