

Is illinois.edu legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

illinois.edu

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

illinois.edu appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-11 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Official-looking homepage for the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with navigation for admissions, academics, research, campus life, news, and giving. No signs of credential harvesting or financial solicitation present in the content provided.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	30 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 1998 5000 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by InCommon RSA Server CA 2	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 1998.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The website is the public homepage of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, presenting admissions, academic programs, research, campus services, news, athletics, community resources, and alumni giving as part of an established public-university information and service platform.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No phishing, impersonation, blacklist, or other contradictory signals were observed. The homepage's institutional navigation and substantive content are consistent with a public research university, while the reviewed interaction behavior showed no login form, hidden sensitive form, wallet activity, suspicious script, cloaking, or credential-harvesting pattern. The domain's long registration continuity and substantial historical presence further support an established site rather than a recently created or repurposed operation.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and provides dedicated sections for admissions, academics, research, campus life, news, resources, and giving; no credential-harvesting or financial-solicitation content was identified.
- The site's interaction testing recorded 2 successful runs, 0 hidden forms, 0 password-external forms, 0 wallet-connect runs, and 0 suspicious inline scripts.
- The domain was registered on 1997-01-13 and is 29.59 years old.
- The web archive contains 5000 snapshots spanning 1998–2023, with 26 years tracked.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The available content is consistent with a public university whose apparent purpose is education, research, public information, institutional services, and charitable giving, rather than a financial or otherwise regulated commercial offering. The homepage presents the university identity clearly, but the real-world operator connection remains independently unverified; the on-page identity should therefore be treated as an apparent institutional representation rather than conclusive proof of legal ownership. No financial licensing claim or license number is presented in the reviewed content, which is a transparency point for any activity involving payments, donations, or enrollment-related transactions, not evidence of deception. External reputation checks were clean, and no broker-reputation match was identified.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage title and visible navigation identify “University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign” and link to admissions, academic, research, leadership, accessibility, and giving functions.
- The site is served from AS8075, Microsoft Corporation, US.
- The transport certificate is issued by InCommon RSA Server CA 2, uses OV validation, identifies University of Illinois as the subject organization, and is valid through 2026-12-07.
- The domain appeared within the top 1,000 globally ranked sites, with a recorded rank of 2509.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, an organization should independently confirm that the intended service is reached through the institution’s established offline or independently sourced contact channels. For admissions, enrollment, donations, or other payment-related activity, the transaction destination, applicable terms, refund or return conditions, and payment-protection arrangements should be checked through the institution’s official administrative processes. Any legal or institutional confirmation required for a regulated business decision should be obtained from the relevant public registry or directly from the institution.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides separate “Apply,” “Give,” “Admissions,” “Cost and Aid,” “Contact,” and “Transcripts” pathways that can be compared with independently sourced institutional contacts.
- The reviewed homepage contains no sensitive form and no untrusted form destination, supporting use of the visible institutional pathways while independent confirmation is completed.
- The apparent business model is public-university education, research, campus services, alumni giving, and public information rather than a financial-investment service.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website and supports a high-trust, low-risk posture. No scam or impersonation contradiction was observed, although the available evidence does not independently prove the real-world operator identity.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is protected by CDN/WAF infrastructure, and the observed addresses are edge servers rather than identified origin candidates. Microsoft Corporation hosts the observed infrastructure on AS8075; this protective architecture reduces direct exposure of the origin environment but is a mitigating technical control, not proof of institutional legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Normal browsing is proportionate to the assessed posture, while independent institutional, transaction, and payment-protection checks should be completed before submitting credentials or making payments.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-11 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	55/100
Identity verification confidence	60%

- Identity verified on page

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of illinois.edu.

- The request stayed on illinois.edu. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- The registration is paid up to 2027-07-31. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 1998-02-15. CLEAR
- It is hosted on MICROSOFT-CORP-MSN-AS-BLOCK, from a server in GB. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	MICROSOFT-CORP-MSN-AS-BLOCK - Microsoft Corporation, US
Country	GB
Server IP	2a01:111:f100:1002::4134:dc6d
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	InCommon RSA Server CA 2
SSL expiry	2026-12-07
Domain age	29.59 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-07-31
Archive first seen	1998-02-15
Archive snapshots	5000
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about illinois.edu at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that

evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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