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PREFACE

This, the thirty-first annual *Data Book on Illinois Higher Education*, is a valuable resource of information on public and independent colleges and universities in Illinois. The information is compiled from data reported by Illinois institutions in surveys conducted or coordinated by the Board of Higher Education staff. While the staff is responsible for the accuracy of the compilation, the validity of source data depends upon institutional submissions. Both credit and thanks are due to the individuals at each public and independent institution who complete the surveys. In many ways, the usefulness of this document is due to the accuracy and timeliness of their responses.

The Board of Higher Education staff would also like to thank those who took the time to complete the survey conducted regarding desired enhancements and other changes to the data book this past winter. While not all of the recommendations received were able to be implemented in this year's data book, the addition of an executive summary and additional financial data for public universities and community colleges in Chapter X reflect the survey results. Board of Higher Education staff will continue to implement the recommended enhancements and changes received during the coming year.

The primary objective of the *Data Book* is to provide useful information about higher education in Illinois. Suggestions for improvements that will make this publication more useful are welcome. Much of the data contained in this book is available in computer readable form and/or at a greater level of detail. Readers desiring combinations or details that are not presented in this book are invited to contact the Board office. The staff asks that requests for data be submitted by e-mail if at all possible.

The *Data Book on Illinois Higher Education* can also be accessed on the Board's web page at www.ibhe.state.il.us.

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