C. FIRST-TIME, FIRST-YEAR ADMISSION

C1-C2: Applications

C1 First-time, first-year students: Provide the number of degree-seeking, first-time, first-year students who applied, were admitted, and enrolled (full- or part-time) in Fall 2025.

- Include early decision, early action, and students who began studies during summer in this cohort.
- Applicants should include only those students who fulfilled the requirements for consideration for admission (i.e., who completed actionable applications) and who have been notified of one of the following actions: admission, non-admission, placement on waiting list, or application withdrawn (by applicant or institution).
- Note that recent high school graduates and other students without prior postsecondary experience will still be considered "first-time students" for fall enrollment reporting purposes even if they enrolled in the summer prior to fall enrollment.

First-Time, First-Year Student Applicants	Total
Total first-time, first-year males who applied	8,922
Total first-time, first-year females who applied	23,404
Total first-time, first-year students of unknown sex who applied	

First-Time, First-Year Student Admits	Total
Total first-time, first-year males who were admitted	5,963
Total first-time, first-year females who were admitted	17,634
Total first-time, first-year students of unknown sex who were admitted	

First-Time, First-Year Student Enrollees	Total
Total first-time, first-year males who enrolled	699
Total first-time, first-year females who enrolled	1614
Total first-time, first-year students of unknown sex who enrolled	

First-Time, First-Year Student Enrollees by Status	Total
Total full-time, first-time, first-year males who enrolled	696
Total part-time, first-time, first-year males who enrolled	3
Total full-time, first-time, first-year females who enrolled	1611
Total part-time, first-time, first-year females who enrolled	3
Total full-time, first-time, first-year students of unknown sex who enrolled	
Total part-time, first-time, first-year students of unknown sex who enrolled	

If available, please provide residency breakdowns for total applicants, admits, and enrolled students: Fall 2025
Please report based on known physical address at time of application.

First-Time, First-Year Student Applicants	In-State	Out-of-State	International	Unknown	Total
Total first-time, first-year (degree-seeking) who applied	7647	24300	379		32326
Total first-time, first-year (degree-seeking) who were admitted	5545	17877	175		23597
Total first-time, first-year (degree-seeking) who enrolled	938	1355	20		2313

C2 First-time, first-year wait-listed students

Students who met admission requirements but whose final admission was contingent on space availability

	Yes or No
Do you have a policy of placing students on a waiting list?	Yes

If yes, please answer the questions below for Fall 2025 admissions:

WAITING LIST	TOTAL
Number of qualified applicants offered a place on waiting list:	2819
Number accepting a place on the waiting list:	972
Number of wait-listed students admitted:	521

	Yes or No
Is your waiting list ranked?	No
If yes, do you release that information to students?	
Do you release that information to school counselors?	

C3-C5: Admission Requirements

C3 High school completion requirement

Check the appropriate box to identify your high school completion requirement for degree-seeking entering students:

- [X] High school diploma is required and GED is accepted
- [ ] High school diploma is required and GED is not accepted
- [ ] High school diploma or equivalent is not required

C4 Does your institution require or recommend a general college-preparatory program for degree-seeking students?

- [X] Require
- [ ] Recommend
- [ ] Neither require nor recommend

C5 **Distribution of high school units required and/or recommended.** Specify the distribution of academic high school course units required and/or recommended of all or most degree-seeking students using Carnegie units (one unit equals one year of study or its equivalent). If you use a different system for calculating units, please convert.

Distribution of high school units	Units Required	Units Recommended
Total academic units	20	23
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	4
Science	3	3

Of these, units that must be lab	3	3
Foreign language	2	3
Social studies	2	2
History	1	2
Academic electives	2	2
Computer Science		1
Visual/Performing Arts	1	1

Other *(specify)*: Physcial Education or ROTC (required for graduation from SC high schools)

C6-C7: Basis for Selection

C6 Do you have an open admission policy, under which virtually all secondary school graduates or students with GED

☐ Open admission policy as described above for all students

Open admission policy as described above for most students, but--

☐ selective admission for out-of-state students

☐ selective admission to some programs

☐ other (explain):

C7 **Relative importance of each of the following academic and nonacademic factors in your first-time, first-year,**

Academic	**Very Important**	**Important**	**Considered**	**Not Considered**
Rigor of secondary school record	X			
Class rank		X		
Academic GPA	X			
Standardized test scores			X	
Application Essay			X	
Recommendation(s)			X	
Nonacademic	**Very Important**	**Important**	**Considered**	**Not Considered**
Interview				X
Extracurricular activities			X	
Talent/ability			X	
Character/personal qualities			X	
First generation			X	
Alumni/ae relation			X	
Geographical residence		X		
State residency		X		
Religious affiliation/commitment				X
Volunteer work			X	
Work experience			X	
Level of applicant's interest			X	

Please provide additional information if the importance of any specific academic or nonacademic factors differ by academic program.

C8: SAT and ACT Policies

Entrance exams

		Yes or No
C8A	Does your institution make use of SAT or ACT scores in **admission** decisions for	Yes

If yes, place check marks in the appropriate boxes below to reflect your institution's policies for use in admission for students applying for **Fall 2027**.

Admission	Required to be considered for admission	Required for some	Recommended	Not required for admission, but considered if submitted	Not considered for admission, even if submitted
SAT or ACT		X			
ACT Only					
SAT Only					

C8B Has been removed from the CDS.

C8C Has been removed from the CDS.

		Yes or No
C8D	In addition, does your institution use applicants' test scores for academic advising?	Yes

C8E Latest date by which SAT or ACT scores must be received for fall-term admission: 15-Jan

C8F If necessary, use this space to clarify your test policies (e.g., if tests are recommended for some students, or if tests are not required of some students due to differences by academic program, student academic background, or if other examinations may be considered in lieu of the SAT and ACT):

Students who are applying for admissions to the College of Charleston can choose to have their application evaluated without SAT or ACT scores.

C8G Please indicate which tests your institution uses for **placement (e.g., state tests):**

- [ ] SAT
- [ ] ACT

X	AP
X	CLEP
X	Institutional Exam
	State Exam (specify):

C9-C12: First-time, first-year Profile

Provide information for ALL enrolled, degree-seeking, full-time and part-time, first-time, first-year students enrolled in Fall

C9 **Percent and number of first-time, first-year students enrolled in Fall 2025 who submitted national standardized**

- Include information for **ALL enrolled, degree-seeking, first-time, first-year students who submitted**
- Do not include partial test scores (e.g., mathematics scores but not critical reading for a category of
- Do not convert SAT scores to ACT scores and vice versa.
- If a student submitted multiple sets of scores for a single test, report this information according to how
- If you consider the highest scores from either submission, use the highest combination of scores
- If you average the scores, use the average to report the scores.

	Percent	Number
Submitting SAT Scores	19%	443
Submitting ACT Scores	9%	199

For each assessment listed below, report the score that represents the 25th percentile (the score that 25 percent of the first-time, first-year population scored at or below) and the 75th percentile score (the score that 25 percent scored at or above).

Assessment	25th Percentile Score	50th Percentile Score	75th Percentile Score
SAT Composite	1160	1220	1300
SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	590	640	680
SAT Math	550	590	640
ACT Composite	23	27	29

ACT Math	21	24	27
ACT English	23	26	31
ACT Writing			
ACT Science			
ACT Reading			

Percent of first-time, first-year students with scores in each range:

Score Range	SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	SAT Math
700-800	19.90%	7.70%
600-699	54.90%	38.40%
500-599	23.50%	47.40%
400-499	1.80%	6.50%
300-399		
200-299		
Totals should = 100%	100%	100.00%

Score Range	SAT Composite
1400-1600	7.90%
1200-1399	55.53%
1000-1199	34.31%
800-999	2.26%
600-799	
400-599	
Totals should = 100%	100.00%

Score Range	ACT Composite	ACT English	ACT Math	ACT Reading	ACT Science
30-36	21.10%	33.70%	9.00%		
24-29	52.80%	36.20%	50.80%		
18-23	23.60%	25.10%	27.60%		
12-17	2.50%	5.00%	12.60%		
6-11					
Below 6					
Totals should = 100%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%

C10 Percent of all degree-seeking, first-time, first-year students who had high school class rank within each of the

Assessment	Percent
Percent in top tenth of high school graduating class	15%
Percent in top quarter of high school graduating class	43%

Percent in top half of high school graduating class	78%	Top half +
Percent in bottom half of high school graduating class	22%	bottom half = 100%
Percent in bottom quarter of high school graduating class	3%	
Percent of total first-time, first-year students who submitted high school class rank:	53.3%	

C11 Percentage of all enrolled, degree-seeking, first-time, first-year students who had high school grade-point
*** Report information only for those students from whom you collected high school GPA.**

*** If you are able to report GPA ranges separately for students that also submitted at least one test score versus those who did not submit a test score, please do so in the respective columns. If you are unable to report these data, please report the ranges for all students.**

Range	Percent (Students who submitted scores)	Percent (Students who did not submit scores)	**Percent (All enrolled students)**
Percent who had GPA of 4.0	62.9%	38.6%	44.77%
Percent who had GPA between 3.75 and 3.99	15.1%	18.1%	17.17%
Percent who had GPA between 3.50 and 3.74	11.5%	18.6%	16.91%
Percent who had GPA between 3.25 and 3.49	5.4%	12.9%	11.07%
Percent who had GPA between 3.00 and 3.24	3.3%	8.3%	6.96%
Percent who had GPA between 2.50 and 2.99	1.8%	3.5%	3.03%
Percent who had GPA between 2.0 and 2.49		0.1%	0.09%
Percent who had GPA between 1.0 and 1.99			
Percent who had GPA below 1.0			
Totals should = 100%	100.0%	100.00%	100.00%

C12 Average high school GPA of all degree-seeking, first-time, first-year students who: 3.96

Percent of total first-time, first-year students who submitted high school GPA: 100.00%

C13-C20: Admission Policies

C13 Application Fee
If your institution has waived its application fee for the Fall 2026 admission cycle please select no.

	Yes or No
Does your institution have an application fee?	Yes
Amount of application fee:	$60
	Yes or No
Can it be waived for applicants with financial need?	Yes

If you have an application fee and an on-line application option, please indicate policy for students who apply on-

X	Same fee
	Free
	Reduced

	Yes or No
Can on-line application fee be waived for applicants with	Yes

C14 Application closing date

	Yes or No
Does your institution have an application closing date?	Yes

	Date
Application closing date (fall)	1/15
Priority Date	11/1

	Yes or No
C15 Are first-time, first-year students accepted for terms other than the fall?	Yes

C16 Notification to applicants of admission decision sent *(fill in one only)*

	On a rolling basis beginning (date):	
	By (date):	
X	Other:	mber for early action, and mid-March for regular decision/early decision 2.

C17 Reply policy for admitted applicants *(fill in one only)*

	Must reply by (date):	
	No set date	
X	Must reply by May 1st or within	weeks if notified thereafter
	Other:	

Deadline for housing deposit (MMDD): 1-May

Amount of housing deposit: $400

Refundable if student does not enroll?

	Yes, in full

	Yes, in part
X	No

C18 Deferred admission

	Yes or No
Does your institution allow students to postpone enrollment after admission?	X

If yes, maximum period of postponement: 1 or 2 semesters

C19 Early admission of high school students

	Yes or No
Does your institution allow high school students to enroll as full-time, first-time, first-year students one year or more before high school graduation?	No

C20 Common Application: Question removed from CDS. (Initiated during 2006-2007 cycle)

C21-C22: Early Decision and Early Action Plans

C21 Early Decision

	Yes or No
Does your institution offer an early decision plan (an admission plan that permits	Yes

If "yes," please complete the following:

First or only early decision plan closing date	11/1
First or only early decision plan notification date	12/1
Other early decision plan closing date	
Other early decision plan notification date	

For the Fall 2025 entering class:

Number of early decision applications received by your institution	428
Number of applicants admitted under early decision plan	308

Please provide significant details about your early decision plan:

C22 Early action

	Yes or No
Do you have a nonbinding early action plan whereby students are notified of an	Yes

If "yes," please complete the following:

Early action closing date	11/1
Early action notification date	12/15

	Yes or No
Is your early action plan a "restrictive" plan under which you limit students from	No