

State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education

SC TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Budget Request 2021-22

Presentation to the Higher Education Subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee

Senator Peeler, Chair
Senator Jackson
Senator Scott
Senator Turner
Senator Corbin

SC TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM: HIGHLIGHTS



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SOUTH CAROLINA'S LARGEST HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR

Each year the System educates and trains over 154,000 South Carolinians through our credit programs (100,941) and continuing education programs (53,950).



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GEOGRAPHICALLY ACCESSIBLE ACROSS THE STATE

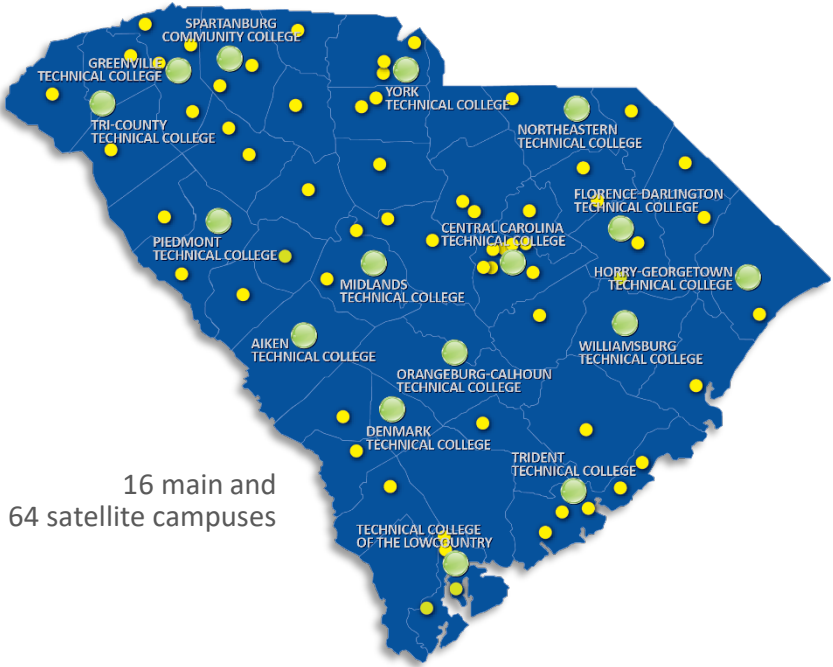
Our colleges are strategically located across the state with nearly every South Carolinian within a 30-minute drive of one of our 16 main campuses or 64 satellite campuses.



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FLEXIBILITY THROUGH BREADTH AND DEPTH OF PROGRAMS

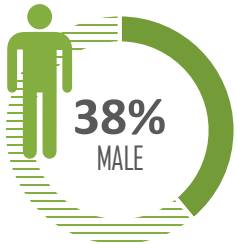
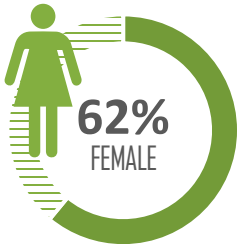
Our colleges offer a variety of programs in South Carolina's high-demand, high-paying fields, including 78 degrees, 28 diplomas and nearly 1,000 certificate programs.



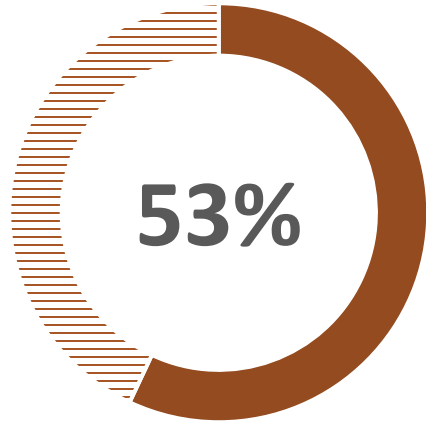
16 main and 64 satellite campuses

REFLECT THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

Our colleges provide one of the most accurate pictures of a community in terms of its population, its demographic makeup and its business and industry focus.

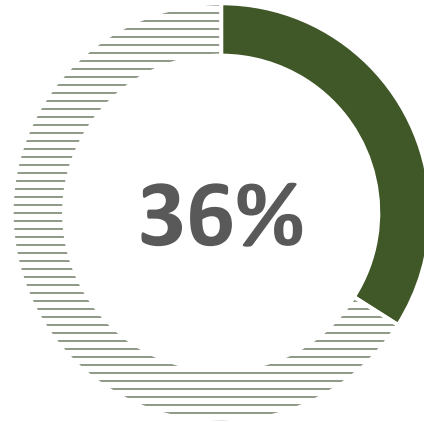


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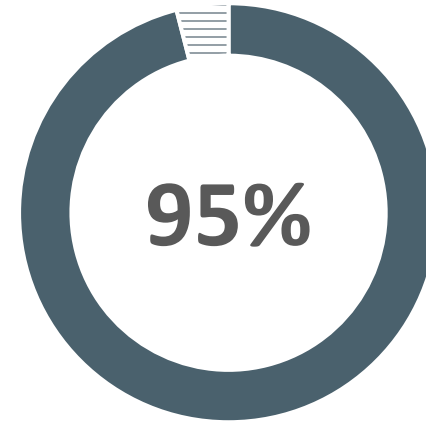
ACCESSIBLE

Over half of South Carolina's minorities enrolled as undergraduates in South Carolina's public higher education attends one of our 16 colleges.



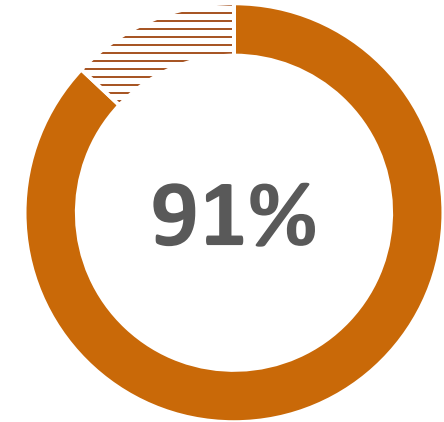
AFFORDABLE

Average annual tuition at one of our colleges is 36% of the average annual tuition at a four-year institution. Our colleges remain South Carolina's most affordable path to a quality higher education.



TARGETED

95% of our students are South Carolina residents. Nearly all our students are citizens of the state and choose to live and work in South Carolina after completing their education.



RELEVANT

91% of our graduates are placed in a job related to their field of study or are continuing their studies and furthering their education.

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readySC™ provides customized recruiting and training to qualifying companies locating to or expanding in South Carolina.

In order to qualify companies must be producing new, permanent, full-time, direct hire positions with competitive wages and benefits

BY THE NUMBERS

- Over 2,000 trained last fiscal year
- 97 companies served last fiscal year
- Nearly 305,000 trained since 1961
- 41% African-American; 46% Caucasian; 13% Other
- 33% Female; 67% Male
- 37 Average Age
- 12.9 Average Education



Apprenticeship Carolina™ works to increase the awareness and use of registered apprenticeship as an essential workforce development tool.

The program makes certain all employers in South Carolina have access to information and consultative services, at no charge, regarding sponsorship of a demand-driven registered apprenticeship program.

BY THE NUMBERS

- Over 1,100 companies participating across the state
- 1 in 3 companies registers more than one occupation
- More than 35,000 total apprentices since 2007
- 247 youth apprenticeship programs across the state

BUDGET REQUEST: FY21-22

- Base Funding for the Local Colleges
\$28.0 (Recurring)
- Equipment for High-Demand Jobs Skills Training
\$18M (Non-Recurring)
- Lottery Tuition Assistance (LTAP)
\$51.1M (Lottery)
- College Maintenance and Repair Projects
\$20M (Non-Recurring)
- On-going System Initiatives
 - Continue funding for readySC™ to deliver on commitments made by the State
\$2.5M (Non-Recurring)
 - Continue workforce grants for short-term, high-demand job skills training
\$16M (Lottery Funds)
 - Continue SCWINS program funding
\$17M (Lottery Funds)

SC TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM: COVID-19 RESPONSE

During the pandemic, the SC Technical College System's priority continued to be providing high quality post-secondary education and training that is affordable, accessible and relevant.

OUR COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Seamlessly transitioned to a virtual environment in March 2020 that continued to meet industry certification needs
- Accommodated graduating students in high-demand fields to meet lab requirements
- Donated and produced needed PPE supplies
- Incorporated a blended learning approach in Fall 2020 to meet education and training needs while adhering to necessary safety requirements
- Modified labs, simulations and training to adapt to new physical distancing requirements and other safety requirements

LESSONS LEARNED

- Many components of blended learning will be incorporated across the System to reinforce and enhance face-to-face learning
- Access to reliable, high-speed Wi-Fi across all of South Carolina is essential