Students and society as a whole enjoy a range of benefits due to their educational investment in UI. A portion of these benefits accrues to state taxpayers in the form of higher tax receipts and a reduced demand for government-supported social services.

UI INCREASES TAX REVENUE

- Approximately 73% of UI’s students remain in Idaho upon completing their educational goals. As students earn more, they pay higher taxes. Employers also pay higher taxes through their increased output and spending.
- Over the students’ working lives, state government in Idaho will collect a present value of $226.7 million in the form of higher tax receipts.

UI REDUCES GOVERNMENT COSTS

- UI students who achieve higher levels of education are statistically less likely to have poor health habits, commit crimes, or claim welfare or unemployment benefits.
- The improved lifestyles of students result in a reduced demand for government-supported services. Better health leads to reduced health care costs. Reduced crime leads to a reduced burden on the criminal justice system. Further, increased employability leads to fewer claims for welfare and unemployment benefits.
- As a result, taxpayers in the state of Idaho will see a present value of $86.2 million in savings to government over the students’ working careers.
UI IS A SOLID INVESTMENT FOR STATE TAXPAYERS

- In FY 2013-14, state taxpayers in Idaho paid $128.8 million to support the operations of UI.
- For every $1 of public money spent on UI, taxpayers receive a cumulative return of $2.40 over the course of students’ working lives in the form of higher tax receipts and public sector savings.
- Taxpayers see an annual return of 8.2% on their investment in UI. This return compares favorably with the 1.1% discount rate used by the federal government to appraise long-term investments.

Comparing taxpayer rate of return to discount rate

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