

**State:** South Carolina

**Capital City:** Columbia

**Major Cities:** Charleston, North Charleston, Mt. Pleasant, Rock Hill, Greenville, Summerville, Sumter, Goose Creek, Hilton Head Island

**Major Companies:** Cryovac, Michelin, Sonoco, PruittHealth, The InterTech Group, Corestaff Services, Medical University of South Carolina, BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, AVX, Domtar

**Major Sectors/Economy:**

- Industrial outputs include textile goods, chemical products, paper products, machinery, automobiles, automotive products and Tourism.
- Many large corporations have moved their locations to South Carolina
- Boeing opened an aircraft manufacturing facility in Charleston in 2011
- South Carolina is home to some of the most successful and innovative companies in the aerospace, agribusiness, automotive, manufacturing and technology industries
- Aerospace Industry
  - With an annual economic impact of more than \$19 billion, the aerospace sector has evolved into a major pillar of the state's economy
- Agribusiness Industry
  - Agribusiness is the true homegrown industry of South Carolina. With a 23% growth rate over the last decade
- Automotive Industry
  - With an annual economic impact of more than \$27 billion, the automotive sector is now an integral part of the state's economy.
  - Moreover, the state also ranks first in both the production and export of tires, accounting for nearly one-third of the US market share
- Advanced Manufacturing Industry
  - South Carolina's manufacturing industry is growing at a record pace that shows no signs of slowing, from manufacturing headquarters to expanding advanced manufacturing operations
  - Since 2011, the number of manufacturing jobs has increased by approximately 18%. South Carolina now leads the nation in the export sales of tires and passenger vehicles
- Life Sciences Industry
  - Recent investments and expansions by leading biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies have brought recognition to South Carolina as a top destination for the life sciences industry
  - With such exceptional assets, a dynamic group of bulk manufacturers, chemical processors, generic and proprietary pharmaceutical developers, hygiene product producers and packagers and related research and development companies have all decided to make their home in South Carolina
  - South Carolina has an expanding biotechnology and life sciences industry cluster comprised of nearly 600 manufacturing, life science-related research and development and service companies, which employ more than 13,000 people state wide

### University Eligibility and Fee:

University	Bachelors Eligibility	Bachelors Fee Range/yr	Masters Eligibility	Masters Fee Range/yr
<b>Clemson University</b>	GPA – 3.8 SAT– 1150-1350 ACT – 27-31	\$35,736	GRE – 320+ GPA – 3.6/80% TOEFL – 100/IELTS – 7.0	\$29,272
<b>University of South Carolina</b>	GPA – 3.7 SAT– 1110-1290 ACT – 25-30	\$12,218	GRE – 305 GPA – 3.3/70% TOEFL – 90/IELTS – 7.0	\$23,684
<b>South Carolina State University</b>	GPA – 3.5 SAT– 950-1090 ACT – 22-24	\$20,210	GRE – 290 GPA – 3.2/65% TOEFL – 80/IELTS – 6.5	\$18,400

### University Key points:

University	Key Points
Clemson University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Founded:1889</li> <li>• Ranking: U.S. News &amp; World Report ranks Clemson University tied for 24 among all national public universities.</li> <li>• Endowment: \$774.5 million (2019)</li> <li>• At Clemson University, 45 percent of full-time undergraduates receive some kind of need-based financial aid, and the average need-based scholarship or grant award is \$9,629.80+</li> <li>• UG 80+ majors and 80+ minors; 120+ graduate degree programs</li> <li>• More than 3 million print and electronic books in the Clemson Libraries</li> <li>• Awarded \$106.3 million in external research funding for fiscal year 2019 Clemson University's sponsored research expenditures topped \$100 million for the first time in school history in fiscal year 2019. This is an increase of \$10.3 million compared with fiscal year 2018</li> </ul>
University of South Carolina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Founded in 1801</li> <li>• Students: 34,099</li> <li>• \$254 million in FY 2017 for Research</li> <li>• USC was awarded \$230.2 million in research funding in the 2014 fiscal year</li> <li>• student-faculty ratio is 18:1</li> <li>• University of South Carolina's ranking in the 2018 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, 103.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Median starting salary of alumni \$44,800</li> <li>• 49 percent of full-time undergraduates receive some kind of need-based financial aid, and the average need-based scholarship or grant award is \$5,148.</li> </ul>
South Carolina State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Founded: 1896</li> <li>• Ranking: #82 in Regional Universities South</li> <li>• US News &amp; World Report currently has SC State ranked #107 in the Southern Regional Universities category, and #40 among national HBCUs</li> <li>• Approximately 30,000 alumni, with more than 18,500 residing in South Carolina.</li> <li>• Fifteen college presidents</li> <li>• The Honorable James E. Clyburn, Assistant Democrat Leader</li> <li>• More than 2035 minority officers in the U.S. Army and 16 General Officers</li> <li>• Endowment: \$4.5million (2015)</li> </ul>