

# Fulfilling our Commitment



## ACCESSIBLE

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On eight campuses and at 20 locations across the state, the University of South Carolina now educates nearly 35,000 South Carolinians — more than ever before.

- The system has a place for every South Carolina high school graduate . **Two-thirds of the system's 52,000+ students are South Carolina residents** .
- Columbia now **enrolls 1,500 more in-state undergraduate students** than it did a decade ago (more than 15,000 currently).
- In fall 2019, **97 percent of in-state applicants** to UofSC Columbia were offered an opportunity to join the Columbia campus community as a traditional freshman or residential bridge program participant.



## AFFORDABLE

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UofSC is nationally recognized as a great value and is listed among the most efficient universities in the nation. The system offers one of the most cost-effective pathways to a bachelor's degree in the state.

- After aid, South Carolina undergraduates at Columbia pay, on average, **\$7,000 per year in out-of-pocket costs** for tuition and fees.
- About half of Columbia students graduate with no student loan debt.
- Columbia's student default rate is 3.3 percent, compared to 10.1 percent nationally.
- In 2019-20, Columbia campus in-state tuition was **raised by the smallest amount since 1998**, increasing by only 0.57 percent.

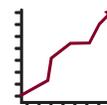


## STUDENT OUTCOMES

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South Carolina is home to more than 200,000 UofSC graduates, and today UofSC confers nearly half of all the state's bachelor's degrees.

- UofSC was ranked by the Brookings Institute as **one of the best universities in the U.S. for providing upward mobility for its students**.
- The Education Trust singled out UofSC as one of the top institutions in the nation for graduating minority students and closing the achievement gap — the only school in the state to receive the distinction.
- UofSC is in the **top three percent of universities nationwide in graduating African American students**.



## ECONOMIC IMPACT

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UofSC pumps more than \$5.5 billion into the state's economy every year, and each dollar invested in higher education returns \$25 to the state.

- UofSC is the most comprehensive health care research and education entity in the state, awarding more than 5,000 health care degrees each year.
- While UofSC receives about \$198 million in state support, it **returns \$220 million annually in state tax revenue**.
- The economic activity of the system supports more than **60,000 jobs statewide**.

**56 nationally ranked  
academic programs**

*U.S. News*

**South Carolina's top global  
university**

*U.S. News*

**In the top 1% of patent-  
producing universities in  
the world**

*National Academy of Inventors*

**#1 international  
business program**

*U.S. News*

**Nation's best public  
honors college**

*Public University Press*

**\$5.5 billion annual  
economic impact on  
South Carolina**

**Top 3% of universities  
graduating African  
American students**

*Diverse*

**One the Best Value  
Colleges in the U.S.**

*Kiplinger's and Forbes*

**Palmetto College  
campuses serve nearly  
5,000 students each year**

**UofSC Upstate named #1  
public regional college**

*U.S. News*

**UofSC Aiken named #2  
public regional college**

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**#1 public university in  
the nation for first-year  
experience.**

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