South Central College

As an integrated community and technical college, South Central College (SCC) offers programs that prepare students to start or advance in a rewarding career, transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a bachelor’s degree, or do both. In addition, SCC’s Customized Workforce Education division, which serves 12,000 clients annually, provides high-quality training to the region, helping organizations enhance their workforce and assisting professionals in gaining new skills to progress in their careers. With classes offered at the college’s Faribault and North Mankato campuses, as well as online, students can choose where they want to receive their education.

Contributing to the Minnesota Economy

- South Central College generates an annual economic impact of **$170 million**. This includes a direct impact of **$96.8 million** and an indirect/induced impact of **$73.1 million**.
- Spending on operations and capital projects generates **$73.7 million** of the total impact, and student and visitor spending generates **$96.2 million**.

Supporting and Sustaining Jobs in the State

- South Central College supports and sustains 1,298 Minnesota jobs (919 direct and 379 indirect/induced). These jobs are at the college and in the community – 310 direct jobs are employees of South Central College.

Generating Local and State Tax Revenue

- The combined tax impact of South Central College, its suppliers, students and visitors is **$13.4 million**. This includes a direct impact of **$9 million** and indirect/induced impact of **$4.5 million**.
Alumni in the State Generate Additional Impact

An estimated 15,088 South Central College alumni living and working in Minnesota are continuing to make a positive economic impact after graduation. These graduates are an integral part of the Minnesota workforce, impacting the economy not only through their spending but also through the extra earning power generated by their South Central College degree.

Each year, South Central College alumni generate $55.7 million in economic impact for Minnesota, while supporting and sustaining 297 jobs. Over their 40-year career, alumni will contribute an additional $2.2 billion into the economy. These impacts are based on the added value of earning a degree from South Central College, not alumni full wages. The analysis includes the total number of alumni in Minnesota 10 years after graduation.

Making a Difference in the Community and State

South Central College (SCC) is dedicated to providing an accessible and inclusive learning environment that cultivates student success and advances regional economic development.

To cultivate student success, SCC provides a variety of support services, including tutoring, on-campus social workers, and connections to off-campus community resources. The college offers Campus Cupboard food pantries on both campuses and was one of the first four colleges in Minnesota to be named a “Hunger Free Campus” by LeadMN. With a richly diverse student population, SCC is also a “Leader College” for Achieving the Dream, a national network of more than 300 colleges dedicated to serving as hubs of equity and mobility for their communities.

To advance regional economic development, SCC partners with employers to meet their workforce needs, which in turn, provides employment opportunities to the college’s current students and graduates. SCC has been a pioneer in working with employers to offer work-based learning opportunities, including internships, apprenticeships, and dual training. SCC’s High School to College and Career (H2C) program enables high school students to simultaneously complete their high school diploma, earn industry credentials, and start a college program in a high-demand field. The college’s “Uniquely Abled Academy” program prepares young adults with autism to become entry-level computer numerical control (CNC) operators. SCC will continue to explore innovative solutions like these to help supply the workforce of the future.

An estimated $2,257,907 in charitable donations and volunteer services are generated annually by faculty, staff, and students.

- $327,289 donated to local charitable organizations by faculty, staff, and students.
- $1,930,618 of volunteer time by faculty, staff, and students.

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Student Profile

4,302
students enrolled in fy2022

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