

# Gifted Education in Illinois

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

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| <b>832</b>     | <b>Districts (and Joint Agreements) provided information about their Gifted program</b>                      |
| <b>164,929</b> | <b>Students received Gifted services</b><br>(7.9% of all Illinois students)                                  |
| <b>708</b>     | <b>Districts (of 819, or 85.1%) offer an elementary program</b>  |
| <b>659</b>     | <b>Districts (78.9%) offer a middle school program</b>   |
| <b>400</b>     | <b>Districts (48.1%) offer a high school program</b>   |
| 164,929        | Students were identified and served as Gifted  |
| 2,084,187      | Total students in the state (7.9% of all IL students served as Gifted)                                       |
| 98,860         | Students were identified for General Intellectual Ability  |
| 66,069         | Students were identified for a Specific Aptitude or Talent   |
| 4,369          | Professional staff have completed three semester or four quarter hours of college credit in Gifted education |
| 6,632          | Professional staff have completed the approved Institute training  |
| 4,773          | Professional staff have documented teaching experience to qualify for Gifted Education Program reimbursement |
| 3,859          | 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.

|        | <b>Number of<br/>Gifted Students</b> | <b>Percent of<br/>Gifted Students</b> | <b>State Total</b> | <b>State Percent</b> |
|--------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Female | 86,778                               | 52.6                                  | 1,011,239          | 48.5                 |
| Male   | 78,151                               | 47.4                                  | 1,072,948          | 51.5                 |
| Total  | 164,929                              |                                       | 2,084,187          |                      |

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

|            | <b>Number of<br/>Gifted Students</b> | <b>Percent of<br/>Gifted Students</b> | <b>State Total</b> | <b>State Percent</b> |
|------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| AmerIndian | 197                                  | 0.1                                   | 3,478              | 0.2                  |
| Asian      | 10,074                               | 6.1                                   | 73,920             | 3.5                  |
| Black      | 19,351                               | 11.7                                  | 439,801            | 21.1                 |
| Hispanic   | 12,928                               | 7.8                                   | 352,665            | 16.9                 |
| White      | 122,379                              | 74.3                                  | 1,214,323          | 58.3                 |
| Total      | 164,929                              |                                       | 2,084,187          |                      |

Table 3. Gifted Students in Illinois by Grade Level.

|          | <b>Number of<br/>Gifted Students</b> | <b>Percent of<br/>Gifted Students</b> |
|----------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| K*       | 1,463                                | 0.9                                   |
| First    | 5,170                                | 3.1                                   |
| Second   | 7,823                                | 4.7                                   |
| Third    | 12,092                               | 7.3                                   |
| Fourth   | 13,104                               | 7.9                                   |
| Fifth    | 13,951                               | 8.5                                   |
| Sixth    | 14,895                               | 9.0                                   |
| Seventh  | 15,843                               | 9.6                                   |
| Eighth   | 16,261                               | 9.9                                   |
| Ninth    | 13,325                               | 8.1                                   |
| Tenth    | 14,051                               | 8.5                                   |
| Eleventh | 17,218                               | 10.4                                  |
| Twelfth  | 19,688                               | 11.9                                  |
| Ungraded | 45                                   | 0.01                                  |
| Total    | 164,929                              |                                       |

\* 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.

|  | <b>Number</b>                     | <b>Percent</b> |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Self Contained                                   | 144                               | 36.0           |
| Pull Out   | 58                                | 14.5           |
| Within Regular                                   | 257                               | 64.3           |
| <br>Total (unduplicated)                         | <br>400                           |                |
| <br>Hours per week for<br>typical gifted student | <br>3.54<br>(3 hours, 32 minutes) |                |

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

|                             | <b>Number of<br/>Districts</b> | <b>Percent of<br/>Districts</b> | <b>Number of<br/>Students</b> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Language Arts               | 323                            | 80.8                            | 32,829                        |
| Mathematics                 | 328                            | 82.0                            | 31,846                        |
| Biological Science          | 286                            | 71.5                            | 27,628                        |
| Social Science              | 230                            | 57.5                            | 24,171                        |
| Fine Arts                   | 171                            | 42.8                            | 8,194                         |
| Physical Development/Health | 68                             | 17.0                            | 5,459                         |
| Foreign Language            | 146                            | 36.5                            | 13,234                        |
| Multi-Disciplinary          | 102                            | 25.5                            | 5,893                         |

## Middle School Gifted Education

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

|   | <b>Number</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| Self Contained  | 173           | 26.38          |
| Pull Out  | 273           | 41.49          |
| Within Regular  | 352           | 53.4           |
| <br>Total (unduplicated)  | <br>659       |                |
| <br>Hours per week for<br>typical gifted student (5 hours 58 minutes) | <br>5.96      |                |

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

|                      | <b>Number of<br/>Districts</b> | <b>Percent of<br/>Districts</b> | <b>Number of<br/>Students</b> |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Language Arts        | 483                            | 73.3                            | 27,168                        |
| Mathematics          | 504                            | 76.54                           | 27,?                          |
| Biological Science   | 279                            | 42.3                            | 12,874                        |
| Social Science       | 245                            | 37.2                            | 12,180                        |
| Fine Arts            | 251                            | 38.1                            | 5,499                         |
| Physical Development | 79                             | 12.0                            | 2,955                         |
| Foreign Language     | 38                             | 5.8                             | 1,295                         |
| Multi-Disciplinary   | 209                            | 31.7                            | 7,846                         |

## Elementary School Gifted Education

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

|   | <b>Number</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| Self Contained  | 74            | 10.5           |
| Pull Out  | 455           | 64.3           |
| Within Regular  | 383           | 54.1           |
| <br>Total (unduplicated)  | <br>708       |                |
| <br>Hours per week for<br>typical gifted student (5 hours 52 minutes) | <br>5.41      |                |

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

|                      | <b>Number of<br/>Districts</b> | <b>Percent of<br/>Districts</b> | <b>Number of<br/>Students</b> |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Language Arts        | 510                            | 72.08                           | 37,223                        |
| Mathematics          | 279                            | 39.4                            | 33,522                        |
| Biological Science   | 265                            | 37.4                            | 18,755                        |
| Social Science       | 300                            | 42.4                            | 18,836                        |
| Fine Arts            | 152                            | 21.7                            | 12,467                        |
| Physical Development | 625                            | 88.3                            | 14,055                        |
| Foreign Language     | 24                             | 3.4                             | 2,030                         |
| Multi-Disciplinary   | 299                            | 42.2                            | 17,795                        |