

Gifted Education in Illinois

School Year 2000

On the following pages are selected results collected from school districts with Gifted programs. In some cases, comparisons are made with total state information.

773 **Districts (and Joint Agreements) provided information about their Gifted program**

156,310 **Students received Gifted services**

(99.1% of identified Gifted students; 7.7% of all Illinois students)

669 **Districts (of 773, or 86.5 %) offer an Elementary program**

612 **Districts (79.2%) offer a Middle School program**

387 **Districts (50.1%) offer a High School program**

157,663 Students were identified as Gifted, out of ...

2,027,600 Students in the state (7.8% of all Illinois students)

91,203 Students were identified for General Intellectual Ability

66,460 Students were identified for a Specific Aptitude or Talent

4,057 Professional staff have completed 3 semester or 4 quarter hours of college credit in Gifted education

5,844 Professional staff have completed the approved Institute training

4,493 Professional staff have documented teaching experience to qualify for Gifted Education Program reimbursement

3,801 Professional staff have received training related to Gifted Education through an ISC or ROE this school year

Table 1. Gifted Students in Illinois by Gender.

	Number of Gifted Students	Percent of Gifted Students	State Total	State Percent
Female	82,168	52.6	980,673	48.4
Male	74,142	47.4	1,046,927	51.6
Total	156,310		2,027,600	

Table 2. Gifted Students in Illinois by Race/Ethnic Classification.

	Number of Gifted Students	Percent of Gifted Students	State Total	State Percent
AmerIndian	186	0.1	3,112	0.2
Asian	8,903	5.7	65,963	3.3
Black	18,663	11.9	432,686	21.3
Hispanic	10,286	6.6	295,896	14.6
White	118,272	75.7	1,229,943	60.7
Total	156,310		2,027,600	

Greater numbers of Asian and Pacific Island students and White students received gifted education services. Black and Hispanic students are under represented in the Illinois Gifted programs.

Table 3. Gifted Students in Illinois by Grade Level.

	Number of Gifted Students	Percent of Gifted Students	State Total	State Percent
K*	1,443	0.9	208,444	10.3
First	4,890	3.1	162,324	8.0
Second	7,774	5.0	158,998	7.8
Third	11,907	7.6	164,982	8.1
Fourth	13,388	8.6	158,444	7.8
Fifth	14,107	9.0	155,168	7.7
Sixth	14,989	9.6	153,710	7.6
Seventh	15,987	10.2	148,459	7.3
Eighth	16,820	10.8	149,397	7.4
Ninth	12,905	8.3	164,554	8.1
Tenth	13,322	8.5	145,536	7.2
Eleventh	13,854	8.9	126,866	6.3
Twelfth	14,920	9.6	126,984	6.3
Ungraded	4	0.003	3,734	0.2
Total	156,310		2,027,600	

Gifted education in Illinois tends to be concentrated in intermediate grades and above. These differences may depend on identification and placement by various grades; educators in the primary grades may not have adequate identification or assessment procedures.

*Kindergarten grade includes Pre-Kindergarten, Pre-K Bilingual, and Pre-K Special Education.

High School Gifted Education

Table 4a. Types of High School Programs Offered by Districts.

	Number	Percent
Self Contained	139	35.9
Pull Out	52	13.4
Within Regular	268	69.3
Total (unduplicated)	387	
Hours per week for typical gifted student	6.4 (6 hrs 24 min)	

Table 4b. Areas of Learning in Gifted Education Offered at the High School Level.

	Number of Districts	Percent of Districts	Number of Students
Language Arts	297	76.7	30,468
Mathematics	310	80.1	28,255
Biological Science	268	69.3	26,552
Social Science	218	56.3	20,303
Fine Arts	169	43.7	6,043
Physical Development	63	16.3	7,643
Foreign Language	126	32.6	9,749
Multi-Disciplinary	106	27.4	5,574

Middle School Gifted Education

Table 5a. Types of Middle School Programs Offered by Districts.

	Number	Percent	
Self Contained	150	24.5	
Pull Out	281	45.9	
Within Regular	338	55.2	
Total (unduplicated)	612		
Hours per week for typical gifted student	4.8 (4 hrs 45 min)		

Table 5b. Areas of Learning in Gifted Education Offered at the Middle School Level.

	Number of Districts	Percent of Districts	Number of Students
Language Arts	444	72.5	24,245
Mathematics	473	77.3	25,062
Biological Science	283	46.2	12,642
Social Science	241	39.4	10,834
Fine Arts	145	23.7	4,709
Physical Development	60	9.8	4,372
Foreign Language	42	6.9	2,254
Multi-Disciplinary	222	36.3	8,932

Elementary School Gifted Education

Table 6a. Types of Elementary School Programs Offered by Districts.

	Number	Percent
Self Contained	56	8.4
Pull Out	438	65.5
Within Regular	368	55.0
 Total (unduplicated)	 669	
 Hours per week for typical gifted student	 4.1	
	(4 hrs 7 min)	

Table 6b. Areas of Learning in Gifted Education Offered at the Elementary School Level.

	Number of Districts	Percent of Districts	Number of Students
Language Arts	449	67.1	33,604
Mathematics	432	64.6	29,362
Biological Science	267	39.9	18,274
Social Science	254	38.0	17,967
Fine Arts	167	25.0	13,710
Physical Development	61	9.1	12,197
Foreign Language	27	4.0	3,204
Multi-Disciplinary	307	45.9	18,895