



Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Fund

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

and

OTHER INFORMATION

June 30, 2026

(With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Illinois Secure Choice Savings Board,
Office of the Illinois State Treasurer and
Vestwell Government Savings, LLC
Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Fund

Report on the Audit of the Basic Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position of the **Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Fund** (the Program Fund) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2026, and the related Notes to Financial Statements, which collectively comprise the Program Fund's Basic Financial Statements.

In our opinion, the Basic Financial Statements present fairly, in all material respects, the fiduciary net position of the Program Fund as of June 30, 2026, and the changes in its fiduciary net position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Basic Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Program Fund and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Other Matter – Contributions

The Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Act (the Act) requires employers that do not offer a qualified retirement plan (as defined in the Act) to provide eligible employees with the opportunity to save for retirement through an automatic enrollment payroll deduction Individual Retirement Account offered under My Illinois Savings (the Program), formerly known as the Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program.

We did not perform any procedures to determine that every employer required by the Act to offer the Program to employees is actually doing so. Additionally, we did not perform any audit procedures to obtain an understanding of the design and implementation of internal control over payroll processing, the calculation of employee contributions or the remittance of employee contributions at the participating employers. We did not test employer payroll records to determine that employee contributions were accurately calculated based on participating employee contribution elections, that amounts remitted to the Program were complete and accurate or that all eligible employees who had not opted out were participating.

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Report on the Audit of the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Other Matter – Administrative Fund

The Act provides for the Illinois Secure Choice Administrative Fund (the Administrative Fund) to be established and maintained for the purpose of covering costs associated with the administration of the Program. The Administrative Fund is a separate and apart trust fund of the State Treasury. Transactions and balances related to the Administrative Fund are not included in the accompanying Basic Financial Statements and were not subject to our auditing procedures. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide assurance on transactions or balances related to the Administrative Fund.

Responsibilities of Management for the Basic Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Basic Financial Statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Basic Financial Statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Program Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Basic Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Basic Financial Statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not absolute assurance, and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with U.S. GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the Basic Financial Statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with U.S. GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Basic Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the Basic Financial Statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Program Fund's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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Report on the Audit of the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the Basic Financial Statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Program Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

U.S. GAAP requires that Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 6 through 9 be presented to supplement the Basic Financial Statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the Basic Financial Statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board as it is considered to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the Basic Financial Statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with U.S. GAAS, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the Basic Financial Statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the Basic Financial Statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 2, 2026, on our consideration of the Program Fund's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Program Fund's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Little Rock, Arkansas
October 2, 2026

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Management's Discussion and Analysis
(Unaudited)



Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Fund

Management's Discussion and Analysis

(Unaudited)

June 30, 2026

Description of the Program Fund

My Illinois Savings (the Program), formerly known as the Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program, was established by the Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Act (820 ILCS 80/1 et seq.) as a retirement savings program to promote greater retirement savings for Illinois employees in a convenient, low-cost and portable manner. Contributions into the Program are held in the Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Fund (the Program Fund), for which the Illinois Secure Choice Savings Board (the Board) serves as trustee. The Board intends that the Program be operated in such a manner as not to be considered a pension plan under Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

During June 2026, the Office of the Illinois State Treasurer completed key strategic initiatives, including rebranding the Program, lowering fees and implementing technology upgrades designed to improve the employer and participant experience.

Until June 12, 2026 (the Conversion Date), Ascensus College Savings Recordkeeping Services, LLC was responsible for day-to-day Program operations. As of the close of business on the Conversion Date, all assets and participant accounts totaling \$354.6 million were transitioned to Vestwell Government Savings, LLC (Vestwell) as the new Program Manager.

Participants may direct their contributions in one or more investment options, including the Capital Preservation Fund, Target Date Retirement Funds, Conservative Fund and Growth Fund. Each investment option invests in a single underlying mutual fund.

Overview of the Basic Financial Statements

This Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is intended to provide an objective and concise overview of the Program Fund's financial position and changes in financial position as of and for the years ended June 30, 2026 and 2025. The MD&A should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Basic Financial Statements, which include the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position, the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position and the Notes to Financial Statements.

The Statement of Fiduciary Net Position presents information on the Program Fund's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two representing fiduciary net position held in trust for Program participants. The Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position presents information showing additions to and deductions from fiduciary net position during the fiscal year. The Notes to Financial Statements provide additional explanatory information about the amounts presented in the Basic Financial Statements.

Financial Summary

The Program Fund experienced continued growth during fiscal year 2026. Fiduciary net position increased \$95.5 million to \$360.3 million at June 30, 2026 from \$264.8 million at June 30, 2025, an increase of 36.1%.



Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Fund

Management's Discussion and Analysis

(Unaudited)

June 30, 2026

Financial Summary (Continued)

The number of active participant accounts increased from 157,473 to 170,096, representing growth of 8.0%. The number of employers remitting payroll deductions to the Program Fund increased 16.9%, from 11,143 at June 30, 2025 to 13,026 at June 30, 2026.

During the year ended June 30, 2026, total additions of \$142.2 million exceeded total deductions of \$46.7 million. During the year ended June 30, 2025, total additions of \$107.8 million exceeded total deductions of \$35.0 million. Additions consisted of contributions and net investment income. Deductions consisted of distributions and administrative fees.

	2026	2025	\$ Change	% Change
Fiduciary Net Position	\$360.3 million	\$264.8 million	\$95.5 million	36.1%
Net Contributions	\$39.4 million	\$43.2 million	-\$3.8 million	-8.7%
Net Investment Income	\$57.0 million	\$30.3 million	\$26.7 million	88.2%
Active Accounts	170,096	157,473	12,623	8.0%
Employers Remitting Payroll				
Deductions	13,026	11,143	1,883	16.9%

Analysis of Fiduciary Net Position

Assets

Total assets increased to \$360.7 million at June 30, 2026 from \$265.8 million at June 30, 2025, an increase of \$94.9 million, or 35.7%. The increase was primarily attributable to net participant contributions and positive investment performance during the fiscal year.

Investments represented substantially all of the Program Fund's assets at June 30, 2026 and 2025. Other assets, which include uninvested cash balances and receivables from investments sold are insignificant relative to total assets and generally reflect year-end settlement timing for contributions, distributions and investment activity and can fluctuate based on investment and participant activity occurring near fiscal year-end.

Liabilities

Total liabilities decreased from \$974.6 thousand at June 30, 2025 to \$376.7 thousand at June 30, 2026. Liabilities consisted primarily of payables for securities purchased, distributions payable and accrued administrative fees. Year-end liabilities fluctuate based on transaction timing.

Analysis of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

Fiduciary net position increased by \$95.5 million during fiscal year 2026 compared to an increase of \$72.8 million during fiscal year 2025. Significant increases in net investment income is the primary driver of this increase.



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Management's Discussion and Analysis

(Unaudited)

June 30, 2026

Analysis of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position (*Continued*)

Contributions

Contributions totaled \$85.2 million during fiscal year 2026 compared to \$77.6 million during fiscal year 2025, an increase of \$7.6 million, or 9.8%. The Program experienced growth in active accounts and employer participation as the Board continued its emphasis on employer outreach, communication improvements and payroll integration enhancements. Enforcement initiatives and outreach efforts also generated additional participation. Employers remitting payroll deductions increased by 1,883, or 16.9%, while active accounts increased by 12,623, or 8.0%.

Distributions

Distributions totaled \$45.7 million during fiscal year 2026 compared to \$34.4 million during fiscal year 2025, an increase of \$11.3 million, or 33.1%. The increase is consistent with the growth and maturation of the Program and reflects a larger participant population accessing retirement savings as permitted under applicable IRA rules.

Net Investment Income

Net investment income totaled \$57.0 million during fiscal year 2026 compared with \$30.3 million during fiscal year 2025, an increase of \$26.7 million, or 88.2%. Net appreciation in the fair value of investments is the primary driver of this increase, totaling \$48.8 million for the year ended June 30, 2026 compared to \$25.0 million for the year ended June 30, 2025. Dividends and capital gain distributions increased to \$8.2 million during fiscal year 2026 from \$5.3 million during fiscal year 2025.

The increase was primarily attributable to stronger equity market performance during fiscal year 2026, particularly within the Target Date Retirement Funds and Growth Fund, which together represent a significant portion of Program Fund assets. In addition, fiduciary net position increased from fiscal year 2025 resulting in a larger asset base available to participate in market appreciation and generate dividend income. The Capital Preservation Fund and Conservative Fund also benefited from a higher interest rate environment during much of the fiscal year, contributing to overall investment results.

Administrative Fees

Administrative fees totaled \$922.6 thousand during fiscal year 2026 compared to \$672.0 thousand during fiscal year 2025, an increase of \$250.6 thousand, or 37.3%. Because these fees are calculated on average daily net position in the applicable investment option, the increase is consistent with growth in fiduciary net position during the fiscal year. This increase was partially offset by a reduction in the Program Administration Fee from 0.25% to 0.20% for all investment options that became effective after the Conversion Date.



Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Fund

Management's Discussion and Analysis

(Unaudited)

June 30, 2026

Requests for information

This financial report is intended to provide a general overview of the Program Fund's financial position and results of operations. Additional information regarding the Program may be obtained at www.myilsavings.com. Questions about the information provided may be directed to the Program's customer service representatives at 1-855-650-6914 (for savers) or 1-855-650-6913 (for employers).

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Basic Financial Statements



Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Fund

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position June 30, 2026

ASSETS

Investments	\$ 360,369,782
Receivable from Program Manager	274,872
Receivables from investments sold	59,083
Total Assets	360,703,737

LIABILITIES

Payables for investments purchased	104,906
Distributions payable	235,082
Accrued administrative fees	36,709
Total Liabilities	376,697

FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

\$ 360,327,040

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position Year Ended June 30, 2026

ADDITIONS

Contributions:	
Employer initiated	\$ 81,104,128
Employee initiated	4,072,222
Total contributions	85,176,350
Investment income:	
Dividends and capital gain distributions	8,181,725
Net increase in the fair value of investments	48,839,153
Net investment income	57,020,878
Total Additions	142,197,228

DEDUCTIONS

Distributions	45,746,002
Administrative fees	922,582
Total Deductions	46,668,584

NET INCREASE

95,528,644

FIDUCIARY NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR

264,798,396

FIDUCIARY NET POSITION, END OF YEAR

\$ 360,327,040

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.



Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Fund

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2026

NOTE 1: ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The following provides a brief description of the Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Fund (the Program Fund). For more information, refer to the *My Illinois Savings Program Description* (the Program Description) available at myilsavings.com or call 1-855-650-6914 (saver assistance) or 1-855-650-6913 (employer assistance).

(a) General

The Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Act (820 ILCS 80/1 et seq.) (the Act) established a retirement savings program in the form of an automatic enrollment payroll deduction Individual Retirement Account (IRA) for the purpose of promoting greater retirement savings for Illinois employees in a convenient, low-cost and portable manner. This workplace retirement savings option, known as My Illinois Savings (the Program), formerly known as the Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program, is designed to help workers who do not have access to an employer-sponsored plan to save money for retirement.

The Act requires eligible employers to provide their employees the opportunity to save through payroll deductions, unless the employer offers or contributes to a qualified plan, as specified in the Act. Employees are automatically enrolled into the Program by their employer, unless the employees opt out of the Program within 30 days after notice of their enrollment has been provided to them. Employee participation in the Program is completely voluntary. The employers make no contributions to employee accounts. Subject to laws and regulations applicable to IRA accounts, participating employees may make contributions and receive distributions in accordance with the terms of their IRA and applicable federal tax law. In addition to participating in the Program through an eligible employer, any individual 18 years or older who is eligible to contribute to a Roth IRA is able to participate in the Program.

The Illinois Secure Choice Savings Board (the Board), also established under the Act, is an independent board responsible for oversight, administration and management of the Program Fund. The Board consists of the State Treasurer (or his or her designee), who serves as chair; the State Comptroller (or his or her designee); the Director of the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (or his or her designee); two public representatives with expertise in retirement savings plan administration or investments, or both, appointed by the Governor; a representative of participating employers, appointed by the Governor; and a representative of enrollees, appointed by the Governor. The Board intends that the Program be operated in such a manner as not to be considered a pension plan under Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). Changes in or interpretations of laws and regulations could have a significant impact on the structure of the Program.

Pursuant to the Act, contributions to the Program are held in the Program Fund, a trust for which the Board is trustee. The Act further specifies that amounts deposited in the Program Fund shall not be construed to be a department, institution or agency of the state of Illinois (the State), and amounts on deposit in the Program Fund shall not be commingled with other State funds. The State has no claim to or against, or interest in, assets held in the Program Fund. The Program offers a range of investment



Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Fund

Notes to Financial Statements

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NOTE 1: ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

(a) General (Continued)

options from conservative to aggressive, designed to appeal to varying levels of risk tolerance and return expectations. Each investment option invests in a single underlying mutual fund. Participants purchase units of investment options, not shares of the underlying mutual funds. These units are municipal fund securities.

The Office of the Illinois State Treasurer (the Treasurer) and the Board incur certain costs in providing administrative, marketing and oversight services to the Program. These costs, which are not paid directly from Program Fund assets and are not reported as deductions in the Program Fund's Basic Financial Statements, total \$2.3 million for the year ended June 30, 2026.

(b) Program Management Services

Until June 12, 2026 (the Conversion Date), Ascensus College Savings Recordkeeping Services, LLC (ACSR) was responsible for day-to-day Program operations, such as establishing and maintaining accounts for participants, processing transactions as directed by employers and participants, issuing Program account statements and fulfilling Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reporting requirements. As of the close of business on the Conversion Date, Program management functions and all Program Fund assets and participant accounts totaling \$354.6 million were transitioned to Vestwell Government Savings, LLC ("Vestwell" or the "Program Manager").

Pursuant to separate contracts between the Board and ACSR and between the Board and Vestwell, the Treasurer paid ACSR and Vestwell \$956.2 thousand and \$43.8 thousand, respectively, during the year ended June 30, 2026, for Program administration and operational support. These amounts are not paid from Program Fund assets and are not reported as deductions in the Program Fund's Basic Financial Statements.

(c) IRA Custodian

The Bank of New York (BNY) serves as the IRA Custodian responsible for providing a cashiering function and other responsibilities under Section 408(a) and other applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Prior to the Conversion Date, Ascensus Trust Company served as IRA Custodian.

(d) Municipal Securities Custodian

BNY is the custodian of the municipal fund securities (i.e., the units issued to participants) and is responsible for maintaining the assets that are contributed to each investment option.

(e) Asset Managers

State Street Investment Management (State Street) and BlackRock Fund Advisors (BlackRock) manage the underlying mutual funds that comprise each investment option.



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Notes to Financial Statements

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NOTE 2: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Accounting

In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) applicable to fiduciary fund types prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), the Basic Financial Statements are prepared using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. U.S. GAAP requires the use of estimates made by management and the evaluation of subsequent events. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

(b) Investment Valuation

Accounting standards categorize fair value measurements according to a hierarchy based on valuation inputs that are used to measure fair value. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices for identical assets in active markets that can be accessed at the measurement date. Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for an asset, either directly or indirectly. Level 3 inputs are unobservable and may include subjective assumptions in determining the fair value of investments.

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors including, for example, the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, the liquidity of markets and other characteristics particular to the security. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3. The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

Mutual funds are reported at fair value, based on the net asset value per share at the close of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and are thus categorized in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

(c) Investment Transactions

Investment transactions are accounted for as of the trade date for financial reporting purposes. Dividend income and capital gain distributions from mutual funds are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) are included in "net increase (decrease) in the fair value of investments.

(d) Contributions

For employees who have not opted out of the Program, the employer deducts contributions from payroll based on each participating employee's current contribution elections, which can be either the default contribution elections set by the Program or alternate contribution elections selected by the employee, and transfers those payroll deductions to the Program Fund. Amounts deducted are required to be transmitted to the Program Fund as soon as administratively practicable and within the time period required by law. Individuals who are 18 years or older and who are eligible to participate under federal rules governing IRA accounts may also make contributions directly to the Program.



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Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2026

NOTE 2: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(d) Contributions (Continued)

Contributions that are received in good order prior to the close of the NYSE are credited to participant accounts and recorded as increases in fiduciary net position on the same business day.

Contributions are invested in one or more of the following investment strategies, depending upon participant elections:

Capital Preservation Fund is an investment option with the investment objective of maximizing current income, to the extent consistent with the preservation of capital and liquidity and maintenance of a \$1.00 per share NAV.

Target Date Retirement Funds are investment options that correspond with the year closest to when the participant will be 65 or plans to retire. Each Target Date Retirement Fund has a specific "target date" (e.g., 2035, 2045, 2055) and invests in an underlying mutual fund that includes a mix of stock and bond funds. These investment options seek to provide for retirement outcomes based on quantitatively measured risk and are broadly diversified across global asset allocations, becoming more conservative over time as the participant nears target retirement age.

Conservative Fund is an investment option with the investment objective of tracking as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the total return of an index composed of the total U.S. investment grade bond market.

Growth Fund is an investment option with the investment objective of tracking the total return of the S&P 500® Index.

90 Day Holding Vehicle is not a stand-alone investment option, but is an administrative vehicle that seeks to preserve the value of employee contributions for the length of the Account Revocation Period (described below). The 90 Day Holding Vehicle is only available to those participants who have elected the default contribution elections (also described below).

The Account Revocation Period is the period of time starting on the date an IRA account is established and the employee receives the Program Description, and ending the earlier of 90 days after the first contribution or after the close of business on the business day that an alternate contribution election is made. The Account Revocation Period must last a minimum of seven days from the date on which the IRA is established and the employee receives the Program Description.

Participants are able to choose the investment option(s) into which their contributions will be invested during the account opening process. For those who participate in the Program through eligible employers, if an employee has not opted out of the Program or has not chosen alternate elections, he or she will be enrolled using the following default contribution elections:



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NOTE 2: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(d) Contributions (Continued)

- The initial rate of contribution is 5% of compensation.
- Contributions will be invested in a government money market fund (the 90 Day Holding Vehicle) for the length of the Account Revocation Period.
- The auto-escalation feature will apply by automatically increasing the contribution percentage by 1% each year. The automatic increase will occur on or about January 1 of each year, until the total rate of contribution has reached 10%.
- After the Account Revocation Period, if no alternate contribution election is made, contributions will be invested in the Target Date Retirement Fund based on the age and year of retirement (assuming a retirement age of 65) of the participant.

Employees who do not want to enroll at the default contribution rate of 5% may change their contribution elections, subject to a minimum of 1%, a maximum of 100% and applicable federal annual contribution limits. Individuals who participate directly in the Program (i.e., not through an employer) may choose an auto-escalation feature, which provides for the automatic increase of contribution dollars by varying amounts depending on the amount of current contributions. The participant may opt out of the auto-escalation at any time.

Additionally, participating employees who do not want to use the default election investment options and individuals contributing directly to the Program may choose the investment option(s) into which their contributions will be invested. Although participants may select the investment options in which their contributions are invested, they may not direct the selection of the mutual funds that compose each investment option.

(e) Distributions

Participants may request distributions from their accounts online, by phone or by mail. Distributions are recorded as deductions from fiduciary net position on the date the request is received if such request is found to be in good order and is received prior to the close of the NYSE.

Distributions include Fixed Account Fees, Paper Delivery Fees and Paper Check Fees. These fees are deducted directly from participant accounts. Total fees collected during the year ended June 30, 2026 were approximately \$3.6 million, substantially all of which was paid to ACSR, with approximately \$3.0 thousand paid to Vestwell.

(f) Exchanges and Conversions

Transfers of funds between investment options due to participants changing their investment elections or due to the movement of account balances from the 90 Day Holding Vehicle to the appropriate Target Date Retirement Fund at the end of the Account Revocation Period are referred to as "exchanges."



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NOTE 2: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(f) Exchanges and Conversions (Continued)

Upon reaching the applicable retirement year, participant assets in the applicable Target Date Retirement Fund are automatically transferred to the Target Retirement Date Fund investment option. These transactions are referred to as "conversions."

The amounts of contributions and distributions reported on the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position do not include exchanges and conversions, as these types of transactions have no impact on the overall financial position of the Program Fund.

(g) Unit Valuation

Unit values for each investment option are determined at the close of business of the NYSE. The unit value of each investment option is calculated by dividing the investment option's assets minus its liabilities by the number of outstanding units of such investment option. There are no distributions of dividends, capital gain distributions or net investment income or losses directly to participants. Dividends, capital gain distributions and net investment income (losses) are reflected as increases (decreases) in the unit values of the investment options.

(h) Income Taxes

The Program Fund is exempt from federal and state income tax.

(i) Indemnification

Neither the State, the Board, ACSR, Vestwell, nor any other person or entity indemnifies any participant against losses or other claims arising from the official or unofficial acts, negligent or otherwise, of the State, the Board, ACSR or Vestwell. In addition, the State, the Board, ACSR and Vestwell enter into contracts related to the operation and administration of the Program that contain a variety of representations and warranties that provide general indemnifications. The maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the State, the Board, ACSR or Vestwell that have not yet occurred. However, neither the State, the Board, ACSR nor Vestwell have experienced any prior claims or losses pursuant to these contracts, and the risk of loss is expected to be remote.

(j) Recently Adopted Accounting Standards

GASB Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*, was adopted effective July 1, 2025. Implementation of this statement resulted in changes to the presentation and content of Management's Discussion and Analysis, and did not have an effect on the Program's Fund fiduciary net position, changes in fiduciary net position or the related note disclosures.



Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Fund

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2026

NOTE 3: INVESTMENTS

(a) Investments by Type

The Program Fund's investment options, as well as the underlying mutual funds of those investment options and their respective fair values at June 30, 2026, are as follows:

Investment Option	Underlying Mutual Fund	Fair Value
90 Day Holding Vehicle	State Street Institutional U.S. Government Money Market Fund - Cabrera Capital Markets Class	\$ 1,059,272
Capital Preservation Fund	State Street Institutional U.S. Government Money Market Fund - Cabrera Capital Markets Class	785,868
Target Date Retirement Fund	BlackRock LifePath Index Retirement Fund	31,327,623
Target Date Retirement Fund 2030	BlackRock LifePath Index 2030 Fund	30,708,126
Target Date Retirement Fund 2035	BlackRock LifePath Index 2035 Fund	36,546,651
Target Date Retirement Fund 2040	BlackRock LifePath Index 2040 Fund	34,526,665
Target Date Retirement Fund 2045	BlackRock LifePath Index 2045 Fund	36,696,070
Target Date Retirement Fund 2050	BlackRock LifePath Index 2050 Fund	37,703,323
Target Date Retirement Fund 2055	BlackRock LifePath Index 2055 Fund	42,073,955
Target Date Retirement Fund 2060	BlackRock LifePath Index 2060 Fund	45,125,893
Target Date Retirement Fund 2065	BlackRock LifePath Index 2065 Fund	39,395,151
Target Date Retirement Fund 2070	BlackRock LifePath Index 2070 Fund	8,494,455
Target Date Retirement Fund 2075	BlackRock LifePath Index 2070 Fund	65,649
Conservative Fund	State Street Aggregate Bond Index Fund	1,251,947
Growth Fund	State Street Equity Index Fund	14,609,134
Total Investments		<u>\$ 360,369,782</u>

(b) Investment Risk

The mutual funds in which the Program Fund invests include various types of investment securities in their asset holdings, such as corporate debt and equity securities, obligations of the U.S. government and government agencies, and international securities. These securities are exposed to interest rate, market and credit risk, and it is at least reasonably possible that changes in their fair values could occur in the near term, materially affecting participant balances and the amounts reported in the Program Fund's Basic Financial Statements.

U.S. GAAP requires that certain disclosures be made related to the Program Fund's investment policy and its exposure to credit risk, interest rate risk and foreign currency risk, which are included in the paragraphs that follow.

Investment Policy

The Board has adopted investment principles and an investment policy statement that sets forth investment objectives and establishes policies and procedures to create the highest possibility that investment objectives are met in a prudent manner that is consistent with established guidelines for similar retirement savings programs, governing rules and regulations, and best practice standards



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NOTE 3: INVESTMENTS (Continued)

(b) Investment Risk (Continued)

Investment Policy (Continued)

relevant to the industry. The policy specifies the number and type of investment options offered to participants, the general guidelines for providing suitable options for participants, the guidelines for the selection of underlying investment funds, the ongoing supervision of the underlying investment funds, the monitoring and review of investment performance, and the protocol for adding, replacing or eliminating investment options and/or underlying funds that comprise the investment options.

There are no provisions of the policy that specifically address credit risk, interest rate risk, concentrations of credit risk or foreign currency risk.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Program Fund will not be able to recover the value of an investment that is in the possession of an outside party. Mutual funds are not subject to custodial credit risk because ownership is not evidenced by a transferable financial instrument.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. Mutual funds that invest primarily in bonds and other fixed income securities, indirectly expose the Program Fund to credit risk. None of the mutual funds in which the Program Fund invests are rated as to credit quality by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization, except for the State Street Institutional U.S. Government Money Market Fund – Cabrera Capital Markets Class, which is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's at June 30, 2026.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The BlackRock LifePath Index Retirement Funds, the State Street Aggregate Bond Index Fund and State Street Institutional U.S. Government Money Market Fund – Cabrera Capital Markets Class indirectly expose the Program Fund to interest rate risk due to the inclusion of debt securities and other fixed income securities in their underlying holdings. The State Street Aggregate Bond Index Fund and the State Street Institutional U.S. Government Money Market Fund – Cabrera Capital Markets Class invest solely in bonds and other fixed income securities. The BlackRock LifePath Index Retirement Funds consist of varying allocations of equity and debt securities, with increasingly greater allocations to debt securities occurring as the target retirement date approaches.

The weighted average maturity of a bond fund is the average length of time until fixed-income securities held by the fund reach maturity and will be repaid, taking into consideration the possibility that the issuer



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NOTE 3: INVESTMENTS (Continued)

(b) Investment Risk (Continued)

Interest Rate Risk (Continued)

may call a bond before its maturity date. In general, the longer the average maturity, the more a bond fund's share price will fluctuate in response to changes in interest rates. The weighted average maturities of the State Street Aggregate Bond Index Fund and State Street Institutional U.S. Government Money Market Fund – Cabrera Capital Markets Class are 8.6 years and 29 days, respectively, as of June 30, 2026.

Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Program Fund is indirectly exposed to foreign currency risk through holdings in mutual funds that include international equity and fixed income securities in their underlying assets. The following mutual funds in which the Program Fund invests had underlying international investment exposure exceeding 10% at June 30, 2026:

	Fair Value
BlackRock LifePath Index Retirement Fund	\$ 31,327,623
BlackRock LifePath Index 2030 Fund	\$ 30,708,126
BlackRock LifePath Index 2035 Fund	\$ 36,546,651
BlackRock LifePath Index 2040 Fund	\$ 34,526,665
BlackRock LifePath Index 2045 Fund	\$ 36,696,070
BlackRock LifePath Index 2050 Fund	\$ 37,703,323
BlackRock LifePath Index 2055 Fund	\$ 42,073,955
BlackRock LifePath Index 2060 Fund	\$ 45,125,893
BlackRock LifePath Index 2065 Fund	\$ 39,395,151
BlackRock LifePath Index 2070 Fund	\$ 8,560,104

NOTE 4: FEES AND EXPENSES

Participants indirectly bear a pro-rata share of the annual costs and expenses associated with each investment option in which their assets are invested. Each investment option is subject to an annualized asset-based fee that is deducted from assets in that investment option. The annualized asset-based fee reduces the return participants earn on their investments in the Program Fund. The annualized asset-based fee consists of the Program Administration Fee, the State Fee and the Underlying Investment Fund Fee, as described below. These fees accrue daily and are factored into the net asset value of each investment option.



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NOTE 4: FEES AND EXPENSES (Continued)

Program Administration Fee

A Program Administration Fee of 0.25% of the net position of each investment option (reduced to 0.20% effective after the Conversion Date) is paid to ACSR or Vestwell, as appropriate. This fee is paid from Program Fund assets and reflected as a deduction in the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position.

State Fee

The Board receives a fee to be used to offset expenses related to oversight and administration of the Program. This fee, which is 0.05% of net position of each investment option, is paid from Program Fund assets and is reflected as a deduction on the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position.

In order to maintain a 0% net yield in the Capital Preservation Fund and the 90 Day Holding Vehicle, the Treasurer may waive the State Fee. In addition, the Treasurer may direct that the Program Administration Fee be reduced and reimbursed to the Program Fund. There were no fee waivers or fee reimbursements during the year ended June 30, 2026.

Underlying Investment Fund Fee

The Underlying Investment Fund Fee includes the investment advisory fees, administrative fees and other expenses of each underlying mutual fund in which Program Fund assets are invested. The Underlying Investment Fund Fee is paid out of the assets of the mutual fund, reducing the amount of income available for distribution to the Program Fund, and is not paid from Program Fund assets. As such, these fees are not reported as deductions on the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position. A mutual fund's expense ratio measures the total annual operating expenses of the fund as a percentage of its average daily net assets. This fee is subject to fluctuation from time to time based on changes in the total annual operating expenses of the mutual fund.

Administrative fees paid from Program Fund assets related to the year ended June 30, 2026 are as follows:

Program Administration Fee	\$ 767,595
State Fee	<u>154,987</u>
Total Administrative Fees	<u>\$ 922,582</u>



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Members of the Illinois Secure Choice Savings Board,
Office of the Illinois State Treasurer and
Vestwell Government Savings, LLC
Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Fund

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the **Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Fund** (the Program Fund), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2026, and the related Notes to Financial Statements, which collectively comprise the Program Fund's Basic Financial Statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 2, 2026.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the Basic Financial Statements, we considered the Program Fund's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the Basic Financial Statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Program Fund's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Program's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

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Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Fund

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Program Fund's Basic Financial Statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the Basic Financial Statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Program Fund's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Program's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Little Rock, Arkansas
October 2, 2026

Other Information
(Unaudited)



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON OTHER INFORMATION

Members of the Illinois Secure Choice Savings Board,
Office of the Illinois State Treasurer and
Vestwell Government Savings, LLC
Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Fund

We have audited the Basic Financial Statements of the **Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Fund** (the Program Fund), and we have issued our opinion thereon in our report dated October 2, 2026. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the Basic Financial Statements as a whole. The schedule on page 27, which details amounts spent by the Office of the Illinois State Treasurer on outside consulting services related to My Illinois Savings, formerly known as the Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program, during the year ended June 30, 2026, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the Basic Financial Statements. These amounts are not reflected as deductions in the Basic Financial Statements of the Program Fund. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the Basic Financial Statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information in this schedule.

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Little Rock, Arkansas
October 2, 2026



SECURE CHOICE SPENDING ON OUTSIDE CONSULTING SERVICES
(Unaudited)
FY2026 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026)

The following table provides a summary of Secure Choice spending for FY2026 on services provided by outside consulting firms, independent contractors or entities separate and outside of state government for administration and implementation of Secure Choice⁽¹⁾. This is total spending for FY2026 from the internal budget of the Treasurer’s Office and is separate from the fees paid by program participants to Ascensus or Vestwell for administration of the Program or fees paid to investment managers.

Budget Line Item	FY26 Spending	Notes
Auditing and Management Services	\$1,144,913.56	Money spent on program management services, administrative consulting services, investment consulting services, IT consulting services, and marketing services. This figure includes a payment to Ascensus for program management services and was part of a contract agreement.
Surety Bond & Insurance Premiums	\$116,169.02	Total purchase cost of annual liability and cyber security insurance policy for the IL Secure Choice Board and Program.
Advertising	\$5,432.50	Media buys related to Secure Choice marketing conducted by outside marketing firm.

⁽¹⁾ Inclusion of these budget line items is required by 820 ILCS 80/80.