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South Carolina

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South Carolina



	State	% of National
Population	4,961,119	1.5%
18-55 Population	2,232,504	1.5%
Number of Institutions	79	1.6%

South Carolina has 79 degree-granting higher education institutions, which represent 1.6% of all such institutions in the United States. These institutions enrolled a total of 249,758 students as of fall 2015 (223,692 of which are studying at the undergraduate level and 26,066 at the graduate level). The fall 2015 figure is a decrease of 9,859 students (or -3.8%) from the number enrolled in the fall of 2012.

Among the total student body, 68,241 (61,225 undergraduates and 7,016 graduate students) were taking at least one course at a distance. This is 27.3% of the enrolled student body, which is lower than the national average rate of 29.7%. The number of students taking distance education courses in the state increased by 10,094 (or 17.4%) between fall 2012 and fall 2015. This is higher than the national level of growth of 11.0%.

22,590 students in South Carolina are taking all of their courses at a distance, made up of 17,556 undergraduates and 5,034 graduates. This represents 9.0% of all students enrolled in the state, a rate that is lower than the national average of 14.3%. A total of 20,198 (or 89.4% of these exclusively online students) live in South Carolina, the remainder come from outside of the state. This rate is higher than the national in-state average of 55.1%.

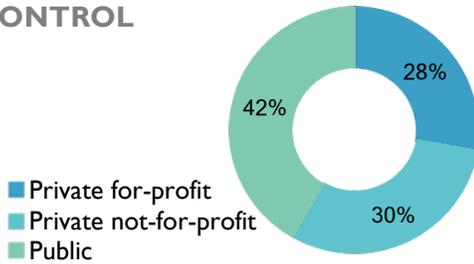
The number of students that take any of their courses on campus, including those who take all of their courses on campus and those who take a mix of on-campus and distance courses, is 227,168, or 91.0% of the total student enrollment in South Carolina. This number represents a decrease in proportion on campus from the four years prior (94.0% from 244,019 students in 2012). The -3.0% rate is a larger change than the national 1.7% decrease.

Overall and Distance Enrollment - 2015

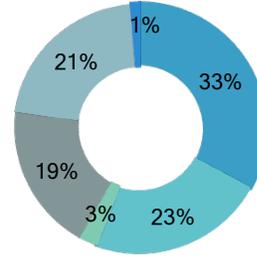
		Total		Undergraduate		Graduate	
		All Students	Any Distance	All Students	Any Distance	All Students	Any Distance
	Total	249,758	68,241	223,692	61,225	26,066	7,016
Control	Private for-profit	12,561	3,304	10,754	2,542	1,807	762
	Private not-for-profit	34,710	7,752	31,053	5,998	3,657	1,754
	Public	202,487	57,185	181,885	52,685	20,602	4,500
Type	2 to 4-year	93,844	38,538	93,844	38,538	0	0
	4-year or more	155,914	29,703	129,848	22,687	26,066	7,016
Insttutional Enrollment Size	Under 1,000	12,256	1,191	11,272	1,115	984	76
	1,000 - 4,999	84,542	22,383	75,658	18,943	8,884	3,440
	5,000 - 9,999	36,475	15,834	35,157	15,603	1,318	231
	10,000 - 19,999	60,063	17,154	58,352	16,870	1,711	284
	20,000 and above	56,422	11,679	43,253	8,694	13,169	2,985
Carnegie	Associate's College	92,716	38,136	92,716	38,136	0	0
	Baccalaureate College	33,166	6,101	31,838	5,660	1,328	441
	Doctoral University	56,422	11,679	43,253	8,694	13,169	2,985
	Master's College	57,556	9,110	50,215	6,593	7,341	2,517
	Specialized	9,876	3,214	5,648	2,141	4,228	1,073
	Unassigned	22	1	22	1	0	0

Distribution of State Institutions

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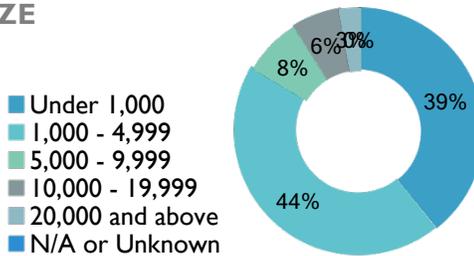


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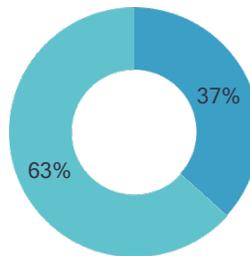


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- Baccalaureate College
- Doctoral University
- Master's College
- Specialized
- Unassigned

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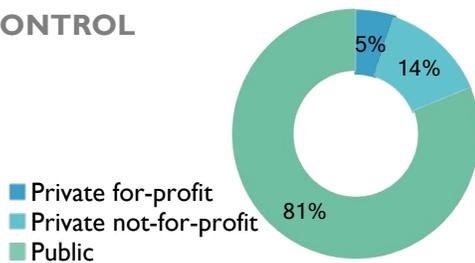
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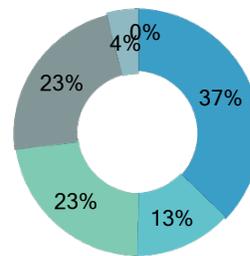
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Distribution of Total Student Enrollment

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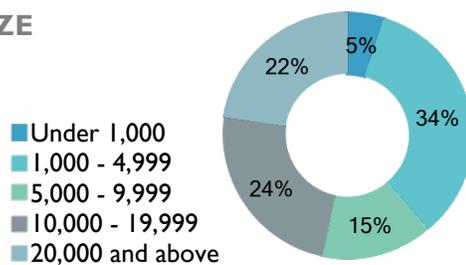


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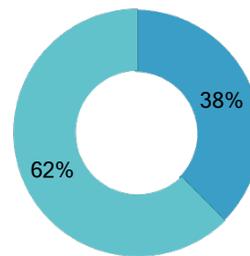


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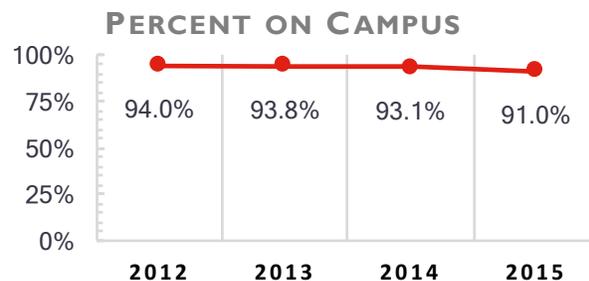
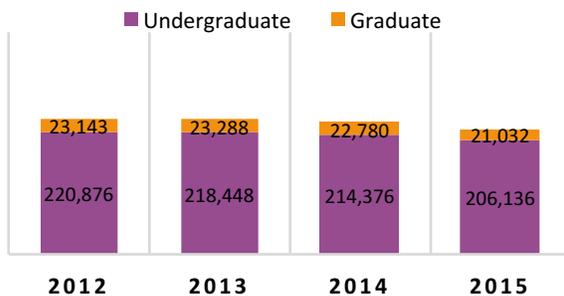


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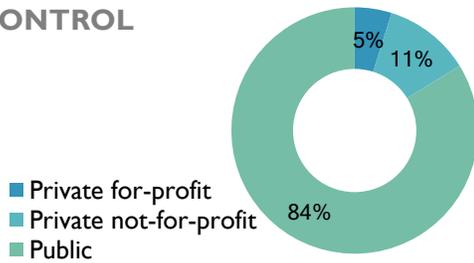
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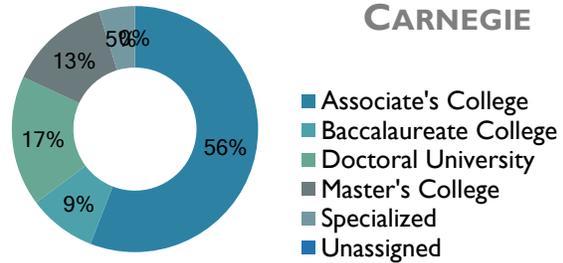


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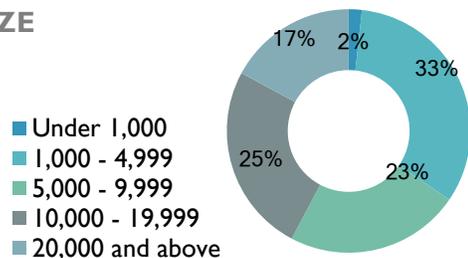
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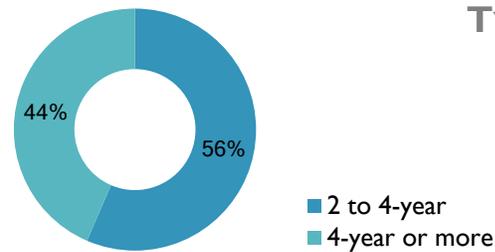
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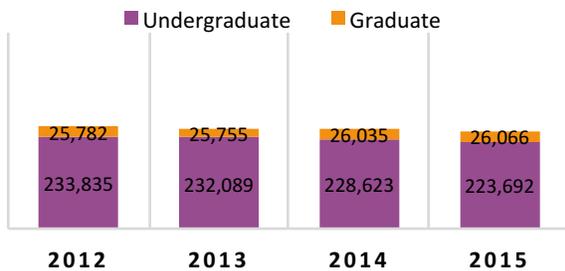


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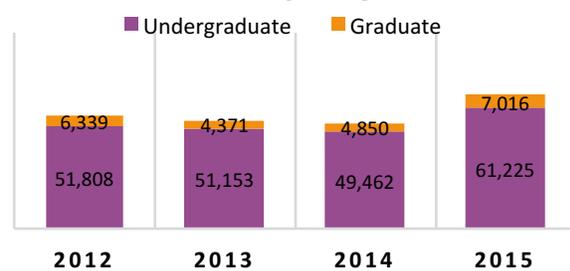


Enrollment Trends

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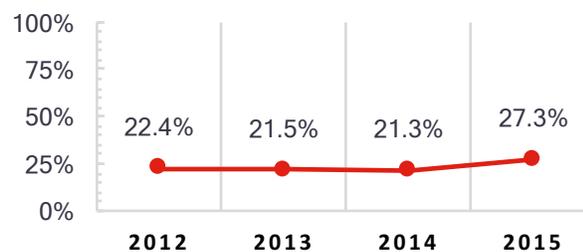
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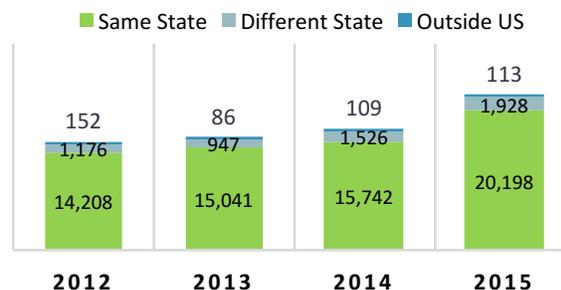
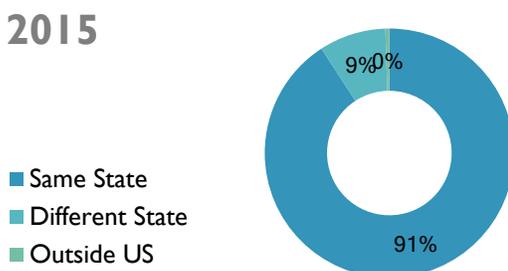


PERCENT DISTANCE



Exclusively Distance Student Locations

2015



Overall Enrollment in South Carolina

Top 10 Institutions by Total Numbers of Students - 2015

Rank	Institution	Total	Undergrad	Graduate	Control
1	University of South Carolina-Columbia	33,724	25,237	8,487	Public
2	Clemson University	22,698	18,016	4,682	Public
3	Trident Technical College	15,043	15,043	0	Public
4	Greenville Technical College	12,280	12,280	0	Public
5	College of Charleston	11,531	10,468	1,063	Public
6	Midlands Technical College	10,946	10,946	0	Public
7	Coastal Carolina University	10,263	9,615	648	Public
8	Horry-Georgetown Technical College	7,097	7,097	0	Public
9	Tri-County Technical College	6,128	6,128	0	Public
10	Winthrop University	6,031	5,073	958	Public

Top 10 Institutions by Enrollment Growth 2012-2015

Rank	Institution	2012	2015	Change	Control
1	University of South Carolina-Columbia	31,288	33,724	2,436	Public
2	Clemson University	20,768	22,698	1,930	Public
3	Coastal Carolina University	9,335	10,263	928	Public
4	Charleston Southern University	3,130	3,621	491	Private not-for-profit
5	University of South Carolina-Upstate	5,561	5,996	435	Public
6	Anderson University	2,922	3,212	290	Private not-for-profit
7	North Greenville University	2,420	2,689	269	Private not-for-profit
8	Medical University of South Carolina	2,731	2,992	261	Public
9	University of South Carolina-Aiken	3,211	3,448	237	Public
10	Columbia College	1,257	1,484	227	Private not-for-profit

Distance Enrollment in South Carolina

Top 10 Institutions by Distance Enrollment - 2015

Rank	Institution	Total	Undergrad	Graduate	Control
1	University of South Carolina-Columbia	7,094	5,087	2,007	Public
2	Trident Technical College	6,683	6,683	0	Public
3	Greenville Technical College	5,196	5,196	0	Public
4	Florence-Darlington Technical College	4,663	4,663	0	Public
5	Clemson University	4,585	3,607	978	Public
6	Midlands Technical College	4,167	4,167	0	Public
7	Piedmont Technical College	3,169	3,169	0	Public
8	Horry-Georgetown Technical College	3,080	3,080	0	Public
9	Anderson University	2,479	2,101	378	Private not-for-profit
10	Tri-County Technical College	2,441	2,441	0	Public

Top 10 Institutions by Distance Enrollment Growth 2012-2015

Rank	Institution	2012	2015	Change	Control
1	Florence-Darlington Technical College	2,721	4,663	1,942	Public
2	Clemson University	3,008	4,585	1,577	Public
3	Anderson University	1,175	2,479	1,304	Private not-for-profit
4	University of South Carolina-Columbia	5,940	7,094	1,154	Public
5	Horry-Georgetown Technical College	2,259	3,080	821	Public
6	University of South Carolina-Beaufort	13	705	692	Public
7	College of Charleston	190	842	652	Public
8	Charleston Southern University	650	1,120	470	Private not-for-profit
9	South University-Columbia	12	464	452	Private for-profit
10	Columbia College	200	614	414	Private not-for-profit