## ILLINOIS STATE FACT SHEET



## **Higher Education**

During the 2022/23 academic year	<b>55,337</b> international students attended colleges and universities in Illinois,	
contributing <b>\$2.1 billion</b> to the state economy	and supporting 21,158 jobs.*	

During the 2021/22 academic year...

...4,651 Illinois students studied abroad.\*\*

\*Source: NAFSA International Student Economic Value Tool, 2023

\*\*Source: Open Doors, 2023

## **U.S. Department of State BridgeUSA Programs**

Each year, businesses host international college students, graduates, and visitors participating in BridgeUSA programs. These programs support national security benefits, strengthen the U.S. economy, and increase mutual understanding.

In 2022...

936 Au Pair	<b>215</b> Camp	613	<b>1,490</b> Summer	225 Teacher
participants	Counselor	Intern/Trainee	Work Travel	participants
	participants	participants	participants	

...from countries around the world contributed culturally and economically to communities across Illinois.\*

\*Source: U.S. Department of State, 2022

## **U.S. Department of State Funded Programs**

Each year, the U.S. Department of State funds educational and cultural exchange programs that engage youth, students, educators, artists, athletes, and rising leaders in the United States and more than 160 countries.

OUTBOUND PROGRAMS		INBOUND PROGRAMS	
Fulbright Program (2022/23)*	<b>79</b> students	Fulbright Program (2022/23)*	192 students
Gilman Scholarship (2022/2023)*	132 students	IVLP (FY22)***	<b>487</b> international leaders
Critical Language Scholarship (2022/23)*	18 students		
FLEX Program (2022/2023)*		FLEX Program (2022/2023)*	19 students
YES Program (2022/23)*	2 students	YES Program (2022/23)*	<b>26</b> students

\*Source: Open Doors, 2023

\*\*Source: U.S. Department of State, 2022

\*\*\*Source: GlobalTiesUS.org, 2022