Common App in South Carolina

First-Year Application Data
2020–2021

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57,278 Applications submitted

12,264 Unique applicants

785 Unique colleges and universities applied to (out of 919)

Destination of Applications

- 55% Out-of-State
- 45% In-State

Percent of applications to all Common App member colleges and universities by South Carolina applicants
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46% Applications submitted with fee waiver or no fee

50% Applications submitted with a test score

Comparison: South Carolina vs. All Applicants
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Applicants by Race/Ethnicity
- Asian 4%
- Latinx 8%
- Nonresident Alien 1%
- Two or More Races 4%
- White 61%
- Black or African American 19%
- Native American 0%
- Pacific Islander 0%
- Unknown 2%

Applicants by Sex
- 42% Male
- 58% Female

Applicants by First-Generation Status
- 70% Not first-generation
- 30% First-generation

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Top receiving institutions nationally from applicants in South Carolina (descending)

- University of South Carolina Columbia
- Clemson University
- College of Charleston
- Wofford College
- Coastal Carolina University
- Furman University
- Winthrop University
- Appalachian State University
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Duke University
- Presbyterian College
- University of Georgia
- North Carolina State University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Auburn University
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Top applying counties in South Carolina (descending)

- Greenville County
- Charleston County
- Richland County
- York County
- Spartanburg County
- Lexington County
- Horry County
- Beaufort County
- Berkeley County
- Dorchester County
- Anderson County
- Aiken County
- Florence County
- Sumter County
- Pickens County
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Year-over-year comparisons

+85% State annual change in applications

+49% State annual change in applicants

Bar chart showing:
- Applications: 30,916 in 2019-2020, 57,278 in 2020-2021
- Applicants: 8,222 in 2019-2020, 12,264 in 2020-2021

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2020–2021
Total comparisons, inclusive of all applicants and all countries

+85%  State annual change in applications

+49%  State annual change in applicants

+17%  Total annual change in applications

+9%  Total annual change in applicants