Benefits created by UIS extend to far more people than just its students. As students and employers enjoy higher income and increased output, society as a whole benefits from an expanded economy and a range of savings associated with the students’ improved quality of life.

**UIS Raises Prosperity in the State**
- Students earn more because of the knowledge, skills, abilities, and qualifications they acquire at UIS. Further, employers earn more because the added skills of the students they hire make their businesses more productive.
- Together, increases in earnings and business output stimulate corresponding increases in income and employment throughout the state. Over their working lives, UIS’s 2013-14 student population will generate a present value of $643.3 million in added income in the state of Illinois.

**UIS Improves Quality of Life**
- As UIS students achieve higher levels of education, they are statistically more likely to develop good health habits. This leads to a present value of $136.3 million in savings to students and to society as a whole for medical treatment related to smoking, alcoholism, obesity, drug abuse, and mental disorders.
- Students enjoy better employment opportunities as a result of their education at UIS. This makes them less likely to require income assistance and less likely to commit crimes. These effects translate to a present value of $199,677 in unemployment-related savings and $3.6 million in law enforcement savings to society as a whole.
- Altogether, savings to society amount to a present value of $140 million, equal to the sum of avoided costs related to health, crime, and unemployment.

**Benefits to society outweigh taxpayer costs**
- In FY 2013-14, society invested $200.4 million in UIS. This includes all UIS expenditures, all student expenditures, and all student opportunity costs. In return for this investment, society as a whole will receive a present value of $783.3 million in benefits, the sum of the added income and social savings that UIS’s 2013-14 student population will generate in the state.
- For every dollar spent on UIS, society as a whole in Illinois will receive a cumulative value of $3.90 in benefits, for as long as UIS’s 2013-14 students remain active in the state workforce.