

Form **990-EZ**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)
▶ For organizations with gross receipts less than \$100,000 and total assets less than \$250,000 at the end of the year
▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No 1545-1150

2002

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2002 calendar year, or tax year beginning June 6, 2002, and ending December 31, 2002

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type See Specific Instructions	C Name of organization Illinois Policy Institute		D Employer identification number 41-2057028
		Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 718 S 7th Street 305		E Telephone number (217) 544-4759
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Springfield, IL 62703		F Enter 4-digit (GEN) ▶

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ)
G Accounting method Cash Accrual
 Other (specify) ▶

I Web site ▶ <http://www.illinoispolicyinstitute.org>
H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

J Organization type (check only one)— 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS, but if the organization received a Form 990 Package in the mail, it should file a return without financial data. **Some states require a complete return.**

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If \$100,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$

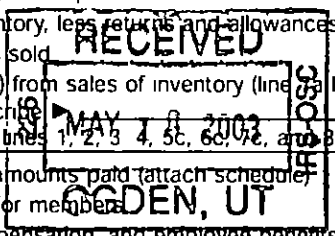
Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See page 36 of the instructions)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	5,514	45
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	n/a	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	n/a	
	4	Investment income	4	n/a	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	n/a	
	5b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	n/a	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (line 5a less line 5b) (attach schedule)	5c	na/	
	6	Special events and activities (attach schedule)			
	6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	n/a	
6b	Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	n/a		
6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (line 6a less line 6b)	6c	n/a		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	n/a		
7b	Less cost of goods sold	7b	n/a		
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (line 7a less line 7b)	7c	n/a		
8	Other revenue (describe)	8	n/a		
9	Total revenue (add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8)	9	5,514	45	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	n/a	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	n/a	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	n/a	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	25	00
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	90	50
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	10	69
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ office equip /supplies, US Treasury & IL State, Wed mtngs)	16	1,154	00
	17	Total expenses (add lines 10 through 16)	17	1,280	19
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (line 9 less line 17)	18	4,485	26
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	0	
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	0	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18 through 20)	21	4,485	19

Part II Balance Sheets—If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	0	1,345 26
23	Land and buildings	0	0
24	Other assets (describe ▶ computer equip, wireless LAN & DSL)	0	3,140 00
25	Total assets	0	4,485 26
26	Total liabilities (describe ▶ _____)	0	0
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	0	4,485 026

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See page 39 of the instructions)		Expenses
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Public Policy Education & Research		(Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts optional for others)
Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes in a clear and concise manner describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited or other relevant information for each program title		
28	Analysis Program released 7 briefs & commentaries and one Op-Ed at TechCentralStation.com Every member of the State Legislature, state press corps and more than 100,000 citizens were exposed to Institute Analyses from Sept 2002 to Dec 31 (Grants \$ 3,860 12)	28a 896 13
29	Public Forum program hosted 4 weekly meetings among free market advocates and Institute Dir spoke at Adlai Stevenson Center at Ill State Univ on the State Budget Crisis & the New Admin ISU event resulted in widespread state wide press coverage (Grants \$ 1654 34)	29a 384 06
30		
31	Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants \$)	31a
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (List each one even if not compensated See page 40 of the instructions)				
(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (if not paid enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
Kevin L Spudic 718 S 7th Street, Suite 402 Spfld, IL 62703	Treasurer, 1hr	0	0	0
Terry T Campo, 1805 Crystal City Drive Suite 410s Arlington, VA 22201	Vice-Chairman, 1hr	0	0	0
Greg Blankenship, 718 S 7th Street, Suite 305 Springfield, IL 62703	Chairman & Dir, 40hrs	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the attachment requirement in General Instruction V, page 14)		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		✓
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes" attach a conformed copy of the changes		✓
35	If the organization had income from business activities such as those reported on lines 2 6 and 7 (among others) but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1 000 or more or 6033(e) notice reporting and proxy tax requirements?		✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		✓
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination or substantial contraction during the year? (If "Yes," attach a statement)		✓
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a n/a		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		✓
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?		✓
b	If "Yes," attach the schedule specified in the line 38 instructions and enter the amount involved 38b		
39	501(c)(7) organizations Enter a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a		
b	Gross receipts included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b		
40a	501(c)(3) organizations Enter Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ section 4912 ▶ section 4955 ▶		
b	501(c)(3) and (4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes" attach an explanation		✓
c	Amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under 4912 4955, and 4958 ▶ 0		0
d	Enter Amount of tax on line 40c, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0		0
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ Illinois		
42	The books are in care of ▶ Greg Blankenship Located at ▶ 718 S 7th Street, Suite 305 Springfield, IL Telephone no ▶ (217) 544-4759		
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued		

Please Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury I declare that I have examined this return in its entirety and believe it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than the taxpayer) is based on information furnished by the taxpayer. No part of this return was prepared by the preparer on behalf of the taxpayer. The preparer does not disclaim responsibility for this return or its contents.

Gregory K Blankenship
Signature of officer

Gregory K Blankenship, Chairman of the Board
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed) address and ZIP + 4



SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)

OMB No 1545 0047

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k),
501(n), or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

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Supplementary Information—(See separate instructions)

▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Name of the organization

Illinois Policy Institute

Employer identification number

41 2057028

Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees
(See page 1 of the instructions List each one If there are none, enter "None ")

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50 000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
No employee was paid in 2002				
Total number of other employees paid over \$50 000 ▶				

Part II Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services
(See page 2 of the instructions List each one (whether individuals or firms) If there are none, enter 'None ')

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50 000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
N/A		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶	0	

Part III Statements About Activities (See page 2 of the instructions)

	Yes	No
1 During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If Yes, enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ▶ \$ _____ (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A or line 1 of Part VI-B) Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes" must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.		✓
2 During the year, has the organization either directly or indirectly engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.)		
a Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?		✓
b Lending of money or other extension of credit?		✓
c Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?		✓
d Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?		✓
e Transfer of any part of its income or assets?		✓
3 Does the organization make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc.? (See Note below.)		✓
4 Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?		✓
Note: Attach a statement to explain how the organization determines that individuals or organizations receiving grants or loans from it in furtherance of its charitable programs "qualify" to receive payments.		

Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 3 through 5 of the instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only **ONE** applicable box.)

- 5** A church, convention of churches, or association of churches. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 6** A school. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Also complete Part V.)
- 7** A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 8** A Federal, state, or local government or governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 9** A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state ▶
- 10** An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11a** An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11b** A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 12** An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its charitable, etc., functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 13** An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and supports organizations described in (1) lines 5 through 12 above, or (2) section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) if they meet the test of section 509(a)(2). (See section 509(a)(3).)

Provide the following information about the supported organizations. (See page 5 of the instructions.)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Line number from above

- 14** An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4). (See page 5 of the instructions.)

Part IV-A Support Schedule (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10 11 or 12) *Use cash method of accounting*

Note You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2001	(b) 2000	(c) 1999	(d) 1998	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (Do not include unusual grants See line 28)	0	0	0	0	0
16 Membership fees received	0	0	0	0	0
17 Gross receipts from admissions merchandise sold or services performed or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable etc purpose	0	0	0	0	0
18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents royalties and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975	0	0	0	0	0
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18	0	0	0	0	0
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf	0	0	0	0	0
21 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge	0	0	0	0	0
22 Other income Attach a schedule Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets	0	0	0	0	0
23 Total of lines 15 through 22	0	0	0	0	0
24 Line 23 minus line 17	0	0	0	0	0
25 Enter 1% of line 23	0	0	0	0	
26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11	a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24 ▶				26a 0
	b Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 1998 through 2001 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a Do not file this list with your return Enter the total of all these excess amounts ▶				
	c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test Enter line 24 column (e) ▶				26c 0
	d Add Amounts from column (e) for lines 18 <u>0</u> 19 <u>0</u> 22 <u>0</u> 26b <u>0</u> ▶				
	e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total) ▶				26d 0
	f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator)) ▶				26e 0
					26f %
27 Organizations described on line 12	a For amounts included in lines 15 16 and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person" prepare a list for your records to show the name of and total amounts received in each year from each "disqualified person" Do not file this list with your return Enter the sum of such amounts for each year				
	(2001)	(2000)	(1999)	(1998)	
	b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons") prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5 000 (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11 as well as individuals) Do not file this list with your return After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year				
	(2001)	(2000)	(1999)	(1998)	
	c Add Amounts from column (e) for lines 15 _____ 16 _____ 17 _____ 20 _____ 21 _____ ▶				27c _____
	d Add Line 27a total _____ and line 27b total _____ ▶				27d _____
	e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total) ▶				27e _____
	f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test Enter amount from line 23 column (e) ▶				27f _____
	g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator)) ▶				27g %
	h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator)) ▶				27h %

28 Unusual Grants For an organization described in line 10 11 or 12 that received any unusual grants during 1998 through 2001 prepare a list for your records to show for each year, the name of the contributor the date and amount of the grant and a brief description of the nature of the grant Do not file this list with your return Do not include these grants in line 15

Part V Private School Questionnaire (See page 7 of the instructions)
(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)

	Yes	No
29 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter bylaws other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?		
30 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures catalogues and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs and scholarships?		
31 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If 'Yes' please describe if 'No' please explain (If you need more space attach a separate statement)		
32 Does the organization maintain the following		
a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty and administrative staff?		
b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?		
c Copies of all catalogues brochures announcements and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions programs and scholarships?		
d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? If you answered 'No' to any of the above please explain (If you need more space attach a separate statement)		
33 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to		
a Students' rights or privileges?		
b Admissions policies?		
c Employment of faculty or administrative staff?		
d Scholarships or other financial assistance?		
e Educational policies?		
f Use of facilities?		
g Athletic programs?		
h Other extracurricular activities? If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)		
34a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?		
b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b please explain using an attached statement		
35 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4 01 through 4 05 of Rev Proc 75-50 1975-2 C B 587 covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No" attach an explanation		

Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities (See page 9 of the instructions)
 (To be completed **ONLY** by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)

Check **a** if the organization belongs to an affiliated group Check **b** if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures

(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred)

		(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for ALL electing organizations
36	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	36	
37	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	37	
38	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37)	38	
39	Other exempt purpose expenditures	39	
40	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39)	40	
41	Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table— If the amount on line 40 is— The lobbying nontaxable amount is— Not over \$500,000 20% of the amount on line 40 Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000 \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000 Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000 \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000 Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000 \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000 Over \$17,000,000 \$1,000,000	41	
42	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41)	42	
43	Subtract line 42 from line 36 Enter 0 if line 42 is more than line 36	43	
44	Subtract line 41 from line 38 Enter 0 if line 41 is more than line 38	44	

Caution If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44 you must file Form 4720

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below
 See the instructions for lines 45 through 50 on page 11 of the instructions)

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				
	(a) 2002	(b) 2001	(c) 2000	(d) 1999	(e) Total
45	Lobbying nontaxable amount				
46	Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e))				
47	Total lobbying expenditures				
48	Grassroots nontaxable amount				
49	Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e))				
50	Grassroots lobbying expenditures				

Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities

(For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 11 of the instructions)

During the year did the organization attempt to influence national state or local legislation including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum through the use of	Yes	No	Amount
a Volunteers		✓	
b Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h)		✓	
c Media advertisements		✓	
d Mailings to members legislators, or the public		✓	
e Publications or published or broadcast statements		✓	
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes		✓	
g Direct contact with legislators their staffs government officials or a legislative body		✓	
h Rallies demonstrations, seminars conventions, speeches, lectures or any other means		✓	
i Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines c through h)			0

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities

