

## 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

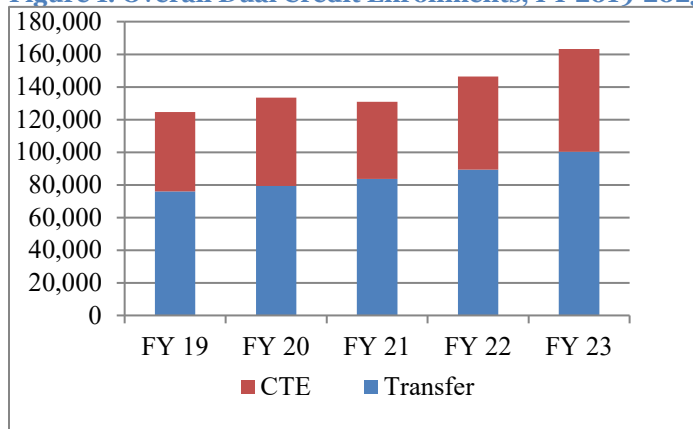
#### Summary of Annual Dual Credit Course Counts, Enrollments, and Average Class Size In Illinois Public Community Colleges, Fiscal Years 2019-2023

	<u>FY 19</u>	<u>FY 20</u>	<u>FY 21</u>	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Course Count	11,905	12,569	13,314	13,543	14,638
<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>124,614</b>	<b>133,394</b>	<b>130,943</b>	<b>146,391</b>	<b>163,283</b>
Avg Class Size	10.5	10.6	9.8	10.8	11.2

Source of Data: ICCB Centralized Data System—Annual Course Data (AC)

In fiscal year 2023, Illinois community colleges offered 14,638 dual credit courses, which was an increase of 8.1 percent from 2022 (N = 13,543). **Total dual credit enrollments were 163,283 in fiscal year 2023**, an 11.5 percent increase over 2022 (N = 146,391). Average dual credit class size was 11.2 students in fiscal year 2023, a 3.2 percent increase from 2022 (N = 10.8). Figure 1. depicts the proportion of Transfer and Career and Technical Education (CTE) enrollments. Transfer dual credit enrollments (61.5 percent) and course counts (63.0 percent) accounted for over three-fifths of all dual credit enrollments and course counts in fiscal year 2023.

Figure 1. Overall Dual Credit Enrollments, FY 2019-2023



Enrollments in the ten largest programs accounted for 45.5 percent (N = 74,321) of all dual credit enrollments in fiscal year 2023. The ten highest enrollments overall by CIP code in fiscal year 2023 were in **Writing** (N = 26,363); **Mathematics** (N = 8,706); **Spanish Language and Literature** (N = 6,748); **Rhetoric and Composition** (N = 5,805); **American History** (N = 5,554); **Sports, Kinesiology, and Physical Education** (N = 4,874); **Psychology** (N = 4,336); **Statistics** (N = 4,282); **Welding Technology** (N = 4,263); and **Nursing Assistant** (N = 3,390).

For a more detailed analysis, please see the report, [Dual Credit in the Illinois Community College System in Fiscal Year 2023](#).

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