

State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education

SC Technical College System

FY 2025-26 Budget Hearing

Agency Attendees

- Dr. Tim Hardee, System President
- Randy Johnson, Vice President for Finance
- Brad Neese, Vice President for Economic Development
- A.J. Newton, Vice President for Governmental Relations
- Kelly Steinhilper, Vice President for Communications
- Dr. Rosline Sumpter, Vice President for Academics, Student Affairs & Research

SC TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM: HIGHLIGHTS



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SOUTH CAROLINA'S LARGEST HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR

Each year the System educates and trains over 144,000 South Carolinians through our credit programs (107,016) and continuing education programs (37,331).



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GEOGRAPHICALLY ACCESSIBLE ACROSS THE STATE

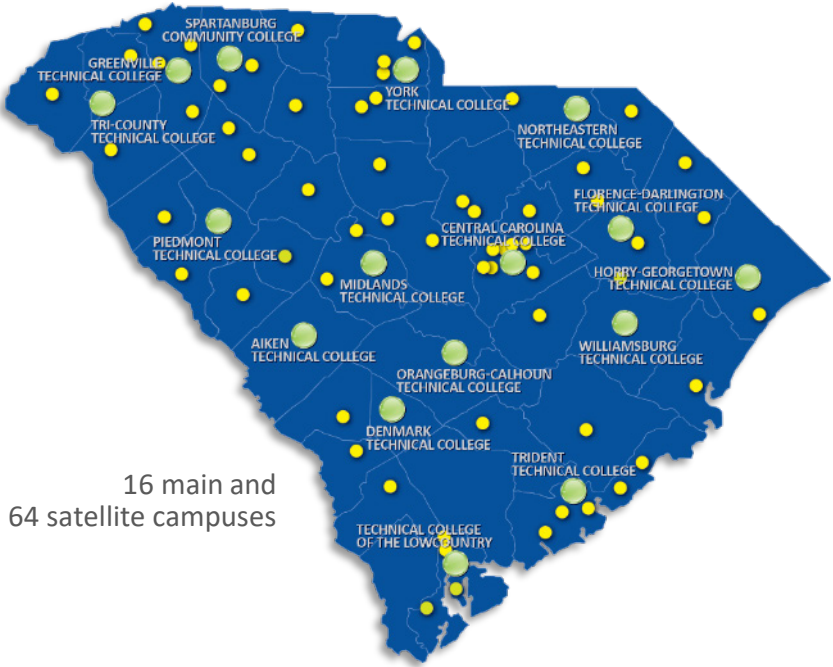
Our colleges are strategically located across the state with nearly every South Carolinian within a 30-minute drive of one of our 16 main campuses or 64 satellite campuses.



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FLEXIBILITY THROUGH BREADTH AND DEPTH OF PROGRAMS

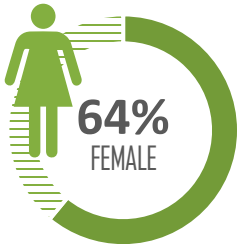
Our colleges offer a variety of programs in South Carolina's high-demand, high-paying fields, including 78 degrees, 28 diplomas and nearly 1,000 certificate programs.



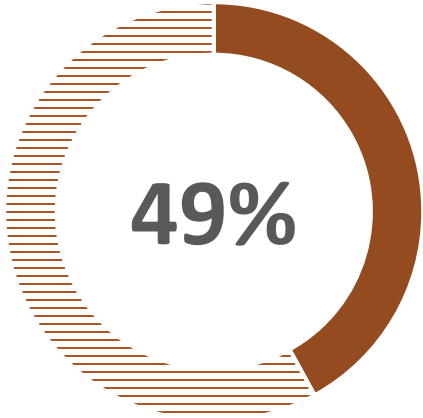
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REFLECT THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

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.

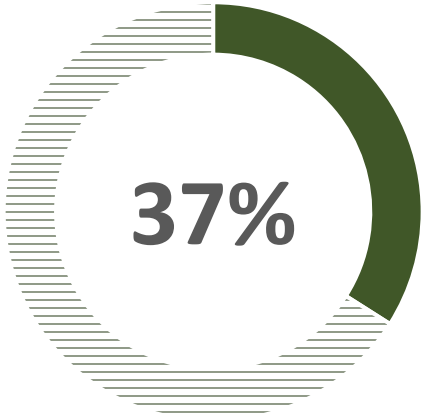


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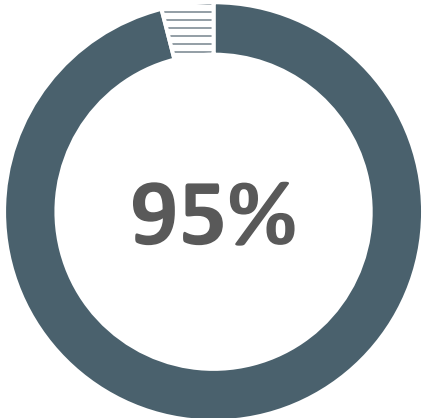
ACCESSIBLE

49% of all South Carolinians enrolled as undergraduates in South Carolina's public higher education attends one of our 16 colleges.



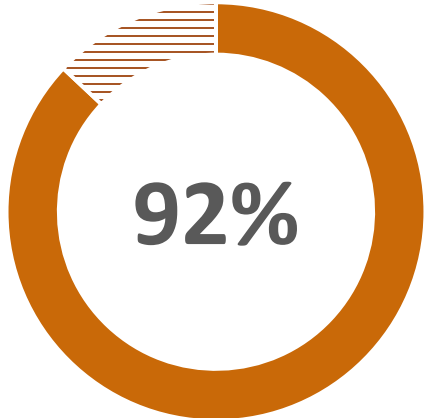
AFFORDABLE

Average annual tuition at one of our colleges is 37% 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

92% of our graduates are placed in a job related to their field of study or are continuing their education.

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

To qualify, companies must be producing new, permanent, full-time, direct-hire positions with competitive wages and benefits.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 5,491 trained last fiscal year
- 97 companies served
- Nearly 323,459 trained since 1961
- 57.8% African-American; 28.5% Caucasian; 13.7% Other
- 43% Female; 57% Male
- 34 Average Age
- 12.7 Average Education



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

BY THE NUMBERS

- 922 companies participating across the state with an active registered program
- 6,937 active apprentices statewide
- 51,907 total apprentices
- Over 3,000 active occupations registered
- Nearly 3,000 active youth apprentices (aged 16-24)
- 37 qualified pre-apprenticeship programs

READYSC MAJOR PROJECTS: UPDATES

AESC

- AESC's first hiring event and information session will be held on November 13.
- readySC is constructing a dedicated training center to support AESC in Florence. Construction is on schedule and the slab is expected to be poured within the next week.
 - The Pee Dee COG received an Innovative EV Grant to raise awareness about AESC employment opportunities and encourage workforce participation in Pee Dee communities.

Scout

- Scout Motors will reveal its car design on October 24.
 - Scout will begin hiring in 2025.
- readySC is building an onsite training center and partnering with SC Commerce, Richland County, and Midlands Technical College to establish an off-site training center to support Scout and its suppliers.

REDWOOD MATERIALS

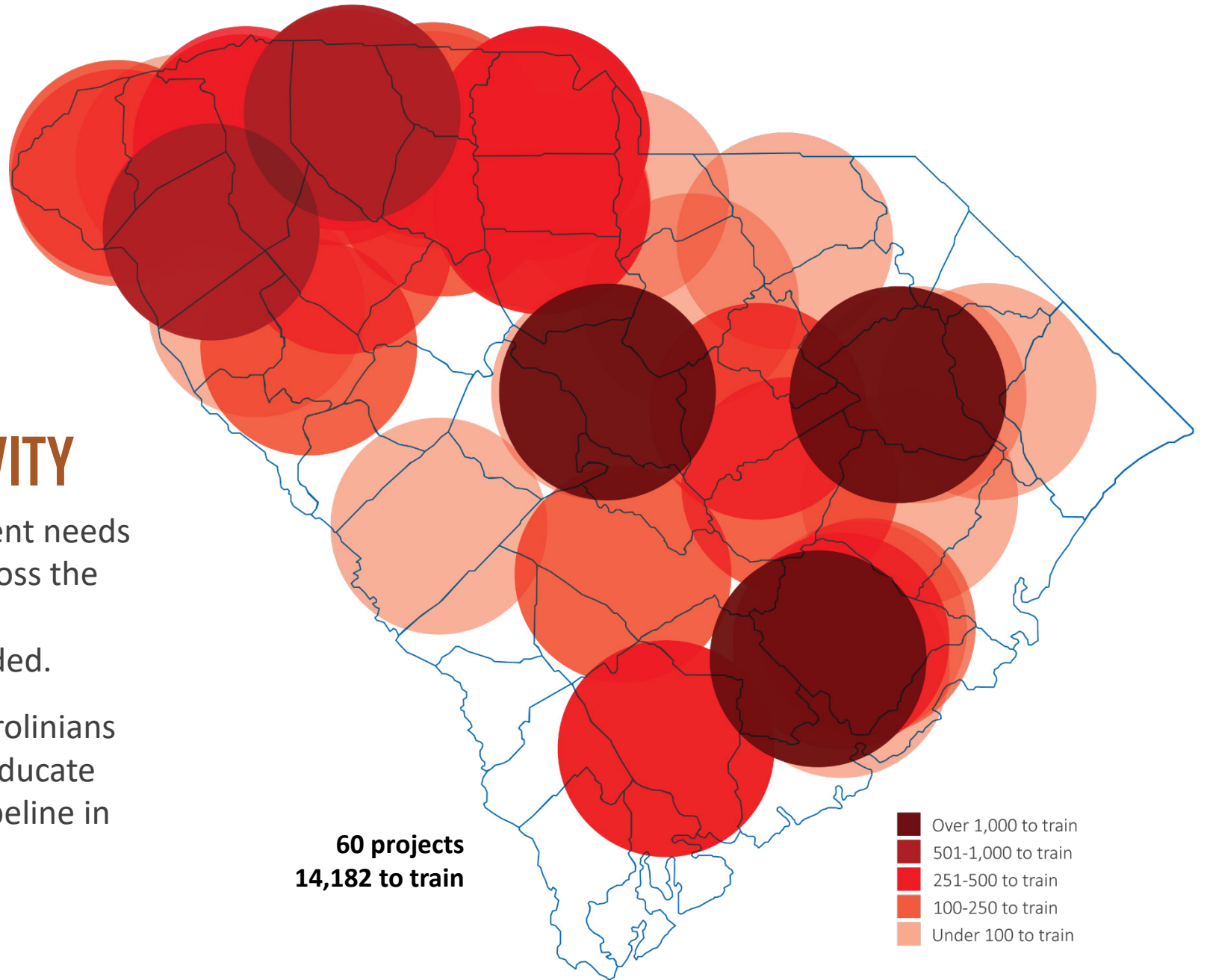
- readySC will make a second visit to Carson City in early November for further discovery.
- All of Redwood's training will take place at Trident Technical College's Workforce Training Center.

TODAY'S PROJECT ACTIVITY

This heat map depicts the recruitment needs for announced readySC projects across the state. In addition, there are several prospects and expansions not included.

This shows the number of South Carolinians our technical colleges will need to educate and train to keep a skilled, ready pipeline in place.

60 projects
14,182 to train



A LOOK AT RETURN ON INVESTMENT



Budget Requests

RECURRING REQUEST

Base funding for the local colleges	\$12.0M
Dual Enrollment Initiative	\$5.0M

NON-RECURRING REQUEST

Lottery Tuition Assistance (LTAP)	\$56.1M
Continue SC WINS scholarship	\$95.0M
Equipment for high-demand jobs skills training	\$25.0M
Continue funding for readySC™ to deliver on commitments made by the state	\$5.0M

CAPITAL

Individual college initiatives	\$470.1M
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Cost Savings Plans

1% reduction	\$2,405,228 (approximately 34 FTEs)
2% reduction	\$4,810,455 (approximately 69 FTEs)
3% reduction	\$7,215,683 (approximately 103 FTEs)

PRIMARY IMPACTS

- FTE Reduction – The potential loss of faculty and staff would be devastating to the System. As the economy slows, technical college enrollment typically increases requiring an even greater need for state funding to operate.
- Limited Program Offerings – All colleges reported that Academic Instructional programs would be affected by reduction. Additionally, many non-credit continuing education/training programs could be reduced.
- Scaled Workforce Development Initiatives – The potential loss of funding would restrict the System’s ability to fully fund and resource all workforce development initiatives. As a result, the number as well as the reach of the initiatives could be reduced.