

School Board Facts

Nearly 6,000 men and women serve on local public school boards in Illinois, governing the education of 2,001,548 students in 3,888 public schools across 852 school districts, and overseeing combined budgets of more than \$31 billion. School board members are elected by their local communities during a consolidated election held the first Tuesday of April in odd numbered years. They serve four year terms.

K-12 Public School Districts

IL School Revenue Data (2017-18)

Local	68.1%
State	24.4%
Federal	7.5%

Pupil/Teacher Ratios

	<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>
2017-18	19:0	19:3
2016-17	18:7	19:4
2015-16	18:7	18:9
2014-15	18:5	18:4

Student demographics (2017-18)

White non-Hispanic	48.0%
Black non-Hispanic	16.8%
Hispanic	26.6%
Asian	5.1%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.3%
Two or more races	3.5%
Low income	49.4%
Limited English Proficient	11.7%

Other Illinois education statistics (FY 2018)*

Average teacher salary	\$65,721
Average administrator salary	\$107,279
Instructional expenditures per pupil	\$8,024
Operational expenditures per pupil	\$13,337

IL School Expenditure Data (FY 2018)

Instruction	49.4%
Support Services	29.3%
General Admin	3.2%
Other	18.1%

Public School Districts (2017-18)

Elementary	375
High School	114
<u>Unit</u>	<u>433</u>
Total	922

School Board Members

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2019</u>
IASB member districts	847	844	846
Total board members	5,922	5,882	5,926
New members	1,310	1,149	1,061

Source: IASB membership data

Data sources:

Illinois State Board of Education. (2019, January). 2018 Annual Report. <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/2018-Annual-Report.pdf>

*www.illinoisreportcard.com

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Illinois School Board Member Profile

Gender*

Category	Male	Female
All members	(52%)	(47%)

Ethnic Background♦

Ethnicity	No.	Percent
Caucasian	452	(86.0%)
African American	42	(7.9%)
Hispanic	7	(1.3%)
Native American	4	(0.8%)
Multi-racial/Other	21	(4.0%)

Age♦

18 to 29 years	1	(.5%)
30 to 39 years	39	(7.4%)
40 to 49 years	159	(34.7%)
50 to 59 years	149	(34.4%)
60 to 69 years	146	(23.1%)
70 years or older	38	(7.1%)

Highest level of education♦

Advanced degree	208	(38.9%)
Four-year degree	168	(31.5%)
Some college	126	(23.6%)
High school grad	30	(5.6%)
Grade school grad	2	(0.4%)

Number of children♦

No children	12	(2.3%)
One child	35	(6.7%)
Two children	371	(70.7%)
Three children	400	(30.0%)
Four or more	107	(20.4%)

Data Sources:

* Membership data 2018, IASB

♦ School Board Member Survey, IASB 2018

Length of Service*

Category	No.	Percent
Under 5 years	2,874	(49%)
5-9 years	1,861	(32%)
10-14 years	554	(9%)
15-19 years	333	(6%)
20+ years	218	(4%)
Total	5,840	(100%)

Marital Status♦

Single	14	(2.6%)
Married	476	(89.5%)
Divorced/separated	18	(3.4%)
Widow/widower	15	(2.8%)

Employment♦

Agriculture	39	(7.5%)
Education	118	(22.7%)
Government	37	(7.1%)
Healthcare	40	(7.7%)
Labor	21	(4.1%)
Law Enforcement/Military	13	(2.5%)
Manufacturing	33	(6.4%)
Non-profits	16	(3.1%)
Professional Services	74	(14.3%)
Retail Sales/Services	20	(3.9%)
Technology	28	(5.4%)
Tourism	5	(1.0%)
Transportation	12	(2.3%)
Retired/Not Employed	85	(16.4%)
Other	45	(8.7%)

Children in school♦

Yes, in public schools	250	(47.4%)
Yes, in private schools	12	(2.3%)
Children are home-schooled	2	(0.4%)
No children school age	194	(36.8%)
College/University	137	(26.0%)
Early Education	28	(5.3%)