Students and society as a whole enjoy a range of benefits due to their educational investment in CNCC. A portion of these benefits accrues to state and local taxpayers in the form of higher tax receipts and a reduced demand for government-supported social services.

**CNCC INCREASES TAX REVENUE**
- Approximately 92% of CNCC’s students remain in Colorado upon completing their educational goals. As students earn more, they pay higher taxes. Employers also pay higher taxes through their increased output and spending.
- Over the students’ working lives, state and local government in Colorado will collect a present value of $16.9 million in the form of higher tax receipts.

**CNCC REDUCES GOVERNMENT COSTS**
- CNCC students who achieve higher levels of education are statistically less likely to have poor health habits, commit crimes, or claim welfare or unemployment benefits.
- The improved lifestyles of students result in a reduced demand for government-supported services. Better health leads to reduced health care costs. Reduced crime leads to a reduced burden on the criminal justice system. Further, increased employability leads to fewer claims for welfare and unemployment benefits.
- As a result, taxpayers in the state of Colorado will see a present value of $1.2 million in savings to government over the students’ working careers.

**CNCC IS A SOLID INVESTMENT FOR STATE AND LOCAL TAXPAYERS**
- In FY 2015-16, state and local taxpayers in Colorado paid $8.9 million to support the operations of CNCC.
- For every $1 of public money spent on CNCC, taxpayers receive a cumulative return of $2.00 over the course of students’ working lives in the form of higher tax receipts and public sector savings.
- Taxpayers see an average annual internal rate of return of 5.7% on their investment in CNCC. This return compares favorably with the 0.7% discount rate used by the federal government to appraise long-term investments.

**SUMMARY OF THE TAXPAYER INVESTMENT**
- Benefit-cost ratio: 2.0
- Rate of return: 5.7%

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