Introduction

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) Data Book is completed annually by the Research, Planning, and Policy Analysis Department. It is a collection of tables containing information regarding student financial aid programs administered by ISAC and is divided into seven sections. Part One provides information pertaining to the appropriation history of the agency and summary data for ISAC-administered programs for the previous fiscal year. Part Two focuses on the Monetary Award Program (MAP), the State’s largest need-based grant program. Beginning with the 2011 ISAC Data Book, Parts Three and Four were discontinued. Part Three provided information on the Federal Family Education Loan Programs and Part Four contained information on the Illinois Designated Account Purchase Program (IDAPP), ISAC’s division for federal and private educational loans. Due to the enactment of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, colleges now process new loans through the U.S. Department of Education’s William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program. Data prior to 2011 for Parts Three and Four can be found on ISAC’s website. The next section of the Data Book, Part Five, focuses on specialized scholarship and grant programs administered by ISAC. These programs include: the Illinois Veteran Grant Program, the Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship Program, the Illinois National Guard Grant Program, the Dependents’ Grant Programs, the Student-to-Student Grant Program, the Illinois State Scholar Program, the Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver Program, the Illinois Teachers Loan Repayment Program, the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois Program, the Illinois Optometric Education Scholarship Program, the Nurse Educator Loan Repayment Program, Veterans’ Home Medical Providers’ Loan Repayment Program, and the John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program. The next section, Part Six, provides information on the College Illinois! Prepaid Tuition Program. The last section, Part Seven, provides an overview of ISAC’s statewide outreach activities.