**Illinois Community College Board Frequently Asked Questions**

**WHAT IS “DUAL CREDIT” AND HOW CAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS USE IT TO GET AHEAD?**

Dual Credit allows academically prepared high school students to simultaneously earn credits that count toward a high school diploma and a college degree. Dual Credit instruction delivers a “win-win” arrangement for all parties: students gain access to challenging college-level coursework to make their junior and senior years of high school more productive; students can prove to others and themselves that they have the ability to succeed in college; college costs can be reduced for parents and students; time to degree at college can be shortened; and the enhanced high school and college faculty dialogue can contribute to a better alignment between secondary and postsecondary education.

### Table 1
**Summary of Annual Dual Credit Course Counts, Enrollments, and Average Class Size In Illinois Public Community Colleges, Fiscal Years 2018-2022**

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<td><strong>Course Count</strong></td>
<td>11,270</td>
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<td><strong>Enrollment</strong></td>
<td>117,672</td>
<td>124,614</td>
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<td><strong>Avg Class Size</strong></td>
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Source of Data: ICCB Centralized Data System—Annual Course Data (AC)

In fiscal year 2022, Illinois community colleges offered 13,543 dual credit courses, which was an increase of 1.7 percent from 2021 (N = 13,314). **Total dual credit enrollments were 146,391 in fiscal year 2022**, an 11.8 percent increase over 2021 (N = 130,943). Average dual credit class size was 10.8 students in fiscal year 2022, a 9.9 percent increase from 2021 (N = 9.8). Figure 1. depicts the proportion of Transfer and Career and Technical Education (CTE) enrollments. Transfer dual credit enrollments (61.0 percent) and course counts (61.8 percent) accounted for over three-fifths of all dual credit enrollments and course counts in fiscal year 2022.

**Figure 1. Overall Dual Credit Enrollments, FY 2018-2022**

Enrollments in the ten largest programs accounted for 44.1 percent (N = 64,583) of all dual credit enrollments in fiscal year 2022. The ten highest enrollments overall by CIP code in fiscal year 2022 were in **Writing** (N = 22,122); **Mathematics** (N = 8,267); **Spanish Language and Literature** (N = 6,403); **Rhetoric and Composition** (N = 5,553); **American History** (N = 4,384); **Psychology** (N = 3,806); **Sports, Kinesiology, and Physical Education** (N = 3,761); **Statistics** (N = 3,648); **Biology** (N = 3,441); and **Welding Technology** (N = 3,198).

For a more detailed analysis, please see the report, [Dual Credit in the Illinois Community College System in Fiscal Year 2022](#).

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