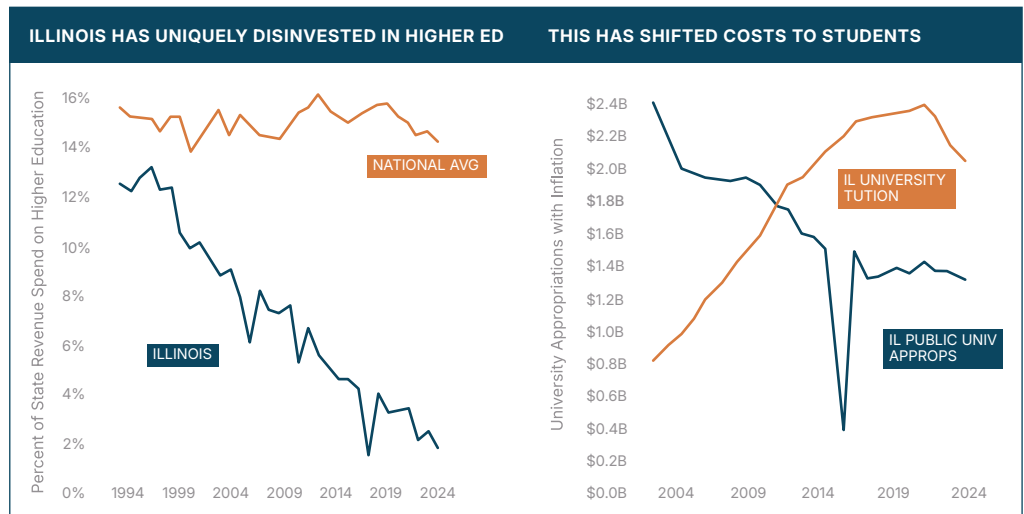


# Equitably Fund Illinois' Public Universities for More Affordability and Access for Illinois Students

Over the past 15 years, Illinois has cut public university funding in half. As state support fell, universities had to charge more in tuition and provide fewer supports, pushing college out of reach for many. **The result was the steepest enrollment decline in the nation.**

As appropriations dropped by 36%, statewide enrollment fell by 19,400 students, a 9% decline since 2010.

An equitable formula would move Illinois from having no system for giving out funding to one that leads the nation, providing the path to adequate, equitable, and stable funding for every one of our state universities.



## Passing and Funding SB 13/HB 1581 Will Put Illinois on a Better Path

The Adequate and Equitable Public University Funding Formula (SB13/HB1581) was developed through years of research and shaped by input from university leaders, faculty unions, advocates, and lawmakers. It calculates how much funding each public university needs based on its unique mission and student population, then directs new state dollars to all campuses—prioritizing those that have

been underfunded for years. **Statewide, the formula would drive a \$1.8B investment over 15 years, increasing per-student resources by 60%.** For the first time in Illinois history this funding will be targeted and will come with accountability, as the state will ensure universities spend new money in ways that improve access, affordability, and degree completion for students.

# SB13/HB1581 Means More Resources for Illinois Universities, Students, and Communities

By the time SB13/HB1581 is fully funded, the \$1.8B investment will produce an estimated 122,200 additional graduates.

## THESE GRADUATES WILL ANNUALLY:



**Contribute**  
**\$342M** more  
in local taxes



**Spend \$5.3B**  
more on local  
goods and  
services



**Add \$691M**  
to state tax  
revenue



**Save the state**  
**\$156M** in public  
assistance and  
incarceration costs

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Higher education is an economic driver in Illinois, and **students who graduate from Illinois institutions are more likely to stay in our state, fueling our economy** and slowing the brain drain of outmigration... SB 13/HB 1581 is a necessary step toward making Illinois institutions more competitive for students around the country—and more importantly, more competitive for our very own college bound students in Illinois.

— University Administrator

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**Investing in our students is investing not only in the future but the future and success of Illinois** as a whole. Our universities are uniquely placed around the state to be accessible to all the citizens of Illinois as well as surrounding regions to develop active contributors to all facets of our state.

— Faculty Member



**Illinois needs your voice to ensure SB13/HB1581 becomes law.**

Join us in demanding a higher education system that works for everyone—call your legislators, share your story, and help secure the future Illinois deserves.

## What the Bill Means For:



### STUDENTS

- Greater college affordability
- More access to academic advising, campus health and wellness services, career counseling, and mental health supports



### UNIVERSITIES

- More resources for academic advising, mental health care, tutoring, and wraparound services
- Sustainability in funding over time, which will ensure institutions can provide consistent supports for students



### THE STATE

- An estimated \$1.8B in additional funding over 10-15 years to ensure all universities have adequate resources
- A level of accountability for spending that money, which has never been seen before in Illinois, if not the nation
- Increased transparency and data reporting for institutional spending and student success metrics
- 122,200 more college graduates contributing to our local and state economies
- Strong communities anchored by thriving universities

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