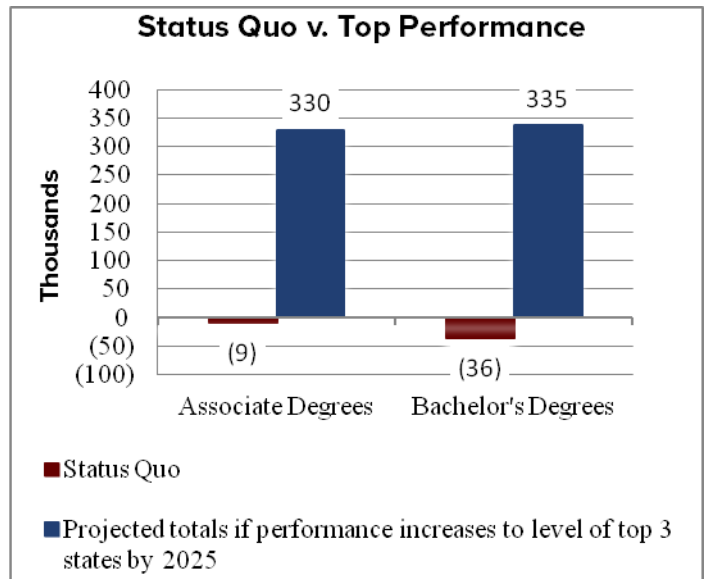


Return on Investment to Increasing Postsecondary Credential Attainment in Illinois

Illinois Must Improve College Participation and Credential Attainment Rates to Remain Competitive

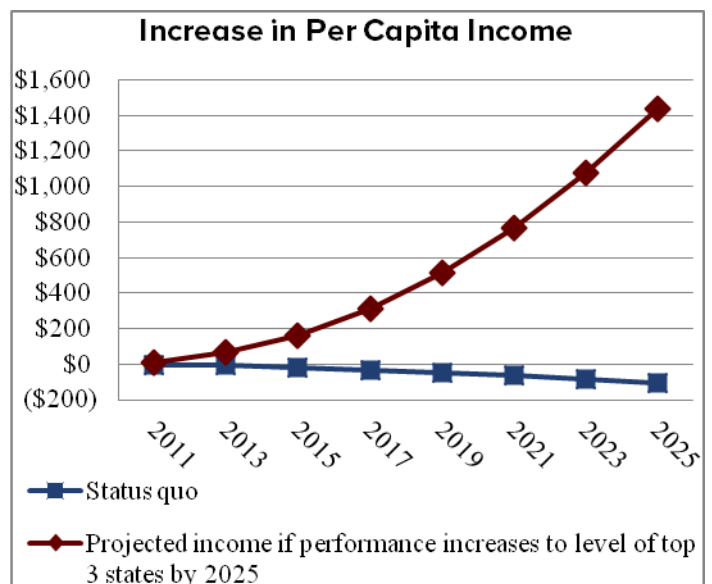
- To remain globally competitive, the U.S. and each state should ensure that at least 60% of adults ages 25 to 64 have an associate or bachelor's degree by 2025. In Illinois, the current rate is 41.3%.
- Illinois ranks 38th among 50 states in the size of the degree gap it needs to fill. To meet the 60% goal, it will need to produce an additional 595,296 degrees by 2025.
- By achieving rates of the top-performing states, Illinois can produce about 335,000 bachelor's degrees, 330,000 associate degrees and 300,000 certificates by 2025.



Meeting Credential Goal Produces Significant Personal Economic Return

Per capita income increases when the state meets 60% credential attainment goal

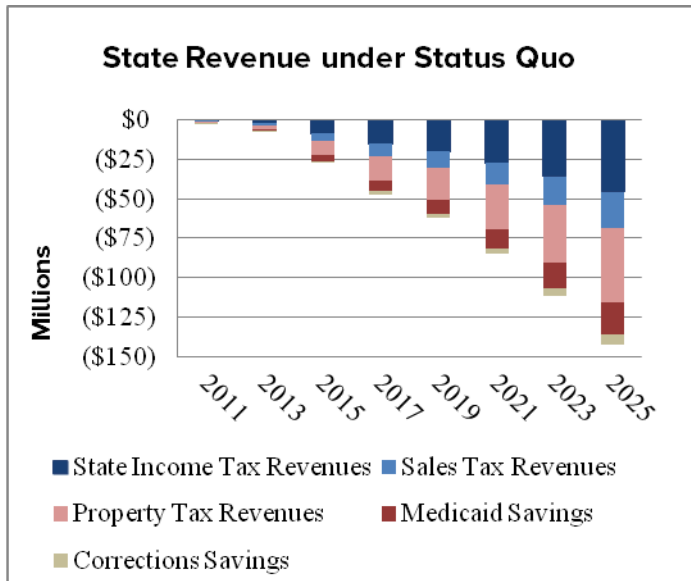
- Under current postsecondary investment patterns, annual personal per capita income in Illinois is projected to decrease by about \$100 in 2025.
- By meeting the 60% credential attainment goal, annual per capita income would increase significantly more, by approximately \$1,400 in 2025.



Meeting Credential Goal Produces Significant Economic Returns to the State

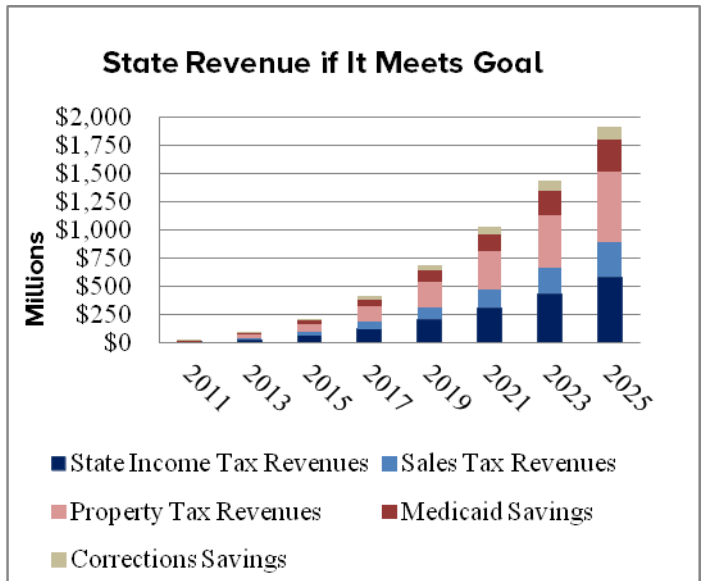
Status quo produces negative returns

Under current postsecondary investment patterns, Illinois' state revenues will decrease by about \$140 million in 2025.



Meeting 60% credential goal pays off

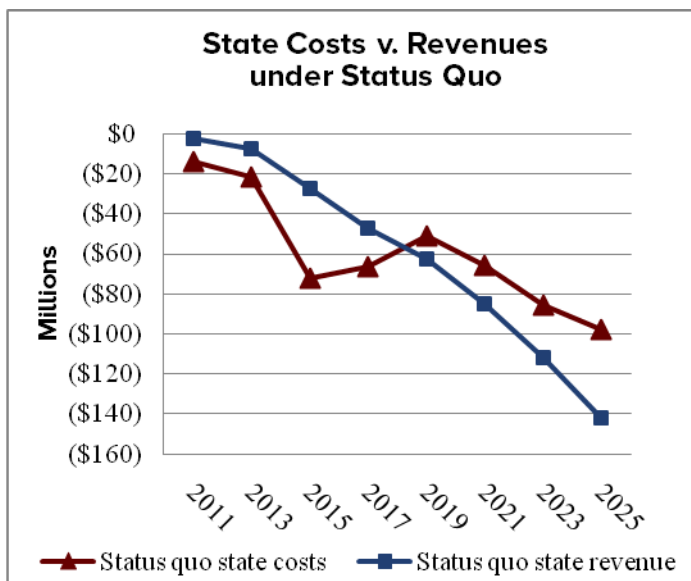
By meeting the 60% credential goal, Illinois will generate more annual revenue, topping approximately \$1.9 billion in 2025.



State Revenues Exceed Costs When Credential Goal is Met

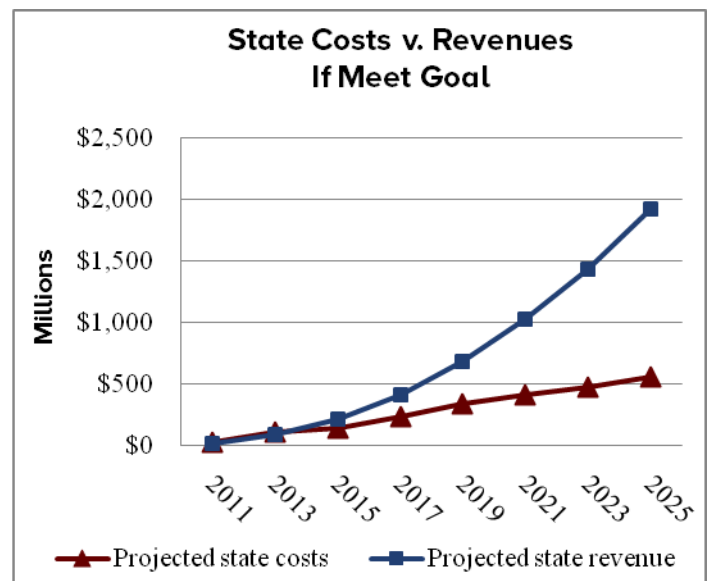
Status Quo: Revenues are lower than costs

Under current postsecondary investment patterns, Illinois' revenues are about \$40 million below costs in 2025.



Meet 2025 goal: Revenues exceed costs

By meeting the 60% credential attainment goal, Illinois' revenues exceed postsecondary costs by approximately \$1.3 billion by 2025.



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