DePaul’s Illinois Market Position—Just How Big?

- In 2002, DePaul became the 5th largest university in Illinois for total enrollment, surpassing SIU Carbondale by 1,354 students at 23,227.

- U of I Urbana-Champaign remains the largest school at 39,999 total students, almost 10,000 students larger than the second largest school College of DuPage (CoD).

- DePaul is the largest private institution in the top 10, followed by Northwestern, the 8th largest, at 17,528.

- In the top 10 largest schools, only DePaul and College of Lake County (CLC) realized double-digit total enrollment growth from 1999-2002 (DePaul +19%; CLC +11%). For degree-seeking enrollment, however, DePaul grew by 21% and CLC dropped by 8%.

- DePaul surpassed all other top 10 schools in long term total enrollment growth, up 41% since 1993. The 2nd fastest growing school was CLC at 9%.

- DePaul is the 6th largest school in terms of Bachelor’s enrollment, and the only one of the top 10 schools to realize double-digit growth from 1999-2002. DePaul was up 25%, compared to the 2nd fastest growing institution SIU Edwardsville at 8%.

- DePaul had the 13th largest freshman class in 2001 at 2,050, a third as large as that of UIUC.

- DePaul remained the largest school in terms of Master’s level enrollment, at 7,616 students. This is 36% larger than Northern Illinois, the second largest Master’s level institution. However, in terms of all new graduate enrollment, DePaul is the 6th largest school.

Source: EMR’s Preliminary Fall Update of 2002 TOTAL ENROLLMENT IBHE Data, Fall 2001 & Fall 2002 IBHE Data File, Fall 2002 data by class is not currently available, Total enrollment includes degree, non-degree and certificate enrollment.