



STATE OF ILLINOIS  
**OFFICE OF THE  
 AUDITOR GENERAL**

Frank J. Mautino, Auditor General

**SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST**

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

**Financial Audit  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

**Release Date: March 5, 2024**

FINDINGS THIS AUDIT: 1	AGING SCHEDULE OF REPEATED FINDINGS						
	New	Repeat	Total	Repeated Since	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
<b>Category 1:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	2020		1	
<b>Category 2:</b>	0	1	1				
<b>Category 3:</b>	0	0	0				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>				
<b>FINDINGS LAST AUDIT: 1</b>							

**INTRODUCTION**

This digest covers Southern Illinois University’s (University) Financial Audit as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023. Digests covering the University’s Single Audit and State Compliance Examination will be released at a later date.

**SYNOPSIS**

- **(23-1)** The University did not have adequate internal control over reporting its census data to provide assurance census data submitted to its pension and other postemployment benefits plans was complete and accurate.

<b>Category 1:</b> Findings that are <b>material weaknesses</b> in internal control and/or a <b>qualification</b> on compliance with State laws and regulations (material noncompliance).
<b>Category 2:</b> Findings that are <b>significant deficiencies</b> in internal control and <b>noncompliance</b> with State laws and regulations.
<b>Category 3:</b> Findings that have <b>no internal control issues but are in noncompliance</b> with State laws and regulations.

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**  
**FINANCIAL AUDIT**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS (In Thousands)	FY 2023	FY 2022
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>		
Tuition and fees, net.....	\$ 203,485,658	\$ 216,994,018
Grants and contracts.....	101,446,048	93,957,835
Sales and services of educational departments.....	193,390,243	181,560,791
Auxiliary enterprises.....	89,185,282	82,188,603
Physicians and Surgeons practice plan and other.....	64,831,286	56,300,543
Total Operating Revenues.....	<u>652,338,517</u>	<u>631,001,790</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Instruction.....	251,356,665	325,573,437
Research.....	44,381,004	45,206,101
Public service.....	78,939,466	71,106,011
Academic support.....	246,099,300	293,263,050
Student services.....	73,111,013	102,374,064
Institutional support.....	73,956,316	83,763,476
Scholarships and fellowships.....	53,587,343	59,876,701
Auxiliary enterprises.....	70,410,999	80,584,091
Other.....	135,422,596	147,061,384
Total Operating Expenses.....	<u>1,027,264,702</u>	<u>1,208,808,315</u>
Operating Loss.....	(374,926,185)	(577,806,525)
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>		
State appropriations.....	207,340,148	204,472,200
Capital appropriations, grants and gifts.....	8,428,153	6,015,421
Gifts and contributions.....	14,378,702	10,124,858
Grants and contracts.....	68,743,548	115,270,276
On behalf/Special funding for fringe benefits.....	79,961,780	289,847,101
Other, net.....	(1,096,606)	(17,870,413)
<b>INCREASE IN NET POSITION</b>	<u>2,829,540</u>	<u>30,052,918</u>
Net Position, beginning of year.....	688,323,261	658,270,343
Net Position, end of year.....	<u>\$ 691,152,801</u>	<u>\$ 688,323,261</u>
<b>SUMMARY - STATEMENT OF NET POSITION (In Thousands)</b>		
Current Assets.....	\$ 280,995,251	\$ 259,969,758
Noncurrent Assets and Deferred outflows.....	986,974,501	1,016,914,846
Total Assets and Deferred outflows.....	<u>1,267,969,752</u>	<u>1,276,884,604</u>
Current Liabilities.....	137,973,349	133,997,962
Noncurrent Liabilities and Deferred inflows.....	438,843,602	454,563,381
Total Liabilities.....	<u>576,816,951</u>	<u>588,561,343</u>
Total Net Position.....	<u>\$ 691,152,801</u>	<u>\$ 688,323,261</u>
<b>UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT</b>		
During Audit Period and Currently: Dr. Daniel Mahoney		

**FINDING, CONCLUSIONS, AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**INADEQUATE INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER  
CENSUS DATA**

**Internal controls over census data  
reporting need improvement**

The University did not have adequate internal control over reporting its census data to provide assurance census data submitted to its pension and other postemployment benefits (OPEB) plans was complete and accurate. We noted the following:

- During our cut-off testing of data transmitted by the University to SURS, we noted 1 instance of an active employee becoming deceased was reported to SURS after the close of the fiscal year in which the event occurred. There were also 5 instances previously reported that impacted the census data.
- During our previous testing of instructor eligibility, we noted 5 instructors tested were not reported as eligible to participate in SURS by the University. (Finding 1, pages 5-7). **This finding has been reported since 2020.**

We recommended the University continue to focus on the incremental changes to the census data file from the prior actuarial valuation, provided no risks are identified that incomplete or inaccurate reporting of census data may have occurred during prior periods. Any errors identified during this process should be promptly corrected by either the University or SURS, with the impact of these errors communicated to both SURS' actuary and CMS' actuary. We further recommended the University ensure all events occurring within a census data accumulation year are timely reported to SURS so these events can be incorporated into the census data provided to SURS' actuary and CMS' actuary. Finally, we recommended the University ensure all eligible employees are reported to SURS, along with any required employee and employer contributions.

**University agreed**

University officials stated they continue to reconcile their records to SURS reports and are working to automate the reconciliation process.

**AUDITOR'S OPINION**

The auditors stated the financial statements of the University as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 are fairly stated in all material respects.

This financial audit was conducted by Plante & Moran PLLC.

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JANE CLARK  
Division Director

This report is transmitted in accordance with Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act.

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FRANK J. MAUTINO  
Auditor General

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