

# REPORT DIGEST

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS  
UNIVERSITY**

**FINANCIAL AUDIT**  
For the Year Ended:  
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## INTRODUCTION

This digest covers our financial audit of Northern Illinois University for the year ended June 30, 2009. A compliance examination covering the year ended June 30, 2009 will be issued at a later date.

## AUDITORS' OPINION

Our auditors stated the financial statements of Northern Illinois University as of June 30, 2009, and for the year then ended, are fairly presented in all material respects.

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WILLIAM G. HOLLAND, Auditor General

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## SPECIAL ASSISTANT AUDITORS

Our special assistant auditors for this audit were Clifton Gunderson, LLP.

{Expenditures and Activity Measures are summarized on the next page.}

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**NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**  
**FINANCIAL AUDIT**  
**For The Year Ended June 30, 2009 (in Thousands)**

| <b>STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND<br/>CHANGES IN NET ASSETS</b> | <b>FY 2009</b>            | <b>FY 2008</b>            |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>  |                           |                           |
| Tuition and fees, net .....  | \$125,882                 | \$116,800                 |
| Auxiliary enterprises .....  | 97,949                    | 97,946                    |
| Grants, contracts, and gifts .....                                   | 45,511                    | 38,652                    |
| Sales and services of educational departments.....                   | 20,716                    | 20,759                    |
| Other.....   | <u>3,977</u>              | <u>3,274</u>              |
| <b>Total Operating Revenues .....</b>                                | <b><u>\$294,035</u></b>   | <b><u>\$277,431</u></b>   |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>  |                           |                           |
| Instruction.....   | \$126,776                 | \$125,392                 |
| Research.....  | 22,319                    | 17,263                    |
| Public service .....   | 24,020                    | 27,864                    |
| Academic support.....  | 34,790                    | 31,966                    |
| Student services.....  | 12,052                    | 12,828                    |
| Operation and maintenance of plant .....                             | 30,842                    | 25,628                    |
| Depreciation.....  | 20,831                    | 19,208                    |
| Institutional support.....   | 31,878                    | 35,075                    |
| Staff benefits .....   | 72,004                    | 66,331                    |
| Student aid .....  | 17,151                    | 15,057                    |
| Auxiliary enterprises .....  | <u>83,071</u>             | <u>77,777</u>             |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses .....</b>                                | <b><u>\$475,734</u></b>   | <b><u>\$454,389</u></b>   |
| <b>Net Operating Loss.....</b>                                       | <b><u>(\$181,699)</u></b> | <b><u>(\$176,958)</u></b> |
| <b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>                              |                           |                           |
| State appropriations.....  | \$177,502                 | \$169,399                 |
| Investment income.....   | 1,917                     | 2,993                     |
| Pell grants .....  | 16,861                    | 14,498                    |
| Interest expense.....  | (8,641)                   | (8,756)                   |
| Net increase in fair value of investments                            | <u>117</u>                | <u>349</u>                |
| <b>Total Nonoperating and Other Revenues.....</b>                    | <b><u>\$187,756</u></b>   | <b><u>\$178,483</u></b>   |
| <b>INCREASE IN NET ASSETS .....</b>                                  | <b><u>\$ 6,057</u></b>    | <b><u>\$ 2,150</u></b>    |
| Net Assets, beginning of the year .....                              | <u>215,805</u>            | <u>213,655</u>            |
| <b>Net Assets, end of the year .....</b>                             | <b><u>\$221,862</u></b>   | <b><u>\$215,805</u></b>   |
| <b>SELECTED ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>                                     |                           |                           |
| Cash and cash equivalents.....                                       | \$32,668                  | \$11,017                  |
| Investments and marketable securities.....                           | 54,530                    | 93,046                    |
| Capital assets, net .....  | 320,261                   | 317,515                   |
| All other assets .....   | 54,892                    | 35,165                    |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities.....                        | 43,063                    | 33,255                    |
| Revenue bonds, notes, contracts and leases payable .....             | 153,468                   | 157,836                   |
| All other liabilities.....   | \$43,958                  | \$49,847                  |
| <b>UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT</b>  |                           |                           |
| During Audit Period: Dr. John G. Peters                              |                           |                           |
| Currently: Dr. John G. Peters  |                           |                           |

