

Valencia College plays a significant role in the local economy and is a sound investment from multiple perspectives. Students benefit from improved lifestyles and increased earnings. Taxpayers benefit from a larger economy and lower social costs. Finally, the community as a whole benefits from increased job and investment opportunities, higher business revenues, greater availability of public funds, and an eased tax burden.

Investment analysis

Student Perspective

- Valencia served 64,319 students in the 2010-11 reporting year.
- The average Valencia student's income increases by **\$5.60** for every dollar invested in their Valencia education.
- Students enjoy an attractive **15.1%** average rate of return on their Valencia educational investment, recovering all costs in 10.2 years.

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Social Perspective

- Higher earnings of Valencia students and associated increases in state income expand the tax base in Florida by about **\$196.5 million** each year.
- Florida will see avoided social costs amounting to **\$11.3 million** per year due to improved health, reduced crime, and reduced welfare and unemployment.

Taxpayer Perspective

- The state government allocated approximately **\$106 million** in support of Valencia in FY 2010-11.
- For every dollar of this support, taxpayers see a return of **\$2.80** (in the form of higher tax receipts and avoided costs).
- State government sees an annual rate of return of **8.9%** on their support for Valencia.

Economic Growth Analysis

College Operations Effect

- The Valencia College Service Area economy annually receives **\$122.9 million** in income due to Valencia operations.

Student Spending Effect

- Valencia estimates that approximately 15% of its students come from outside the region.
- The expenditures of Valencia's non-local students generate roughly **\$16.0 million** in added income in the Valencia College Service Area each year.

Productivity Effect

- The Valencia College Service Area economy embodies an estimated **5.6 million** credits that have accumulated over the past 30-year period as thousands of former Valencia students enter the workforce.
- Valencia credits translate to higher earnings for students and increased output of businesses. The added income attributable to the accumulation of Valencia credits in the workforce amounts to around **\$781.7 million** each year.

Transfer Student Effect

- The DirectConnect relationship between Valencia and the University of Central Florida (UCF) allows students to continue their post-secondary education.
- The additional education of students that transfer to UCF generates an additional **\$126.4 million¹** in income to the region each year.

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Total Effect

- The total annual impacts on the Valencia College Service Area sum to **\$1.047 billion**.

¹ This value is distinct from the other impact metrics in that it is the result of a cooperative agreement between Valencia and UCF. Both institutions might rightly claim this impact.