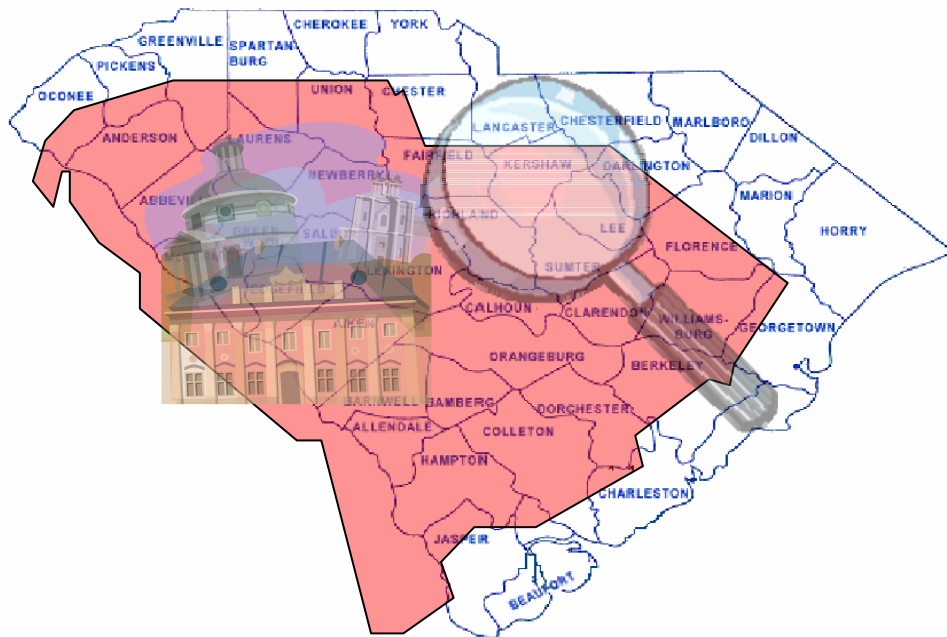


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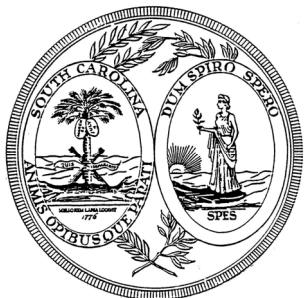
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Dear Governor Sanford and Members of the General Assembly:

As South Carolina's only source of comprehensive comparative data on institutional performance on legislated institutional effectiveness measures, *A Closer Look at Public Higher Education in South Carolina: Institutional Effectiveness, Accountability, and Performance* provides a unique view of the state's public higher education system. The inclusion of historical data on institutional performance, also unique to this document, allows for the evaluation of current performance and change in the context of past performance. In addition to the data contained within this document, links are provided to the institutions' mission statements, institutional effectiveness reports, Title II Teacher Education data reports, and Performance Funding ratings. These data and the linked documents are provided to help inform your deliberations as you consider higher education issues from the state perspective.

In taking this "Closer Look" at higher education, the Commission furthers its primary goal of supporting and coordinating efforts to meet the educational and workforce demands of the people of South Carolina. In compliance with Section 59-101-350 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, I respectfully submit the following report to the members of the General Assembly.

Sincerely,

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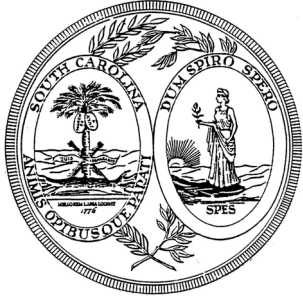
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## INTRODUCTION

The following publication provides a closer look at data reported annually by South Carolina's public institutions of higher education as part of institutional effectiveness reporting and as part of the process of performance funding. Prior to the January 2000 edition, this document was entitled "Minding Our P's and Q's: Indications of Productivity and Quality in South Carolina Public Colleges and Universities." In January 2000, the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE) substantially revised this publication in efforts to provide a source guide integrating data reported by the state's public colleges and universities in fulfillment of legislative requirements.

The CHE integrated institutional effectiveness data reporting with performance data measured pursuant to Section 59-103-30 and Section 59-103-45 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, to determine institutional funding levels. Data related to the funding process reflect the 2006-2007 performance year. Historical performance data are displayed if available. Detailed information related to the performance funding process in South Carolina is available on the CHE's website at <http://www.che.sc.gov>.

Throughout this publication, data are displayed on the 33 public institutions of higher education within groupings of institutions or sectors that have common missions as identified in Act 359 of 1996. However, due to the uniqueness in mission of each individual institution, the reader is cautioned against drawing conclusions and making comparisons solely based on the figures and tables found in this report.

### **What will you find in this report?**

#### **Eleven sections highlight various aspects of higher education.**

**Sections 1 - 9** reflect the nine "critical success factors" identified by the General Assembly for South Carolina's public colleges and universities (Section 59-103-30). Data from both institutional effectiveness and performance funding reporting are combined in these sections. Often the data is presented by type of institution or sector, as identified in the legislation. The four sectors of institutions as defined in legislation are:

Research Universities,  
Four-Year Colleges and Universities,  
Two-Year Institutions-Branches of the University of South Carolina, and  
State Technical and Comprehensive Education System.

The CHE maintains historical data on institutions and when appropriate, three years of data are presented for comparison.

Section 10, "Campus-Based Assessment," includes a summary of other institutional effectiveness reporting and the web addresses where detailed institutional reports are located.

Section 11 contains each institution's performance ratings as approved by the CHE on June 2, 2005. These ratings affected the allocation of state appropriations for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

## **Institutional Effectiveness Reporting**

Pursuant to Section 59-101-350 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, the CHE is required to report specific higher education data "in a readable format so as to easily compare with peer institutions in South Carolina." This report must be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly prior to January 15th of each year. This information is included throughout the publication and integrated with performance funding measures when applicable.

The information regarding institutional effectiveness reporting required by Section 59-101-350 is found below.

### **Four-Year Institutions**

- The number and percentage of accredited programs and the number and percentage of programs eligible for accreditation;
- The number and percentage of undergraduate and graduate students who completed their degree program;
- The percent of lower division instructional courses taught by full-time faculty, part-time faculty, and graduate assistants;
- The percent and number of students enrolled in remedial courses and the number of students exiting remedial courses and successfully completing entry-level curriculum courses;
- The percent of graduate and upper division undergraduate students participating in sponsored research programs;
- Placement data on graduates;
- The percent change in the enrollment rate of students from minority groups and the change in the total number of minority students enrolled over the past five years;
- The percent of graduate students who received undergraduate degrees at the institution, within the State, within the United States, and from other nations;
- The number of full-time students who have transferred from a two-year, post-secondary institution and the number of full-time students who have transferred to two-year, post-secondary institutions;
- Student scores on professional examinations with detailed information on state and national means, passing scores, and pass rates, as available, and with information on such scores over time, and the number of students taking each exam;
- Assessment information for the institution's Title II of the Federal Higher Education Act of 1998 report that collects and analyzes data on applicant qualifications and the performance of the candidates and graduates;
- Appropriate information relating to each institution's role and mission to include policies and procedures to ensure that academic programs support the economic development needs in the State by providing a technologically skilled workforce;
- Any information required by the commission in order for it to measure and determine the institution's standard of achievement in regard to the performance indicators for quality academic success enumerated in Section 59-103-30.

### **Two-Year Institutions**

- The number and percentage of accredited programs and the number and percentage of programs

- eligible for accreditation;
- The number and percentage of undergraduate students who completed their degree program;
- The percent of courses taught by full-time faculty members, part-time faculty, and graduate assistants;
- Placement rate on graduates;
- The percent change in the enrollment rate of students from minority groups, the number of minority students enrolled and the change in the total number of minority students enrolled over the past five years;
- The number of students who have transferred into a four-year, post-secondary institution and the number of students who have transferred from four-year, post-secondary institutions;
- Appropriate information relating to the institution's role and mission to include policies and procedures to ensure that academic programs support the economic development needs in the State by providing a technologically skilled workforce;
- Any information required by the commission in order for it to measure and determine the institution's standard of achievement in regard to the performance indicators for quality academic success enumerated in Section 59-103-30.

### **South Carolina's Performance Funding System for Higher Education**

Act 359 of 1996, commonly referred to as the "Performance Funding Legislation," dramatically changed the responsibilities of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE) concerning how public institutions of higher education are funded. The legislation required that the CHE allocate state appropriations to South Carolina's public institutions of higher education based on their performance in nine areas or "critical success factors." The General Assembly identified several performance indicators that could be used, if applicable to a particular type of institution, in assessing institutions' successes in achieving performance in each of the areas. In all, 37 performance indicators spread across the nine critical success factors are specified. The CHE was assigned the responsibility of developing and implementing a system for basing funding on institutional performance and for defining how each of the specified indicators would be measured. The General Assembly provided for a 3-year phase-in period for implementing a system to provide for available state funding to be allocated based on institutional performance.

In compliance with its legislative mandate, the CHE, in cooperation with South Carolina's higher education institutions and other stakeholders in the state's public higher education system, developed a system for determining institutions' funding based on performance across the nine critical success factors using the 37 performance indicators as applicable.

The system for determining funding has two major components: 1) a determination of financial needs for the institution and 2) a process for rating the institution based on performance across the indicators.

The first component, the determination of need (Mission Resource Requirement), identifies the total amount of money an institution should receive based on nationally and regionally comparable costs for institutions of similar mission, size and complexity of programs and by the prior year's level of appropriation.

The second component, the performance rating, is determined by assessing whether or not the institution meets, exceeds, or falls short of standards for each indicator. Standards are set either for the

individual institution or for institutions within the same sector and are approved annually by the CHE. Each year, the institution is rated on its success in meeting the standards on each of the indicators. These ratings are totaled and expressed as an average score for the institution. Higher scoring institutions will receive a proportionally greater share of available state funding.

The CHE is in its eleventh year of implementation and is continually working to refine and improve the performance measurement of South Carolina's public higher education institutions. As might be expected, in the eleventh years since the passage of Act 359 of 1996, the CHE has made revisions and refinements to the overall system as well as to various measures as strengths and weaknesses have been identified. Details related to scoring and measurement of indicators have varied each year, making comparisons across performance rating years difficult.

Performance Year 6 (2001-2002) saw the most extensive changes to date in the measurement of the nine Critical Success Factors designated in Act 359. The changes, approved by the CHE in February, 2001, were based on three general experience-based lessons:

- There is a common core of critical indicators which is applicable to all sectors. Indicators in this core are measured every year for all institutions.
- There are indicators which are mission-specific to the different sectors defined by the Legislature. Sector specific measures have been defined for these indicators.
- Some indicators were either duplicate measures of similar data; measures of indicators that, once achieved, were unlikely to change on a year-to-year basis; or measures that would be more effective if they were combined.

In Section 11 of this report, the reader will find for each institution a link to the most current performance funding data and ratings.

The CHE publishes a Performance Funding Workbook that outlines, in detail, all of the performance indicators, how they have been defined, and to whom they apply. The workbook is provided as a guide to be used by institutions. It is also useful to others interested in the performance funding system in South Carolina as it details the measurement and rating system in its entirety. The workbook is available on the CHE website ([www.che.sc.gov](http://www.che.sc.gov)).

## **Development of Standards**

In Performance Year 5 (2000-01 to impact FY 2001-02 state allocations) the CHE approved sector specific common standards that the CHE staff together with institutional representatives had developed. A range of acceptable performance was determined for each indicator. Institutions performing within the range earn a rating of "Achieves," equal to a numerical score of "2." Performance that is above the range earns a rating of "Exceeds," equal to a numerical score of "3," and performance below the range earns a rating of "Does Not Achieve," equal to a numerical score of "1." The standards allow for a broad range of performance to achieve the standard and a demanding level of performance to exceed the standard.

The scoring standards are based, where possible, on peer data. When peer data is not available, standards have been based on the best available data, including national and state data. If directly



comparable data were unavailable at the time standards were developed, estimated data based on sources that may not be directly comparable were considered. When applicable, figures and tables in this document state the standard necessary for an institution to receive a score of "Achieves."

## **Strategic Plan for Higher Education in South Carolina**

In the spring of 2001, the Commission initiated the process of revising the South Carolina's strategic plan for public higher education. Through a series of meetings of the Planning Advisory Council, and with input from all areas of higher education, the Council of Presidents and the Commission, a plan was developed and refined. The text of the approved plan follows. *Please note that the "Introduction" and the "Environmental Factors" sections of the plan are not included in this document. The complete plan can be found on the Commission website at <http://www.che.sc.gov>.*

### **Vision**

South Carolina's system of public and private higher education will address the needs of the state by

- Creating a well-educated citizenry,
- Raising the standard of living of South Carolinians,
- Improving the quality of life,
- Meeting changing work force needs,
- Creating economic development opportunities,
- Positioning the state to be competitive in a global economy, and
- Fashioning a new generation of public sector and private sector leaders.

### **Strategic Goals**

To meet the challenges to higher education in South Carolina, the state's public and private colleges and universities and the Commission on Higher Education need to join forces to advance a common agenda. The needs of the state will not be met by fragmented or redundant efforts.

The following three strategic initiatives-to increase access to higher education, to develop a nationally competitive research agenda, and to create collaborative partnerships-provide common ground upon which the state's colleges and universities can address the state's needs.

#### **1. Expand Educational Opportunities for South Carolina Citizens**

As South Carolina takes steps to increase the number high school graduates who are prepared for college, the higher education community needs to develop strategies to accommodate an increased number of students. Particular emphasis should be placed on meeting the needs of traditionally under-served populations including first generation college students, minorities, students from low-income families, and adult learners. Students who have not traditionally thought of attending college should be encouraged to do so. All qualified students should feel empowered to enroll in college, to upgrade their skills and increase their knowledge, to

progress from two-year colleges to four-year colleges and universities if they have the ability and desire, and to access continuing educational opportunities throughout their lives. The following goals are identified to provide increased educational opportunities for South Carolina's citizens:

- A. Expand services and promote innovative approaches to reach traditionally underserved populations, including adult learners and minority students;
- B. Promote development of distance education courses and programs and virtual library resources to reach students who may not be able to access traditional educational programs;
- C. Increase need-based grants and other scholarship resources to provide increased opportunities for lower income students; and
- D. Improve articulation of two-year and four-year programs to facilitate transfer of students and increase access to baccalaureate programs.

## **2. Invest in Research for Economic Development and a Better Quality of Life**

A cornerstone of economic development is high-level, globally competitive research. Investments in cutting edge research in engineering, health sciences, physical sciences, information systems, environmental sciences, and similar fields yield dividends many times over. Top quality research activity attracts top caliber faculty, who in turn attract funded support from federal agencies such as the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation as well as private research support from industries ranging from pharmaceuticals to software and e-business firms to state-of-the-art manufacturing. New and expanding industries locate in states where research is taking place, creating jobs and stimulating higher educational levels in the population. Much as the Research Triangle has stimulated economic development in North Carolina, so too can research investment in South Carolina spur greater economic growth and benefit the people of the state. Such development takes conscious planning and strategic implementation and should be reflected in the state's strategic plan for higher education.

It also takes a commitment to invest the state's resources in ways that will benefit the state exponentially in years to come. The following strategic goals are identified to strengthen the state's investment in higher education research for economic development and a better quality of life:

- A. Create a state incentive system to encourage institutions to recruit nationally recognized faculty who can develop and/or strengthen graduate research programs.
- B. Designate focus areas for research and graduate program excellence and provide funding incentives for them to attain national and international standing.
- C. Support and develop research directed at the economic, social and educational

infrastructure of the state drawing from shared data sources and collaborative efforts with other state agencies and private entities.

- D. Create programs to strengthen the quality of teaching and learning as the foundation for the state's future scholars and researchers.

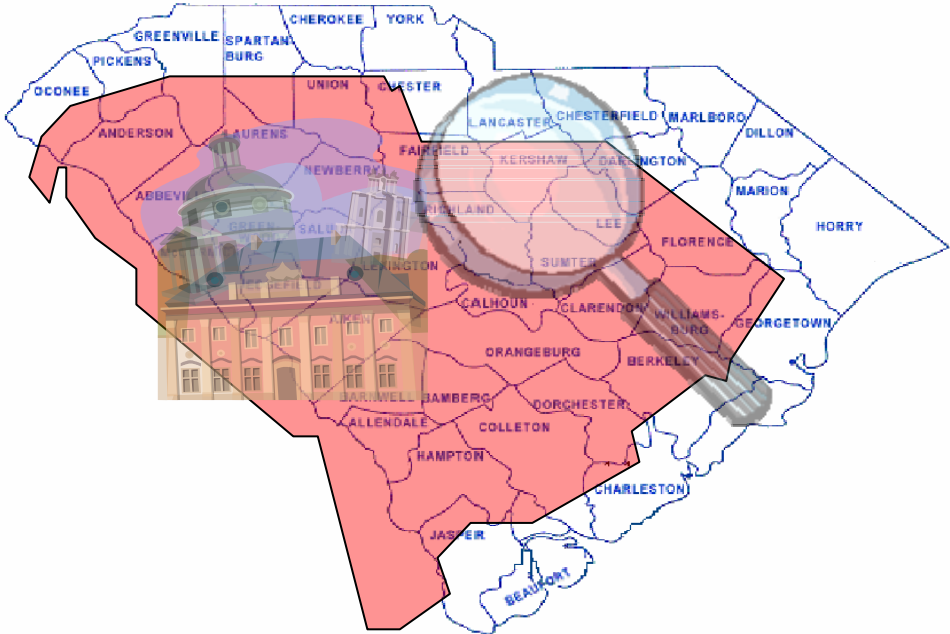
### **3. Increase Cooperation and Collaboration for Efficiency and Quality**

At one time higher education might have taken place in an "ivory tower" divorced from other institutions and other concerns. That clearly is no longer the case. In an age of rapidly increasing needs for a more highly educated citizenry, and in an age, too, when there are strong competing demands for the state's resources and real limits on available state funding, it is incumbent on higher education to seek and to expand cooperative relationships. Greater cooperation and coordination between preK-12 education and higher education can lead to shared use of resources, more closely meshed educational planning, better trained teachers and administrators, more closely linked academic programs, better prepared students entering colleges, and the development of effective data bases to track student progress and assess the effectiveness of education in meeting the state's needs. Likewise, enhanced collaboration with business and industry can insure that economic development needs are met, that educational programs remain on the cutting edge of technological advances, and that education is grounded in real world experiences for students and faculty. Finally, increased cooperation among colleges, universities, state agencies, and non-profit entities can result in demonstrable efficiencies and increased quality. The following strategic goals provide an agenda of increased collaborative activity for higher education in South Carolina:

- A. Develop collaborative programs with the business community, state agencies, and non-profit corporations to enhance economic development and the quality of life.
- B. Increase both the use of and the technology for sharing data and systems among higher education institutions and with other state agencies and the private sector.
- C. Form partnerships with school districts and state agencies to enhance the preparation and continuing training of teachers, the quality of education in the state's public schools, the preparation for school of the state's children, and the support available to students while they are in K-12 schools.
- D. Collaborate with local communities and state and local governments to improve the training of health and social service professionals and the delivery of public health and welfare programs.

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# Section 1 Mission Focus



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## **MISSION FOCUS**

The first critical success factor listed in Act 359 of 1996 is “Mission Focus.” The relevant performance funding indicators for this critical success factor are:

- 1B - Curricula Offered to Achieve Mission;
- 1C - Approval of Mission Statement;
- 1D/E - Adoption of a Strategic Plan to Support the Mission Statement;  
Attainment of Goals of the Strategic Plan

The General Assembly in Act 359 of 1996 has determined the following missions for each sector:

### **Research institutions**

- college-level baccalaureate education, master's, professional, and doctor of philosophy degrees which lead to continued education or employment;
- research through the use of government, corporate, nonprofit-organization grants, or state resources, or both;
- public service to the State and the local community;

### **Four-year colleges and universities**

- college-level baccalaureate education and selected master's degrees which lead to employment or continued education, or both, except for doctoral degrees currently being offered;
- limited and specialized research;
- public service to the State and the local community;

### **Two-year institutions - branches of the University of South Carolina**

- college-level pre-baccalaureate education necessary to confer associates' degrees which lead to continued education at a four-year or research institution;
- public service to the State and the local community;

### **State technical and comprehensive education system**

- all post-secondary vocational, technical, and occupational diploma and associate degree programs leading directly to employment or maintenance of employment and associate degree programs which enable students to gain access to other post-secondary education;
- up-to-date and appropriate occupational and technical training for adults;
- special school programs that provide training for prospective employees for prospective and existing industry in order to enhance the economic development of South Carolina;
- public service to the State and the local community;
- continue to remain technical, vocational, or occupational colleges with a mission as stated above and primarily focused on technical education and the economic development of the State.

## **Review of Programs**

The Commission on Higher Education (CHE), through its Division of Academic Affairs, has reviewed existing academic programs to ensure the quality and integrity of degree-granting programs in the public higher education sector. In its broadest context, program review serves as an instrument for gauging the health of the state’s academic programs as well as a strategic planning device for determining the present and future needs of specific discipline areas (i.e., new program development)

throughout South Carolina. Program review was incorporated into performance funding for the first time during the 1999-2000 performance year as part of Indicator 1B – Curricula Offered to Achieve Mission, which is detailed following the discussion regarding program review.

**Program Review of Senior-Level Institutions**

The CHE has placed programs at the senior institutions it reviews on eight-year cycles. The cycles were developed in consultation with the chief academic officers of the colleges and universities and are categorized using broad descriptors (e.g., English, Life Sciences, and Physical Sciences). Measuring the success of academic programs has been a complex and multifaceted task which requires funding support. Due to budget constraints, program review other than of teacher education programs has not been conducted since 2000- 2001.

The following table outlines the disciplines that have been reviewed for the senior institutions over the last 8 years.

**Table 1.1 Programs Reviewed During the Academic Year as Part of CHE’s Program Review Process, SC Public 4-Year Institutions Source: CHE Academic Affairs Division**

<u>Academic Year</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>SC Public 4-Year Institutions with Programs in the Area Listed at Left</u>
<u>1999-2000</u>	Business	Clemson, USC Columbia, The Citadel, Coastal Carolina, College of Charleston, Francis Marion, Lander, SC State, USC Aiken, USC Spartanburg, Winthrop
	Foreign Languages	Clemson, USC Columbia, The Citadel, College of Charleston, Francis Marion, Lander, SC State, USC Spartanburg, Winthrop
	Home Economics	SC State, Winthrop
	Nursing	Clemson, USC Columbia, MUSC, Lander, SC State, USC Aiken, USC Spartanburg
<u>2000-2001</u>	Computer Science	Clemson, USC Columbia, the Citadel, Coastal Carolina, College of Charleston, Francis Marion, Lander, SC State, USC Spartanburg, Winthrop,
	Engineering and Engineering Tech	Clemson, USC Columbia, The Citadel, Francis Marion, SC State
<u>2001-2002</u>		
<u>2002-2003</u>		
<u>2003-2004</u>	Education	USC Columbia, USC Upstate <sup>1</sup> , Winthrop, Coastal Carolina, SC State, USC Aiken
<u>2004-2005</u>	Education	Clemson, College of Charleston , Francis Marion, Lander, The Citadel

<sup>1</sup> Formerly USC Spartanburg



**Program Review of the USC Regional Campuses and the Technical College System**

This review begins with associate degree programs found in the University of South Carolina’s regional campuses and then proceeds to the much larger and more varied set of associate degree programs offered in the State’s 16 technical colleges. The procedures for this annual review require each program’s productivity to be evaluated in terms of enrollment, number of graduates, and percent of graduates placed in a related job or continuing their studies full-time. The purpose is twofold: 1) to ensure that programs to be continued are responsive to employment trends and meet minimum standards; and 2) to identify programs which need to be strengthened.

**Two-Year Institutions-Regional Campuses of USC**

All of the 4 two-year regional campuses of USC offer the Associate of Arts/Associate of Science degree programs. Each of the AA/AS programs at these campuses is enrolling and graduating students in satisfactory numbers. Based on the CHE’s “Annual Evaluation of Associate Degree Programs Report,” FY 2004-2005, the number of degree completers in these programs is satisfactory.

Of the two-year regional campuses of USC, only USC Lancaster offers applied two-year technical degrees. Additional programs at USC Lancaster include nursing (joint program with York Tech), criminal justice, and business. Since a merger of two under-performing business related programs at the campus in June 1995, the combined business program has met the criterion for “good” for both enrollments and graduation rates.

**State Technical and Comprehensive Education System**

This review is administered and reported to the CHE by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education each year. All of the institutions’ associate degree programs are rated and placed in a category, as shown below, based on enrollment, number of graduates, and percentage of graduates placed in a related job or continuing their studies full-time. The following criteria apply:

- 1) Each program must produce at least 6 graduates during the evaluation year or an average of at least 6 graduates over the most recent 3-year period;
- 2) At the most recent Fall term, each program must enroll at least 16 students who generate 12 full-time equivalents; and
- 3) At least 50% of the graduates available for job placement must be placed in a job related to their education or continue their education on a full-time basis.

Programs that fail to meet the above criteria must be canceled, suspended, or put on probation unless their continuation is justified to the CHE.

**Table 1.2 Program Status at Technical Colleges**

Institution	Good			Good-Justified			Probation			Suspended			Canceled		
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2004-05	2004-05	2005-06	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Aiken	12	12	11	-	-	-	3	-	1	2	3	2	-	-	1
Central Carolina	15	13	14	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
Denmark	10	8	9	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florence-Darlington	23	22	22	-	-	-	2	3	3	-	-	-	2	-	-

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Institution	Good			Good-Justified			Probation			Suspended			Canceled		
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2004-05	2004-05	2005-06	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Greenville	34	32	32	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	1	1	-	1	-
Horry-Georgetown	20	19	19	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-
Midlands	24	24	26	1	1	-	1	2	1	4	1	-	-	2	1
Northeastern	9	8	8	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orangeburg-Calhoun	18	17	18	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	1	-
Piedmont	21	21	21	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spartanburg	23	21	19	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	-	2	-	1
TCL	9	9	9	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Tri-County	19	20	19	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trident	29	26	27	1	1	1	2	4	4	-	-	-	1	-	-
Williamsburg	6	3	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
York	19	19	19	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

**Curricula Offered at Institutions**

**Performance Funding Indicator 1B – Curricula Offered to Achieve Mission** is based on the institution’s approved mission statement and measures as the percentage of “degree programs” which:

- 1) are appropriate to the degree-level authorized for the institution by the CHE and Act 359 of 1996
- 2) support the institutions’ goals, purpose, and objectives as defined in the approved mission statement; and
- 3) have received “full approval” in the most recent CHE review of that program.

Data for this indicator are reviewed and a report for the current year is not available. For previous performance data, see *A Closer Look at Public Higher Education in South Carolina – January 2005*.

**Indicator 1C – Mission Statements**

Each institution currently has a Commission on Higher Education (CHE) approved mission statement, as required by **Indicator 1C – Approval of Mission Statement**. Revised statements are reviewed by the CHE for approval as they are submitted by the institutions. Each institution’s mission statement, as approved by the CHE, can be accessed through the web pages listed below or through the CHE’s web site at <http://www.che.sc.gov>.

## **Institutional Mission Statements**

### **Research Institutions**

Clemson University <http://www.clemson.edu/about/mission.html>  
 Medical University of South Carolina <http://www.musc.edu/mission.html>  
 University of South Carolina-Columbia <http://www.ipr.sc.edu/effectiveness/IEReports/>

### **Teaching Institutions**

The Citadel <http://www.citadel.edu/r3/about/values/mission.shtml>  
 Coastal Carolina University <http://www.coastal.edu/about/mission.html>  
 College of Charleston <http://www.cofc.edu/about/mission.html>  
 Francis Marion University <http://www.fmarion.edu/about/Mission>  
 Lander University <http://www.lander.edu/about/mission.html>  
 South Carolina State University <http://www.scsu.edu/about/mission.aspx>  
 USC-Aiken <http://www.usca.edu/chancellor/mission.html>  
 USC-Beaufort [http://www.uscb.edu/a/About\\_USCB/Mission\\_of\\_USCB/?page\\_id=26](http://www.uscb.edu/a/About_USCB/Mission_of_USCB/?page_id=26)  
 USC-Upstate [http://www.uscupstate.edu/about\\_upstate/faq/default.aspx?id=8416](http://www.uscupstate.edu/about_upstate/faq/default.aspx?id=8416)  
 Winthrop University <http://www.winthrop.edu/president/mission.htm>

### **Technical Colleges**

Aiken Technical College <http://www.atc.edu/p79.aspx>  
 Central Carolina Technical College <http://www.cctech.edu/about/mission.asp>  
 Denmark Technical College <http://www.denmarktech.edu/missionstatement.html>  
 Florence-Darlington Technical College <http://www.fdtc.edu/AboutUs/mission/default.asp>  
 Greenville Technical College [http://www.gvltec.edu/about\\_greenvilletech/](http://www.gvltec.edu/about_greenvilletech/)  
 Horry-Georgetown Technical College [http://www.hgtc.edu/int\\_y.php?pageid=19](http://www.hgtc.edu/int_y.php?pageid=19)  
 Midlands Technical College <http://www.midlandstech.edu/mission.htm>  
 Northeastern Technical College [http://www.netc.edu/aboutus/index\\_about-us.html#MissionStatement](http://www.netc.edu/aboutus/index_about-us.html#MissionStatement)  
 Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College <http://www.octech.edu/octech/aboutus/mission.asp>  
 Piedmont Technical College [http://www.ptc.edu/about\\_ptc/mission.htm](http://www.ptc.edu/about_ptc/mission.htm)  
 Spartanburg Community College <http://www.sccsc.edu/Mission.htm>  
 Technical College of the Lowcountry <http://www.tcl.edu/mission.asp>  
 Tri-County Technical College [http://www.tctc.edu/visitors\\_media/college\\_information/mission.html](http://www.tctc.edu/visitors_media/college_information/mission.html)  
 Trident Technical College <http://www.tridenttech.edu/abouttctc.htm>  
 Williamsburg Technical College <http://www.wiltech.edu/Genmenu.html>  
 York Technical College <http://www.yorktech.com/ie/ytcMission.asp>

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**Indicator 1D/E – Adoption of a Strategic Plan to Support the Mission Statement:  
Attainment of Goals of the Strategic Plan Performance Indicator**

This indicator is defined for each institution through the submission of individual goals by the institutions and their approval by the Commission. Previous goals have been completed and this indicator is in abeyance.

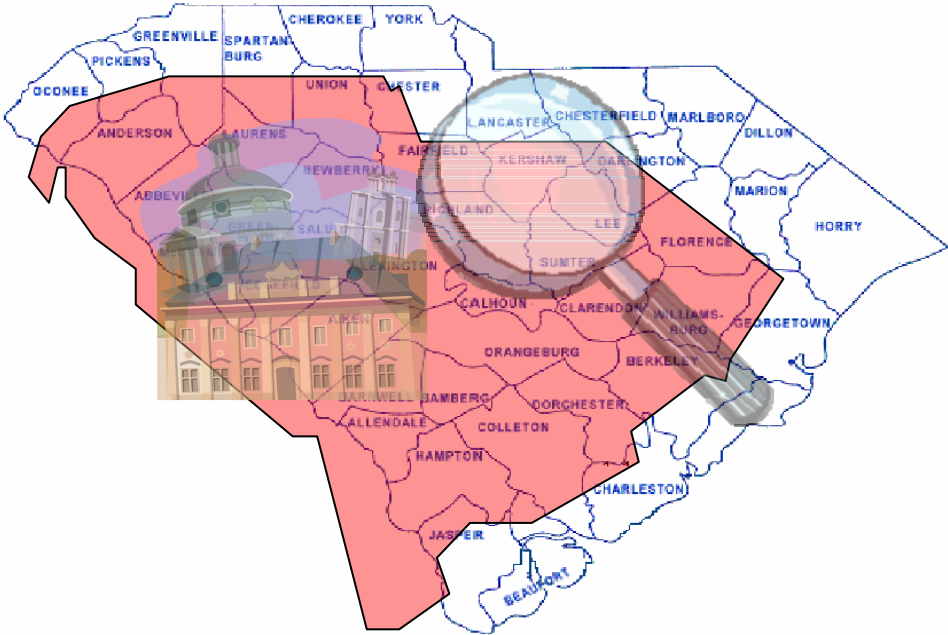
**Academic Programs to Provide a Technologically Skilled Workforce**

In 2001, the South Carolina Legislature amended Section 59-101-350 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, to include the following as an Institutional Effectiveness reporting requirement.

Appropriate information relating to the institution's role and mission to include policies and procedures to ensure that academic programs support the economic development needs in the State by providing a technologically skilled workforce. (Added text underlined.)

The institutions of the state have included a section relating to the above requirement in their Institutional Effectiveness Reports. Links to these reports are found in Section 10 of this document.

# Section 2 Quality of Faculty



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**QUALITY OF FACULTY**

The second critical success factor in performance funding looks at the quality of faculty at South Carolina's public institutions. Indicators used to assess this factor in Year 10 are:

- 2A - Academic and Other Credentials of Professors and Instructors;
- 2D - Compensation of Faculty;

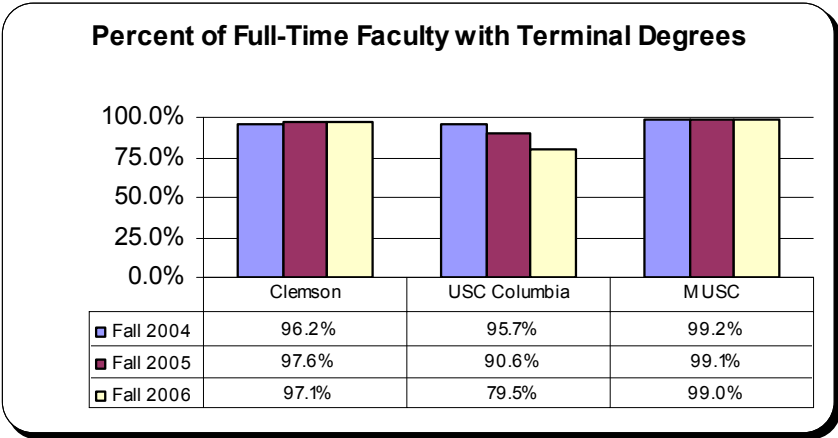
**Academic and Other Credentials of Professors and Instructors**

**Indicator 2A - Academic and Other Credentials of Professors and Instructors** is a measure of the academic credentials of faculty. Prior to Year 6, the measure of 2A consisted of multiple subparts, each considering credentials of faculty teaching undergraduates. In Year 6, the measure was redefined to provide a better focus for each sector. Research, Teaching, and Regional Campuses Sector Institutions are measured on the percentage of full-time faculty with a terminal degree in their primary teaching area. Technical Colleges are measured on the percentage of faculty teaching in the Fall who meet minimum SACS criteria for credentials. Standards of achievement vary across the sectors and are indicated in the charts below. Additional detail and definitions can be found in the Performance Funding Workbook, Revised October 2004:  
[http://www.che.sc.gov/Finance/Perf\\_Fund/Yr9WorkBook\\_Rev.htm](http://www.che.sc.gov/Finance/Perf_Fund/Yr9WorkBook_Rev.htm).

**Figure 2.1 Percentage of Full-Time Faculty with Terminal Degrees in the Primary Teaching Area**

Source: CHEMIS and Institutional Reports to CHE

**Research Universities**

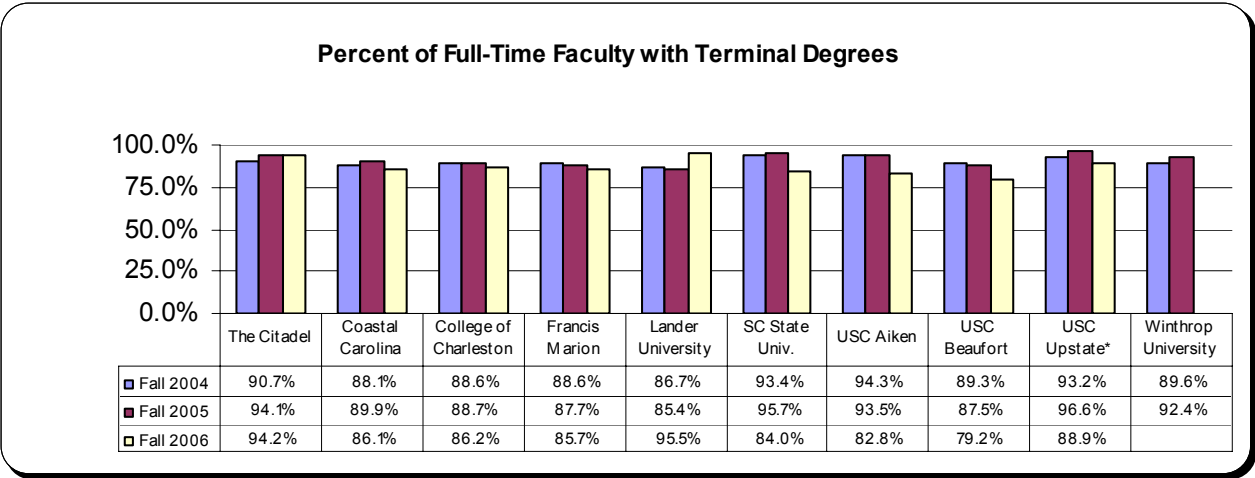


**2A - Percentage of full-time faculty with terminal degrees in the primary teaching area.**

For Year 11 (2006-07), a standard of 75 - 84% earned a score of "Achieves" for 2A. This indicator does not include Instructors for the Research and Teaching sectors.

**Four-Year Colleges and Universities**

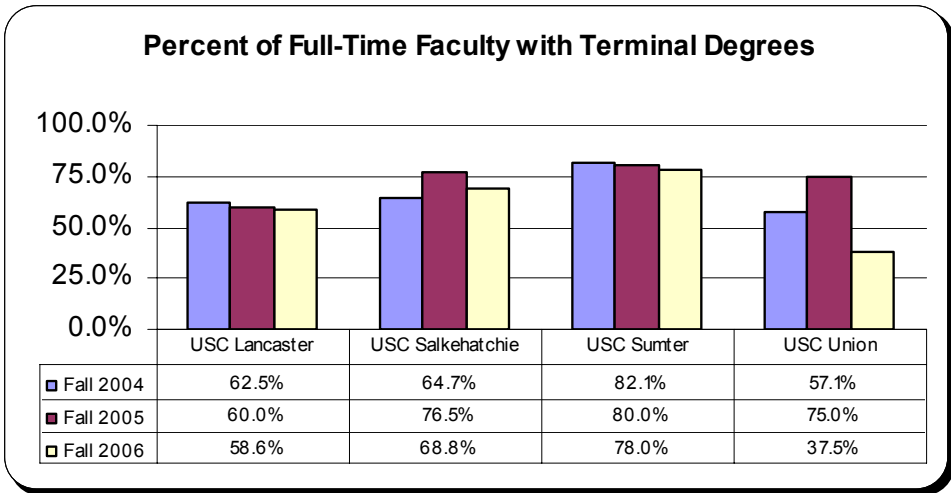
**2A** - Percentage of **full-time** faculty with terminal degrees in the primary teaching area. For Year 11 (2006-07), a standard of 70 - 84% earned a score of "Achieves" for 2A. This indicator does not include Instructors for the Research and Teaching sectors.



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**Two-Year Institutions-Regional Campuses of USC**

**2A** - Percentage of **full-time** faculty, including Instructors, with terminal degrees in the primary teaching area. For Year 11 (2006-07), a standard of 60-74% earned a score of "Achieves."

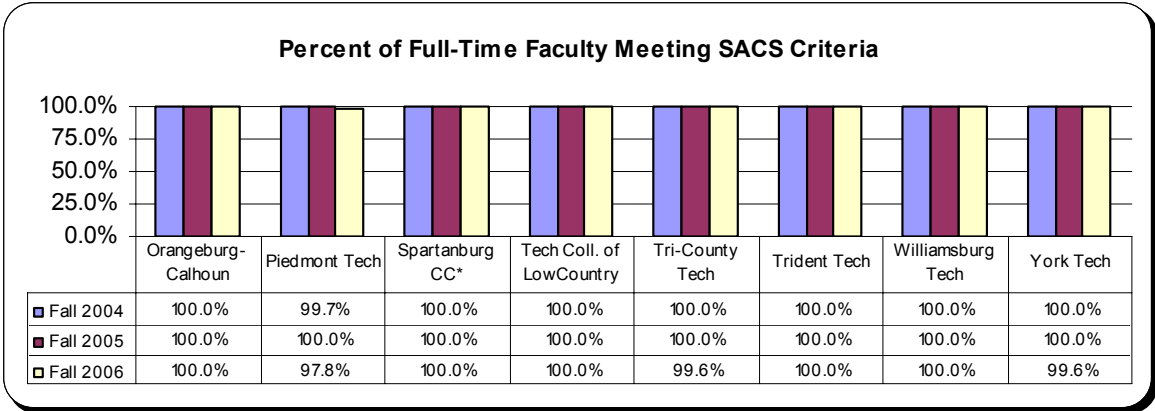
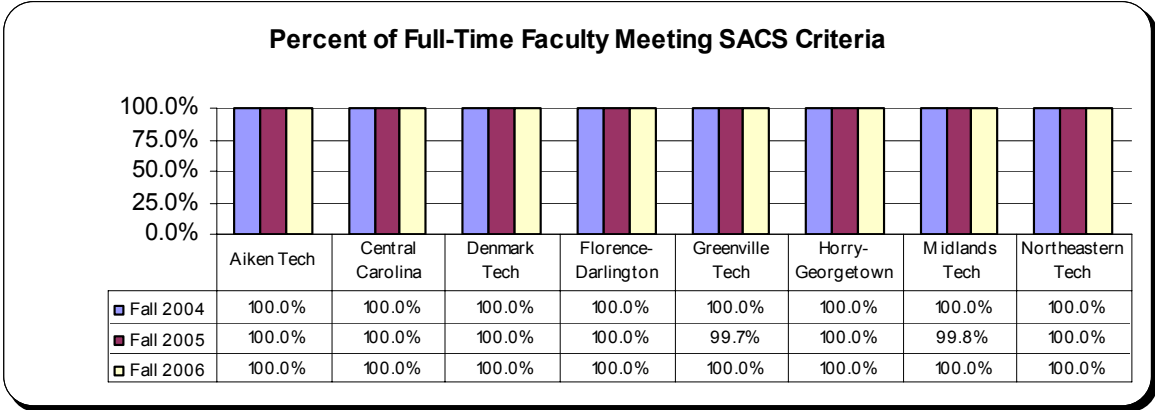




Technical College System

**Figure 2.2 – Indicator 2A- Percentage Teaching in the Fall Who Meet Minimum SACS Degree Criteria for Credentials**

For Year 11 (2006-07), a standard of 98-99.9%, or all but one meeting criteria, earned a score of "Achieves"



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**Compensation of Faculty**

**Indicator 2D – Compensation of Faculty as a measure of average faculty salaries.** For research and teaching sector institutions, the average by rank for the ranks of professor, associate professor, and assistant professor is measured. A score is earned for each rank average. These individual scores are averaged to produce the indicator score earned. Standards of achievement are listed in the figures below detailing the average by rank for research and teaching institutions. For the Two-Year Campuses of USC and for the Technical Colleges, the average faculty salary data are displayed.

Indicator 2D measures the average faculty salary for each two-year institution. The regional campuses of USC are assessed based on the overall average salary due to the low numbers of faculty at the various ranks. In the State Technical and Comprehensive Education System, faculty rank does not apply, so technical colleges are assessed on average faculty salary.

Full-time faculty includes those whose annual salary is not zero, who have an employment status of full-time and a primary responsibility of instruction (greater than 50% of assigned time). For medicine and dentistry, salaries less than or equal to \$40,000 are excluded.

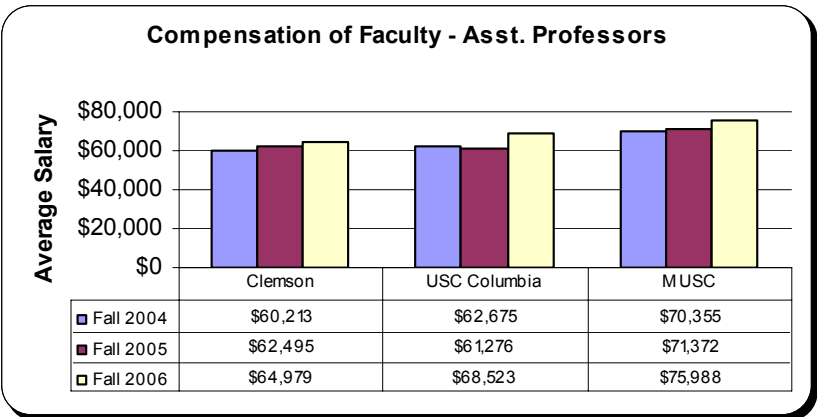
For technical colleges, unclassified continuing education program coordinators are included.

Average salary is defined as nine to ten month salaries or eleven to twelve month salaries converted to nine-month salaries. Salaries for basic and clinical medicine are not converted.

For Year 11 (2006-07), Fall 2006 data were considered.

**Figure 2.3 Indicator 2D – Compensation of Faculty**  
 Source: IPEDS Salaries Survey (9-month contract basis)

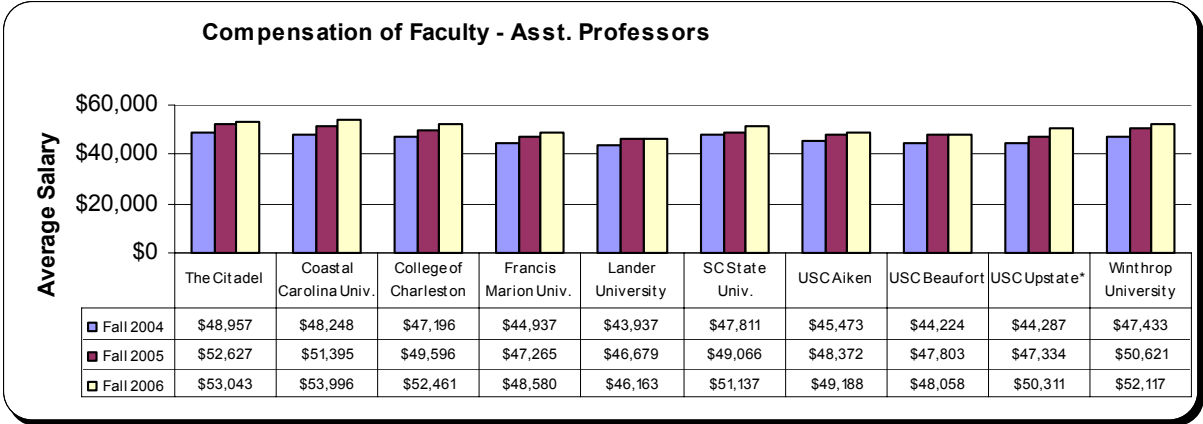
**Assistant Professors, Research Universities**



For Year 11 (2006-07) ratings, "Achieves" ranges were: \$42,773 - \$50,740 for Clemson, \$44,718 - \$53,047 for USC Columbia, and \$54,028 - \$64,091 for MUSC.

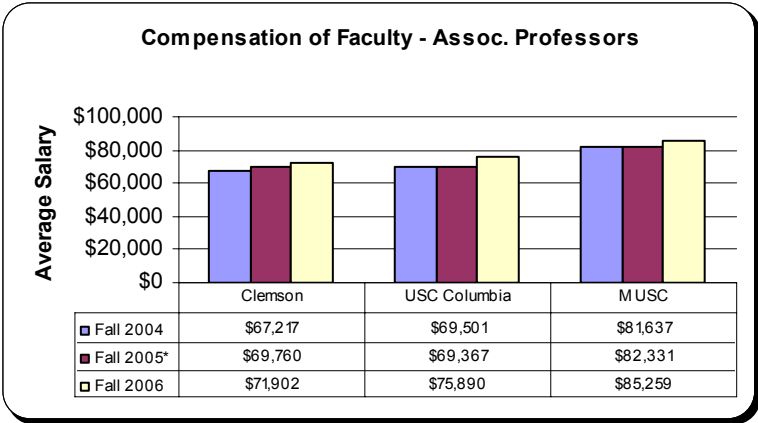
**Assistant Professors, Four-Year Colleges and Universities**

For Year 11 (2006-07) ratings, the "Achieves" range was \$36,840 - \$43,701 for Four-Year Colleges and Universities.



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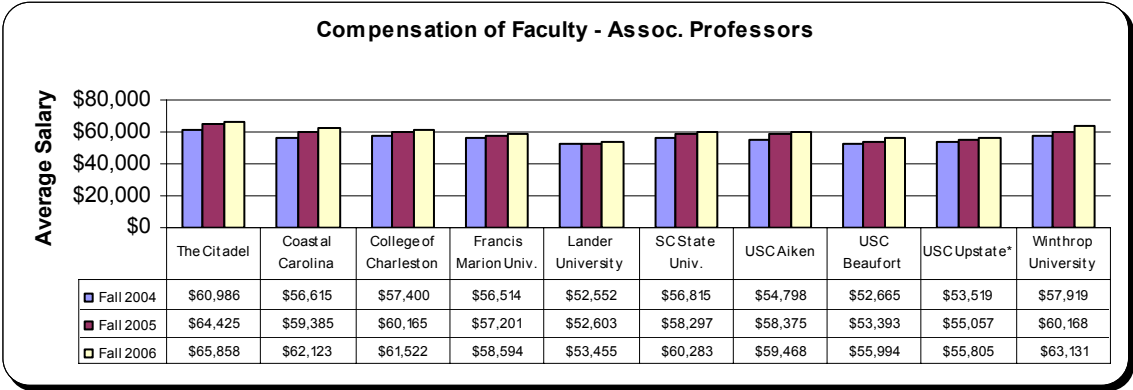
**Associate Professors, Research Universities**



For Year 11 (2006-07) ratings, "Achieves" ranges were: \$50,643-\$60,075 for Clemson, \$52,038 - \$61,730 for USC Columbia, and \$62,855 - \$74,562 for MUSC.

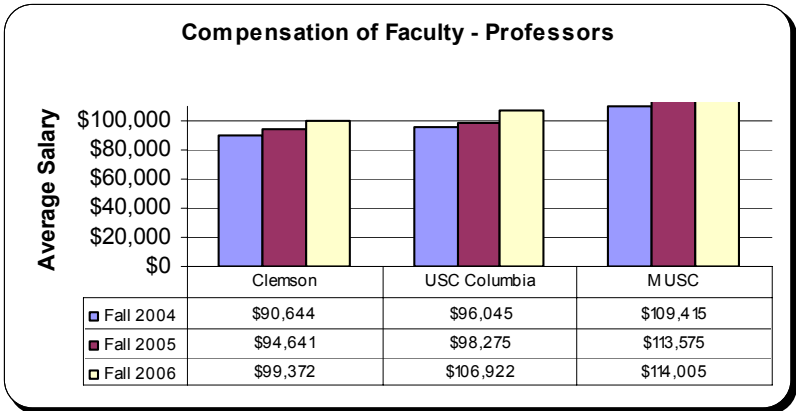
**Associate Professors, Four-Year Colleges and Universities**

For Year 11 (2006-07) ratings, the "Achieves" range was \$44,787 - \$53,129 for Four-Year Colleges and Universities



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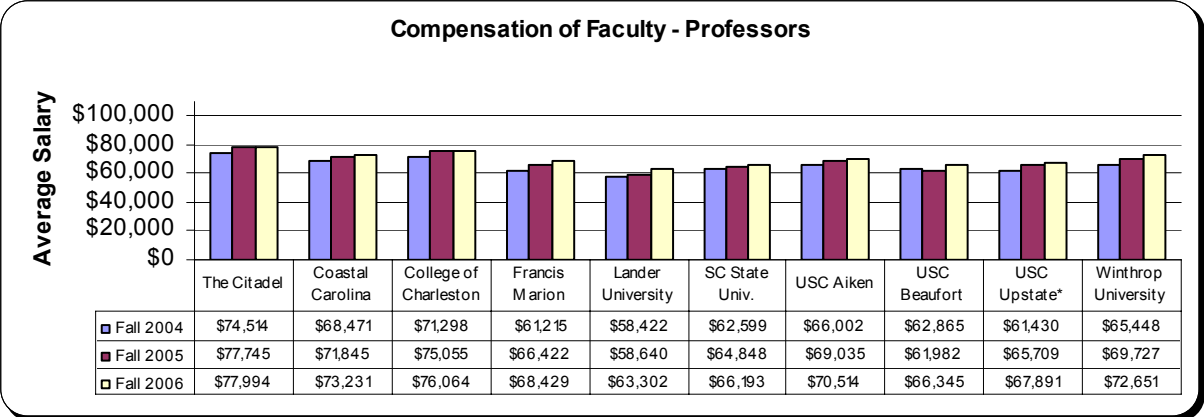
**Professors, Research Universities**



For Year 11 (2006-07) ratings, "Achieves" ranges were \$69,558 - \$82,514 for Clemson, \$71,798 - \$85,171 for USC Columbia, and \$79,965 - \$94,858 for MUSC.

**Professors, Four-Year Colleges and Universities**

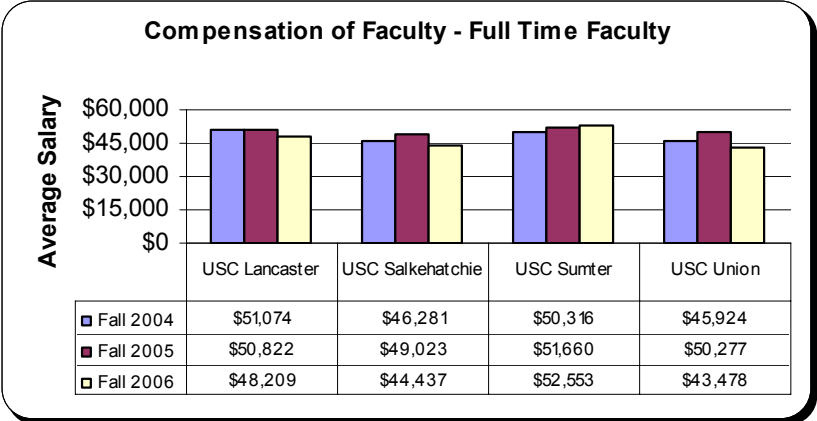
For Year 11 (2006-07) ratings, the "Achieves" range was \$56,164 - \$66,624 for Four-Year Colleges and Universities



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**Two-Year Institutions-Branches of USC**

The data below represent the average full-time faculty salary over the last three years.

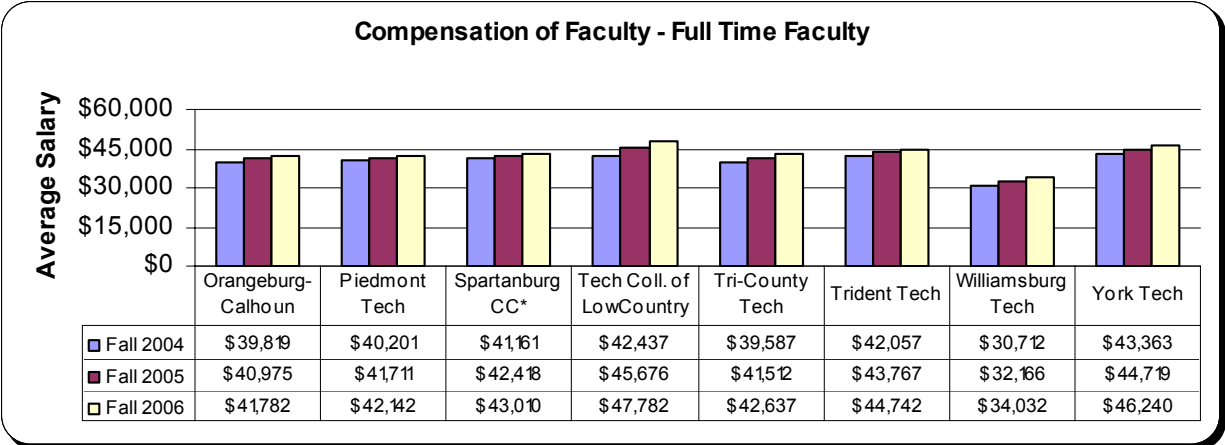
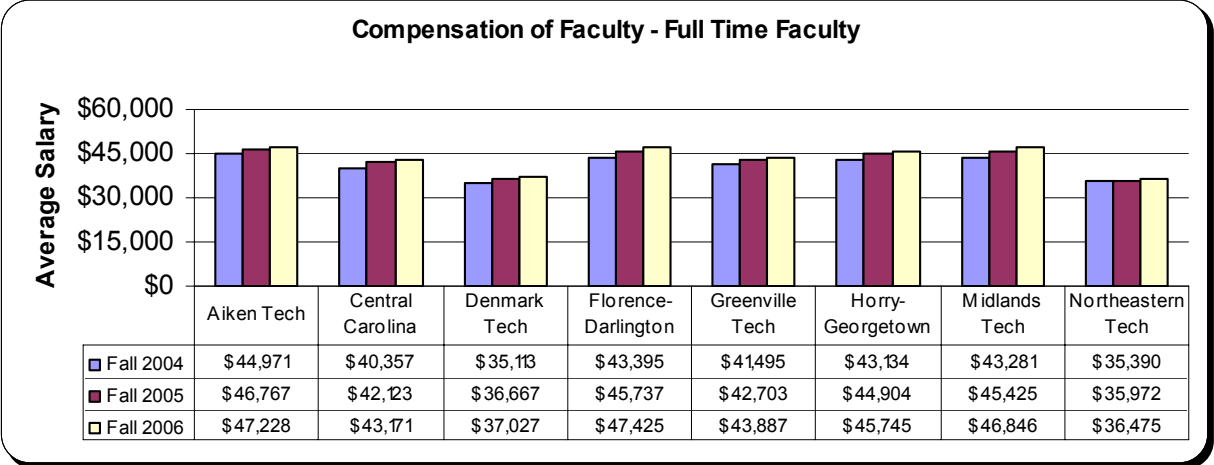


For Year 11 (2006-07) ratings, an "Achieves" range of \$35,687-\$45,156 applied.

**State Technical and Comprehensive Education System**

The data below represent the average of all full-time faculty over the last three years. The technical colleges do not have faculty rank.

For Year 11 (2006-07) ratings, an "Achieves" range of \$34,188 - \$43,260 applied.

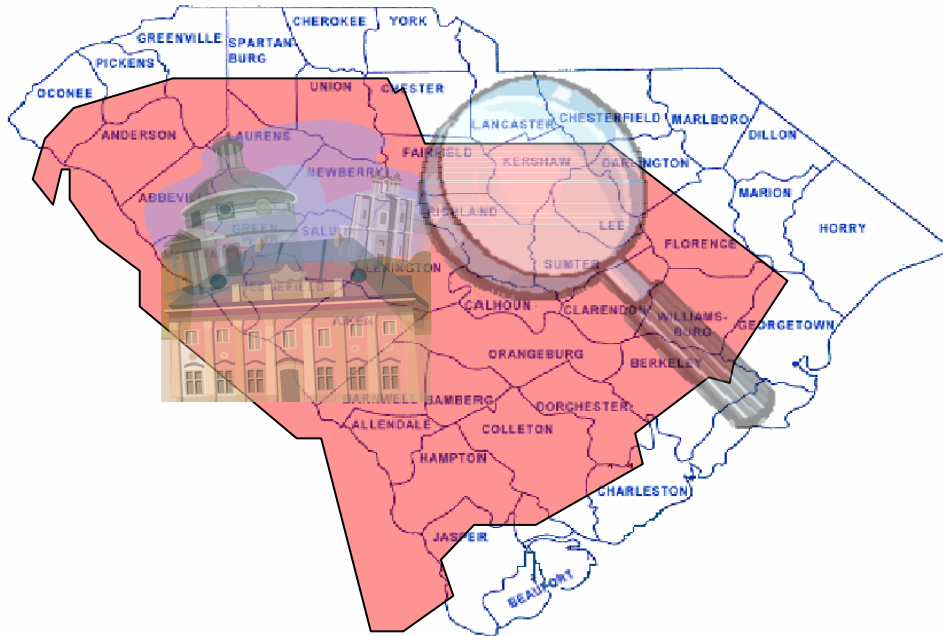


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# Section 3

## Classroom Quality



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## CLASSROOM QUALITY

This section presents a group of tables and performance funding indicators designed to give a picture of the overall quality of the classroom experience in South Carolina’s institutions of higher education.

Table 3.1, required by Act 255, as amended, indicates the number and percentage of course sections taught by full-time faculty, part-time faculty and graduate assistants.

Data on **national accreditation of specific academic degree programs** are provided in Table 3.2, which summarizes the number of programs at each institution that are eligible for accreditation based on a CHE-approved list of agencies and programs and the number of those that are accredited. Some accrediting bodies (e.g., education and public health) accredit schools or units within the institutions, while others (e.g., business and engineering) accredit individual programs within the school or unit. The numbers seen in Table 3.2 reflect the number of accrediting agencies that acknowledge one or more programs at the institutions. The process of accreditation involves an external review based on national standards typically pertaining to the curriculum, faculty, students, resources and overall administration of the program; therefore, attainment of such accreditation is often considered an indication of overall program quality. However, some institutional administrators intentionally choose not to pursue accreditation for an accreditable program because the cost to do so is considered too high. In performance funding, institutions are measured on the percentage of accredited programs, with the standard for an “Achieves” being 90 – 99%, or all but one program accredited. Measurement details for each institution are displayed in Section 11. Institutional performance on this indicator for Performance Year 11 (2006-07) is shown in Figure 3.1.

Each Teaching Sector institution is expected to attain accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Performance funding indicator **3E-Institutional Emphasis on Quality Teacher Education and Reform** encompasses this accreditation measure within subpart **3E1-Program Quality, NCATE Accreditation**. To earn credit, attainment of initial accreditation and maintaining such accreditation once achieved are expected. As of June 30, 2000, all public teacher education programs in South Carolina were accredited by NCATE, and remain so. Beginning in Year 6, the Research Sector is no longer included in Indicator 3E. However, their education programs also meet NCATE standards and are accredited. This accreditation is also included as part of indicator **3D-Accreditation of Programs**.

Also as part of **Indicator 3E-Institutional Emphasis on Quality of Teacher Education and Reform**, Teaching Sector institutions are measured on the success of their graduates on teacher certification exams (3E2) and on producing teaching graduates who can fill critical shortages - both for specific subject areas (3E3a) and for minority teachers (3E3b). The critical shortages measures have been deferred for Performance Years 10 (2005-06) and 11 (2006-07).

**Courses Taught by Full-Time and Part-Time Faculty and by Graduate Assistants**

Provided here are data across all four sectors on the type of instructional personnel used to teach Lower Division sections during Fall 2006. **Full-time Faculty** are those personnel at the institution who were identified as full-time at the institution, had primary responsibility (over 50%) for instruction, and had a reported salary on CHEMIS. This definition captures faculty that were included under the Salaries, Tenure, and Fringe Benefit report. For the technical colleges, unclassified continuing education program coordinators are counted as faculty. **Lower Division** here represents those courses that were coded in the CHEMIS course file as Remedial or Lower Division, including courses offered for credit toward the first and second year of an associate degree program and technical/vocational degrees offered below the baccalaureate level.

**TABLE 3.1 IS LOCATED ON THE NEXT PAGE.**

**TABLE 3.1 - Courses Taught by Full-Time and Part-Time Faculty and by Graduate Assistants**

		Fall 2006 LOWER DIVISION SECTIONS TAUGHT BY					
Institutions	TOTAL LOWER DIVISION SECTIONS	Faculty				Graduate Assistants	
		Full Time		Part Time		#	%
		#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Research Universities</b>							
Clemson	1,996	1,141	57.2%	530	26.6%	325	16.3%
USC Columbia	1,900	1,002	52.7%	575	30.3%	323	17.0%
<b>2006 Research Subtotal</b>	<b>3,896</b>	<b>2,143</b>	<b>55.0%</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>28.4%</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>16.6%</b>
<b>Four-Year Colleges and Universities</b>							
The Citadel	437	259	59.3%	178	40.7%	0	0.0%
Coastal Carolina	970	581	59.9%	389	40.1%	0	0.0%
College of Charleston	1,482	922	62.2%	560	37.8%	0	0.0%
Francis Marion	565	467	82.7%	98	17.3%	0	0.0%
Lander	434	345	79.5%	89	20.5%	0	0.0%
SC State	627	472	75.3%	155	24.7%	0	0.0%
USC Aiken	436	282	64.7%	154	35.3%	0	0.0%
USC Beaufort	215	130	60.5%	85	39.5%	0	0.0%
USC Upstate*	542	243	44.8%	299	55.2%	0	0.0%
Winthrop	933	508	54.4%	425	45.6%	0	0.0%
<b>2006 Four-Year Subtotals</b>	<b>6,641</b>	<b>4,209</b>	<b>63.4%</b>	<b>2,432</b>	<b>36.6%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Two-Year Branches of USC</b>							
USC Lancaster	220	111	50.5%	109	49.5%	0	0.0%
USC Salkehatchie	138	83	60.1%	55	39.9%	0	0.0%
USC Sumter	184	120	65.2%	63	34.2%	1	0.5%
USC Union	51	22	43.1%	29	56.9%	0	0.0%
<b>2006 Two-Year Subtotals</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>56.7%</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>43.2%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
<b>Technical Colleges</b>							
Aiken	425	277	65.2%	148	34.8%	0	0.0%
Central Carolina	502	355	70.7%	147	29.3%	0	0.0%
Denmark	246	192	78.0%	54	22.0%	0	0.0%
Florence-Darlington	923	526	57.0%	397	43.0%	0	0.0%
Greenville	2,197	1,272	57.9%	925	42.1%	0	0.0%
Horry-Georgetown	939	609	64.9%	330	35.1%	0	0.0%
Midlands	1,782	955	53.6%	827	46.4%	0	0.0%
Northeastern	329	195	59.3%	134	40.7%	0	0.0%
Orangeburg-Calhoun	457	394	86.2%	63	13.8%	0	0.0%
Piedmont	1,051	566	53.9%	485	46.1%	0	0.0%
Spartanburg	770	425	55.2%	345	44.8%	0	0.0%
TCL	329	232	70.5%	97	29.5%	0	0.0%
Tri-County	821	409	49.8%	412	50.2%	0	0.0%
Trident	1,778	1,139	64.1%	639	35.9%	0	0.0%
Williamsburg	228	106	46.5%	122	53.5%	0	0.0%
York	850	513	60.4%	337	39.6%	0	0.0%
<b>2006 Technical College Subtotals</b>	<b>13,627</b>	<b>8,165</b>	<b>59.9%</b>	<b>5,462</b>	<b>40.1%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

\*Formerly USC Spartanburg

**Indicator 3D – Accreditation of Degree-Granting Programs**

This indicator is used in assessing program accreditation in the performance funding system. Details regarding accreditation as applicable to performance funding are found in Section 11. Since April, 2002, institutions are assessed in performance funding on percentage of accredited programs. It should be noted that CHE policy provides an institution five years to attain full accreditation after a new program is added at an institution and provides the same length of time to gain accreditation of an existing program when an agency is added to the list of accrediting bodies recognized by CHE. For additional information, see our website at <http://www.che.sc.gov> and go to "Academic Affairs and Licensing."

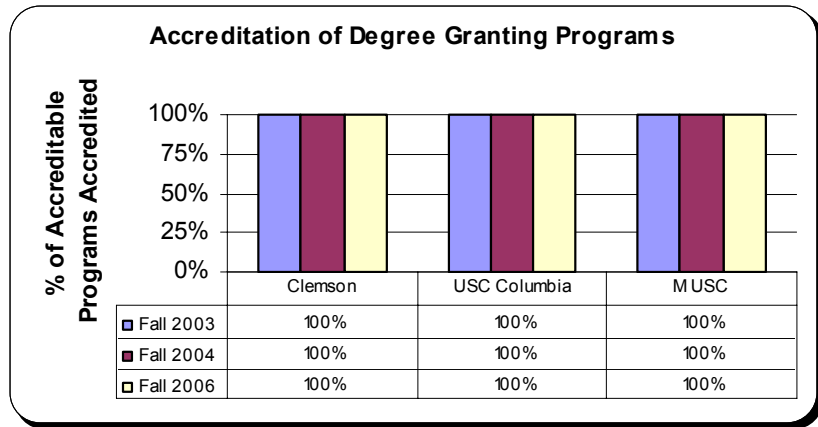
For USC Beaufort, this was a compliance indicator during the transition from two to four-year status, based on satisfactory progress toward SACS accreditation as a four-year institution.

The following charts show accreditation percentages used in Year 11 (2006-07) performance funding ratings.

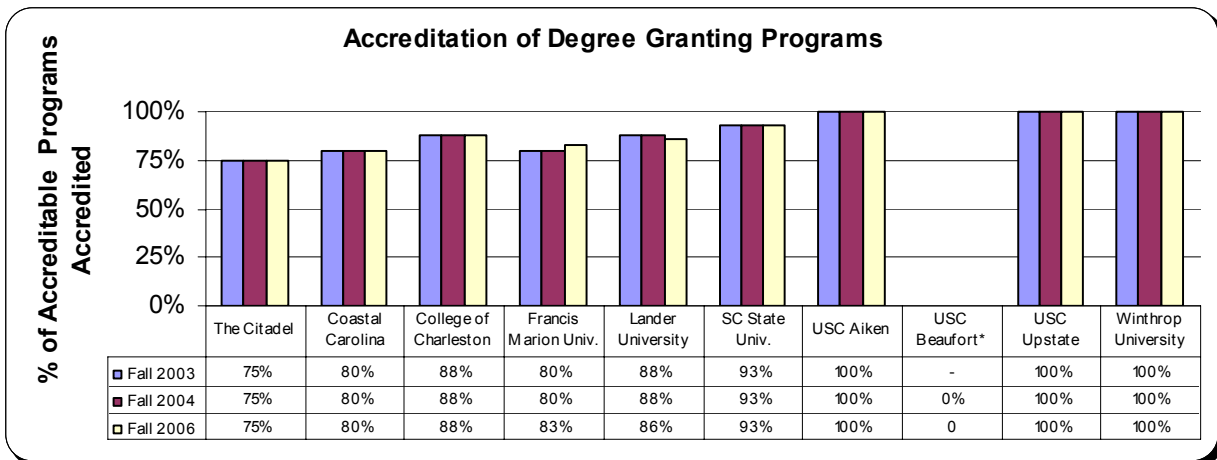
**Figure 3.1 Indicator 3D - Accreditation of Degree-Granting Programs**  
 Source: Institutional reports

The “Achieves” range in effect for **all** institutions was 90% to 99%, or all but one program, for ratings in Spring 2007.

**Research Institutions**



**Teaching Institutions**

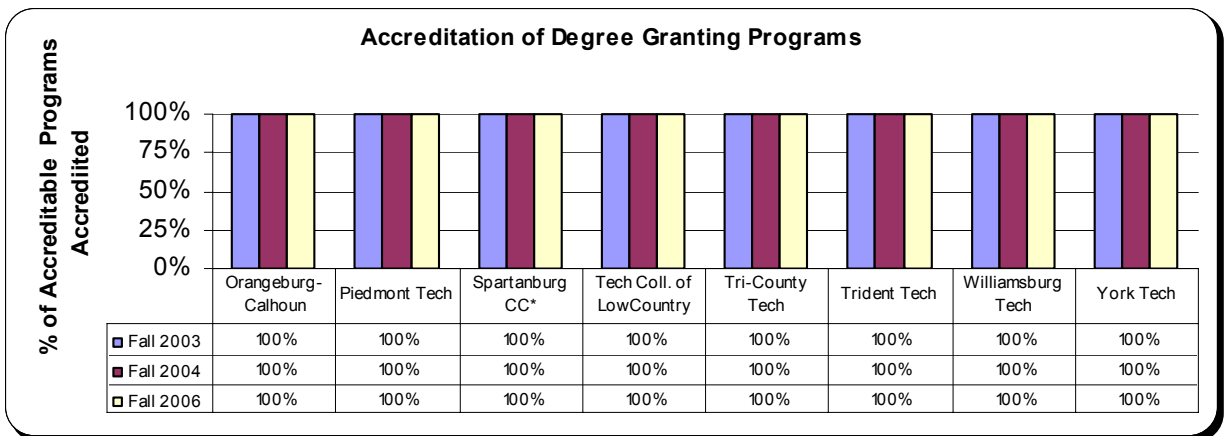
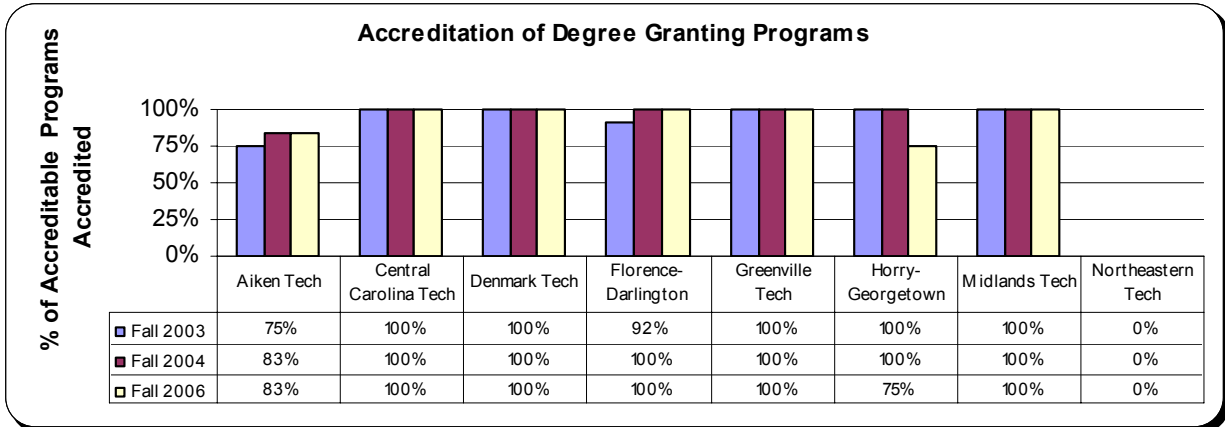


\*USC Beaufort had no programs eligible for accreditation prior to Spring 2006  
 \*\*Formerly USC Spartanburg

In Year 11 (2006-07), the Citadel, Coastal Carolina, College of Charleston, Francis Marion, Lander, and South Carolina State had all but one program accredited.

**Two-Year Branch Campuses of USC –** The only branch campus having programs eligible for accreditation is USC Lancaster. Both of its programs are accredited.

**Technical Colleges**



\*Formerly Spartanburg Technical College

**Year 11 (2006-7) Accreditation Data and Table**

In addition to reporting the performance levels on accreditation for the most recent scored performance year, the law requires that institutions report their current program accreditation status. The following table (Table 3.2) gives accreditation information submitted by the institutions on August 1, 2007. This information will be updated in the Spring of 2008 for performance indicator 3D. The reader may note that, due to the use of updated data for performance funding calculations, numbers on institutional ratings reports may differ from those displayed in this table.

**The numbers presented in Table 3.2 (next page) reflect a count of the number of agencies for which the institution has one or more programs accredited.**

**Table 3.2 Accreditation of Degree-Granting Programs Source: Institutional IE Reports to CHE**

	As of June 30, 2007		
	Areas Eligible for Accreditation	Areas with one or More Programs Accredited	% Accredited
<b>Research Universities</b>			
Clemson*	14	14	100%
USC - Columbia	27	27	100%
MUSC	16	16	100%
<b>Teaching Universities</b>			
The Citadel	4	3	75%
Coastal Carolina Univ.	5	4	80%
College of Charleston	8	7	88%
Francis Marion Univ.	6	5	83%
Lander University*	7	6	86%
SC State Univ.	16	15	94%
USC - Aiken	3	3	100%
USC - Beaufort*	2		
USC-Upstate**	4	4	100%
Winthrop University	14	14	100%
<b>Two-Year Branches of USC</b>			
USC - Lancaster	2	2	100%
USC - Salkehatchie			
USC - Sumter			
USC - Union			
<b>Technical Colleges</b>			
Aiken Tech	6	5	83%
Central Carolina Tech	6	6	100%
Denmark Tech	3	3	100%
Florence-Darlington	10	10	100%
Greenville Tech	16	16	100%
Horry-Georgetown Tech	13	9	69%
Midlands Tech	14	14	100%
Northeastern Tech	2	0	0%
Orangeburg-Calhoun	7	7	100%
Piedmont Tech	10	10	100%
Spartanburg CC***	9	9	100%
Tech Coll. of LowCountry	6	6	100%
Tri-County Tech	10	10	100%
Trident Tech	15	15	100%
Williamsburg Tech	1	1	100%
York Tech	9	9	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>94%</b>

\*These institutions have one or more programs within the five-year window for accreditation.

\*\*Formerly USC Spartanburg

\*\*\*Formerly Spartanburg Technical College

**Student Performance on Teacher Education Examinations**

**Performance Funding Indicator 3E, Subpart 3E2a** measures the percentage of students who pass the PRAXIS II Professional Learning and Teaching (PLT) exam. As of 2000-01, graduating teacher education students are not required to take this exam immediately upon graduation, but are given a three-year window to take and pass the exam. Differing institutional policies on test-taking by new graduates led to test-taking rates that vary widely, causing a situation in which charting the institutional passing rates would lead to meaningless comparisons. This indicator has been deferred since 2001. Data on prior years are reported in the 2001 edition of *A Closer Look*.

**Performance Funding Indicator 3E, Subpart 3E2b** measures the percentage of students who pass the PRAXIS II Specialty Area Exams. These exams are required of all graduates. In Year 6, this indicator was identified as the mission focused measure for teaching sector institutions. Clemson and USC Columbia continue to report the data as part of Indicator 7D.

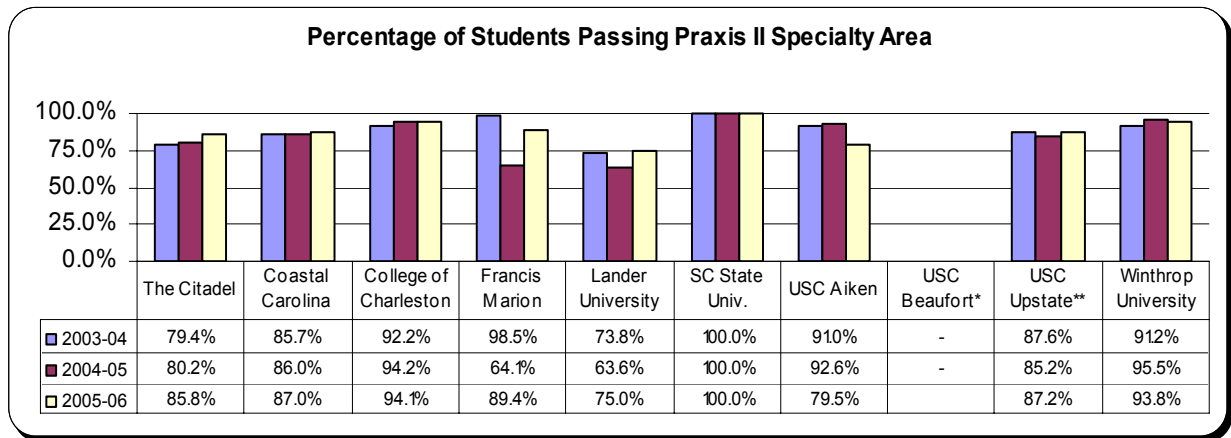
**Four-Year Colleges and Universities**

The chart below represents the percentage of teacher education students at each institution who passed Specialty Area Examinations during the year indicated. Since 1999-2000 these have been based on the PRAXIS II exam. The annual reporting timeframe is April 1 – March 31. It should be noted that the pass rates for the Praxis II exam are based on all student takers rather than first time takers as on other certification exams reported in Section 7 of this document.

Although Clemson and USC Columbia are not included in this indicator, their education graduates take the same exams. For 2006-2007, Clemson’s students had a pass rate of 86.7% and USC Columbia’s students had a pass rate of 93.0%.

**Figure 3.2 Percentage of Students in Teacher Education Programs Who Pass the PRAXIS II Specialty Area Exams. Source: Institutional IE Reports to CHE**

The “Achieves” range for this indicator was 75% - 89% for Performance Year 11 (2006-07)



\* Does not apply

\*\* Formerly USC Spartanburg

**Performance Funding Indicator 3E (Subparts 3a and 3b), Teacher Education Graduates in Critical Shortage Areas**, assesses two critical needs areas for teachers: 1) the number of graduates in state critical shortage areas; and 2) minority graduates from teacher preparation programs. These measures apply only to Teaching Sector institutions.

**Critical shortage areas** are those determined by the South Carolina Department of Education based on state need and for purposes of loan repayments. Data for the percentage of graduates in critical shortage areas for the past three years are shown below in Figure 3.3. The critical shortage areas have changed over the years as teacher shortages have increased. For performance funding, those areas identified in 2000 have been used. These are: Art, Business Education, English/Language Arts, Family and Consumer Science (Home Economics), Foreign Languages (French, German, Latin, and Spanish), Industrial Technology, Library Science, Mathematics, Science (all areas), Music (Choral), and Special Education (all areas including speech pathology, occupational, and physical therapy).

**This measure was deferred for Year 10 (2005-06) and Year 11 (2006-07).** For previous performance data, see *A Closer Look at Public Higher Education in South Carolina – January 2005*.

#### **Teacher Education Graduates Who are Minority**

Minority Teacher Education Graduates, as defined in the Performance Funding Workbook for Year 10 (2005-06), for the years shown include African-American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, and Hispanic students who graduated from public institutions in teacher education.

**This measure was deferred for Year 10 (2005-06) and Year 11 (2006-07).** For previous performance data, see *A Closer Look at Public Higher Education in South Carolina – January 2005*.



### **Assessment Information for the Institution’s Title II of the Federal Higher Education Act of 1998 Report**

In 2001, the South Carolina Legislature amended Section 59-101-350 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, to include the following as an institutional effectiveness reporting requirement.

- Assessment information for the institution’s Title II of the Federal Higher Education Act of 1998 report that collects and analyzes data on applicant qualifications and the performance of the candidates and graduates;

A link to South Carolina Title II summary information, maintained by the SC Department of Education (SDE), is <http://www.title2.org/title2dr/StateHome.asp>. Updated data showing institutions’ performance on various requirements of Title II reporting will be posted by the SDE as they become available. These tables will include information on all South Carolina teaching institutions, to include private institutions. Links to the Title II reports of the individual institutions can be found below.

#### **Institutional Web Address of Title II Report**

The Citadel	<a href="http://citadel.edu/academicaffairs/title2/2007/contents.htm">http://citadel.edu/academicaffairs/title2/2007/contents.htm</a>
Coastal Carolina University	<a href="http://www.coastal.edu/effect/research/title2.html">http://www.coastal.edu/effect/research/title2.html</a>
College of Charleston	<a href="http://ir.cofc.edu/titleii/default.htm">http://ir.cofc.edu/titleii/default.htm</a>
Francis Marion University	<a href="http://www.fmarion.edu/about/reports/article12188c126662.htm">http://www.fmarion.edu/about/reports/article12188c126662.htm</a>
Lander University	<a href="http://www.lander.edu/education/titleII/index.html">http://www.lander.edu/education/titleII/index.html</a>
South Carolina State University	<a href="http://ir.scsu.edu/TitleII.htm">http://ir.scsu.edu/TitleII.htm</a>
USC-Aiken	<a href="http://www.usca.edu/education/title2.html">http://www.usca.edu/education/title2.html</a>
USC-Upstate	<a href="http://www.uscupstate.edu/uploadedFiles/academics/Education/Cohort%202005-2006%20Title%20II%20Report%20(web)(1).doc">http://www.uscupstate.edu/uploadedFiles/academics/Education/Cohort%202005-2006%20Title%20II%20Report%20(web)(1).doc</a>
Winthrop University	<a href="http://coe.winthrop.edu/title2/">http://coe.winthrop.edu/title2/</a>

#### **Table 3.3 - Graduates’ Satisfaction – Alumni Survey**

**Source: Institutional Reports to CHE**

All public colleges and universities in the state are required to administer this survey and report the results every two years. The data are gathered from alumni who graduated three years prior to the current reporting year (i.e. alumni graduating in 2003-2004). Institutions are listed by sector and the return rate from the survey is provided. The survey contains four common questions with several subparts to three of the questions. All institutions are required to use these common questions and each subpart.

The questions highlighted in the tables are subparts, pulled from Question One on the survey: “Students’ level of satisfaction with:”. The number of responses is presented in addition to the percent of those who answered in one of the six choices.

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1. Students’ Level of Satisfaction with Major Program of Study.

Institution	Year	% Survey Response Rate	Major Program of Study						
			Number of Responses to Question	% Very Satisfied	% Satisfied	% Somewhat Satisfied	% Somewhat Dissatisfied	% Dissatisfied	% Very Dissatisfied
<b>Research Universities</b>									
Clemson	2003-2004	9%	169	41.4	21	0	4.7	1.2	0
USC-Columbia	2003-2004	8%	112	41.8	45.5	9.1	1.8	0.9	0.9
MUSC	2003-2004	30%	43	44.2	46.5	7	0	0	2.3
<b>Four-Year Colleges &amp; Universities</b>									
Citadel	2003-2004	14%	84	43.3	49.6	4.8	1.2	0	1.2
Coastal Carolina Coll. Of Charleston	2003-2004	13%	91	50.5	36.3	7.7	4.4	0	1.1
Francis Marion	2003-2004	13%	252	48.1	43.1	6.2	1.5	1.2	0
Lander	2003-2004	15%	154	50.6	40.9	5.8	1.3	1.3	0
SC State	2003-2004	11%	47	48.9	40.4	8.5	0	2.1	0
USC Aiken	2003-2004	27%	151	31.1	51.7	12.6	2.6	1.3	0.7
USC Beaufort	2003-2004	24%	132	47.2	30.7	13.4	4.7	1.6	2.4
USC Upstate	2003-2004	8%	6	66.7	33.3	0	0	0	0
Winthrop	2003-2004	14%	99	52.5	30.3	15.2	1	0	1
Winthrop	2003-2004	22%	223	65.2	23	11.1	0.7	0	0
<b>Two-Year Institutions-Branches of USC</b>									
USC Lancaster	2003-2004	15%	17	58.8	29.4	11.8	0	0	0
** USC Salkehatchie	2003-2004	16%	24	0	0	0	0	0	0
USC Sumter	2003-2004	30%	21	28.6	71.4	0	0	0	0
USC Union	2003-2004	38%	23	60.9	34.8	0	4.3	0	0
<b>State Tech. and Comprehensive Educ. System</b>									
Aiken	2003-2004	12%	44	56.8	25	15.9	0	2.3	0
Central Carolina	2003-2004	19%	89	60.2	35.2	4.5	0	0	0
Denmark	2003-2004	6%	16	56.3	31.3	12.5	0	0	0
Florence-Darlington	2003-2004	17%	65	56.9	33.8	1.5	6.2	0	1.5
Greenville	2003-2004	19%	159	54	34	8	1	2	1

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Institution	Year	% Survey Response Rate	Number of Responses to Question	Major Program of Study					
				% Very Satisfied	% Satisfied	% Somewhat Satisfied	% Somewhat Dissatisfied	% Dissatisfied	% Very Dissatisfied
Horry-Georgetown	2003-2004	17%	119	43.7	45.4	9.2	0.8	0.8	0
Midlands	2003-2004	20%	133	48.1	45.9	3	0.8	2.3	0
Northeastern	2003-2004	10%	22	31.6	63.6	4.5	0	0	0
Orangeburg-Calhoun	2003-2004	10%	32	61.3	25.8	12.9	0	0	0
Piedmont	2003-2004	4%	39	33.3	46.2	15.4	5.1	0	0
Spartanburg	2003-2004	8%	42	61	19.5	9.8	4.9	2.4	2.4
Tech. Coll of the Lwcntry	2003-2004	6%	15	60	20	20	0	0	0
Tri-County	2003-2004	15%	85	48.2	39.8	6	3.6	1.2	1.2
Trident	2003-2004	6%	79	53.2	36.7	6.3	2.5	1.3	0
Williamsburg	2003-2004	45%	46	43.5	54.3	2.2	0	0	0
York	2003-2004	20%	88	42	47.7	8	2.3	0	0

2. Students' Level of Satisfaction with Instruction in the Major.

Institution	% Survey Response Rate	Number of Responses to Question	Instruction in the Major					
			% Very Satisfied	% Satisfied	% Somewhat Satisfied	% Somewhat Dissatisfied	% Dissatisfied	% Very Dissatisfied
<b>Research Universities</b>								
Clemson	9%	169	41.4	21	0	4.7	1.2	0
USC-Columbia	8%	112	32.7	50	13.6	2.7	0.9	0
MUSC	30%	43	26.2	52.4	19	0	0	2.4
<b>Four-Year Colleges and Universities</b>								
Citadel	14%	84	43.4	44.6	8.4	1.2	1.2	1.2
Coastal Carolina Coll. Of Charleston	13%	91	46.2	44	6.6	1.1	0	2.2
Francis Marion	13%	252	46.9	43.1	8.5	0.8	0.8	0
Lander	15%	154	44.2	44.2	8.4	1.3	1.9	0
SC State	11%	47	51.1	38.3	8.5	0	2.1	0
USC Aiken	27%	151	26.5	56.3	14.6	2	0.7	0
USC Beaufort	24%	132	45.7	35.4	11	4.7	0.8	2.4
USC Upstate	8%	6	66.7	33.3	0	0	0	0
Winthrop	14%	99	49.5	35.4	10.1	4	0	1
	22%	223	67.4	21.5	8.9	1.5	0	0.7
<b>Two-Year Institutions-Branches of USC</b>								
USC Lancaster	15%	17	52.9	47.1	0	0	0	0

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Institution	% Survey Response Rate	Number of Responses to Question	Instruction in the Major					
			% Very Satisfied	% Satisfied	% Somewhat Satisfied	% Somewhat Dissatisfied	% Dissatisfied	% Very Dissatisfied
USC Salkehatchie**	16%	24	0	0	0	0	0	0
USC Sumter	30%	21	47.6	52.4	0	0	0	0
USC Union	38%	23	60.9	34.8	0	4.3	0	0
<b>State Tech. And Comprehensive Educ. System</b>								
Aiken	12%	44	50	34.1	15.9	0	0	0
Central Carolina	19%	89	52.3	36	11.6	0	0	0
Denmark	6%	16	60	33.3	6.7	0	0	0
Florence-Darlington	17%	65	47.7	32.3	18.5	0	0	1.5
Greenville	19%	159	47	39	7	3	3	1
Horry-Georgetown	17%	119	45.8	42.4	8.5	1.7	1.7	0
Midlands	20%	133	45.5	44.7	7.6	2.3	0	0
Northeastern	10%	22	31.8	68.2	0	0	0	0
Orangeburg-Calhoun	10%	32	43.3	43.3	10	0	3.3	0
Piedmont	4%	39	30.8	48.7	10.3	7.7	0	2.6
Spartanburg	8%	42	57.1	23.8	9.5	4.8	2.4	2.4
Tech. Coll of the Lwcntry	6%	15	66.7	20	0	13.3	0	0
Tri-County	15%	85	47	38.6	8.4	3.6	2.4	0
Trident	6%	79	46.8	40.5	8.9	2.5	1.3	0
Williamsburg	45%	46	45.7	52.2	2.2	0	0	0
York	20%	88	50	44.3	5.7	0	0	0

3. Students' Level of Satisfaction with General Education Program of Study.

Institution	% Survey Response Rate	Number of Responses to Question	General Education Program of Study					
			% Very Satisfied	% Satisfied	% Somewhat Satisfied	% Somewhat Dissatisfied	% Dissatisfied	% Very Dissatisfied
<b>Research Universities</b>								
Clemson	9%	169	18.9	49.1	27.2	4.1	0	0.6
USC-Columbia	8%	112	18.2	56.4	19.1	6.4	0	0
MUSC	30%	43	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Four-Year Colleges and Universities</b>								
Citadel	14%	84	24.1	53.2	19	2.5	0	1.3
Coastal Carolina	13%	91	23.1	63.7	11	2.2	0	0
Coll. Of Charleston	13%	252	31.8	50	15.1	3.1	0	0
Francis Marion	15%	154	21.5	64.4	13.4	0.7	0	0
Lander	11%	47	13	69.6	15.2	0	2.2	0
SC State	27%	151	10.8	71.6	14.2	2	0.7	0.7
USC Aiken	24%	132	24.4	55.3	14.6	2.4	2.4	0.8

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USC Beaufort	8%	6	66.7	33.3	0	0	0	0
USC Upstate	14%	99	33	44.3	20.6	0	1	1
Winthrop	22%	223	34.1	45.9	15.6	3.7	0.7	0
<b>Two-Year Institutions-Branches of USC</b>								
USC Lancaster	15%	17	47.1	52.9	0	0	0	0
USC Salkehatchie	16%	24	54.2	37.5	8.3	0	0	0
USC Sumter	30%	21	28.6	71.4	0	0	0	0
USC Union	38%	23	60.9	34.8	4.3	0	0	0
<b>State Tech. and Comprehensive Educ. System</b>								
Aiken	12%	44	45.5	36.4	15.9	0	2.3	0
Central Carolina	19%	89	39.1	44.8	13.8	2.3	0	0
Denmark	6%	16	26.7	66.7	6.7	0	0	0
Florence-Darlington	17%	65	40	35.4	20	3.1	0	1.5
Greenville	19%	159	30	52	16	1	1	1
Horry-Georgetown	17%	119	43.7	45.4	9.2	0.8	0.8	0
Midlands	20%	133	34.1	53	11.4	1.5	0	0
Northeastern	10%	31.8	50	13.6	4.5	0	0	0
Orangeburg-Calhoun	10%	32	36.7	50	6.7	3.3	3.3	0
Piedmont	4%	39	23.7	50	21.1	2.6	2.6	0
Spartanburg	8%	42	55	32.5	10	0	0	2.5
Tech. Coll of the Lwcntry	6%	15	50	28.6	14.3	7.1	0	0
Tri-County	15%	85	26.8	58.5	12.2	2.4	0	0
Trident	6%	79	34.2	51.9	11.4	2.5	0	0
Williamsburg	45%	46	39.1	58.7	2.2	0	0	0
York	20%	88	39.8	48.9	9.1	2.3	0	0

4. Students' Level of Satisfaction with Instruction in General Education.

Institution	% Survey Response Rate	Number of Responses to Question	Instruction in General Education					
			% Very Satisfied	% Satisfied	% Somewhat Satisfied	% Somewhat Dissatisfied	% Dissatisfied	% Very Dissatisfied
<b>Research Universities</b>								
Clemson	9%	169	15.4	53.3	24.9	0	5.3	1.2
USC-Columbia	8%	112	19.8	57.7	18	0	0	0
MUSC	30%	43	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Four-Year Colleges and Universities</b>								
Citadel	14%	84	31.6	51.9	12.7	1.3	1.3	1.3
Coastal Carolina Coll. Of Charleston	13%	91	26.4	61.5	12.1	0	0	0
Francis Marion	13%	252	30.4	53.5	12.7	3.1	0.4	0
Lander	15%	154	22.8	66.4	10.7	0	0	0
	11%	47	15.2	63	19.6	0	2.2	0

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Institution	% Survey Response Rate	Number of Responses to Question	Instruction in General Education					
			% Very Satisfied	% Satisfied	% Somewhat Satisfied	% Somewhat Dissatisfied	% Dissatisfied	% Very Dissatisfied
SC State	27%	151	6.8	78.4	2.7	8.8	2	1.4
USC Aiken	24%	132	25.6	55.4	13.1	4.6	0.8	1.5
USC Beaufort	8%	6	66.7	33.3	0	0	0	0
USC Upstate	14%	99	30.2	46.9	20.8	1	0	1
Winthrop	22%	223	28.1	54.8	5.2	3.7	0.7	0
<b>Two-Year Institutions-Branches of USC</b>								
USC Lancaster	15%	17	47.1	52.9	0	0	0	0
USC Salkehatchie	16%	24	50	41.7	8.3	0	0	0
USC Sumter	30%	21	47.6	47.6	4.8	0	0	0
USC Union	38%	23	60.9	39.1	0	0	0	0
<b>State Tech. and Comprehensive Educ. System</b>								
Aiken Tech	12%	44	43.2	36.4	18.2	0	2.3	0
Central Carolina	19%	89	44.3	43.2	12.5	0	0	0
Denmark	6%	16	26.7	66.7	6.7	0	0	0
Florence-Darlington	17%	65	38.5	44.6	12.3	3.1	0	1.5
Greenville	19%	159	29	54	14	1	2	0
Horry-Georgetown	17%	119	37.8	51.4	9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Midlands	20%	133	37.9	53	8.3	0.8	0	0
Northeastern	10%	22	31.8	63.6	4.5	0	0	0
Orangeburg-Calhoun	10%	32	32.3	58.1	3.2	6.5	0	0
Piedmont	4%	39	18.9	67.6	8.1	2.7	2.7	0
Spartanburg	8%	42	60	25	12.5	0	0	2.5
Tech. Coll of the Lwcntry	6%	15	53.8	38.5	7.7	0	0	0
Tri-County	15%	85	30.5	54.9	12.2	1.2	1.2	0
Trident	6%	79	38	49.4	10.1	2.5	0	0
Williamsburg	45%	46	41.3	56.5	2.2	0	0	0
York	20%	88	40.9	52.3	6.8	0	0	0

5. Students' Level of Satisfaction with the Overall Academic Experience.

Institution	% Survey Response Rate	Number of Responses to Question	Overall Academic Experience					
			% Very Satisfied	% Satisfied	% Somewhat Satisfied	% Somewhat Dissatisfied	% Dissatisfied	% Very Dissatisfied
<b>Research Universities</b>								
Clemson	9%	169	43.8	48.5	6.5	0	0	1.2
USC-Columbia	8%	112	32.7	55.5	8.2	1.8	1.8	0
MUSC	30%	43	38.1	50	9.5	0	2.4	0
<b>Four-Year Colleges and Universities</b>								

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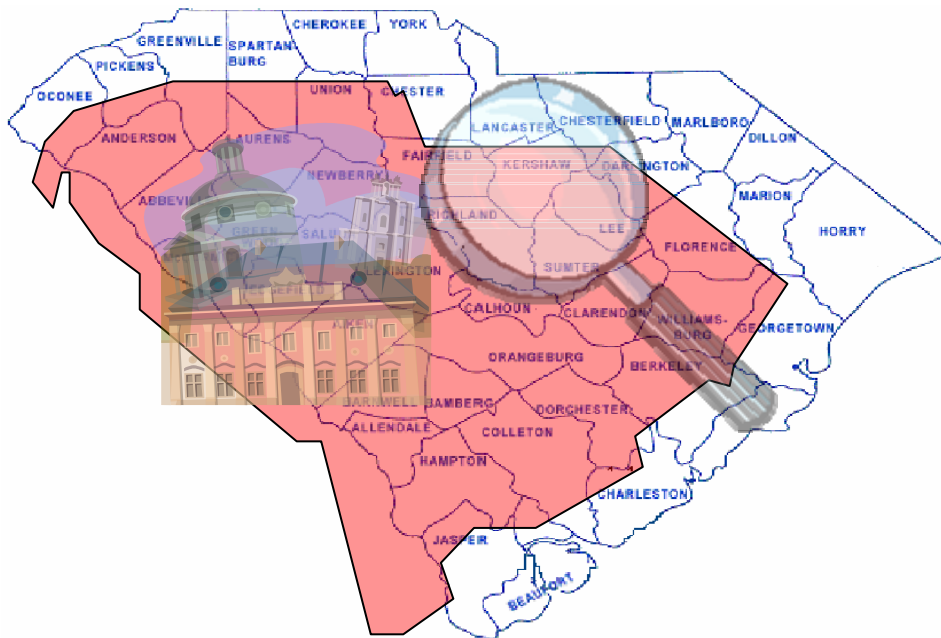
Institution	% Survey Response Rate	Number of Responses to Question	Overall Academic Experience					
			% Very Satisfied	% Satisfied	% Somewhat Satisfied	% Somewhat Dissatisfied	% Dissatisfied	% Very Dissatisfied
Citadel	14%	84	46.3	46.3	2.5	3.8	0	1.3
Coastal Carolina	13%	91	45.1	46.2	7.7	0	1.1	0
Coll. Of Charleston	13%	252	46.7	46.7	5.4	0.8	0.4	0
Francis Marion	15%	154	42.9	50.6	5.8	0.6	0	0
Lander	11%	47	47.2	43.5	6.5	2.2	2.2	0
SC State	27%	151	26.5	66.2	5.3	1.3	0.7	0
USC Aiken	24%	132	37	48.8	10.2	2.4	0	1.6
USC Beaufort	8%	6	66.7	33.3	0	0	0	0
USC Upstate	14%	99	44.4	38.4	13.1	3	0	1
Winthrop	22%	223	53.3	41.5	5.2	0	0	0
<b>Two-Year Institutions-Branches of USC</b>								
USC Lancaster	15%	17	52.9	47.1	0	0	0	0
USC Salkehatchie	16%	24	54.2	37.5	4.2	4.2	0	0
USC Sumter	30%	21	28.6	71.4	0	0	0	0
USC Union	74%	23	26.1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>State Tech. and Comprehensive Educ. System</b>								
Aiken	12%	44	39.5	41.9	18.6	0	0	0
Central Carolina	19%	89	55.1	38.2	5.6	1.1	0	0
Denmark	6%	16	53.3	40	6.7	0	0	0
Florence-								
Darlington	17%	65	48.4	35.9	12.5	0	3.1	0
Greenville	19%	159	43	42	11	3	1	1
Horry-								
Georgetown	17%	119	46.2	44.5	7.6	0.8	0	0.8
Midlands	20%	133	51.5	43.2	4.5	0.8	0	0
Northeastern	10%	22	31.8	63.6	4.5	0	0	0
Orangeburg-Calhoun	10%	32	38.7	48.4	9.7	3.2	0	0
Piedmont	4%	39	32.4	43.2	21.6	2.7	0	0
Spartanburg	8%	42	61	22	9.8	2.4	2.4	97.6
Tech. Coll of the Lwcntry	6%	15	60	20	13.3	0	6.7	0
Tri-County	15%	85	41	47	8.4	2.4	1.2	0
Trident	6%	79	49.4	38	10.1	1.3	1.3	0
Williamsburg	45%	46	43.5	54.3	2.2	0	0	0
York	20%	88	42	51.1	2.3	2.3	2.3	0

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# Section 4

## Institutional Cooperation and Collaboration



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### **Institutional Cooperation and Collaboration**

**Indicator 4A was deferred for all institutions in Year 10 (2005-2006) and Year 11(2006-07). The definitions and charts that follow are for previous Performance Funding years.**

**Indicators 4A – Sharing and use of Technology, Programs, Equipment, Supplies and Source Matter within the Institution, with Other Institutions and with the Business Community and 4B – Cooperation and Collaboration with Private Industry**, were scored as compliance indicators based on institutional reporting of activities in Performance Year 3. Given the nature of these indicators and the high level of compliance, they were put on a three-year scoring cycle, and were not scored in Years 4 and 5. During Year 5, the Commission approved continuing, for Year 6 and beyond, a revised measure of institutional cooperation and collaboration as a scored indicator tailored to each sector.

As described in the following excerpt from the “Performance Funding Workbook for Year 7, (p II, 83)”

Effective Year 7, measures and standards for each of the sectors were approved on September 5, 2002 (Research, Regional Campuses, and Technical Colleges) and on November 7, 2002 (Teaching). The research sector measure focuses on enhancing collaborative research within the sector and is intended to be followed for 5 years (Years 6-10). The teaching sector measure focuses on program advisory boards and program internships/co-ops to improve the cooperation and collaboration between the sector and the profit and non-profit sectors and is intended to be followed over 4 years (Years 7-10). The regional campuses sector measure focuses on strengthening the campuses community outreach efforts with the private and public sectors and is intended as a 4 year measure (Years 6-9). The technical colleges measure focuses on strengthening technical college program advisory committees through enhanced involvement of business, industry and community representatives and is intended as a 3 year measure (Years 7-9)

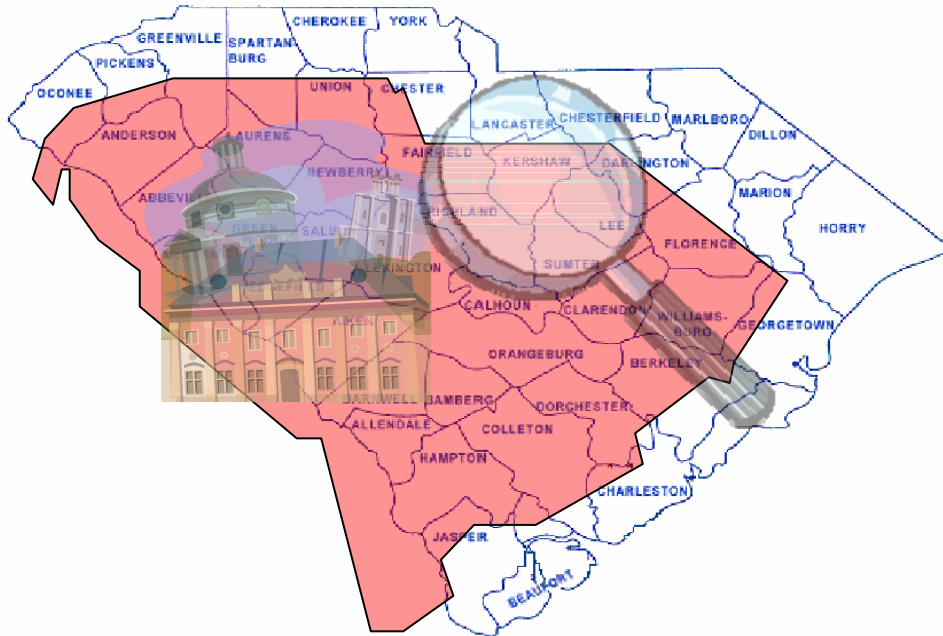
***It is important that the reader refer to the current Performance Funding Workbook, [http://www.che.sc.gov/Finance/Perf\\_Fund/Yr9WorkBook\\_Rev.htm](http://www.che.sc.gov/Finance/Perf_Fund/Yr9WorkBook_Rev.htm) (pages II 83 - II 113), to find information on the components and scoring of this indicator.***

**These measures were deferred for Year 10 (2005-06) and Year 11 (2006-07). For previous performance data, see *A Closer Look at Public Higher Education in South Carolina – January 2005*.**

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# Section 5

## Administrative Efficiency



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## **ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCY**

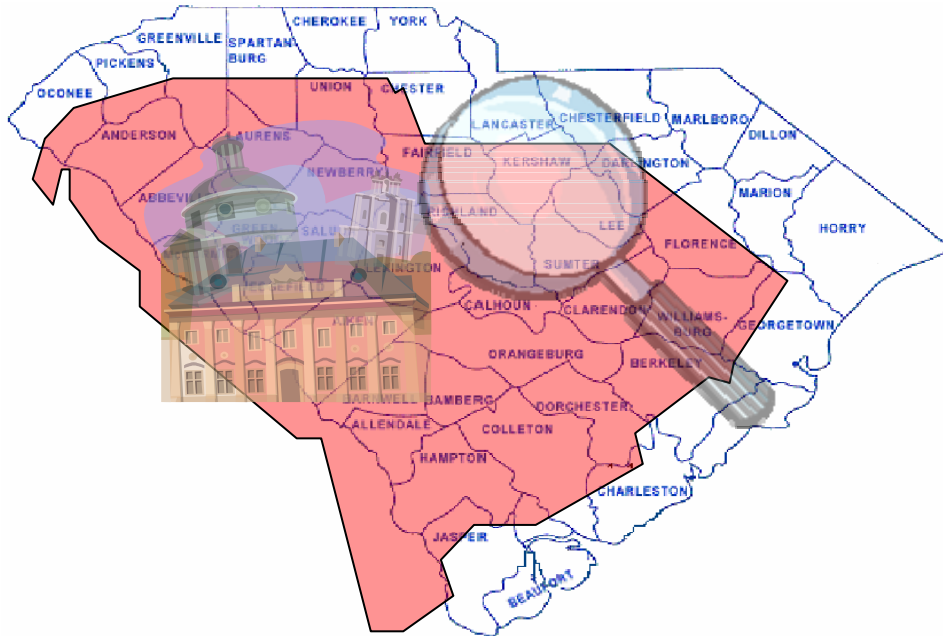
This performance indicator (5A) was deferred due to changes in federal reporting requirements for financial data. These changes affect all public higher education institutions, making comparisons to past data invalid. The changes are of such a nature as to render “administrative efficiency” as defined in the past impossible to evaluate. The indicator is under revision for future years. For definitions and standards used in past years, see pp. 133-135 of the September 2000 Performance Funding workbook.

Past performance on indicator 5A as previously defined can be found in the publication *A Closer Look at Public Higher Education in South Carolina – January 2003*.

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# Section 6 Entrance Requirements



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## ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Commission on Higher Education (CHE) collects data on institutions' entrance requirements, preparation of entering freshmen, and developmental course offerings. Portions of these data are used in performance funding evaluations for Critical Success Factor 6.

Effective in Year 6 (2001-02), Indicator 6A - SAT and ACT Scores of Entering Freshmen, and 6B – High School Standing, Grade Point Averages (GPA) were combined in a single indicator measuring entrance credentials of first-time entering freshmen. This indicator applies to the Research Sector (except MUSC), the Teaching Sector, and Two-Year Regional Campuses of USC. A comparable measure has been implemented for MUSC. See Figure 6.1 for additional details and data.

Act 255 of 1992, as amended, requires information to be reported on the “percent of graduate students who received undergraduate degrees at the institutions, within the State, within the United States, and from other nations.” This information can be found in Table 6.1, with three years of data shown.

Admission standards for South Carolina's public in-state institutions are addressed more thoroughly in Table 6.2, and Figures 6.3 and 6.4. The data excerpted here are from a report on admissions standards that is prepared annually by the Commission's Division of Academic Affairs and can be accessed at [www.che.sc.gov](http://www.che.sc.gov). A summary of the report is provided in the illustrations named above.

**Qualifications of Entering Freshmen**

**Performance Indicator 6A/B– SAT Scores of the Student Body/High School Standing, Grade Point Average, and Activities of the Student Body** measures the percentage of first-time freshmen who meet or exceed Commission-approved target scores on the SAT or ACT, high school grade point average, or high school class standing. The composite SAT and ACT scores for all first-time entering freshmen test takers including provisional students are considered. The data shown below are representative of SAT scores of 1000 and higher and ACT scores of 21 and higher, a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or class standing in the top 30%.

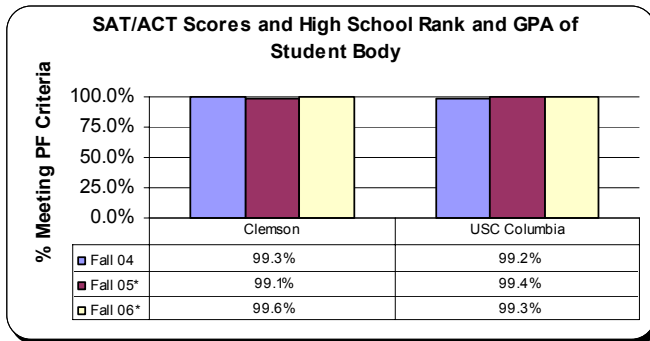
A comparable version of this measure was approved for MUSC beginning in Year 6. For MUSC, first-time entering graduate and first professional entering credentials are assessed. Scores on the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT-26.6), Dental Admission Test (DAT-34), Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT-200), Graduate Record Exam (GRE-1587 for all three parts), Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT-521), college GPA (at least 3.0 on a 4 point scale), and class standing (top 30%) are considered. The range for “Achieves” is 70% to 85%, and MUSC had 96.0% of its entering first-time graduate students and first professionals meeting the criteria in Year 9 (2004-05). **The measure was deferred for MUSC in Year 10 (2005-06) and Year 11 (2006-07).**

This measure is not applicable to the Technical College Sector.

**Figure 6.1 – SAT/ACT Scores and High School Rank and GPA of Student Body**

Source: CHEMIS Data

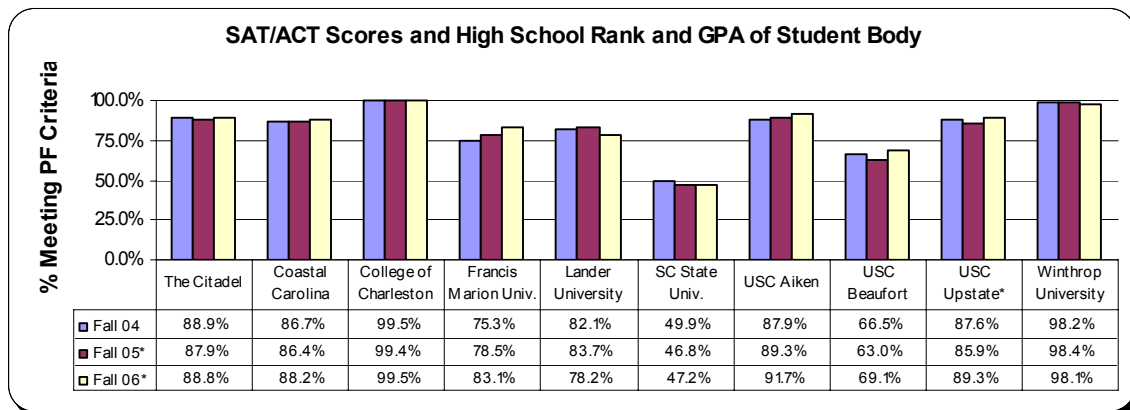
**Research Universities**



For Fall 2006 data, an “Achieves” range of 75% to 89.9% applied for Clemson and USC Columbia.

**Four-Year Colleges and Universities**

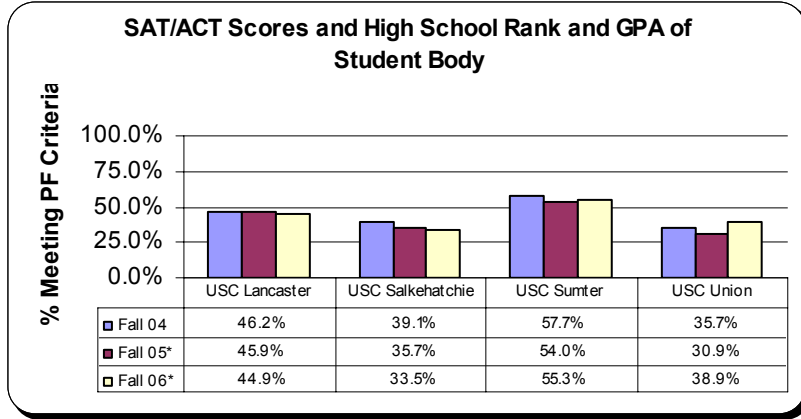
For Fall 2006 data, an “Achieves” range of 50% to 79.9% applied.



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**Two-Year Institutions-Regional Campuses of USC**

For Fall 2006 data, an “Achieves” range of 20% to 49.9% applied.



**Success of Students in Developmental Courses**

Students are usually enrolled in developmental courses because they have been determined by the institution to lack certain skills that are needed for college level work. None of the research or teaching universities provide such courses. Several senior institutions contract with a nearby technical college to offer some developmental courses. Students who complete such courses at technical colleges are not included in this report.

**Sources of First-Time Degrees for Graduate Students**

The following table summarizes the data on the sources of undergraduate degrees for first-time, degree-seeking graduates at the state’s public institutions.

**Table 6.1 Sources of First-Time Degrees for Graduate Students (Next Page)**

**Source: CHEMIS Data**

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Institution	Year	First-time, Degree-seeking Graduate Enrollment	Undergraduate Degrees Were Received From :									
			Reporting Institution		Other SC Institutions		Other U.S. Institutions		Non-U.S. Institutions		Unknown	
			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Research Universities</b>												
Clemson	Fall 04	752	140	18.62%	107	14.23%	238	31.65%	165	21.94%	102	13.56%
	Fall 05	745	185	24.83%	118	15.84%	249	33.42%	128	17.18%	65	8.72%
	Fall 06	894	178	19.91%	143	16.00%	299	33.45%	183	20.47%	91	10.18%
USC Columbia	Fall 04*	864	215	24.88%	211	24.42%	302	34.95%	33	3.82%	103	11.92%
	Fall 05*	888	0	0.00%	98	11.04%	37	4.17%	0	0.00%	753	84.80%
	Fall 06	913	0	0.00%	91	9.97%	39	4.27%	0	0.00%	783	85.76%
MUSC	Fall 04	316	0	0.00%	41	12.97%	269	85.13%	0	0.00%	6	1.90%
	Fall 05	341	0	0.00%	47	13.78%	289	84.75%	0	0.00%	5	1.47%
	Fall 06	296	0	0.00%	48	16.22%	246	83.11%	0	0.00%	2	0.68%
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>Fall 04</b>	<b>1932</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>18.37%</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>18.58%</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>41.87%</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>10.25%</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>10.92%</b>
	<b>Fall 05</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>9.37%</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>13.32%</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>29.13%</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>6.48%</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>41.69%</b>
	<b>Fall 06</b>	<b>2103</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>8.46%</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>13.41%</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>27.77%</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>8.70%</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>41.65%</b>
<b>Four-Year Colleges &amp; Universities</b>												
Citadel	Fall 04	236	12	5.08%	102	43.22%	84	35.59%	1	0.42%	37	15.68%
	Fall 05	190	11	5.79%	97	51.05%	68	35.79%	2	1.05%	12	6.32%
	Fall 06	156	14	8.97%	87	55.77%	48	30.77%	0	0.00%	7	4.49%
Coastal Carolina	Fall 04	55	0	0.00%	24	43.64%	21	38.18%	0	0.00%	10	18.18%
	Fall 05	79	0	0.00%	31	39.24%	29	36.71%	0	0.00%	19	24.05%
	Fall 06	118	0	0.00%	52	44.07%	45	38.14%	0	0.00%	21	17.80%
Coll. Of Charleston	Fall 04	134	34	25.37%	31	23.13%	65	48.51%	4	2.99%	0	0.00%
	Fall 05	157	42	26.75%	43	27.39%	69	43.95%	3	1.91%	0	0.00%
	Fall 06	149	35	23.49%	40	26.85%	71	47.65%	3	2.01%	0	0.00%
Francis Marion	Fall 04	26	11	42.31%	11	42.31%	4	15.38%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Fall 05	47	18	38.30%	22	46.81%	7	14.89%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Fall 06	45	17	37.78%	16	35.56%	12	26.67%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Lander	Fall 04	10	6	60.00%	3	30.00%	1	10.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Fall 05	8	4	50.00%	3	37.50%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	12.50%
	Fall 06	1	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	100.00%
SC State	Fall 04	88	4	4.55%	3	3.41%	2	2.27%	0	0.00%	79	89.77%
	Fall 05	151	13	8.61%	10	6.62%	2	1.32%	0	0.00%	126	83.44%
	Fall 06	130	29	22.31%	43	33.08%	8	6.15%	0	0.00%	50	38.46%
USC Aiken	Fall 04	12	0	0.00%	6	50.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	6	50.00%
	Fall 05	11	0	0.00%	2	18.18%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	9	81.82%
	Fall 06	10	0	0.00%	1	10.00%	1	10.00%	0	0.00%	8	80.00%
USC Upstate**	Fall 04	N/A	N/A	0.00%	N/A	0.00%	N/A	0.00%	N/A	0.00%	N/A	0.00%
	Fall 05	1	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Fall 06	N/A	N/A	0.00%	N/A	0.00%	N/A	0.00%	N/A	0.00%	N/A	0.00%
Winthrop	Fall 04	261	77	29.50%	62	23.75%	107	41.00%	7	2.68%	8	3.07%
	Fall 05	231	77	33.33%	47	20.35%	100	43.29%	7	3.03%	0	0.00%
	Fall 06	311	90	28.94%	77	24.76%	132	42.44%	8	2.57%	4	1.29%
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>Fall 04</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>17.52%</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>29.44%</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>34.55%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1.46%</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>17.03%</b>
	<b>Fall 05</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>18.86%</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>29.14%</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>31.54%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1.37%</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>19.09%</b>
*	<b>Fall 06</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>20.11%</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>34.35%</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>34.46%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1.20%</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>9.89%</b>

USC Columbia revised its reporting methodology for the Fall 2004 cohort.

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## Admission Standards

Annually, SC public institutions of higher education report to the Commission on Higher Education (CHE) on admission standards for first-time entering freshmen. The Division of Academic Affairs compiles a report, “Annual Report on Admission Standards for First-Time Entering Freshmen,” based on information submitted from institutions. A copy of the full report can be found at <http://www.che.sc.gov/> and then selecting the Division of Academic Affairs. Some of the data reported include high school course prerequisites for college admission taken by applicants, SAT/ACT scores of applicants, provisional admissions, and applications, acceptance and enrollment. Table 6.2 details the number and percentage of students who applied for and were offered admission at each public senior institution.

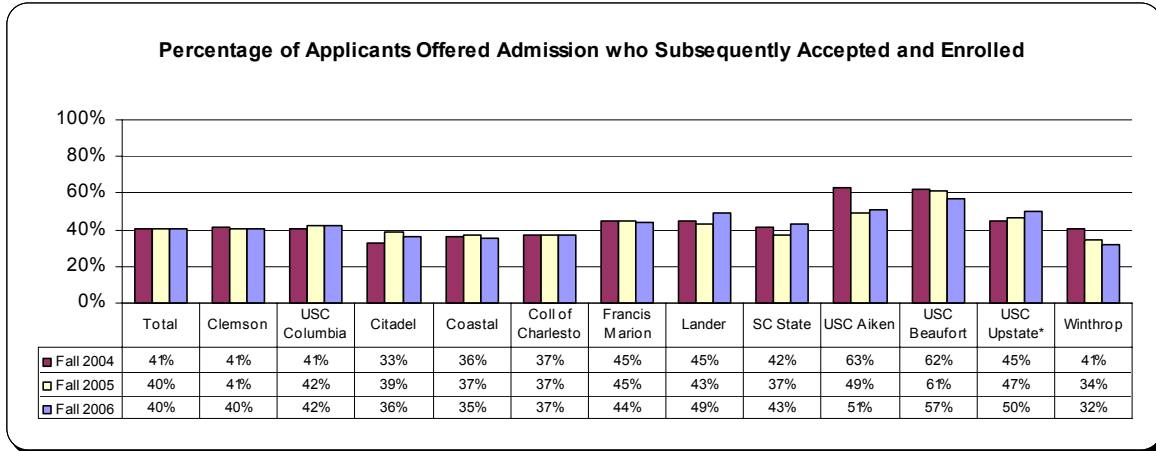
**Table 6.2 Applications and Admission Offers, SC Senior Public Institutions**  
Source: CHE’s “Annual Report on Admission Standards for First-time Entering Freshmen”

	Fall 2006			Fall 2005			Fall 2004		
	Applications Received	Number Offered Admission	Percent Offered Admission	Applications Received	Number Offered Admission	Percent Offered Admission	Applications Received	Number Offered Admission	Percent Offered Admission
<b>Research Institutions</b>									
Clemson	12,784	6,990	54.7%	12,463	7,154	57.4%	10,620	7,287	68.6%
USC Columbia	13,994	8,780	62.7%	13,023	8,813	67.7%	12,379	8,344	67.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,778</b>	<b>15,770</b>	<b>58.9%</b>	<b>25,486</b>	<b>15,967</b>	<b>62.7%</b>	<b>22,999</b>	<b>15,631</b>	<b>68.0%</b>
<b>Four-Yr Colleges and Universities</b>									
Citadel	1,999	1,490	74.5%	1,912	1,500	78.5%	2,173	1,718	79.1%
Coastal	6,218	4,238	68.2%	5,427	4,017	74.0%	5,059	3,679	72.7%
Coll of Charleston	8,675	5,332	61.5%	8,219	5,438	66.2%	8,076	5,238	64.9%
Francis Marion	2,692	1,799	66.8%	2,524	1,804	71.5%	2,179	1,658	76.1%
Lander	1,907	1,187	62.2%	1,853	1,345	72.6%	1,733	1,471	84.9%
SC State	2,592	2,049	79.1%	3,383	2,759	81.6%	4,364	2,308	52.9%
USC Aiken	2,412	1,330	55.1%	2,071	1,244	60.1%	1,779	978	55.0%
USC Beaufort	555	407	73.3%	464	404	87.1%	318	288	90.6%
USC Upstate*	2,433	1,601	65.8%	2,296	1,605	69.9%	2,249	1,484	66.0%
Winthrop	5,328	3,704	69.5%	4,303	2,985	69.4%	3,617	2,452	67.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,811</b>	<b>23,137</b>	<b>66.5%</b>	<b>32,452</b>	<b>23,101</b>	<b>71.2%</b>	<b>31,547</b>	<b>21,274</b>	<b>67.4%</b>
<b>Total for SC Senior Institutions</b>	<b>61,589</b>	<b>38,907</b>	<b>63.2%</b>	<b>57,938</b>	<b>39,068</b>	<b>67.4%</b>	<b>54,546</b>	<b>36,905</b>	<b>67.7%</b>

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**Figure 6.2 Percentage of Applicants Offered Admission who Subsequently Accepted and Enrolled**

Source: CHE’s “Annual Report on Admission Standards for First-time Entering Freshmen”



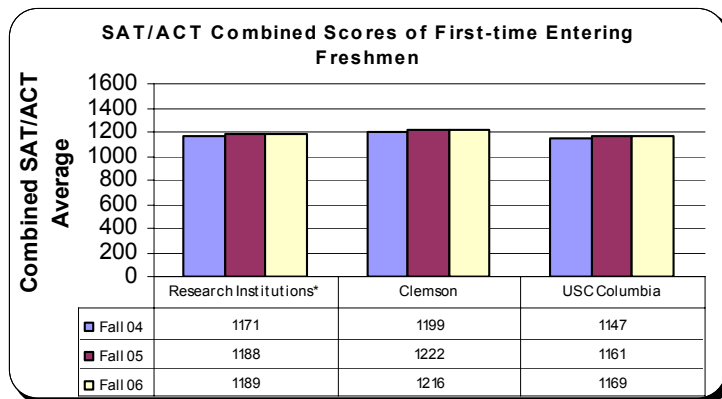
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Figure 6.3 shows a comparison of the average SAT or ACT combined scores of first-time entering freshmen for each institution for Fall 2004, 2005, and 2006. In order to calculate the average, ACT scores are converted to SAT equivalents using the ACT/SAT Concordance tables. SAT scores include the Verbal and Math exams. All entering freshmen including foreign, provisional, and students over 22 years old are included. The data in Figure 6.3 are reviewed annually by the CHE as part of its annual report on admission standards of first-time entering freshmen.

**Figure 6.3 Average SAT/ACT Combined Scores of All First-time Entering Freshmen for 4- and 2-year SC Public Institutions**

Source: From CHEMIS

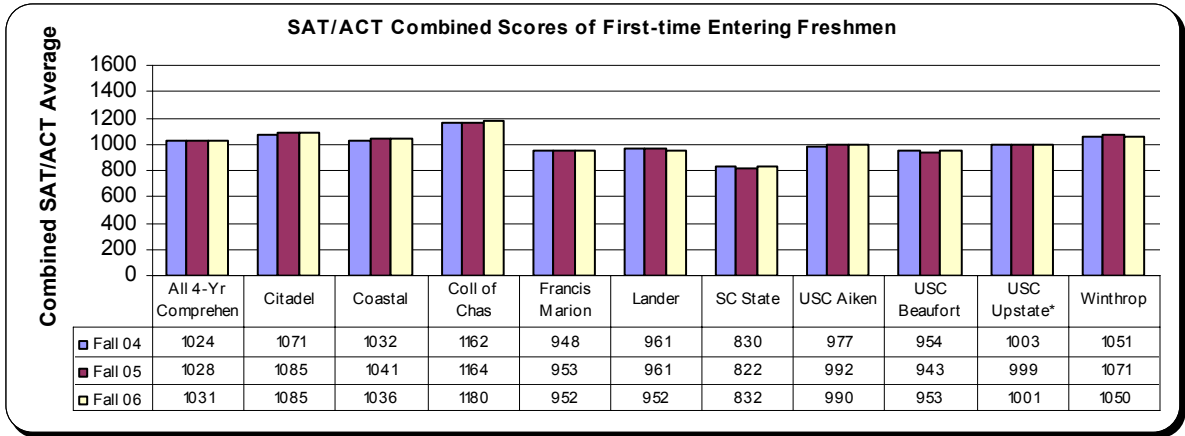
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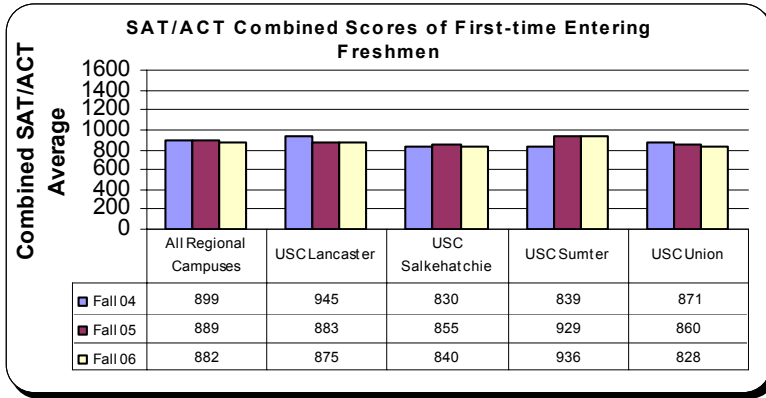


**Teaching Universities**



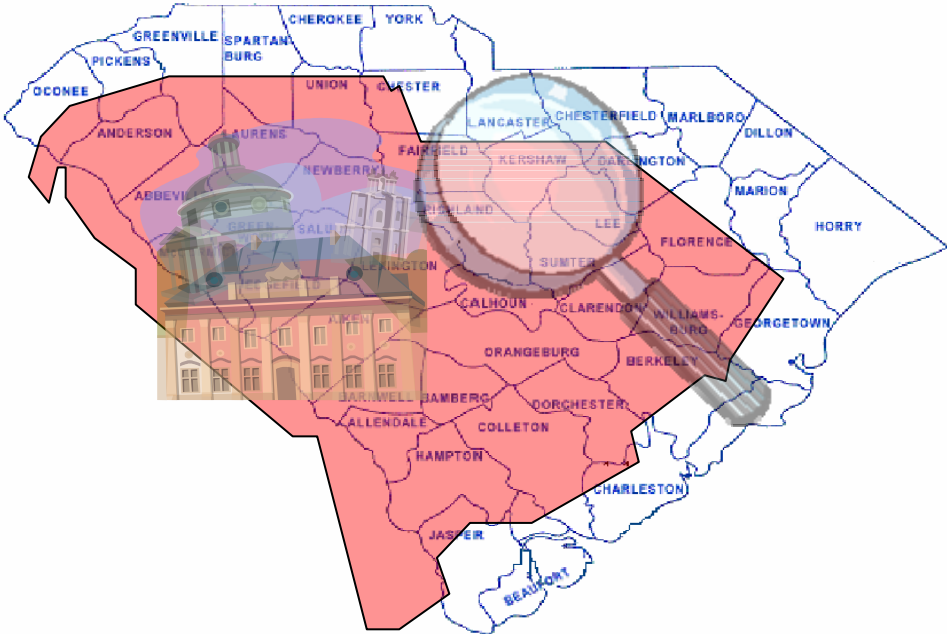
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**Two-Year Regional Campuses of USC**



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# Section 7 Graduates’ Achievements



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## GRADUATES’ ACHIEVEMENTS

The Commission on Higher Education (CHE) evaluates graduates’ achievements based on graduation rates (Performance Indicator 7A), scores on licensure and professional examinations (Performance Indicators 3E2a, 3E2b, and 7D), and, for the regional campuses of USC, the regional campus sector focused measure, 7E, Number of Graduates Who Continued Their Education. This measure, developed in Year 6, is a cohort-based measure of the percentage of students who earn a baccalaureate degree within six years from a four-year degree granting institution.

This past year, the graduation rate measure remained the same for the USC Columbia, Clemson, teaching institutions, and regional campuses. A measure of graduation rates of graduate students was implemented for MUSC in Year 6 (2001-2002). This measure captures the percentage of first-time, full-time graduate students, except those in Ph. D. programs, and first professional students who complete graduate degree programs within a specified timeframe.

For applicability in upcoming years, the Commission worked with two-year institutions in defining an expanded graduation rate measure better focused on the mission of South Carolina’s regional campuses and technical colleges. The measure is cohort-based, assessing graduation within 150% of normal program time, transfer-out within 150% of normal program time or continued enrollment following 150% of normal program time. The measure uses the same cohort of students as defined in graduation rate information presented on the following pages. During Year 6, baseline data were collected and measurement definitions were refined. The measures are presented by Sector in Figure 7.1.

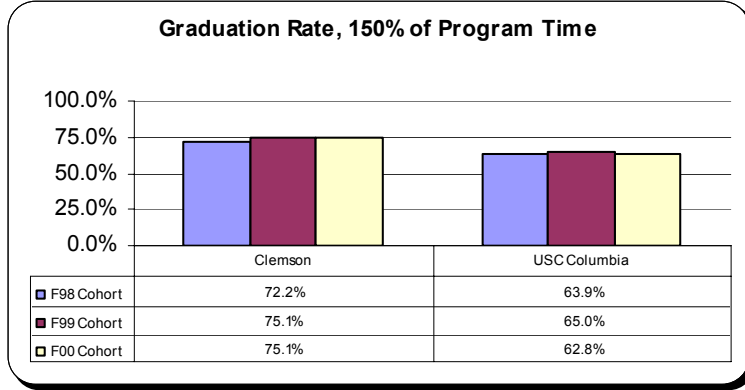
For additional information on degrees awarded, undergraduate and graduate, in South Carolina, the reader is referred to the CHE’s publication “Higher Education Statistical Abstract for South Carolina.” A copy of the 2006 edition and several past years are available on-line by selecting “Publications” on the Commission’s home page.

### Performance Funding Graduation Rate

For **Performance Funding Indicator 7A – Graduation Rates**, institutions are assessed based on the percentage of first-time, full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate freshmen receiving degrees within 150% of normal time. Generally, 150% of normal program time is three years for a two-year degree and six years for a four-year degree. Shown below are data from IPEDS. The reader should note that Figure 7.1 shows graduation results for students in cohorts entering in Fall 1998, 1999, and 2000 for four-year institutions and cohorts entering in Fall 2001, 2002, and 2003 for two-year institutions. Data for the 2000 and 2003 cohorts are comparable to the percents displayed for graduation within six years or 150% of normal time for the four-year institutions and within 150% of program time for the two-year institutions. A comparable indicator applied to MUSC was deferred for Year 10 (2005-2006) and Year 11 (2006 – 2007).

**Figure 7.1 - Performance Funding Indicator 7A – Graduation Rates**  
**Source: CHEMIS Data**

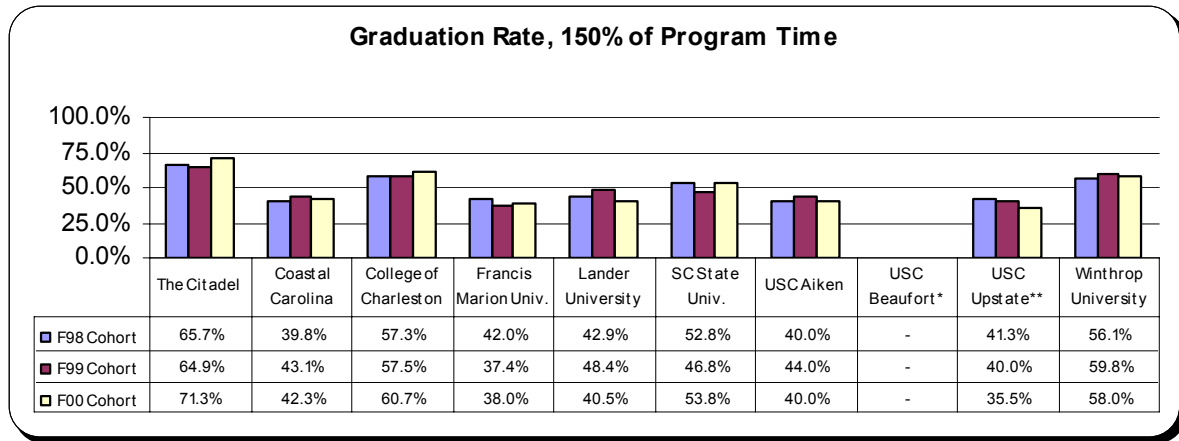
**Research Universities**



The figure displayed at left represents the percentage of first-time, full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate freshmen receiving degrees within 150% of program time. The range for an “Achieves” for the 2000 cohort was 64% to 67% for Clemson and 53% to 61% for USC. These ranges were based on national peer data for each.

**Four-Year Colleges and Universities**

The figure below displays the percentage of first-time, full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate freshmen receiving degrees at each four-year college and university within 150% of program time. The “Achieves” range for the 2000 cohort for these institutions was 36% to 49%. This range was based on data available from comparable four-year institutions.

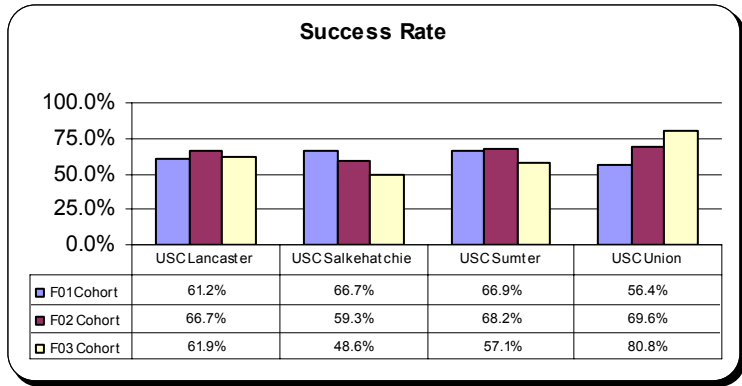


\*This measure does not apply to USC Beaufort during its transition to four-year status – see Indicator 7E.

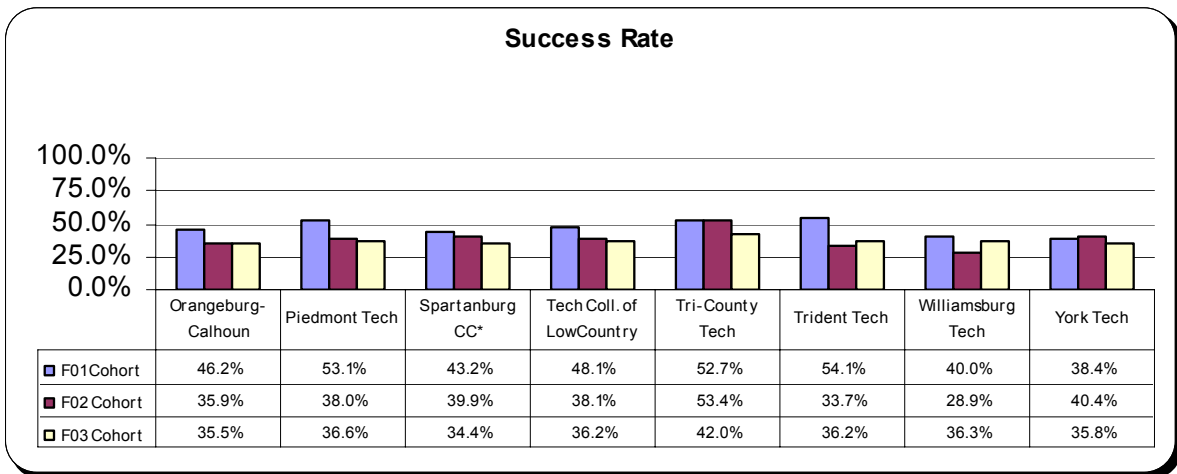
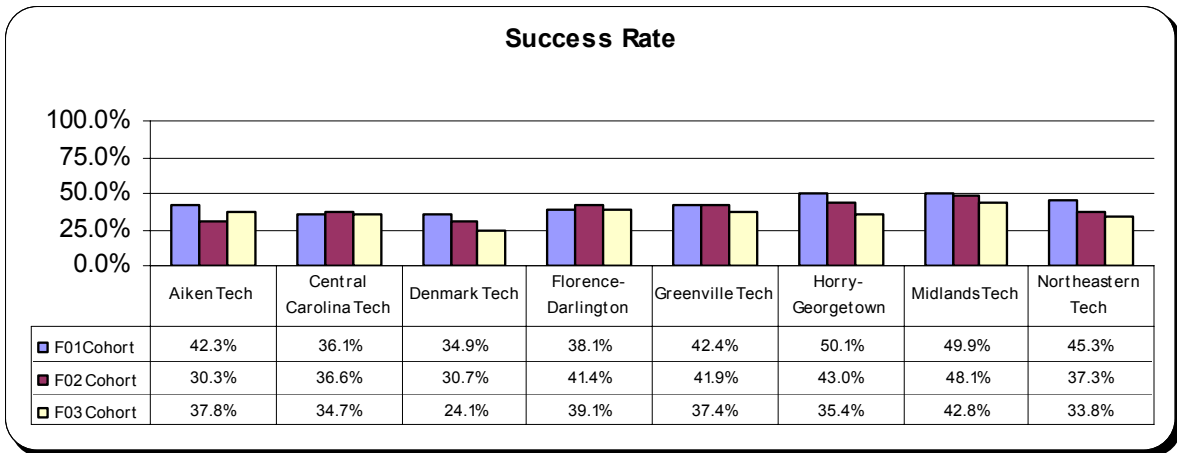
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**Two-Year Institutions-Regional Campuses of USC (Success Rate)**

The table at right displays those first-time, full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate freshmen graduating within 150% of normal program time, transferred out within 150% of normal program time or continued enrollment following 150% of normal program time. The “Achieves” range for the 2002 cohort for these institutions was 50% to 65%. *The data for the F03 cohort incorporates only in-state transfers and is not comparable to past years.*



**State Technical and Comprehensive Education System (Success Rate)** The figures below represent the percent of first-time, full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate freshmen who graduated within 150% of normal program time, transferred out within 150% of normal program time or continued enrollment following 150% of normal program time. The “Achieves” range for the 2003 cohort for these institutions was 30% to 45%. *The data for the F03 cohort incorporates only in-state transfers and is not comparable to past years..*

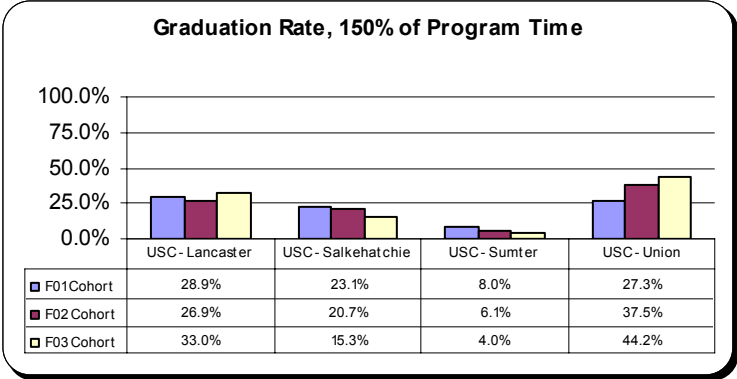


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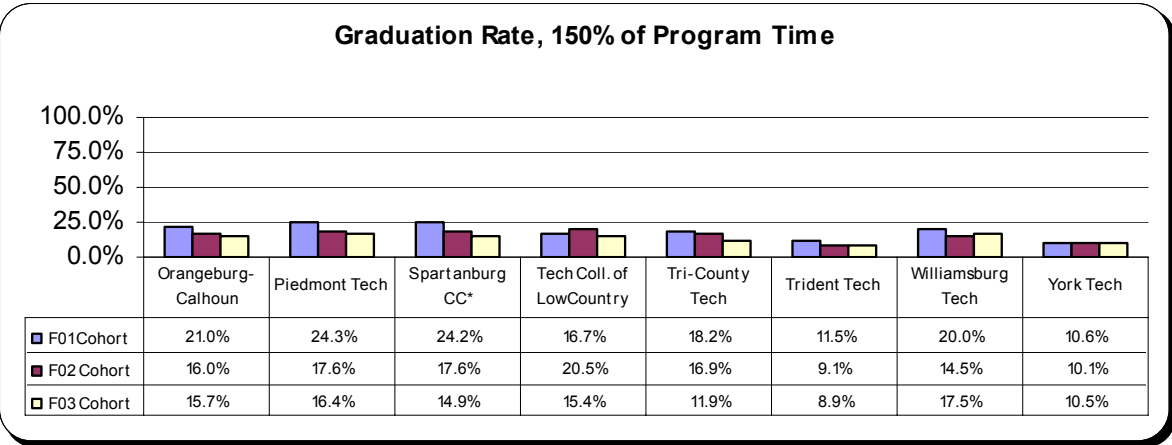
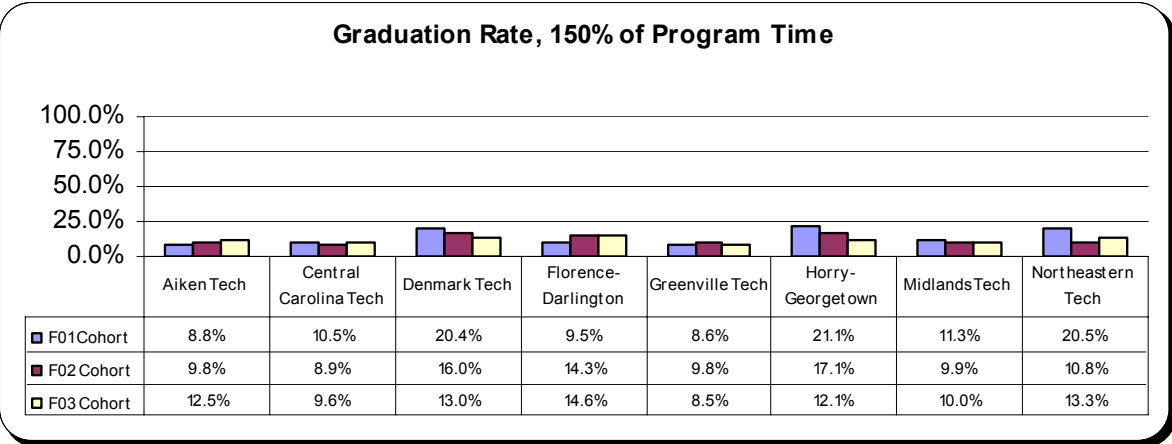
**Figure 7.2 – Graduation Within 150% of Program Time (GRS Rate), Regional Campuses of USC and Technical Colleges**

These charts present the GRS graduation rates for the Regional and Technical College sectors. These data were not used in calculating performance scores.

**Regional Campuses**



**Technical Colleges**



\*Formerly Spartanburg Technical College



## Graduation Rate – Research, Teaching, and Two-Year Institutions (Southern Regional Education Board)

### Southern Regional Education Board States Compared to South Carolina

South Carolina is a member of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), which is comprised of 16 states in the southeast. The SREB collects data on an annual basis on various types of information from all member institutions and publishes it in their “SREB State Data Exchange.” The following table (7.1) on graduation rates is taken from the December, 2007, publication.

**Table 7.1 - Southern Regional Education Board States Compared to South Carolina**  
Source: 2006 SREB State Data Exchange

### Student Progression Rates, Full-Time, First-Time, Bachelor's Seeking Undergraduates<sup>1</sup> All Public Four-Year Colleges and Universities, 2000 Cohort

	Percent of Total First-Time Freshmen in Cohort	Student Progression Rate <sup>2</sup>	Percent Completing a Bachelor's at Institution of Initial Enrollment	Percent Still Enrolled at Institution of Initial Enrollment	Percent Transfers	All Other	Total
SREB states	93	74	52	5	17	26	100
Alabama	93	68	49		19	32	100
Arkansas	97	68	38	6	24	32	100
Delaware	89	69	69			31	100
Florida	94	75	59	7	9	25	100
Georgia	88	76	49	5	21	24	100
Kentucky	82	66	47	6	13	34	100
Louisiana	95	62	36	8	18	38	100
Maryland	98	66	60	3	4	34	100
Mississippi	97	54	49	5		46	100
North Carolina	99	75	59	3	13	25	100
Oklahoma	83	81	48	5	28	19	100
South Carolina	98	77	60	2	15	23	100
Tennessee	93	71	48	10	14	29	100
Texas	94	85	50	6	28	15	100
Virginia	98	83	67	3	14	17	100
West Virginia	75	67	47	5	15	33	100

<sup>1</sup> The SREB student progression rate includes completers, those still enrolled and transfers from the cohort within 150 percent of normal time. Members of the initial cohort who are deceased, totally and permanently disabled, left school to serve in the armed forces or the federal foreign aid service such as the Peace Corps, or who left school to serve on an official church mission are subtracted from the cohort before percentages are calculated. Members of the initial cohort who completed only an award below the baccalaureate level and those who completed a bachelor's but not within 150 percent of normal time are not counted in the columns shown.

<sup>2</sup> Within 150 percent of normal time.

**Graduation Rate – Senior and Two-Year Institutions - Southern Regional  
Education Board (cont.)**

**Student Progression Rates,  
Full-Time, First-Time, Degree or Certificate Seeking Undergraduates,<sup>1</sup>  
All Public Two-Year, 2003 Cohort**

	Percent of Total First-Time Freshmen in Cohort	Student Progression Rate <sup>2</sup>	Percent Completing a Degree/ Certificate at Institution of Initial Enrollment	Percent Still Enrolled at Institution of Initial Enrollment	Percent Transfers	All Other	Total
SREB states	55	47	16	13	17	53	100
Alabama	77	45	19		26	55	100
Arkansas	66	48	20	14	14	52	100
Delaware	59	8	8			92	100
Florida	57	57	30	15	12	43	100
Georgia	72	53	13	12	28	47	100
Kentucky	72	41	16	15	10	59	100
Louisiana	64	44	4	16	24	56	100
Maryland	58	54	7	21	26	46	100
Mississippi							
North Carolina	30	30	20		11	70	100
Oklahoma	60	49	18	11	20	51	100
South Carolina	67	41	12	18	11	59	100
Tennessee	79	43	12	17	14	57	100
Texas	53	48	12	16	20	52	100
Virginia	61	45	15	18	12	55	100
West Virginia	81	42	14	12	16	59	102

<sup>1</sup> The SREB student progression rate includes completers, those still enrolled and transfers from the cohort within 150 percent of normal time. Members of the initial cohort who are deceased, totally and permanently disabled, left school to serve in the armed forces or the federal foreign aid service such as the Peace Corps, or who left school to serve on an official church mission are subtracted from the cohort before percentages are calculated. Members of the initial cohort who completed only an award below the baccalaureate level and those who completed a bachelor's but not within 150 percent of normal time are not counted in the columns shown.

<sup>2</sup> Within 150 percent of normal time.

**Student Performance on Professional Examinations**

The following tables (7.2 - 7.4) summarize graduates’ performances on various professional examinations. These examinations are designed to measure minimum knowledge necessary for licensing or to practice in the designated profession. Institutions are required to report data on first-time test takers (with the exception of the PRAXIS Series, which includes all test takers) for the set time period. The Commission on Higher Education (CHE) obtains comparable data (when available) on national and state pass rates for each exam reported. These data are displayed in Table 7.3. The following table lists data from each institution on individual exams taken between April 1 – March 31 of the years reported. For **Performance Funding Indicator 7D – Scores of Graduates on Post-Undergraduate Professional, Graduate, or Employment-Related Examinations and Certification Tests**, data displayed in Table 7.2 are collapsed by CHE to provide a single overall passing average for institutions as shown in Table 7.4.

**Table 7.2 – Student Performance on Professional Examinations by Exam by Year for SC’s Public Institutions**

**Source: Institutional IE Reports to CHE**

The following table lists data from each institution on individual exams taken between April 1 – March 31 of the years reported. Exam data from the most recent three-year period are included. Data for exams reported in timeframes not corresponding to the April-March period (e.g., “Jan-Jun 2006” or “ongoing during 2006 or 2007”) were included as data reported from April to December of the year reported.

		<i>Exams taken between April 1 and March 31 of year listed</i>								
Exam Title	Institution	2006-2007			2005-2006			2004-2005		
		#	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	%
		Tested	Passing	Passing	Tested	Passing	Passing	Tested	Passing	Passing
ACC National Certif. Exam. in Nurse Midwifery	MUSC	4	4	100.0%	9	9	100.0%	2	1	50.0%
Aircraft Maintenance - Airframe	Greenville Tech	5	5	100.0%	1	1	100.0%	1	1	100.0%
	Trident Tech	1	1	100.0%	26	26	100.0%	14	14	100.0%
Aircraft Maintenance - General	Greenville Tech	6	5	83.3%	3	3	100.0%	2	2	100.0%
	Trident Tech	1	1	100.0%	26	26	100.0%	14	14	100.0%
Aircraft Maintenance - Powerplant	Greenville Tech	10	10	100.0%	5	5	100.0%	4	4	100.0%
	Trident Tech	1	1	100.0%	26	26	100.0%	14	14	100.0%
American Bd of Cardiovascular Perfusion Exam Part I (PBSE)	MUSC	9	8	88.9%	4	4	100.0%	4	4	100.0%
American Bd of Cardiovascular Perfusion Exam Part II (CAPE)	MUSC	5	5	100.0%	2	2	100.0%	5	5	100.0%
Barbering	Denmark Tech	0	0		1	1	100.0%	4	4	100.0%
Certification Exam. For Entry Level Respiratory Therapy Practitioners (CRTT)	Florence-Darlington	15	11	73.3%	8	7	87.5%	9	7	77.8%
	Greenville Tech	11	11	100.0%	14	10	71.4%	10	10	100.0%
	Midlands Tech	13	12	92.3%	11	11	100.0%	7	6	85.7%

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*Exams taken between April 1 and March 31 of year listed*

Exam Title	Institution	2006-2007			2005-2006			2004-2005		
		#	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	%
		Tested	Passing	Passing	Tested	Passing	Passing	Tested	Passing	Passing
Certification Exam. For Entry Level Respiratory Therapy Practitioners (CRTT) (cont.)	Orangeburg-Calhoun	16	15	93.8%	14	11	78.6%	8	6	75.0%
	Piedmont Tech	12	9	75.0%	12	12	100.0%			
	Spartanburg CC	7	7	100.0%				9	8	88.9%
	Tri-County Tech	17	9	52.9%	13	9	69.2%	15	8	53.3%
	Trident Tech	14	14	100.0%	12	11	91.7%	11	8	72.7%
Certified Medical Assistant Exam.	Central Carolina	11	11	100.0%	2	2	100.0%	4	4	100.0%
	Midlands Tech	11	9	81.8%	10	9	90.0%	4	4	100.0%
	Orangeburg-Calhoun	17	9	52.9%	4	3	75.0%	7	4	57.1%
	Spartanburg CC	8	8	100.0%	13	11	84.6%	12	11	91.7%
	Tri-County Tech	13	13	100.0%	14	13	92.9%	10	7	70.0%
Trident Tech	16	16	100.0%	23	21	91.3%	22	20	90.9%	
Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA)	Greenville Tech	29	27	93.1%	11	10	90.9%	14	12	85.7%
	Trident Tech	8	8	100.0%	14	13	92.9%	3	3	100.0%
Clinical Laboratory Technician, NCA	Greenville Tech	0	0							
	Trident Tech	0	0							
Cosmetology Examination	Denmark Tech	30	24	80.0%	4	4	100.0%	12	8	66.7%
	Florence-Darlington Tech Coll of Low Ctry	41	36	87.8%	16	16	100.0%	22	22	100.0%
	Trident Tech	0	0		11	11	100.0%	16	15	93.8%
	Williamsburg Tech	8	8	100.0%	13	13	100.0%	20	18	90.0%
	Trident Tech	17	14	82.4%	4	4	100.0%	2	2	100.0%
Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists Exam.	USC-Columbia	N/A	N/A							
	MUSC	15	12	80.0%	20	19	95.0%	20	19	95.0%
Emergency Medical Technician - NREMT Basic	Greenville Tech	32	23	71.9%	32	25	78.1%	28	19	67.9%
Emergency Medical Technician - NREMT Intermediate	Greenville Tech	11	8	72.7%	41	28	68.3%	28	22	78.6%
Emergency Medical Technician - NREMT Paramedic	Greenville Tech	24	20	83.3%	41	31	75.6%	14	13	92.9%
Medical Laboratory Technician, ASCP	Florence-Darlington Tech	5	4	80.0%	5	5	100.0%	4	4	100.0%
	Greenville Tech	8	7	87.5%	5	5	100.0%	7	5	71.4%
	Midlands Tech	6	6	100.0%	8	7	87.5%	5	5	100.0%
	Orangeburg-Calhoun	8	8	100.0%	6	6	100.0%	6	5	83.3%
	Spartanburg CC	8	8	100.0%	7	7	100.0%	12	12	100.0%

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*Exams taken between April 1 and March 31 of year listed*

Exam Title	Institution	2006-2007			2005-2006			2004-2005		
		#	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	%
		Tested	Passing	Passing	Tested	Passing	Passing	Tested	Passing	Passing
Medical Laboratory Technician, ASCP (cont.)	Tri-County Tech	11	11	100.0%	10	8	80.0%	13	13	100.0%
	Trident Tech	6	6	100.0%	5	5	100.0%	8	8	100.0%
	York Tech	7	7	100.0%	5	5	100.0%			
Multi-State Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam (MPJE)	USC-Columbia	127	119	93.7%	105	95	90.5%	114	102	89.5%
	MUSC	116	109	94.0%	98	89	90.8%	42	41	97.6%
National Board Dental Exam. Part I	MUSC	54	47	87.0%	58	56	96.6%	52	49	94.2%
National Board Dental Exam. Part II	MUSC	58	56	96.6%	52	51	98.1%	50	47	94.0%
National Bd for Dental Hygiene Exam.	Florence-Darlington Greenville Tech	14	10	71.4%	15	14	93.3%	15	14	93.3%
	Horry-Georgetown	23	23	100.0%	32	31	96.9%	26	20	76.9%
	Midlands Tech	16	13	81.3%	16	16	100.0%	16	12	75.0%
	Trident Tech	23	22	95.7%	20	20	100.0%	24	24	100.0%
	York Tech	21	18	85.7%	23	20	87.0%	24	23	95.8%
	York Tech	16	16	100.0%	9	8	88.9%	15	15	100.0%
National Council Licensure Exam.-Practical Nurse	Aiken Tech							17	15	88.2%
	Central Carolina	15	15	100.0%				23	23	100.0%
	Florence-Darlington Greenville Tech	180	176	97.8%	14	13	96.8%	82	81	98.8%
	Horry-Georgetown	67	67	100.0%	93	90	95.8%	68	67	98.5%
	Midlands Tech	33	31	93.9%	23	22	95.7%	93	85	91.4%
	Northwestern <sup>1</sup>	61	60	98.4%	51	51	100.0%	61	61	100.0%
	Orangeburg-Calhoun	15	15	100.0%	20	17	85.0%	14	12	85.7%
	Piedmont Tech	22	22	100.0%	30	29	96.7%	29	26	89.7%
	Spartanburg CC	0	0		70	65	92.9%	65	54	83.1%
	Tech Coll of Low Ctry	N/A	N/A					36	34	94.4%
	Tri-County Tech	20	20	100.0%	22	22	100.0%	10	10	100.0%
	Trident Tech	35	30	85.7%	34	32	94.1%	26	26	100.0%
	York Tech	29	29	100.0%	24	24	100.0%	33	33	100.0%
York Tech	4	39	975.0%	13	13	100.0%	14	14	100.0%	
National Council Licensure Exam.-Registered Nurse (BSN)	Clemson	110	99	90.0%	99	82	82.8%	116	97	83.6%
	USC-Columbia	122	111	91.0%	95	91	95.8%	87	68	78.2%
	MUSC	96	89	92.7%	123	116	94.3%	99	99	100.0%
	Francis Marion Univ.	32	29	90.6%	27	25	92.6%	21	21	100.0%
	Lander	27	26	96.3%						
	SC State	9	8	88.9%	10	5	50.0%	15	4	26.7%
	USC-Aiken	72	56	77.8%	60	53	88.3%	55	50	90.9%
USC-Upstate	112	92	82.1%	144	112	77.8%	106	91	85.8%	

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		#	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	%
		Tested	Passing	Passing	Tested	Passing	Passing	Tested	Passing	Passing
National Council Licensure Exam.- Registered Nurse (ADN)  ***USC-Lancaster only	USC-Lancaster / York Tech <sup>2</sup>	28	27	96.4%	12	12	100.0%	13	12	92.3%
	Central Carolina	52	49	94.2%	53	46	86.8%	55	51	92.7%
	Florence-Darlington	202	182	90.1%	122	99	81.1%	136	108	79.4%
	Greenville Tech	199	180	90.5%	221	200	90.5%	225	209	92.9%
	Horry-Georgetown	109	79	72.5%	55	41	74.5%	14	14	100.0%
	Midlands Tech	109	108	99.1%	112	105	93.8%	90	88	97.8%
	Orangeburg-Calhoun	41	41	100.0%	40	40	100.0%	37	37	100.0%
	Piedmont Tech	69	68	98.6%	54	47	87.0%	59	45	76.3%
	Tech Coll of Low Ctry	44	38	86.4%	40	38	95.0%	39	34	87.2%
	Tri-County Tech	45	44	97.8%	72	61	84.7%	79	49	62.0%
Trident Tech	153	142	92.8%	110	105	95.5%	165	139	84.2%	
York Tech	25	23	92.0%	110	105	85.0%	165	139	95.8%	
National Physical Therapist Licensing Exam. (PT)	MUSC	51	37	72.5%	45	28	62.2%			
National Physical Therapist Assistant Exam (PTA)	USC-Columbia	8	6	75.0%						
	Greenville Tech	36	32	88.9%	28	26	92.9%	35	28	80.0%
	Midlands Tech	9	8	88.9%	10	10	100.0%	8	7	87.5%
	Piedmont Tech	61	54	88.5%	13	13	100.0%			
Trident Tech	13	11	84.6%	13	13	100.0%				
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Exam.	MUSC	2	2	100.0%						
North American Pharmacist Licensure Exam. (NAPLEX)	USC-Columbia	73	69	94.5%	116	110	94.8%	67	66	98.5%
	MUSC	72	68	94.4%	63	58	92.1%	49	48	98.0%
Nuclear Medicine Technology, ARRT	Midlands Tech	19	19	100.0%	13	13	100.0%	9	9	100.0%
	Horry-Georgetown	6	5	83.3%				1	1	100.0%
Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board Exam.	Midlands Tech	20	20	100.0%	16	16	100.0%	16	16	100.0%
Nurse Aid Competency Evaluation Program (NACEP)	Orangeburg-Calhoun	31	31	100.0%	18	18	100.0%	8	8	100.0%
	Tech Coll of Low Ctry	0	0					27	24	88.9%
Occupational Therapy, Registered (OTR)	MUSC	45	44	97.8%	14	14	100.0%	29	27	93.1%
Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam.	MUSC	50	50	100.0%	44	44	100.0%	41	36	87.8%
PRAXIS Series II: Subject Assessment/Specialty Area Tests	Clemson	120	109	90.8%	708	614	86.7%	672	584	86.9%
	USC-Columbia	615	585	95.1%	442	411	93.0%	443	432	97.5%

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Exam Title	Institution	2006-2007			2005-2006			2004-2005		
		#	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	%
		Tested	Passing	Passing	Tested	Passing	Passing	Tested	Passing	Passing
PRAXIS Series II: Subject Assessment/Specialty Area Tests (cont.)	The Citadel	157	134	85.4%	134	115	85.8%	111	89	80.2%
	Coastal Carolina Coll. of Charleston	318	280	88.1%	253	220	87.0%	179	154	86.0%
	Francis Marion	381	354	92.9%	427	402	94.1%	429	404	94.2%
	Lander	118	101	85.6%	132	118	89.4%	103	66	64.1%
	SC State	29	24	82.8%	24	18	75.0%	33	21	63.6%
	USC-Aiken	28	28	100.0%	34	34	100.0%	45	45	100.0%
	USC-Upstate	162	145	89.5%	166	132	79.5%	135	125	92.6%
	Winthrop	182	168	92.3%	273	238	87.2%	271	231	85.2%
		357	332	93.0%	486	456	93.8%	377	360	95.5%
	PRAXIS- Specialty Area (Speech-Language Path.)	MUSC	25	25	100.0%	24	23	95.8%	17	17
Radiography Exam., ARRT	Florence-Darlington Greenville Tech	20	18	90.0%	15	13	86.7%	17	16	94.1%
	Horry-Georgetown	24	24	100.0%	26	25	96.2%	19	19	100.0%
	Midlands Tech	23	21	91.3%	16	13	81.3%	20	17	85.0%
	Orangeburg-Calhoun	7	7	100.0%	11	11	100.0%	11	11	100.0%
	Piedmont Tech	12	12	100.0%	17	17	100.0%	14	12	85.7%
	Spartanburg CC	16	16	100.0%	16	14	87.5%	10	8	80.0%
	Tech of the Lowcountry	14	14	100.0%	8	8	100.0%	10	10	100.0%
	Trident Tech	11	11	100.0%	11	11	100.0%			
	York Tech	32	22	68.8%	18	10	55.6%	17	13	76.5%
		9	9	100.0%	9	9	100.0%	10	10	100.0%
Registered Health Information Technician (Formerly Accredited Record Technician)	Florence-Darlington Greenville Tech	7	1	14.3%	4	2	50.0%			
	Midlands Tech	16	10	62.5%	3	3	100.0%			
		1	1	100.0%	8	4	50.0%	5	5	100.0%
Registry Exam. For Advanced Respiratory Therapy Practitioners (RRT) - Clinical Simulation (previously known as "Respiratory Care Adv.-Clinical Simulation")	Florence-Darlington Greenville Tech	7	1	14.3%						
	Midlands Tech	8	5	62.5%	11	8	72.7%	6	6	100.0%
	Orangeburg-Calhoun	9	9	100.0%	11	11	100.0%	11	11	100.0%
	Piedmont Tech	1	1	100.0%	1	1	100.0%			
	Spartanburg CC	5	5	100.0%	2	2	100.0%	11	11	100.0%
	Trident Tech	12	8	66.7%	8	7	87.5%	12	7	58.3%
		N/A	N/A							
Registry Exam. for Advanced Respiratory Therapy Practitioners (RRT) - Written Registry	Florence-Darlington Greenville Tech	0	0							
		10	7	70.0%	11	9	81.8%	6	6	100.0%

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*Exams taken between April 1 and March 31 of year listed*

Exam Title	Institution	2006-2007			2005-2006			2004-2005		
		#	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	%
		Tested	Passing	Passing	Tested	Passing	Passing	Tested	Passing	Passing
Registry Exam. for Advanced Respiratory Therapy Practitioners (RRT) - Written Registry (cont.)	Midlands Tech Orangeburg-Calhoun	9	9	100.0%	11	11	100.0%			
		1	1	100.0%	1	1	100.0%			
	Piedmont Tech Spartanburg	5	5	100.0%	2	2	100.0%			
	CC	12	5	41.7%	12	7	58.3%	10	6	60.0%
South Carolina Board of Law Examination	USC-Columbia	503	403	80.1%	497	410	82.5%	445	373	83.8%
Cytotechnology (ASCP) <i>In 2001-2002, changed from "Specialist in Cytotechnology."</i>	MUSC	11	10	90.9%	10	10	100.0%	13	13	100.0%
SRTA Regional Exam. for Dental Hygienists	Florence-Darlington Greenville	14	14	100.0%	15	14	93.3%	10	10	100.0%
	Tech	0	0		21	20	95.2%	57	55	96.5%
	Horry-Georgetown	16	15	93.8%	16	15	93.8%	16	14	87.5%
	Midlands Tech	0	0		41	39	95.1%	21	20	95.2%
	Trident Tech	21	21	100.0%	45	45	100.0%			
	York Tech	15	14	93.3%	9	9	100.0%	15	15	100.0%
State Board Dental Exam-SRTA Exam	MUSC	46	44	95.7%	49	40	81.6%	48	32	66.7%
Surgical Technologist National Certifying Exam.	Central Carolina Tech	N/A	N/A					5	3	60.0%
	Florence-Darlington Greenville	18	16	88.9%	7	5	71.4%	13	9	69.2%
	Tech	8	4	50.0%	5	3	60.0%	6	5	83.3%
	Midlands Tech	31	22	71.0%	8	8	100.0%	3	3	100.0%
	Piedmont Tech Spartanburg	N/A	N/A							
	CC	12	12	100.0%	14	14	100.0%	16	15	93.8%
	Tri-County Tech	9	5	55.6%	8	5	62.5%	0		
US Medical Licensing Exam. - Step I	USC-Columbia	75	73	97.3%	78	74	94.9%	74	72	97.3%
	MUSC	146	136	93.2%	138	133	96.4%	147	136	92.5%
US Medical Licensing Exam. - Step II	USC-Columbia	76	72	94.7%	78	74	94.9%	74	72	97.3%
	MUSC	137	130	94.9%	139	135	97.1%	147	136	92.1%
Veterinary Technician National Examination	Tri-County Tech	17	13	76.5%	12	10	83.3%	13	11	91.7%
	Trident Tech	13	12	92.3%	12	11	91.7%	12	11	91.7%

<sup>1</sup> USC Upstate was formerly USC Spartanburg

<sup>2</sup> Joint nursing program with USC Lancaster and York Tech (Notes continued on next page)

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<sup>4</sup> These examinations make up Indicator 3E2b for Teaching Sector institutions

<sup>5</sup> Formerly Spartanburg Technical College



**National and South Carolina Pass Rates on Professional Examinations**

The following table lists national and South Carolina pass rates of graduates and/or prospective graduates on professional and certification examinations. Data reported are generally derived from the same time frame as requested from the institutions – April 1 – March 31 – and have been compiled from agency reports to the CHE. For data that may have crossed over the April – March reporting period or for a change in exam title, a footnote is provided at the end of the table. Calendar year reports that do not correspond to the April – March timeframe are included in the April – December time period for the appropriate year (e.g., Jan. - June 2003 summary data are included in 2003-04 data). Some agencies do not maintain national or state pass rates and thus cannot report them to the CHE. An empty space is left when an agency did not respond to CHE requests by the printing of this report. Each exam listed has been reported by state institutions at least once in the past. Some historical information has been updated to reflect verified data.

**Table 7.3 - National and South Carolina Pass Rates on Professional Examinations**  
**Source: Examination agencies’ reports to CHE (National Data to be added before publication.)**

Exam Title	2006-2007		2005-2006		2004-2005	
	National	SC	National	SC	National	SC
ACC National Certification Exam in Nurse Midwifery		100%	90	N/A		50%
Accredited Record Technician	See Registered Health Information Technician					
Aircraft Maintenance-Airframe		100%	93%	100%	92%	100%
Aircraft Maintenance-General		86%	89%	100%	91%	100%
Aircraft Maintenance-Powerplant		100%	91%	100%	90%	100%
American Bd. of Cardiovascular Perfusion Exam - Part I (PBSE)		93%	70%	100%		100%
American Bd. of Cardiovascular Perfusion Exam - Part II (CAPE)			76%	100%		100%
Barbering		N/A	52%	100%		100%
Certification Exam. for Entry Level Respiratory Therapy Practitioners (CRTT)		84%		85%		69%
Certified Medical Assistant Exam.		87%	68%	89%		85%
Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant (COTA)		95%	89%	92%		88%
Cosmetology Examination		85%	79%	100%		90%
Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists Exam.		80%		95%		95%
Cytotechnology (ASCP) <i>In 2001-2002, changed from "Specialist in Cytotechnology."</i>		91%		100%		100%
Emergency Medical Technician - NREMT Basic		72%	65%	78%	64%	68%
Emergency Medical Technician - NREMT Intermediate		73%	62%	68%	56%	79%
Emergency Medical Technician - NREMT Paramedic		83%	65%	76%	64%	93%
Medical Laboratory Technician ASCP		97%		94%		95%
Multi-state Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam (MPJE)		94%		91%		92%

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Exam Title	2006-2007		2005-2006		2004-2005	
	National	SC	National	SC	National	SC
National Board Dental Exam. Part I		87%		97%		94%
National Board Dental Exam. Part II		97%		98%		94%
National Board for Dental Hygiene Exam.		90%		95%		90%
National Council Licensure Exam - Practical Nurse		95%	88%	96%		95%
National Council Licensure Exam - Registered Nurse (ADN)		91%	87%	89%		87%
National Council Licensure Exam - Registered Nurse (BSN)		88%		87%		86%
National Physical Therapist Licensing Exam. (PT)		73%	71%	62%		-
National Physical Therapist Licensing Exam. (PT Asst.)		88%	89%	96%		81%
North American Pharmacist Licensure Exam		95%		94%		98%
Nuclear Medicine Technology AART		96%	92%	100%		100%
Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Bd. Exam.		100%		100%		100%
Nurse Aid Competency Evaluation Program		100%		100%		91%
Occupational Therapy, Registered (OTR)		98%	87%	100%		93%
Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam. (PANCE)		100%	91%	100%		88%
Praxis Series II: Subject Assessment/Specialty Area Tests		92%		90%		90%
Praxis Series II: Subject Assessment/Specialty Area Tests (Speech Path)		100%		96%		100%
Radiography Exam ARRT		92%	89%	89%	89%	91%
Registered Health Information Technician		50%	71%	60%		100%
Registry Exam. For Advanced Respiratory Therapy Practitioners (RRT) - Clinical Simulation		69%		88%		88%
Registry Exam. For Advanced Respiratory Therapy Practitioners (RRT) - Written Registry		73%		81%		75%
South Carolina Board of Law Examination		80%	N/A	83%	N/A	84%
SRTA Regional Exam. for Dental Hygienists		67%		97%		96%
State Board Dental Exam.-SRTA Exam. (previously known "SC Board of Dentistry")		96%	N/A	82%	N/A	67%

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Exam Title	2006-2007		2005-2006		2004-2005	
	National	SC	National	SC	National	SC
Surgical Technologist National Certifying Exam		76%		8330%	64%	81%
US Medical Licensing Exam. - Step I		95%		96%		94%
US Medical Licensing Exam. - Step II		95%		97%	94%	93%
Veterinary Technician National Exam		83%		67%		88%

<sup>1</sup>Based on pass rates reported by public colleges.

**Overall Pass Rates on Professional Examinations by Year for SC's Public Institutions****Table 7.4 - Percentage of Students Who Pass Certification Examinations****Source: Institutional Effectiveness Reports**

	Percentage Passing Examinations taken from April 1 to March 31				Difference		
	2006-07	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04	2005-06 to 2006-07	2004-05 to 2005-06	2003-04 to 2004-05
<b>Research Institutions</b>							
Clemson	90.4%	86.2%	86.4%	92.4%	4.2%	-0.2%	-6.0%
USC Columbia	89.0%	89.3%	96.3%	90.7%	-0.3%	-7.0%	5.6%
MUSC	92.7%	93.2%	92.8%	88.7%	-0.5%	0.4%	4.1%
<b>Teaching Institutions</b>							
Citadel	85.4%	85.8%	80.2%	78.5%	-0.4%	5.6%	1.7%
Coastal Carolina	88.1%	87.0%	86.0%	85.7%	1.1%	1.0%	0.3%
College of Charleston	92.9%	94.1%	94.2%	92.2%	-1.2%	-0.1%	2.0%
Francis Marion	89.3%	89.4%	64.1%	98.5%	-0.1%	25.3%	-34.4%
Lander	89.3%	84.3%	77.8%	79.5%	5.0%	6.5%	-1.7%
SC State	97.3%	88.6%	81.7%	96.3%	8.7%	6.9%	-14.6%
USC Aiken	85.9%	81.9%	92.1%	88.8%	4.0%	-10.2%	3.3%
USC Beaufort	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
USC Upstate	89.1%	83.9%	85.4%	89.3%	5.2%	-1.5%	-3.9%
Winthrop	93.0%	93.8%	95.5%	91.2%	-0.8%	-1.7%	4.3%
<b>Two-year Branch Campuses</b>							
USC Lancaster	96.4%	100.0%	92.3%	80.0%	-3.6%	7.7%	12.3%
USC Salkehatchie		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
USC Sumter		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
USC Union		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Technical Colleges</b>							
Aiken	N/A	N/A	88.2%	95.0%			
Central Carolina	96.2%	88.4%	93.1%	91.2%	7.8%	-4.7%	1.9%
Denmark	80.0%	100.0%	75.0%	85.0%	-20.0%	25.0%	-10.0%
Florence-Darlington	89.7%	88.3%	88.0%	94.4%	1.4%	0.3%	-6.4%
Greenville	88.8%	87.5%	90.5%	89.4%	1.3%	-3.0%	1.1%
Horry-Georgetown	80.8%	84.9%	89.4%	90.6%	-4.1%	-4.5%	-1.2%
Midlands	95.1%	95.6%	98.2%	94.6%	-0.5%	-2.6%	3.6%
Northeastern	100.0%	85.0%	85.7%	92.9%	15.0%	-0.7%	-7.2%
Orangeburg-Calhoun	94.0%	96.2%	89.9%	91.8%	-2.2%	6.3%	-1.9%
Piedmont	93.5%	91.0%	81.4%	86.2%	2.5%	9.6%	-4.8%
Spartanburg	84.9%	87.1%	88.0%	82.4%	-2.2%	-0.9%	5.6%
Tech Coll. of LowCountry	92.0%	97.6%	90.2%	98.3%	-5.6%	7.4%	-8.1%
Tri-County	85.0%	81.9%	73.1%	86.8%	3.1%	8.8%	-13.7%
Trident	92.0%	94.4%	89.1%	87.3%	-2.4%	5.3%	1.8%
Williamsburg	82.4%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-17.6%	0.0%	0.0%
York	96.4%	93.8%	98.7%	98.4%	2.6%	-4.9%	0.3%

N/A – Institution had no students take an examination in this time frame.

**Scores of Graduates on Post-Undergraduate Professional, Graduate, or Employment-Related Examinations and Certification Tests**

Indicator 7D, Scores of Graduates on Post-Undergraduate Professional, Graduate, or Employment-Related Examinations and Certification Tests, measures the overall percentage of students at an institution taking certification examinations who pass the examinations. The data are taken from the individual tests as reported by each institution and displayed in Table 7.3. Because of the wide variety in the number of students, programs and examinations across institutions as evident in Table 7.3, the reader is cautioned against making direct comparisons of the overall percentage passing across institutions.

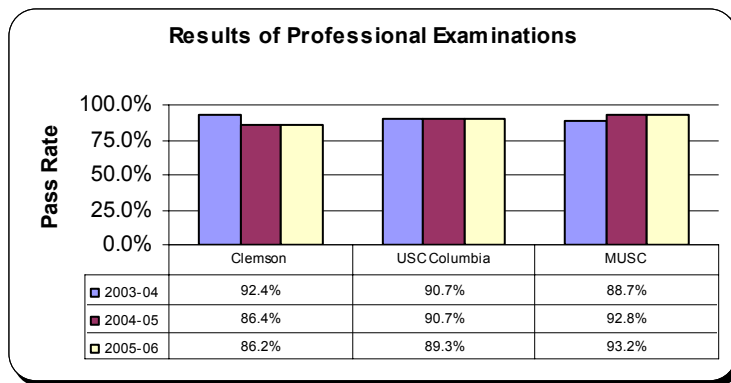
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**Figure 7.3 – Results of Professional Examinations used for Performance Funding Indicator 7D**

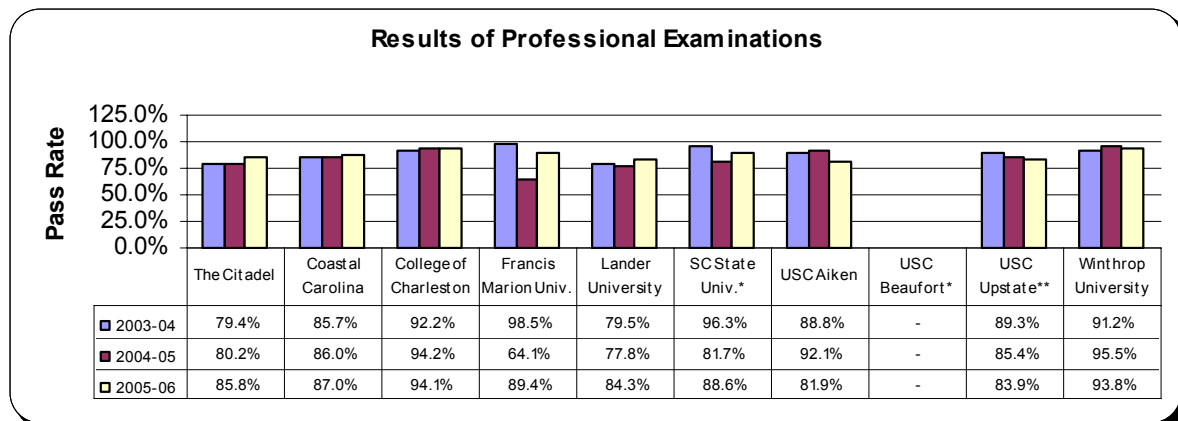
The charts below indicate the Pass Rate used to determine Performance Funding scores earned by institutions on Indicator 7D for the 2003-04, 2004-05, and 2005-2006 performance years. Data for these performance years come from the preceding April – March period.

The range for an “Achieves” for these institutions for Year 11 (2005-06) performance funding was 75%-89%.

**Research Institutions**



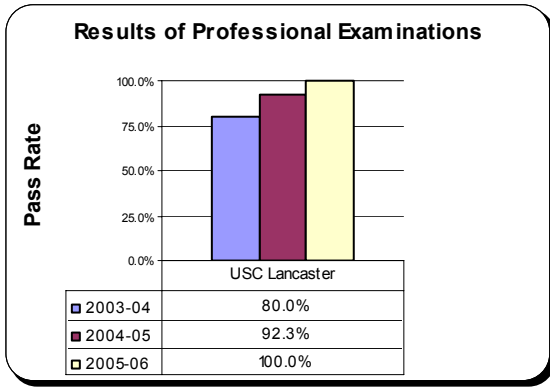
**Four-Year Colleges and Universities**



\*This indicator did not apply to USC Beaufort during its transition to four-year status

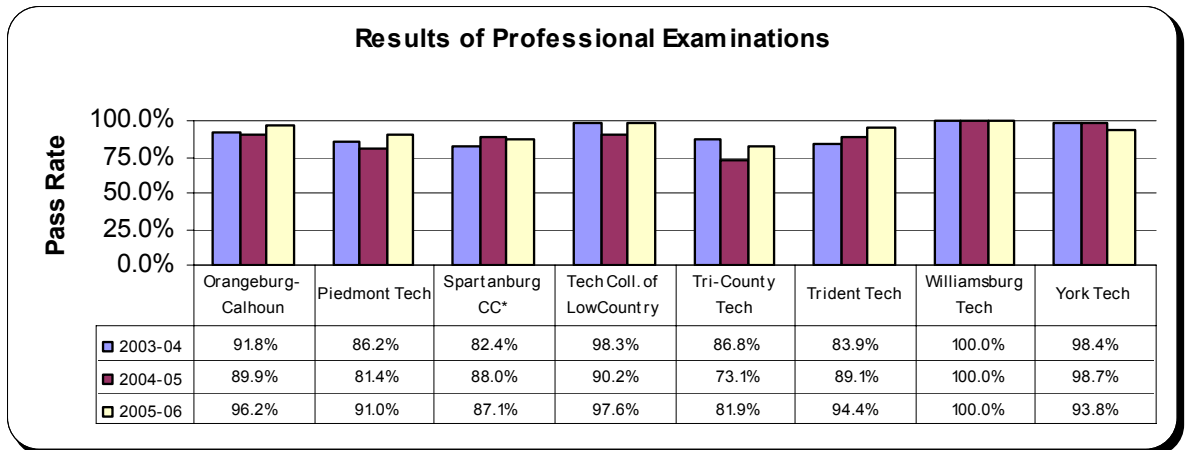
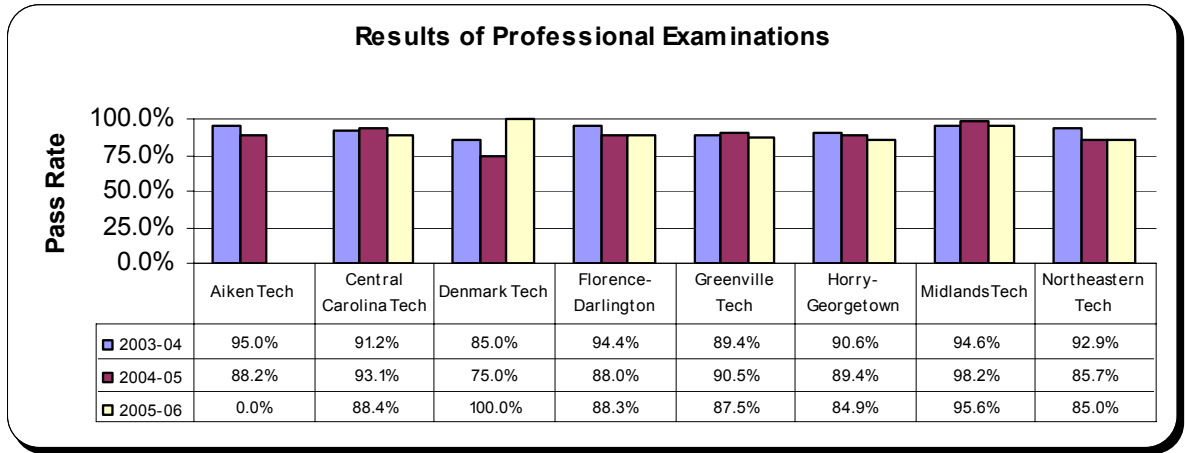
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**Two-Year Regional Campuses of USC**



USC – Lancaster was the only one of the regional campuses to have programs in which students took professional examinations.

**Technical College System**



\*Formerly Spartanburg Technical College

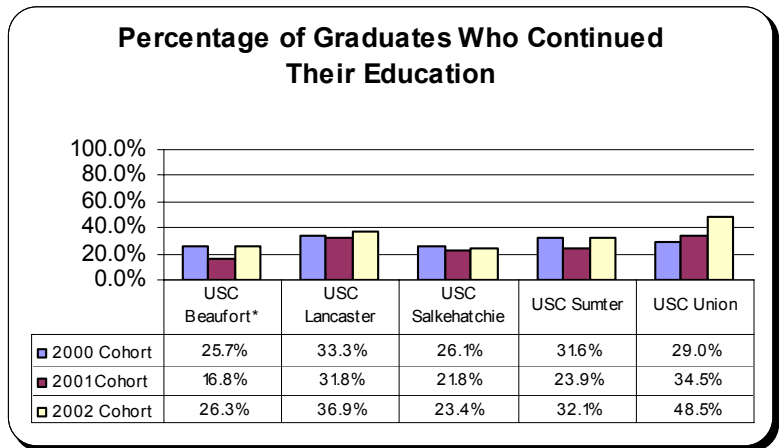
**Number of Graduates Who Continued Their Education**

Beginning in Performance Year 7 (2002-2003), an indicator was developed to recognize the unique role played by the Regional Campus sector in preparing and transferring students to the state’s four-year campuses. This indicator is defined as:

Percentage of first-time, full-time degree-seeking students who earn a baccalaureate degree within 150% of normal program time (6 years for a baccalaureate degree) from in-state public institutions or from other institutions provided appropriate documentation can be presented by the reporting regional campus. (Performance Funding Workbook, September 2002, p II 167)

**Figure 7.4 – Performance Funding Indicator 7E: Number of Graduates Who Continued Their Education**

The range for an “Achieves” is from 25% to 40%.

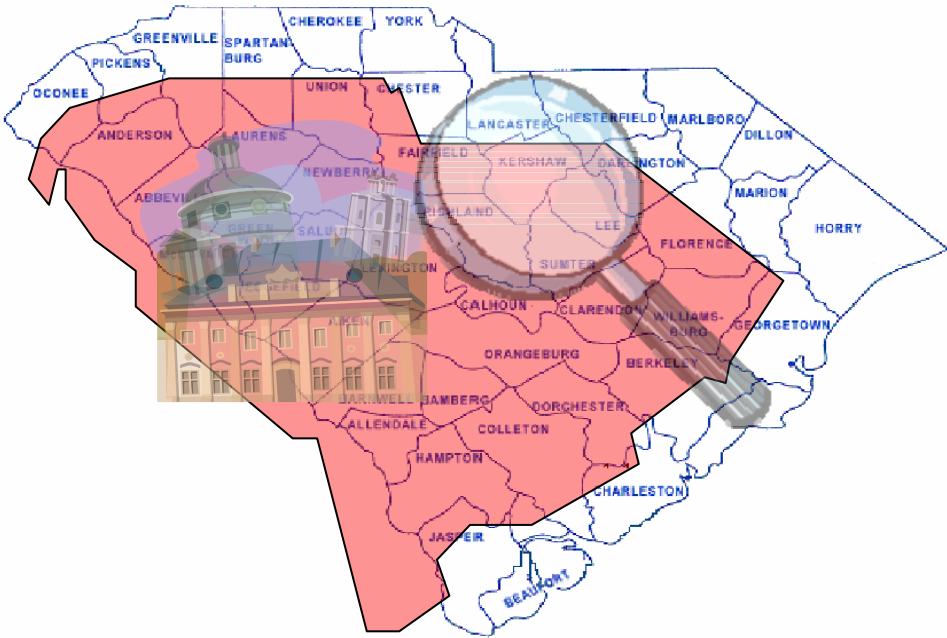


\*USC Beaufort is included in this measure as part of its transition plan.

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# Section 8 User-Friendliness of the Institution



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## **USER-FRIENDLINESS OF THE INSTITUTION**

The user-friendliness of institutions is evaluated through performance funding based and institutional effectiveness requirements mandated through Act 255 of 1992, as amended.

Table 8.1, “First-Time Undergraduate Transfers,” summarizes transfer data for first-time, full-time undergraduate students from and to different types of institutions in the state. This information is reported in fulfillment of institutional effectiveness reporting requirements.

Table 8.2, “Enrollment by Race,” displays minority enrollment for Fall 2000 and Fall 2005 and the percent change over these years. The number of African-American students increased 18.2% and other minority students increased 37.6% during the period displayed, while the total higher education population growth was 12.3%. It should be noted that the greatest part of this increase in African-American students came in the Technical sector, but that all sectors other than Research showed increases. All three research universities showed a slight decline. Additional data on student enrollment and faculty are located in the CHE publication, “South Carolina Higher Education Statistical Abstract.”

**Performance Funding Indicator 8C – Accessibility to the Institutions of all Citizens of the State,** has been defined such that institutions are measured each year on the percentage of undergraduate students who are South Carolina citizens who are minority; the annual retention of undergraduate students who are South Carolina citizens who are degree-seeking; the percent of minority graduate students enrolled; and the percentage of minority faculty. Data for the past three years for these performance funding measures are found in Figures 8.1 through 8.4.

Details for the measurement of performance funding indicators are accessible on the web in the annual Performance Funding Workbook.

**Undergraduate Transfers**

The following table summarizes transfer data for first-time, full-time undergraduate students over the past three years and shows that students continue to transfer among all sectors (public and private) and all levels (two- and four-year) of institutions.

**Table 8.1 First-Time, Full-Time Undergraduate Transfers**  
Source: CHEMIS Data

TRANSFERRING TO SOUTH CAROLINA'S:															
TRANSFERRING FROM:		Senior Public Institutions		2-Yr Regional Institutions		Technical Colleges		Senior Private Institutions		2-Yr Private Institutions		TOTAL (Transfers From)			
		FT*	PT**	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	All	
<b>SC Public Senior Institutions</b>															
	Fall 2004	762	66	31	21	765	628	176	51	2	0	1,736	766	2,710	
	Fall 2005	827	75	52	9	817	633	115	39	3	1	1,814	757	2,801	
	Fall 2006	217	19	16	9	267	270	30	11	2	0	532	309	847	
<b>SC 2-Yr Regional Campuses</b>															
	Fall 2004	319	48	1	0	51	45	21	6	1	0	393	99	467	
	Fall 2005	279	40	1	0	58	35	17	3	0	0	355	78	431	
	Fall 2006	316	64	0	0	83	70	6	3	0	0	405	137	542	
<b>SC Technical Colleges</b>															
	Fall 2004	1,583	345	45	54	553	514	570	167	10	2	2,761	1,082	3,843	
	Fall 2005	1,448	351	53	38	499	567	398	150	6	3	2,404	1,109	3,513	
	Fall 2006	1,637	329	45	39	599	594	402	146	7	0	2,690	1,108	3,798	
<b>SC Private Senior Institutions</b>															
	Fall 2004	333	33	8	2	284	219	166	32	5	1	796	287	1,083	
	Fall 2005	330	35	18	4	283	246	106	23	7	1	744	309	1,053	
	Fall 2006	372	35	17	13	312	282	100	18	3	1	804	349	1,153	
<b>SC Private 2-Yr Colleges</b>															
	Fall 2004	90	9	1	0	56	20	39	6	0	0	186	35	221	
	Fall 2005	108	8	4	1	56	33	48	2	0	0	216	44	260	
	Fall 2006	100	5	2	0	51	39	29	2	0	0	182	46	228	
<b>TOTAL Transfers within SC</b>															
	Fall 2004	3,087	501	86	77	1,709	1,426	972	262	18	3	5,872	2,269	8,324	
	Fall 2005	2,992	509	128	52	1,713	1,514	684	217	16	5	5,533	2,297	8,058	
	Fall 2006	2,642	452	80		1,312	1,255	567	180	12	1	4,613	1,888	6,501	
<b>Out-of-State</b>															
	Fall 2004	1,551	219	22	25	954	1,267	529	76	8	1	3,064	1,588	4,652	
	Fall 2005	1,494	219	39	25	932	1,300	463	46	7	2	2,935	1,592	4,527	
	Fall 2006	1,384	218	26	37	933	1,427	452	23	6	0	2,801	1,705	4,506	
<b>Foreign</b>															
	Fall 2004	28	5	0	1	0	0	14	0	0	0	42	6	48	
	Fall 2005	45	3	0	0	0	0	12	1	0	0	57	4	61	
	Fall 2006	33	6	0	0	0	0	34	4	0	0	67	10	77	
<b>TOTAL (Transfers To)</b>															
	Fall 2004	4,666	725	108	103	2,663	2,693	1,515	338	26	4	8,978	3,863	13,024	
	Fall 2005	4,531	731	167	77	2,645	2,814	1,159	264	23	7	8,525	3,893	12,646	
	Fall 2006	4,059	676	106	37	2,245	2,682	1,053	207	18	1	7,481	3,603	11,084	

\*Full-time \*\*Part-time

## Enrollment by Race

Headcount enrollment of African-American, Other Minority (i.e., all nonwhite students) and Total All Students is displayed for enrollment in Fall 2001 and Fall 2006. The percentage change in enrollment is computed for the five-year period. Additional data on enrollment in SC public institutions may be found on-line in the CHE “Higher Education Statistical Abstract for SC” at: <http://www.che.sc.gov/>.

**Table 8.2 - Percentage Change in Minority Enrollment, Fall 2001 to Fall 2006**

Source: CHEMIS Data

INSTITUTION	Headcount Enrollment Fall 2001			Headcount Enrollment Fall 2006			Percent Change, Fall 2001 to Fall 2006		
	Afr-Amer.	Other Minority <sup>1</sup>	Total Enrollment	Afr- Amer.	Other Minority <sup>1</sup>	Total Enrollment	% Change Afr-Amer.	% Change Other Minority	% Change Total Enrollment
<b>Research Universities</b>									
Clemson	1273	423	15405	1145	514	17309	-10.1%	21.5%	12.4%
USC-Columbia	3595	976	18429	3596	1264	27390	0.0%	29.5%	48.6%
MUSC <sup>2</sup>	267	140	1890	208	187	2498	-22.1%	33.6%	32.2%
<b>Total, Research</b>	<b>5,135</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>35,724</b>	<b>4,949</b>	<b>1,965</b>	<b>47,197</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>	<b>27.7%</b>	<b>32.1%</b>
<b>Four-Year Colleges and Universities</b>									
Citadel	554	194	3253	352	178	3306	-36.5%	-8.2%	1.6%
Coastal Carolina	403	128	4434	1150	232	8049	185.4%	81.3%	81.5%
College of Charleston	1024	315	10278	813	369	11218	-20.6%	17.1%	9.1%
Francis Marion	1070	63	2380	1653	104	4075	54.5%	65.1%	71.2%
Lander	513	35	2162	647	58	2682	26.1%	65.7%	24.1%
SC State	3985	24	458	4205	28	4384	5.5%	16.7%	857.2%
USC Aiken	733	86	2463	869	114	3380	18.6%	32.6%	37.2%
USC Beaufort <sup>3</sup>	206	85	792	226	108	1386	9.7%	27.1%	75.0%
USC Upstate <sup>4</sup>	945	159	2889	1198	208	4608	26.8%	30.8%	59.5%
Winthrop	1484	146	4676	1615	204	6292	8.8%	39.7%	34.6%
<b>Total Public, Four-Year Coll. &amp; Uni</b>	<b>10,917</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>33,785</b>	<b>12,728</b>	<b>1,603</b>	<b>49,380</b>	<b>16.6%</b>	<b>29.8%</b>	<b>46.2%</b>
<b>Two-Year Institutions/Branches of USC</b>									
USC-Lancaster	165	15	759	338	24	1195	104.8%	60.0%	57.4%
USC-Salkehatchie	328	12	490	341	15	883	4.0%	25.0%	80.2%
USC-Sumter	301	45	838	330	63	1088	9.6%	40.0%	29.8%
USC-Union	71	3	308	93	5	363	31.0%	66.7%	17.9%
<b>Total Two-Year Inst. of USC</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>2,395</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>3,529</b>	<b>27.4%</b>	<b>42.7%</b>	<b>47.3%</b>
<b>State Tech. and Comprehensive Educ. System</b>									
Aiken	893	50	1410	820	86	2442	-8.2%	72.0%	73.2%
Central Carolina	1440	61	1461	1359	96	2931	-5.6%	57.4%	100.6%
Denmark	1291	5	105	1314	4	1377	1.8%	-20.0%	1211.4%
Florence-Darlington	1614	53	1965	1701	76	3957	5.4%	43.4%	101.4%
Greenville	2339	501	8704	3209	753	13893	37.2%	50.3%	59.6%
Horry-Georgetown	893	82	3131	1250	166	5433	40.0%	102.4%	73.5%
Midlands	3168	343	6363	3887	527	10849	22.7%	53.6%	70.5%
Northeastern	381	29	557	442	28	964	16.0%	-3.4%	73.1%
Orangeburg-Calhoun	1154	24	842	1345	27	2377	16.6%	12.5%	182.3%
Piedmont	1624	53	2867	1719	81	4592	5.8%	52.8%	60.2%
Spartanburg	939	139	2288	1102	192	4278	17.4%	38.1%	87.0%
TCL	794	84	867	772	115	1814	-2.8%	36.9%	109.2%
Tri-County	465	63	3245	679	128	4753	46.0%	103.2%	46.5%
Trident	2899	483	7079	3235	569	11808	11.6%	17.8%	66.8%
Williamsburg	365	2	176	429	5	578	17.5%	150.0%	228.4%
York	991	152	2557	1020	186	4263	2.9%	22.4%	66.7%
<b>Total State Tech. System</b>	<b>21,250</b>	<b>2,124</b>	<b>43,617</b>	<b>24,283</b>	<b>3,039</b>	<b>76,309</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>43.1%</b>	<b>75.0%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>38,167</b>	<b>4,973</b>	<b>115,521</b>	<b>43,062</b>	<b>6,714</b>	<b>176,415</b>	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>35.0%</b>	<b>52.7%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, or Hispanic racial/ethnic designations.

Does not include "Unknown" or "Non-Resident Aliens."

<sup>2</sup> Excludes medical and dental residents and interns

<sup>3</sup> USC Beaufort was a two-year institution in Fall 1999

<sup>4</sup> Formerly USC Spartanburg

**Accessibility to the Institution of All Citizens of the State**

Performance Funding Indicator **8C – Accessibility to the Institution of All Citizens of the State**, has four sub-parts.

**8C1** - The percent of undergraduate headcount students who are citizens of South Carolina who are minority according to federal reporting definitions and are enrolled at an institution. (Figure 8.1)

**8C2** - The Fall to Fall retention rate of minority, undergraduate students as defined in Part 1 of this measure, but limited to degree-seeking students. (Figure 8.2)

**8C3** - The percent of headcount graduate students enrolled at an institution who are minority according to federal reporting definitions. (Figure 8.3) This part does not apply to two-year regional campuses of USC and the technical colleges.

**8C4** - The percent of headcount teaching faculty who are minority. (Figure 8.4)

All institutions are measured on this indicator. Standards of achievement were developed based on Census population data. Additional information on these measures, including specific scoring ranges for individual institutions for Indicator 8C, can be found either in the Performance Funding Workbook or in past individual institutional Report Cards linked in Section 11.

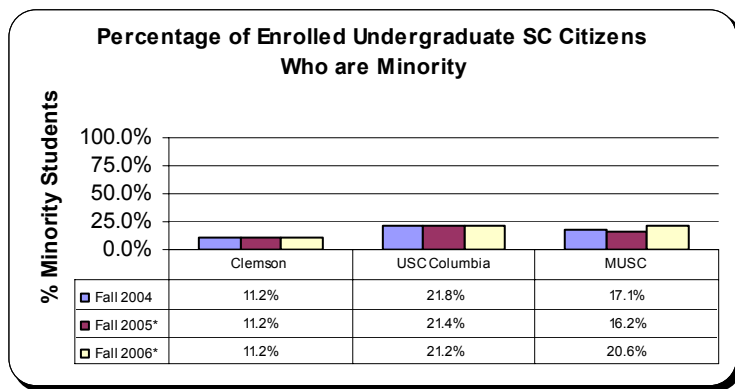
**Figure 8.1 – 8C1, Percentage of Headcount Undergraduate Students who are Citizens of SC who are Minority**

Source: IPEDS

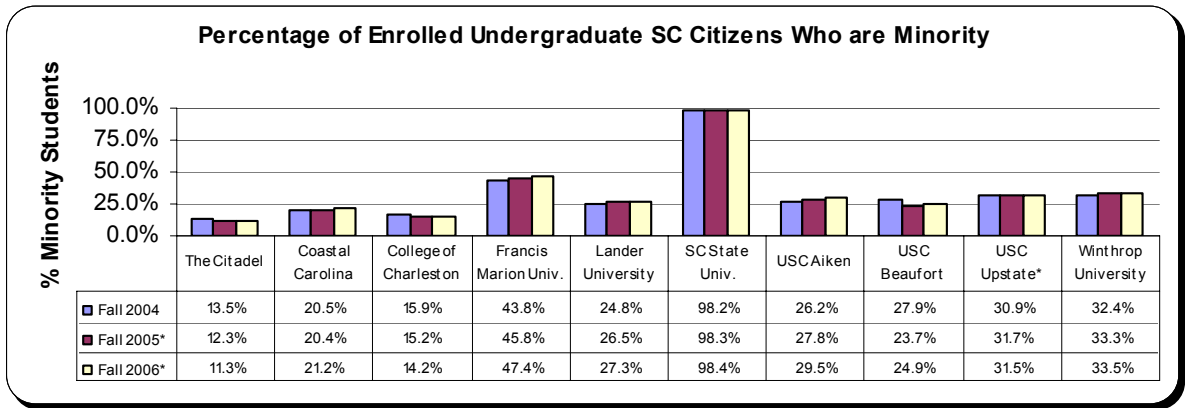
**Research and Teaching Institutions**

In defining the standard for “Achieves” for the research and teaching institutions, the state’s population is considered. The standard set for these institutions in Year 10 (2005-06) is being within 75% to 100% of the overall state percentage of minority citizens above the age of 18, 28.7%, as estimated from US Census data in 1998. The range for “Achieves” for these institutions for Year 11 (2006-07) is 21% to 28% minority population. Higher percentages score “Exceeds.”

**Research Institutions**



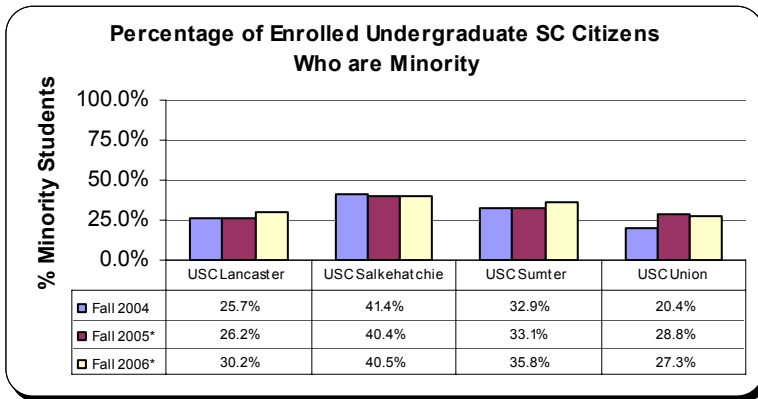
**Teaching Institutions**



\* Formerly USC Spartanburg

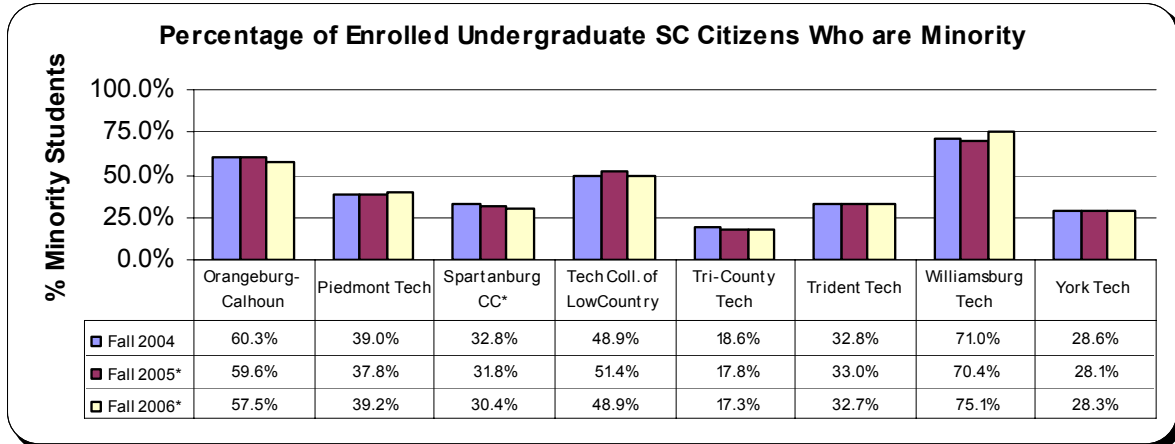
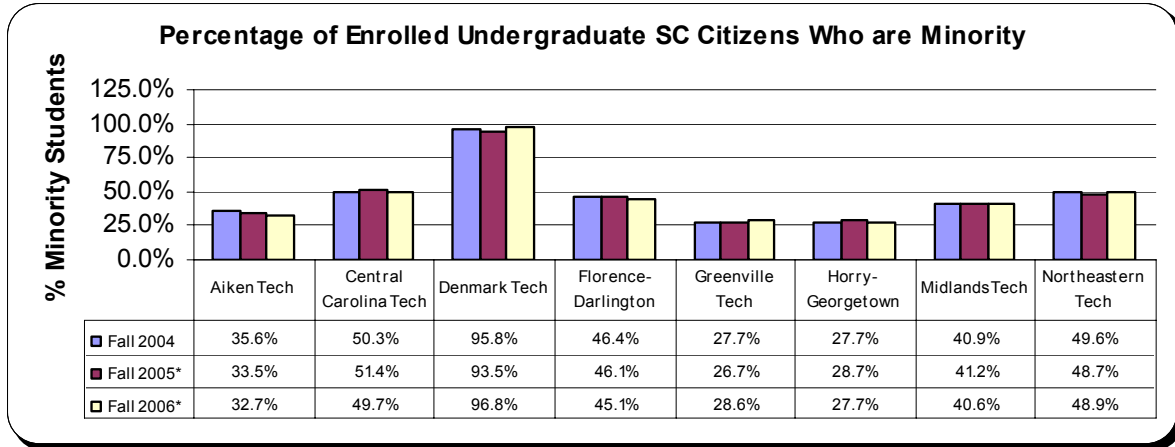
**Two-Year Regional Campuses of USC**

The standard set for a score of “Achieves” for these institutions is defined by the percentage of minority citizens above the age of 18 in their service area, as estimated by the US Census Bureau in 1998. The range for “Achieves” for these institutions, based on being within 75% of the service area minority population percentage, is unique to each. As a result, institutional comparisons cannot be made based solely on this chart. Specific past institutional standards on this indicator can be found in the institution’s report card, linked in Chapter 11 of this document.



**Technical College System**

The standard set for a score of “Achieves” for these institutions is defined by the percentage of minority citizens above the age of 18 in their service area, as estimated by the US Census Bureau in 1998. The range for “Achieves” for these institutions, based on being within 75% of the service area minority population percentage, is unique to each. As a result, institutional comparisons cannot be made based solely on this chart. Specific past institutional standards on this indicator can be found in the institution’s report card, linked in Chapter 11 of this document.

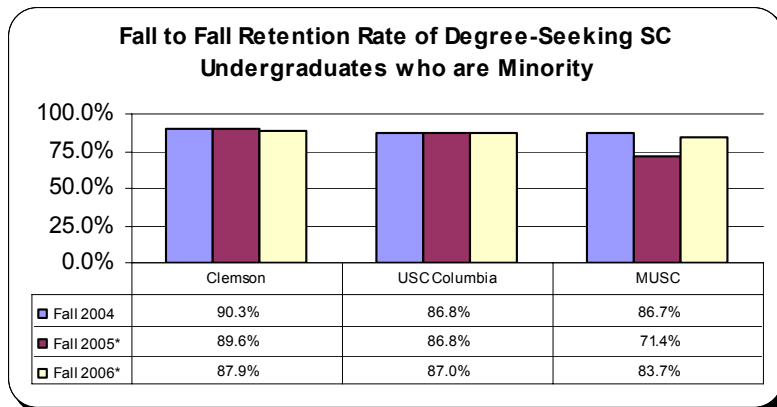


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**Figure 8.2 – 8C2, Retention of Minorities who are SC Citizens and Identified as Degree-Seeking Undergraduate Students Source: IPEDS**

**Research Institutions**

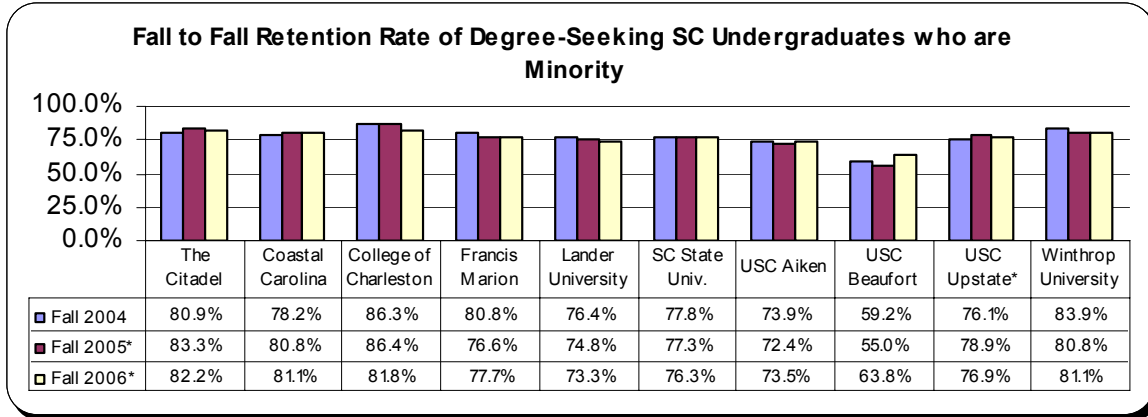
The standard for these institutions for this measure is based on +/- 5% of the median overall student retention for all of the state’s 4-yr institutions. A median retention rate of 83.0% is the reference and represents median retention of the 2005 cohort in Fall 2006 for South Carolina’s research and teaching universities. The range for a score of “Achieves” is 78.0 to 87.0%.





**Teaching Institutions**

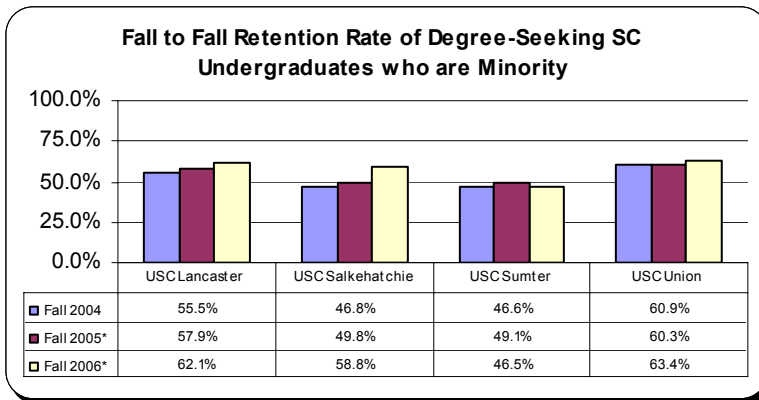
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\* Formerly USC Spartanburg

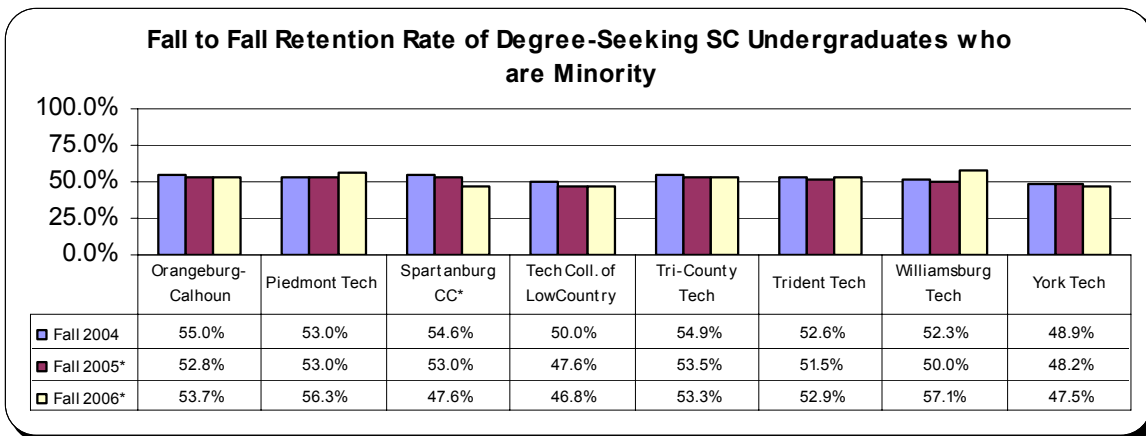
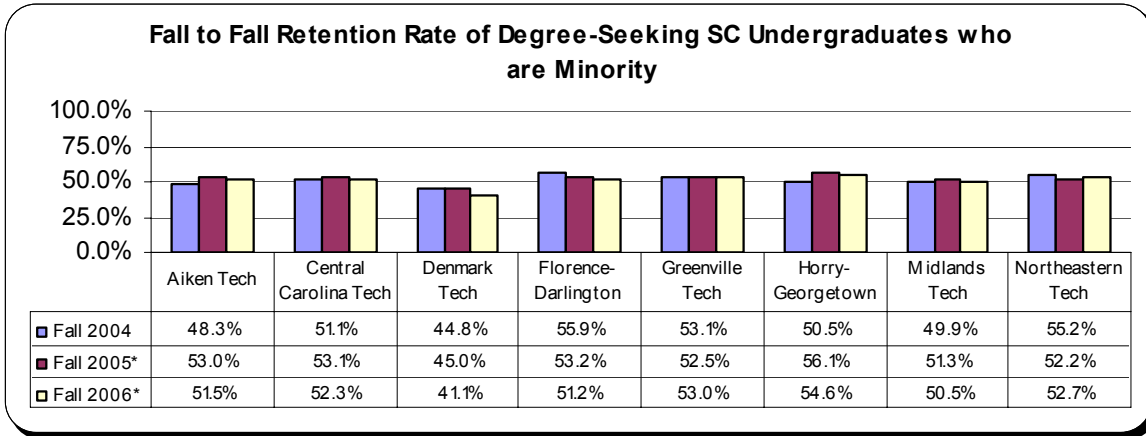
**Two-Year Regional Campuses of USC**

The standard for these institutions for this measure is based on +/- 10% of the median overall student retention of the state’s regional campuses. A median retention rate of 52.7% is the reference and represents median retention of the 2005 cohort in Fall 2006 for USC’s regional campuses. The range for a score of “Achieves” is 47.0% to 57.0%.



**Technical Colleges**

The standard for these institutions for this measure is based on +/- 10% of the median overall student retention of the state’s technical campuses. A median retention rate of 55.4% is the reference and represents median retention of the 2005 cohort in Fall 2006 for technical colleges. The range for a score of “Achieves” is 49.0% to 60.0%.



\*Formerly Spartanburg Technical College

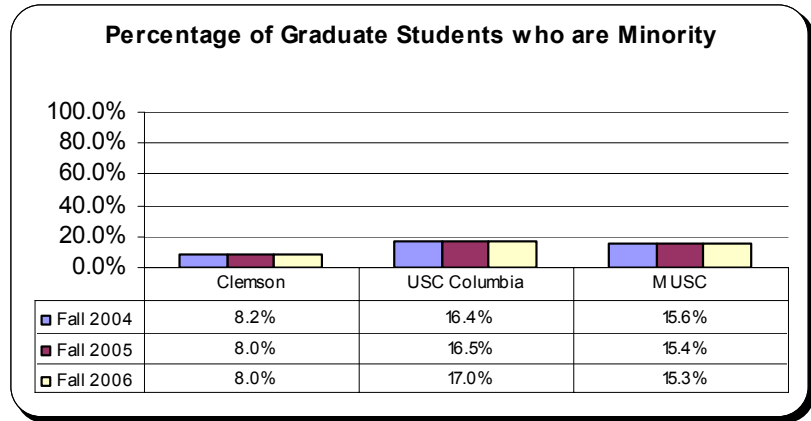
**Figure 8.3 – 8C3, Percentage of Headcount Graduate Students Enrolled at the Institution who are Minority**

Source: IPEDS

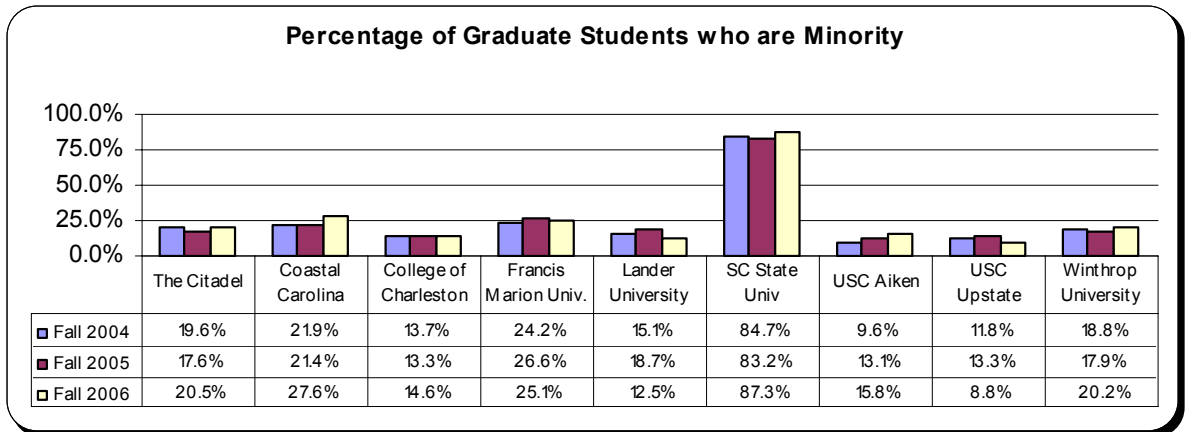
**Research and Teaching Institutions**

The standard for this indicator is based on being at or within +/- 10% of US minority population with baccalaureate degrees. The reference used is 12% US minority population based on 1990 census data, “Educational attainment of persons 25 yrs and older.” The standard for a score of “Achieves” is 10% – 13 %. This part of Indicator 8C does not apply to the two-year regional campuses of USC or the technical colleges, which do not have equivalent programs.

**Research**



**Teaching**



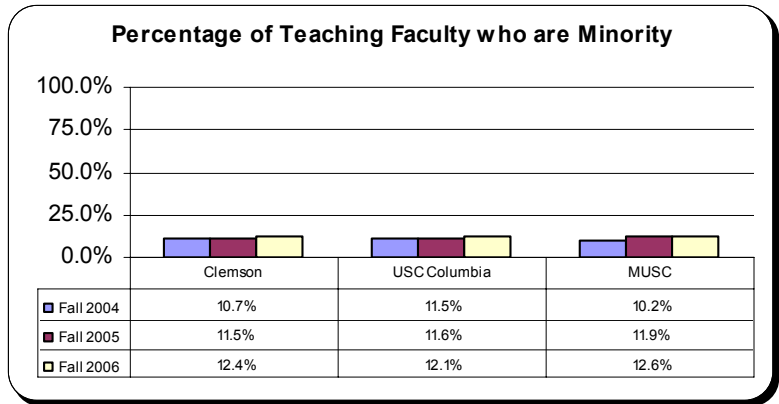
**Figure 8.4 – 8C4 - Percentage of Headcount Teaching Faculty who are Minority**

Source: IPEDS

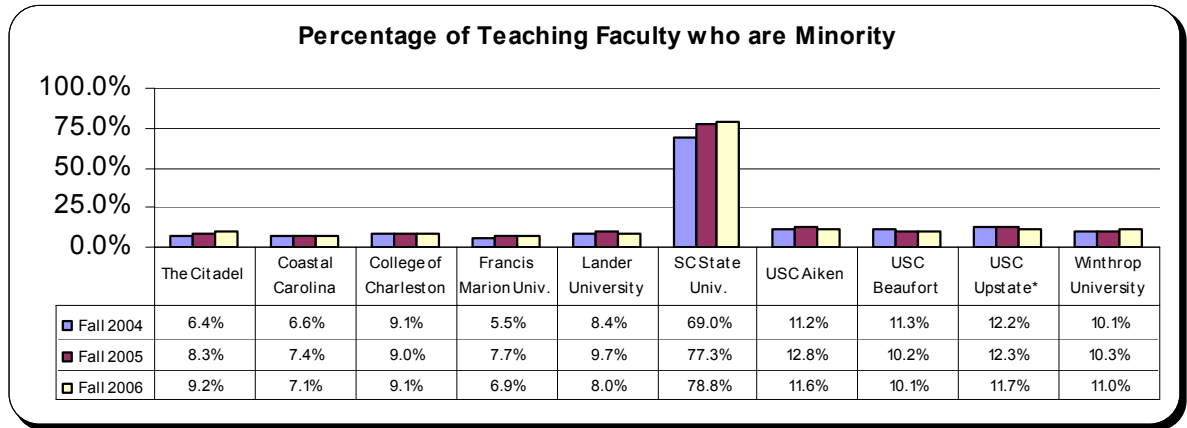
**Research Institutions, Teaching Institutions, and Regional Campuses**

“Teaching faculty” includes all those except graduate students who teach one or more credit courses in the Fall schedule. The standard for these three sectors is based on being at or within +/- 10% of US minority population with graduate degrees. The reference used is 11.9% US minority population with master’s and higher degrees based on 1990 census data, “Educational attainment of persons 25 yrs and older.” The standard for a score of “Achieves” for all three of these sectors is 10% to 13%.

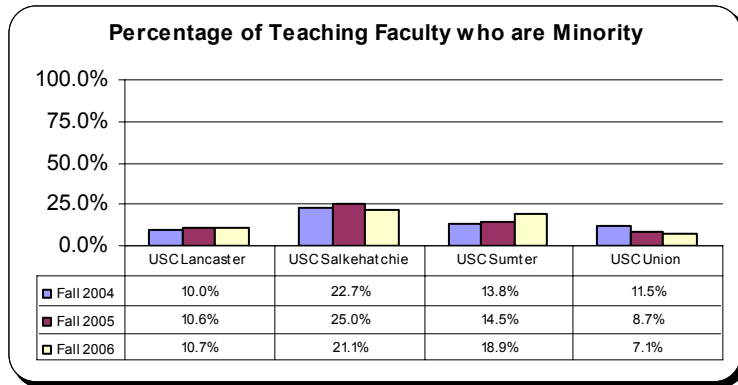
**Research Institutions**



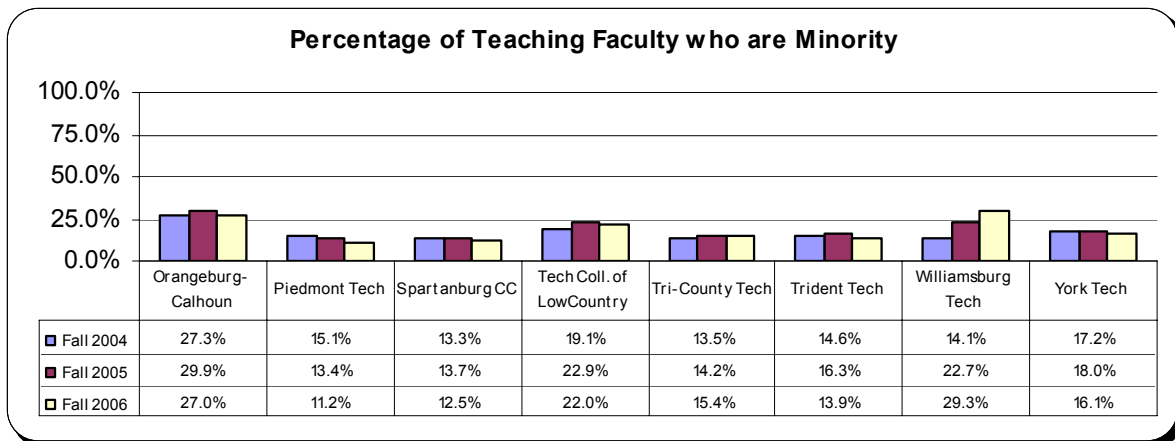
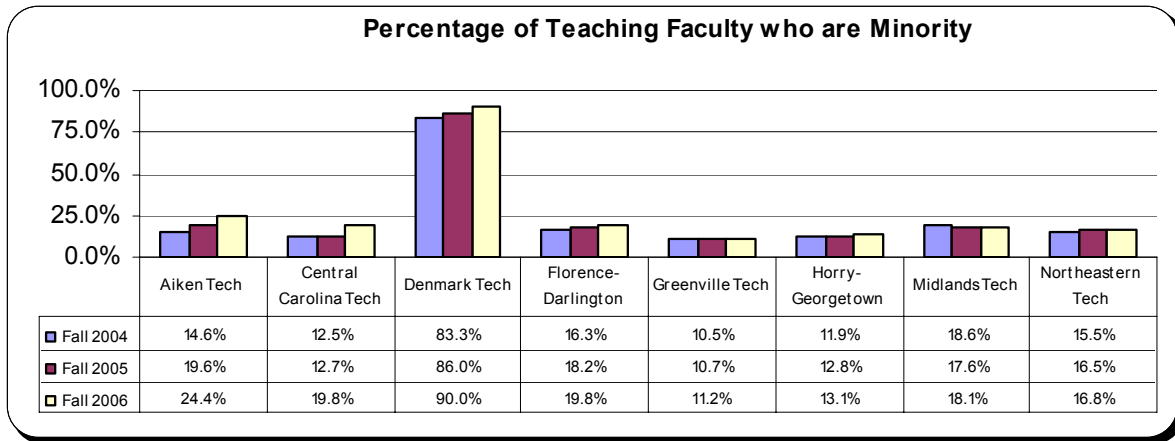
**Teaching Institutions**



**Regional Campuses of USC**

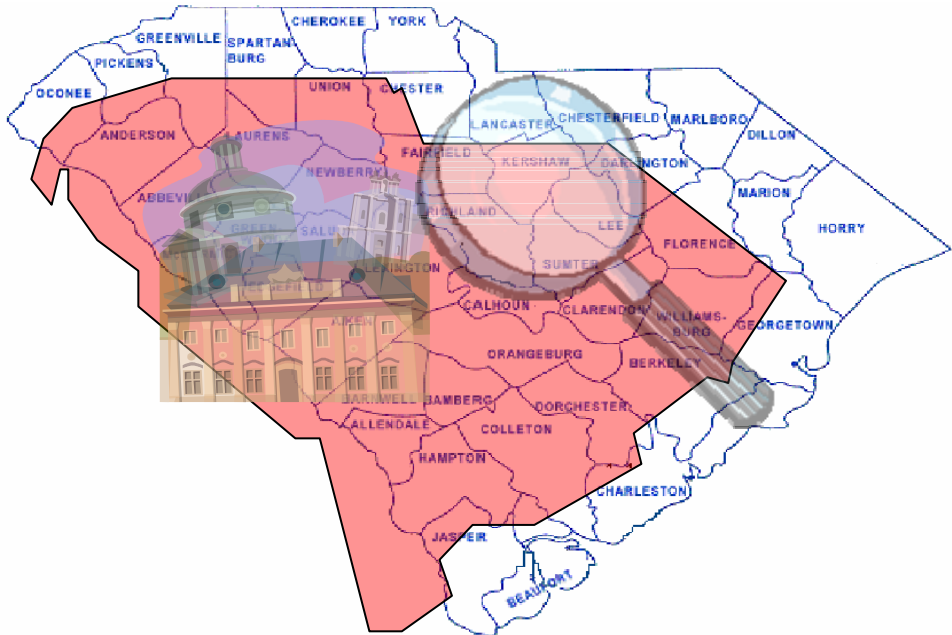


**Technical Colleges** – The standard for this indicator is based on being at or within +/- 10% of US minority population with baccalaureate degrees. The reference used is 12.0% US minority population based on 1990 census data, “Educational attainment of persons 25 yrs and older.” The standard for a score of “Achieves” for this sector is 10% to 13%.



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# Section 9 Research Funding



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## RESEARCH FUNDING

Information on research data includes student involvement in research, grants and awards expended in support of teacher training, and public and private sector research grant expenditures. Tables 9.1 and 9.2 summarize the number and percent of upper-division, degree-seeking undergraduate and graduate students, respectively, funded through grants who participate in sponsored research. These data are reported as required by Act 255, as amended.

**Indicator 9A - Financial Support for Reform in Teacher Education**, measures expenditures by Clemson, USC Columbia, and the Teaching Sector institutions in the past year compared to the average of the previous three years for programs supporting teacher education. This measure was deferred for Year 10 (2005-06) and Year 11 (2006-07). For previous performance data, see *A Closer Look at Public Higher Education in South Carolina – January 2005*.

**Indicator 9B – Amount of Public and Private Sector Grants**, measures the expenditures of dollars from public and private research grants of the three research institutions in the most recent ended fiscal year compared to the average of similar expenditures for the prior three fiscal years. **This indicator was deferred in Performance Year 7** and continues to be deferred due to changes in federal accounting practices which make data comparisons to previous years impossible.

## Student Involvement in Research

The following tables (9.1 and 9.2) summarize the number and percentage of degree-seeking upper-division undergraduate and graduate students who have received funding through grant monies and thus have participated in sponsored research activities. It should be noted that many students who participate in non-sponsored research, or in externally funded projects which are not classified as research, are not reflected in the data presented below.

**Table 9.1 Student Involvement in Research – Graduate Students**  
**Source: CHEMIS Data and Institutional IE Reports**

Graduate Involvement in Research						
Institution	Fall	Total Headcount Degree-seeking Graduate Students Enrolled	Number Receiving Stipends for Research	% Participating in Research	Change Over Prior Year in Enrollment	Change Over Prior Yr in # of Students w/ Stipends
<b>Research Universities</b>						
Clemson	2004	2,896	658	22.7%		
	2005	2,792	603	21.6%	-104	-55
	2006	2,846	515	18.1%	54	-88
USC-Columbia	2004	5,549	676	12.2%	232	74
	2005	5,581	637	11.4%	32	-39
	2006	5,678	515	9.1%	97	-122
MUSC	2004	960	277	28.9%		
	2005	1,055	318	30.1%	95	41
	2006	1,043	348	33.4%	-12	30
<b>Four-Year Colleges &amp; Universities</b>						
Citadel	2004	858	12	1.4%		
	2005	806	6	0.7%	-52	-6
	2006	789	13	1.6%	-17	7
Coastal Carolina	2004	84	2	2.4%		
	2005	104	10	9.6%	20	8
	2006	159	12	7.5%	55	2
Coll. of Chas.	2004	573	54	9.4%		
	2005	530	90	17.0%	-43	36
	2006	527	61	11.6%	-3	-29
Francis Marion	2004	243	0	0.0%		
	2005	255	0	0.0%	12	0
	2006	268	0	0.0%	13	0
Lander	2004	53	8	15.1%		
	2005	35	0	0.0%	-18	-8
	2006	19	0	0.0%	-16	0
SC State	2004	462	7	1.5%		
	2005	462	12	2.6%	0	5
	2006	498	8	1.6%	36	-4

**Graduate Involvement in Research**

Institution	Fall	Total Headcount Degree-seeking Graduate Students Enrolled	Number Receiving Stipends for Research	% Participating in Research	Change Over Prior Year in Enrollment	Change Over Prior Yr in # of Students w/ Stipends
USC-Aiken	2004	77	6	7.8%		
	2005	81	2	2.5%	4	-4
	2006	58	7	12.1%	-23	5
USC-Beaufort	2004	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2006	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2006	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
USC-Upstate*	2004	4	0			
	2005	10	0	0.0%	6	0
	2006	15	0	0.0%	5	0
Winthrop	2004	742	1			
	2005	667	13	1.9%	-75	12
	2006	701	9	1.3%	34	-4

**Upper-Division, Degree-Seeking Undergraduate Students**

Undergraduate students are also involved in research efforts at public institutions. Presented below are data reflecting the involvement of upper-division (junior and senior level) degree-seeking students in such research. Although the percentages are much lower, these students can make significant contributions to on-going research at these institutions.

**Table 9.2 Student Involvement in Research – Undergraduate Students**  
**Source: CHEMIS Data and Institutional IE Reports**

**Upper-division, Degree-seeking Undergraduate Involvement in Research**

Institution	Fall	Total Headcount Degree-seeking Upper-division Students Enrolled	Number Receiving Stipends for Research	% Participating in Research	Change Over Prior Year in Enrollment	Change Over Prior Yr in # of Students w/ Stipends	
Research Universities							
	Clemson	2004	7,157	121	1.7%		
		2005	7,151	99	1.4%	-6	-22
2006		7,260	90	1.2%	109	-9	
USC-Columbia	2004	8,535	23	0.3%			
	2005	9,242	29	0.3%	707	6	
	2006	9,313	32	0.3%			
MUSC	2004	352	68	19.3%			
	2005	285	60	21.1%	-67	-8	
	2006	287	62	21.6%			

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Upper-division, Degree-seeking Undergraduate Involvement in Research

Institution	Fall	Total Headcount Degree-seeking Upper-division Students Enrolled	Number Receiving Stipends for Research	% Participating in Research	Change Over Prior Year in Enrollment	Change Over Prior Yr in # of Students w/ Stipends
<b>Four-Year Colleges &amp; Universities</b>						
Citadel	2004	896	23	2.6%		
	2005	942	14	1.5%	46	-9
	2006	986	32	3.2%	44	18
Coastal Carolina	2004	2,455	13	0.5%		
	2005	2,650	29	1.1%	195	16
	2006	2,829	7	0.2%	179	-22
Coll. of Chas.	2004	4,758	61	1.3%		
	2005	4,702	87	1.9%	-56	26
	2006	4,754	109	2.3%	53	22
Francis Marion	2004	1,337	3	0.2%		
	2005	1,421	2	0.1%	84	-1
	2006	1,402	3	0.2%	-19	1
Lander	2004	1,240	25	2.0%		
	2005	1,275	3	0.2%	35	-22
	2006	1,400	4	0.3%	125	1
SC State	2004	1,460	34	2.3%		
	2005	1,460	40	2.7%	0	6
	2006	1,568	13	0.8%	108	-27
USC-Aiken	2004	1,449	40	2.8%		
	2005	1,430	26	1.8%	-19	-14
	2006	1,378	17	1.2%	-52	-9
USC-Beaufort	2004	293	0			
	2005	328	1	0.3%		
	2006	381	0	0.0%	53	-1
USC-Upstate	2004	2,066	18	0.9%		
	2005	2,123	95	4.5%	57	77
	2006	2,216	16	0.7%	93	-79
Winthrop	2004	2,590	11	0.4%		
	2005	2,649	19	0.7%	59	8
	2006	2,470	23	0.9%	-179	4

### **Financial Support for Teacher Education**

**Performance Indicator 9A – Financial Support for Reform in Teacher Education** measures the amount of grants and awards expended to support teacher preparation or training, including applied research, professional development and training grants as compared to the average from the prior three years.

**This measure was deferred for Year 10 (2005-06) and Year 11 (2006-07).** For previous performance data, see *A Closer Look at Public Higher Education in South Carolina – January 2005*.

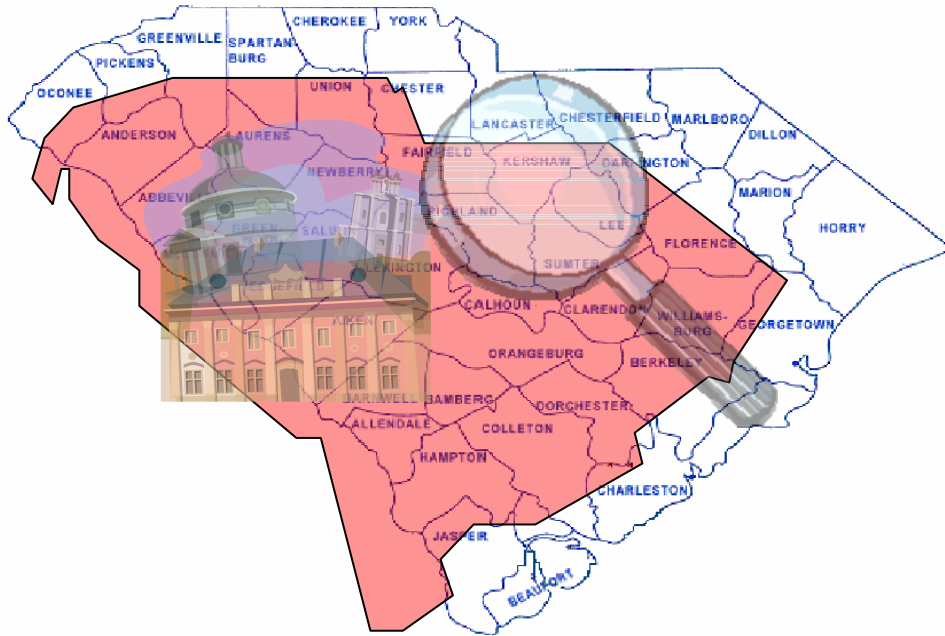
### **Amount of Public and Private Sector Grants**

*This indicator was deferred in Year 7 and subsequent years due to changes in federal accounting practices*



# Section 10

## Campus-Based Assessment



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## **CAMPUS-BASED ASSESSMENT**

The institutions' summary reports reveal an active on-going process of assessment at institutions that was encouraged by legislative requirements, the Commission on Higher Education (CHE), the requirements for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools regional accreditation and also by some specialized accrediting bodies.

Section 59-104-660 (B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, requires that as part of each public post-secondary institution's annual report to the CHE on institutional achievement, each institution must report on progress in developing assessment programs and on related information on student achievement. During 1997-98, the CHE streamlined reporting requirements in order to eliminate unnecessary duplication in reporting and to ensure reporting of data consistent with requirements of Act 359 of 1996.

Many of the components listed below are not reported annually, but based on a pre-determined and approved schedule submitted by each institution. However, the assessment of these components is an on-going process.

The summary reports for 2006-2007 were submitted electronically and are available through each institution's website at the addresses that follow this summary. The reports include the following components:

### **General Education**

The goals of general education, which is one of the most difficult components of curriculum to assess, may be defined narrowly in terms of basic skills or extremely broadly to include understanding and integrating knowledge spanning the full range of the humanities, sciences, and social sciences combined with attitudes and behaviors which enable the graduate to function effectively in today's complex society. In their assessment plans, institutions were asked to provide their definitions of general education, to indicate the methodologies for instruments they selected to assess the effectiveness of their general education, to list major findings or trends from their initial assessments, and to describe actions they have taken or plan to take to improve their general education programs as a result of the assessment process. While efforts to assess this component vary both in their complexity and their success, many institutions have already obtained findings that either reinforce what they are currently doing in their programs or enable them to make appropriate changes or improvements.

### **Majors or Concentrations**

Majors or concentrations provide students with specialized knowledge and skills. Because of the vast number of majors offered, institutions generally report on all of them over a four-year cycle. In their assessment plans for their majors, institutions are asked to list the majors on which they are reporting, to describe the various methods that are being used to assess each major and to highlight the findings and how they are being used for improvement. Examples of assessment methods being used by South Carolina's public institutions include both commercial and locally-developed tests; portfolios; internal and external peer reviews; capstone courses; results of licensing and certification examinations; exit interviews; focus groups; student, graduate and employer surveys; classroom research; and matrix analysis of curriculum content. Many reports describe significant changes that are being made in curriculum and teaching effectiveness as a result of the assessment of majors.

### **Academic Advising**

Academic Advising provides students with an understanding of their rights and responsibilities for completion of their degrees, programs and/or career preparation. Reports typically include information on student evaluations of services, special programs, changes, and student usage.

**Achievement of Students Transferring from Two to Four Year Institutions**

Two-year public institutions report on this component every other year, when data on the academic performance of their former students are transferred from the four-year institutions back to the two-year institutions for examination and analysis. This report is included in the institutions’ 2005 Institutional Effectiveness reports.

**Procedures for Student Development**

Determining student growth and development throughout the college or university experience requires the application of multiple assessment procedures. All institutions were asked to assess their student services (e.g., financial aid, orientation, counseling, residence halls, and extracurricular activities) although some have chosen to cycle those assessments over several reporting years. Reports typically include descriptions of the services that have been evaluated, major findings, and any changes or improvements that have been made as a result of the assessments. In addition, most institutions are conducting pilot studies on the institutions’ effect on their students’ attitudes and behaviors, particularly as those attitudes affect academic and career success. While difficult to design, such studies respond to institutional mission statements that indicate intent to instill such values as civic responsibility, tolerance, cultural sensitivity, and ethical behavior.

**Library Resources and Services**

Access to and use of appropriate library materials is a critical part of the learning process. In their summary reports, institutions indicate the results of assessments of their library services and collections. College and university librarians in South Carolina generally have done an outstanding job with these evaluations.

Please see the information below to obtain summary reports and the pre-approved reporting schedule for each institution.

**2007 Summary Reports on Institutional Websites**

**Research Institutions**

- Clemson University <http://www.clemson.edu/administration/iereport07.doc>
- Medical University of South Carolina [http://www.edserv.musc.edu/musc\\_ie\\_report\\_07/index.html](http://www.edserv.musc.edu/musc_ie_report_07/index.html)
- University of South Carolina [http://www.ipr.sc.edu/info/usc\\_mission.htm](http://www.ipr.sc.edu/info/usc_mission.htm)

**Teaching Institutions**

- The Citadel [http://citadel.edu/academicaffairs/inst\\_eff07/2007\\_summary\\_report.pdf](http://citadel.edu/academicaffairs/inst_eff07/2007_summary_report.pdf)
- Coastal Carolina University <http://www.coastal.edu/effect/assessment/iereports.html>
- College of Charleston <http://www.cofc.edu/~oap/2007/index.html>
- Francis Marion University <http://www.fmarion.edu/about/iereports/article12209c23300.htm>
- Lander University [http://www.lander.edu/assessment/IE\\_Report\\_Page](http://www.lander.edu/assessment/IE_Report_Page)
- South Carolina State University <http://ir.scsu.edu/IA/IE-2007.htm>
- USC-Aiken <http://ie.usca.edu/assessment/IEReports/index.htm>

USC-Beaufort

[http://www.uscb.edu/a/Working\\_at\\_USCB/Offices/Institutional\\_Effectiveness\\_and\\_Research\\_IER/Assessment/IER\\_Reports/index.php?page\\_id=399](http://www.uscb.edu/a/Working_at_USCB/Offices/Institutional_Effectiveness_and_Research_IER/Assessment/IER_Reports/index.php?page_id=399)

USC-Upstate

[http://www.uscupstate.edu/about\\_upstate/planning/assessment/default.aspx?id=10030](http://www.uscupstate.edu/about_upstate/planning/assessment/default.aspx?id=10030)

Winthrop University

<http://www.winthrop.edu/assessment/IE/>

### **Technical Colleges**

Aiken Technical College

<http://www.atc.edu/downloads/2007IESummary.pdf>

Central Carolina Technical College

[http://www.cctech.edu/about/evaluation/pdf/IEReport\\_2007.pdf](http://www.cctech.edu/about/evaluation/pdf/IEReport_2007.pdf)

Denmark Technical College

<http://www.denmarktech.edu/institutionaleffectiveness.html>

Florence-Darlington Technical College <http://www.fdtc.edu/AboutUs/history/IEreports>

Greenville Technical College

[http://www.gvltec.edu/about\\_greenvilletech/institution\\_effectiveness.html](http://www.gvltec.edu/about_greenvilletech/institution_effectiveness.html)

Horry-Georgetown Technical College

<http://lagoon.hgtc.edu/ir/iereports.htm>

Midlands Technical College

<http://www.midlandstech.edu/arp/act62907.htm>

Northeastern Technical College <http://www.netc.edu/aboutus/institutional-effectiveness.html>

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College

[http://www.octech.edu/sacs/shared/ie\\_summary\\_report\\_2007.pdf](http://www.octech.edu/sacs/shared/ie_summary_report_2007.pdf)

Piedmont Technical College

<http://www.ptc.edu/ie/Reports.htm>

Spartanburg Community College

<http://www.sccsc.edu/IE/Reports.htm>

Technical College of the Lowcountry

<http://www.tcl.edu/officialreports.asp>

Tri-County Technical College

[http://www.tctc.edu/visitors\\_media/college\\_information/inst\\_data.html](http://www.tctc.edu/visitors_media/college_information/inst_data.html)

Trident Technical College

<http://www.tridenttech.edu/p+rEffectiveness.htm>

Williamsburg Technical College

<http://www.wiltech.edu/IE/IE%20homepage.htm>

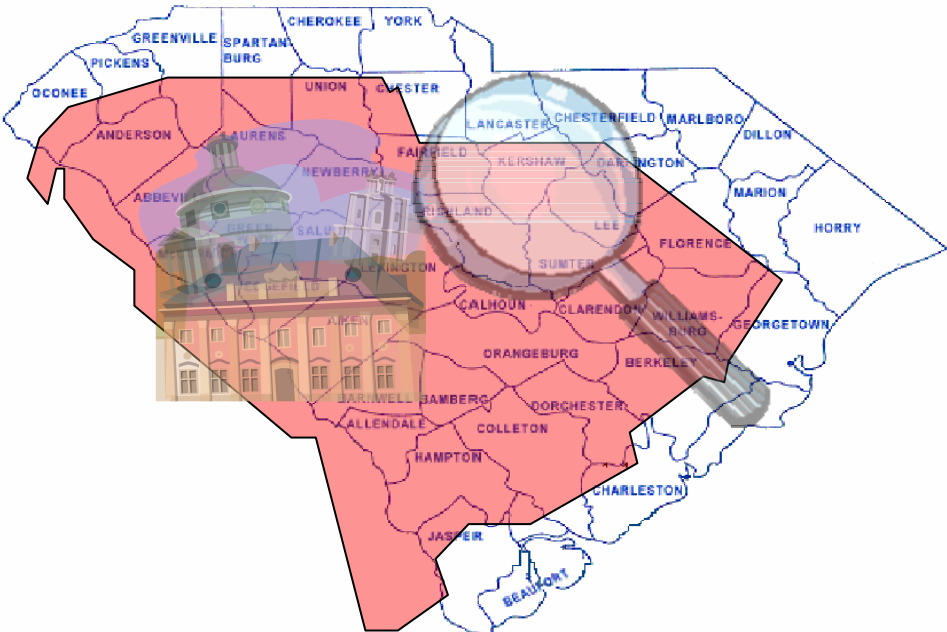
York Technical College

<http://www.yorktech.com/CHE/REPORTS/CHE2007IE.pdf>



# Section 11 Institutional Performance Ratings

(Performance Year 11, 2006-2007)



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## **INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE RATINGS**

Institutional performance ratings from Performance Year 3 (1998-99) through Performance Year 9 (2004-2005) are displayed on the CHE website for each of South Carolina’s public institutions of higher education. Performance data continue to be collected and monitored for Performance Years subsequent to Year 9. Links to institutional report card and current data are listed below.

Beginning with Year 6, institutions are rated on a reduced set of indicators (13 or 14) that were selected for each sector to represent those most closely tied to its mission. The reduced set of indicators better focuses the system and reduces redundancy among the indicators. In reducing the number of measures impacting institutional scores, several indicator definitions were revised.

**Note on Report Format:** The ratings are posted as Adobe Acrobat files, with four pages for each institution. The first page provides a summary of overall performance and details about the institution itself including president’s name and contact information as well as “quick facts” including enrollment, type degrees offered, faculty and financial data. The pages that follow provide indicator-by-indicator performance details including current and three years of historical data for each indicator.

The reader is cautioned against drawing comparisons between institutions in light of individual or overall performance scores due to the nature of the performance funding system employed in South Carolina. It should be kept in mind that there are differences in indicator definitions as well as differences in the applicability of indicators across sectors and institutions that make comparisons difficult. Also, as the reader will note, there is a great deal of variability across all institutions and within sectors as a portion of the institutions’ scores result from a measurement of annual institutional progress. Thus, under South Carolina’s performance funding system, the institution is largely in competition with itself and not with other institutions. As reflected on the rating sheets for each institution, those performing within the same overall performance category may be considered as performing similarly for purposes of allocating fiscal year appropriations.

## **INSTITUTIONAL REPORT CARDS**

[http://www.che.sc.gov/Finance/Perf\\_Fund/Perform/CollgRate/CollegeRatings.htm](http://www.che.sc.gov/Finance/Perf_Fund/Perform/CollgRate/CollegeRatings.htm)

## **PERFORMANCE FUNDING DATA**

[http://www.che.sc.gov/New\\_Web/Rep&Pubs/Per\\_Fund/PFData.htm](http://www.che.sc.gov/New_Web/Rep&Pubs/Per_Fund/PFData.htm)