



**A Report of Attendance at College and Universities before Oakton  
by Summer Only Students**

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**Introduction**

This report builds on a previous report detailing what institutions students attend before coming to Oakton. This report provides an understanding of what institutions **summer only** students attend before coming to Oakton. Little is known about the population of students who only attend Oakton during a summer term.

Summer only students are typically thought of as students attending Oakton while on summer break from a four-year college or university. These students usually enroll in general education or other transfer courses at Oakton. Indeed, roughly 51 percent of summer only students attended at least one other college or university, regardless of whether it was a two-year or four-year institution, in the Spring and/or Fall semester before their first summer term at Oakton.

The data in this report are from the National Student Clearinghouse and were generated on April 14, 2010.

**Methodology**

Using data from the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) Enrollment Verify program, the Office of Research looked at students who met the following characteristics:

- The student first attended Oakton during a summer term between Summer 2006 and Summer 2009;
- The student must not have enrolled at Oakton in either the subsequent Fall or Spring semester following the first summer term of attendance at Oakton;

The National Student Clearinghouse includes data on college and university attendance for more than 90 percent of students enrolled in United States colleges and universities. The NSC matches students based on name and birth date, not social security number. Oakton

submitted data for the 6,557 students who met the characteristics noted above. The NSC identified 3,336 students (51%) who attended another college or university in the Fall and/or Spring before coming to Oakton for the first time during a summer term.

The data show whether a student attended another institution and where. The data do not show whether Oakton accepted credit from the other institution. In addition, the data do not tell us if students earned degrees or which courses the student took before coming to Oakton. Note the National Student Clearinghouse uses separate identification codes for institutions we may think of as being the same; e.g., Argosy University.

Since the data encompass the population of Oakton students who met criteria for inclusion in the study, it would be inappropriate to conduct tests of statistical significance that tell us the probability of sample results being representative of a larger population.

## **Results**

The results below are based on the 3,336 students who attended another college or university in the Spring and/or Fall before coming to Oakton, who first attended Oakton during a summer term, and who did not enroll at Oakton in the subsequent Fall or Spring semester following their summer term. We only looked at the first summer term students attended Oakton. Students meeting these criteria are considered summer-only students for this study.

In total, summer-only students attended 422 different institutions before coming to Oakton. Of the top 10 institutions, only Harper College is a two-year college. Harper College, Triton College, and College of Lake County are the only two-year institutions ranked in the top 25 schools whose students attended Oakton as summer-only students.

Table 1 lists the top 25 colleges and universities that provided students to Oakton. “Provided” means a student enrolled at another institution before his or her first summer term at Oakton. Of the 25 institutions that provided students to Oakton, 16 (64% of 25) are public 4-year, six (24%) are independent four-year, and three (12%) are public two-year. See **Appendix A** for a list of institutions attended by summer-only students before coming to Oakton.

**Table 1: Colleges and Universities Attended in the Fall and/or Spring Before First Summer at Oakton  
National Student Clearinghouse Identification of Institutions  
Duplicated Headcount (Students Attending More Than One Institution are Counted Once for Each Institution)**

**Institutions with Seventy-five or More Students**

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Type of Institution</u>	<u># of Students</u>
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA	4-year	559
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO	4-year	244
INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON	4-year	158
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA	4-year	154
DEPAUL UNIVERSITY	4-year	142
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY	4-year	123
ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	4-year	122
HARPER COLLEGE	2-year	96
MIAMI UNIVERSITY	4-year	78
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN AT MADISON	4-year	78
MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY	4-year	74
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO	4-year	73
COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY	2-year	60
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY	4-year	57
BRADLEY UNIVERSITY	4-year	56
PURDUE UNIVERSITY	4-year	52
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY	4-year	50
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS	4-year	48
COLUMBIA COLLEGE	4-year	44
WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY	4-year	42
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY – CARBONDALE	4-year	38
TRITON COLLEGE	2-year	38
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	4-year	37
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AT ANN ARBOR	4-year	37
UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON	4-year	32

## Observations

**Observation One:** Of students who first attended Oakton in a summer session from 2006 through 2009 (N = 6,557), 51 percent attended another college or university in the Fall and/or Spring prior to coming to Oakton for the first time during a summer term. In other words, about half of Oakton students during a summer term are students at another institution during the regular academic year.

**Observation Two:** Summer-only students are less likely to have previously attended a community college than students who attend Oakton during the Fall and/or Spring. Of the top 25 institutions that students attend in the Fall and/or Spring before coming to Oakton for the first time in a summer term, only three (12%) are two-year institutions.

**Observation Three:** Substantial mobility takes place in the Midwest region. Nine of the top 25 (36%) institutions providing students to Oakton are located outside of Illinois; the out-of-state institutions are located in Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Mobility throughout the Midwest further suggests students take courses at Oakton while at home during summer break rather than enrolling at Oakton to transition between careers or educational programs.

It is clear that the institutions that send the most students to Oakton are four-year colleges and universities in the Midwest region. Counting each college or university only once, regardless of how many students attended the institution, we identified 422 institutions attended by summer-only students in the Fall and/or Spring before coming to Oakton.

Additional research is needed to determine how summer-only students differ in their enrollment decisions compared to students attending Oakton during the academic year. For example, are summer-only students enrolling in general education courses at Oakton, or are they taking courses that are major requirements at their home institution? Is there a difference in the number of summer courses that summer-only students take compared to students attending Oakton during the academic year?

The Office of Research welcomes comments and suggestions for additional research.

**Appendix A:**  
**Colleges and Universities Attended in the Fall and/or Spring Prior to  
Coming to Oakton for the First Time During a Summer Term**

Adrian College, Albion College, Allegheny College, American River College Los Rios Community College District, Arizona State University, Arkansas State University, Arkansas State University - Newport, Arkansas State University, Beebe, Augustana College, Aurora University, Austin Community College, Azusa Pacific University, Ball State University, Barry University, Baylor University, Bellevue College, Belmont University, Beloit College, Benedictine University, Bethel University, Blinn College, Boston College, Boston University, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green Technical College, Bradley University, Brandeis University, Bunker Hill Community College, Butler University, California Lutheran University, California Polytechnic State University, California State University - Sacramento, Calvin College, Carl Sandburg College, Carleton College, Carnegie Mellon University, Carroll University, Carson-Newman College, Carthage College, Cedarville University, Central Florida Community College, Central Michigan University, Central New Mexico Community College, Central Texas College, Champlain College, Chattanooga State Community College, Chicago State University, City Of Chicago - Harold Washington College, City Of Chicago - Harry S Truman College, City Of Chicago - Kennedy-King College, City Of Chicago - Malcolm X College, City Of Chicago - Olive-Harvey College, City Of Chicago - Richard J. Daley College, City Of Chicago - Wright College, Claremont McKenna College, Clarke College, Clemson University, Cleveland Institute Of Art, Cleveland State University, Coastline Community College, Colgate University, College Of DuPage, College Of Lake County, College Of Santa Fe, College Of The Holy Cross, College Of William & Mary, Collin County Community College, Colorado State University, Columbia College Chicago, Columbia College-Evening Session, Concordia University, Concordia University At St Paul, Concordia University- Wisconsin, Cornell College, Cornell University, Covenant College, Creighton University, CUNY Bernard M. Baruch College, Curry College, Dean College, Delta College, Denison University, DePaul University, DePauw University, Des Moines Area Community College, Devry University - Chicago, Devry University Center, Dickinson College, Dominican University, Drake University, Earlham College, East Tennessee State University, Eastern Illinois University, Eastern Michigan University, Eckerd College, Edgewood College, El Camino College, Elgin Community College, Elmhurst College, Elon University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Arizona, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Daytona, Emory University, Emory University-Oxford, Emporia State University, Endicott College, Fairfield University, Fairleigh Dickinson University - Teaneck, Fayetteville Technical Community College, Ferris State University, Florida Atlantic University, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida Institute Of Technology, Florida International University, Franklin University, Front Range Community College, Garrett-Evangelical Theological, George Mason University, George Washington University, Georgetown University, Georgia Institute Of Technology, Gonzaga University, Goshen College, Goucher College, Governors State University, Grand Canyon University, Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Valley State University, Greenville College, Hampshire College, Hampton University, Heartland Community College, Highline Community College, Hocking Technical College, Hofstra University, Holy Cross College, Hope College, Houston Community College, Illinois Central College, Illinois College Of Optometry, Illinois Eastern Community College-Wabash Valley, Illinois Institute Of Technology, Illinois Institute Of Technology - Grad & Bus, Illinois State University, Illinois Valley Community College, Illinois Wesleyan University, Indiana State University, Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana University Purdue University - Fort Wayne, Indiana University South Bend, Iowa State University, Ivy Tech Community College Bloomington, Ivy Tech Community College Lafayette, Ivy Tech Community College South Bend,

Jacksonville University, James Madison University, John Carroll University, John Wood Community College, Johns Hopkins University - Peabody Conservatory Of Music, Johnson & Wales University, Johnson County Community College, Judson University, Kankakee Community College, Kansas State University, Kaskaskia College, Keene State College, Keller Graduate School Of Management, Kent State University, Kenyon College, Kirkwood Community College, Kishwaukee College, Knox College, La Salle University, Lake Forest College, Lake Land College, Lake Superior State University, Lasell College, Lawrence University, Lehigh University, Lewis University, Lincoln College, Loras College, Lourdes College, Loyola University Chicago, MacMurray College, Macomb Community College, Marian University, Marlboro College, Marquette University, McHenry County College, Metropolitan Community College, Metropolitan Community College - Longview, Miami Dade College, Miami University, Michigan State University, Michigan Technological University, Midway College, Millikin University, Milwaukee School Of Engineering, Monmouth College, Moraine Valley Community College, Morton College, Mount Holyoke College, Murray State University, Muskingum College, Naropa University, National Louis University, National University Of Health Sciences, New Jersey Institute Of Technology, New Mexico State University-Main, New York Institute Of Technology- Old Westbury, New York University, North Central College, North Dakota State University, North Park University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northern Arizona University, Northern Illinois University, Northern Michigan University, Northland College, Northwest Florida State College, Northwestern University, Northwood University, Nova Southeastern University, Oakland University, Oakwood University, Oberlin College, Ohio Northern University, Ohio State University, Ohio University, Ohio Wesleyan University, Olivet Nazarene University, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Parkland College, Pasco-Hernando Community College, Pennsylvania State University, Philadelphia University, Piedmont Virginia Community College, Pitzer College, Pomona College, Prairie State College, Pratt Institute, Princeton University, Providence College, Purdue University - West Lafayette, Quincy University, Reed College, Regis University, Ringling College Of Art And Design, Robert Morris University, Rochester Institute Of Technology, Rock Valley College, Rockford College, Rockhurst University, Roosevelt University, Rosalind Franklin University Of Med & Science - Health, Rush University Medical Center, Rutgers - The State University Of New Jersey - Newark, Rutgers -The State University Of New Jersey -New Brunswick, Saddleback College, Saint Johns University, Saint Louis University, Saint Mary's College, Saint Mary's University - Winona, Saint Michaels College, Saint Xavier University, Sam Houston State University, San Diego Mesa College, San Diego State University, Santa Monica College, Savannah College Of Art & Design, School For International Training, School Of The Art Institute Of Chicago, Scripps College, Seattle Pacific University, Seton Hall University, Simpson College, Simpson University, Skidmore College, Slippery Rock University, South Suburban College, Southeastern Community College, Southeastern Illinois College, Southern Adventist University, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Southern Methodist University, Southern University And A&M College, Southwest Wisconsin Technical College, Southwestern Illinois College, Spoon River College, Spring Hill College, St Ambrose University, St Charles Community College, St Edwards University, St Joseph's University, St Louis College Of Pharmacy, St Louis Community College, St Mary's University-Minneapolis, St Norbert College, St Olaf College, State College Of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Broome Community College, SUNY Fashion Institute Of Technology, SUNY Rockland Community College, SUNY University At Buffalo, Syracuse University, Tallahassee Community College, Tennessee State University, Texas A&M University, Texas Christian University, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas Woman's University, The John Marshall Law School - Chicago, The University Of Tulsa, Touro College, Trinity Christian College, Trinity International University, Triton College, Truman State University, Tufts University, Union College, University Of Akron, University Of Alabama, University Of Arizona, University Of Arkansas Community College at Batesville, University Of California-Berkeley,

University Of California-Davis, University Of California-Extension, University Of Central Florida, University Of Chicago, University Of Cincinnati, University Of Colorado At Boulder, University Of Connecticut, University Of Dayton, University Of Delaware, University Of Denver - Colorado, University Of Florida, University Of Houston, University Of Illinois at Springfield, University Of Illinois at Urbana, University Of Illinois at Chicago, University Of Indianapolis, University Of Iowa, University Of Kansas, University Of Kentucky, University Of Louisville, University Of Maine, Orono, University Of Maryland - College Park, University Of Massachusetts At Amherst, University Of Massachusetts At Lowell, University Of Massachusetts Boston, University Of Miami, University Of Michigan, Flint, University Of Michigan, University Of Minnesota-Twin Cities, University Of Mississippi, University Of Missouri-Columbia, University Of Montana, University Of Nevada Las Vegas, University Of New England, University Of New Mexico, University Of North Texas, University Of Notre Dame, University Of Oregon, University Of Phoenix, University Of Pittsburgh, University Of Redlands, University Of Richmond, University Of South Carolina, University Of South Dakota, University Of Southern California, University Of Southern Maine, University Of St Thomas, University Of St. Francis, University Of Tampa, University Of Texas At Austin, University Of The Sciences In Philadelphia, University Of Utah, University Of Vermont & State Agricultural College, University Of Wisconsin - La Crosse, University Of Wisconsin - Madison, University Of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, University Of Wisconsin - Oshkosh, University Of Wisconsin - Parkside, University Of Wisconsin - Platteville, University Of Wisconsin - Whitewater, Ursinus College, Utica College, Valencia Community College, Valley Forge Military College, Valparaiso University, Vanderbilt University, Villanova University, Vincennes University, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Polytech And State University, Viterbo University, Washington University, Washtenaw Community College, Waubensee Community College, West Virginia University, Western Illinois University, Western Kentucky University, Western Michigan University, Wheaton College, William Jewell College, William Rainey Harper College, Winona State University, Wittenberg University, Wright State University, Xavier University, Yeshiva University-Midtown-Stern College For Women, Yuba Community College