



Virginia's Community Colleges

Education Subcommittee

Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee

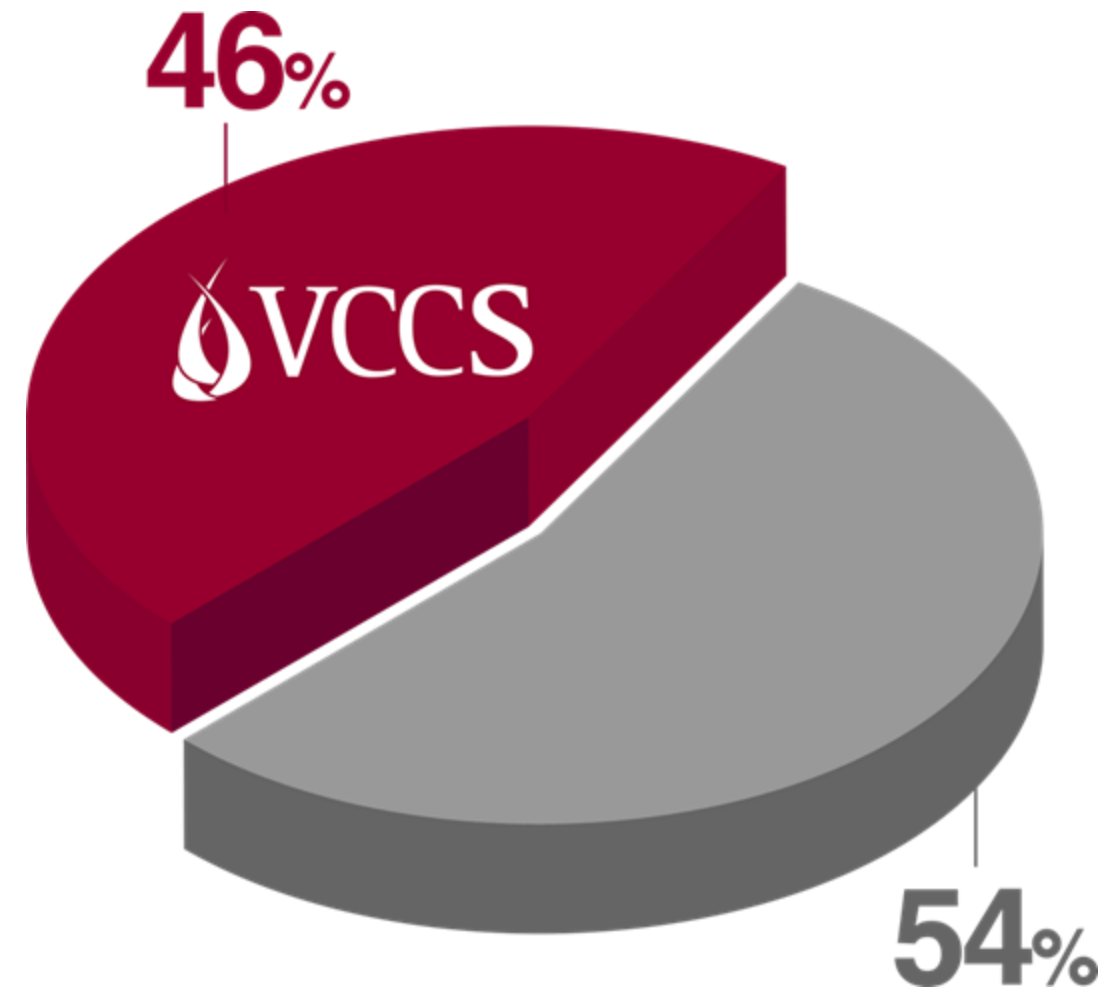
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Dr. David Doré, Chancellor

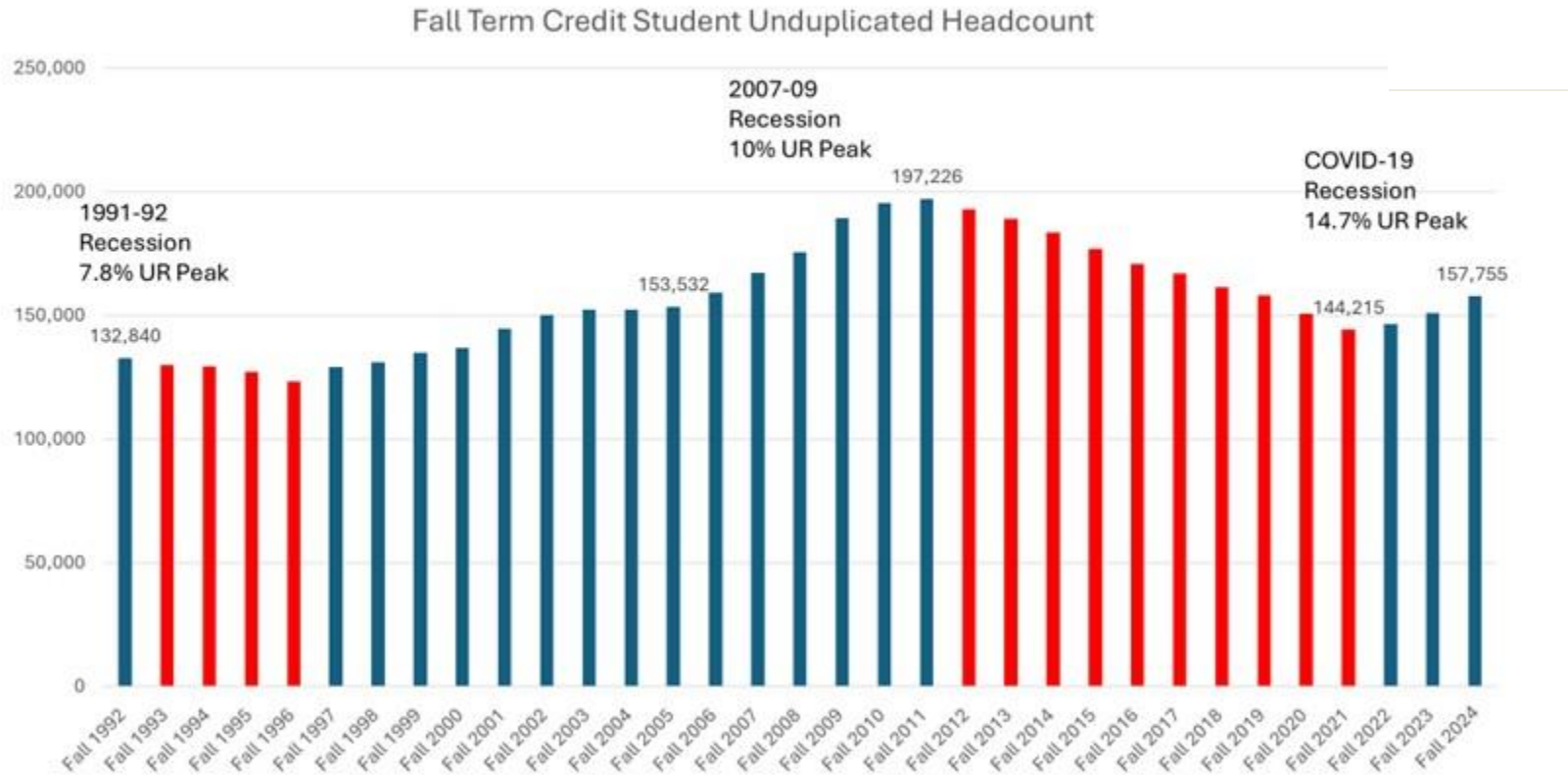




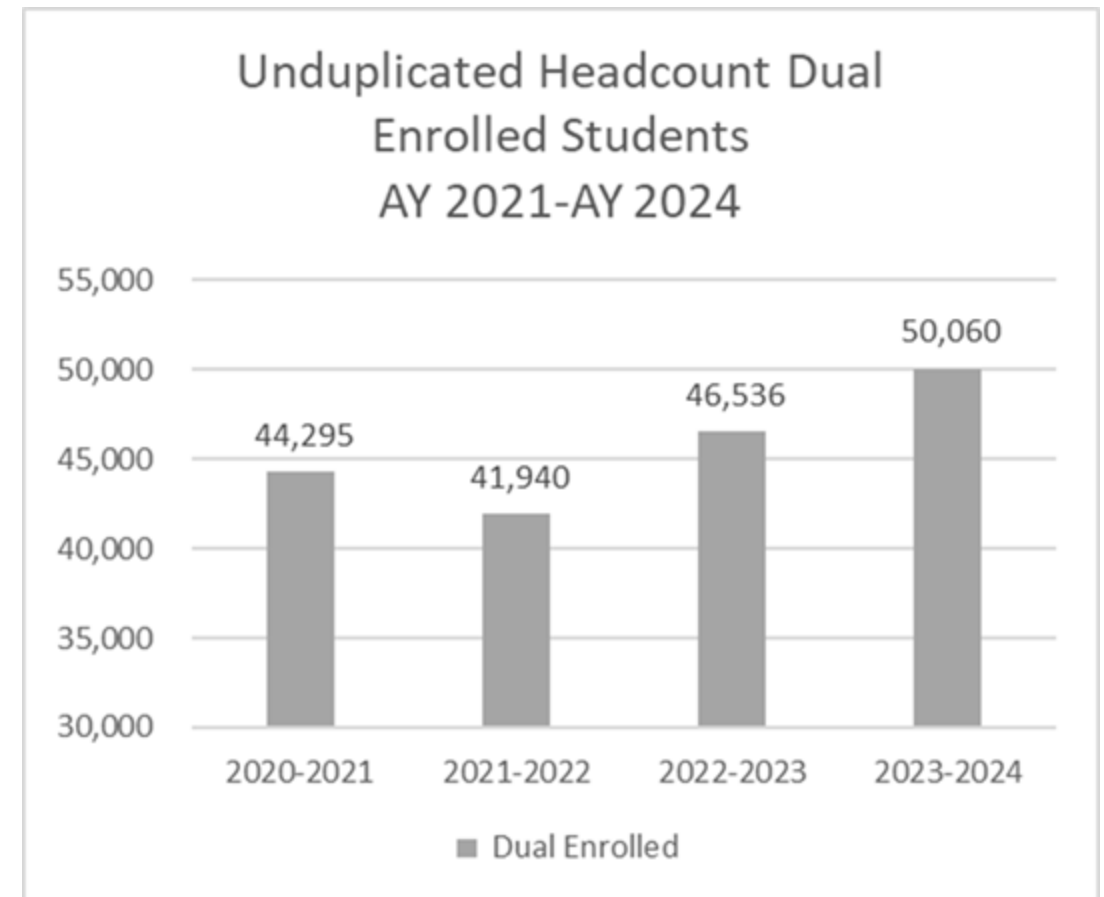
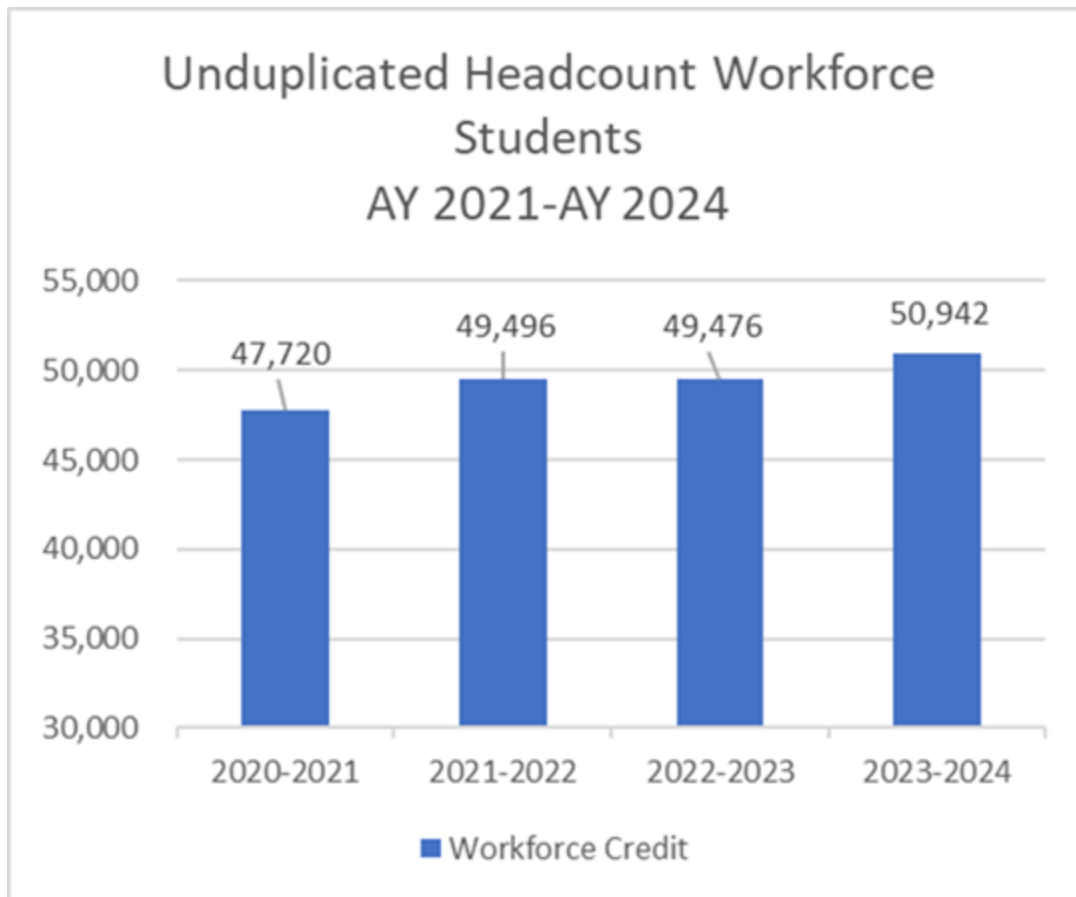
Virginia's Community Colleges account for **nearly half** of all public undergraduate students in Virginia.



Fall 2024 enrollment increased by 9.4% over Fall 2021.

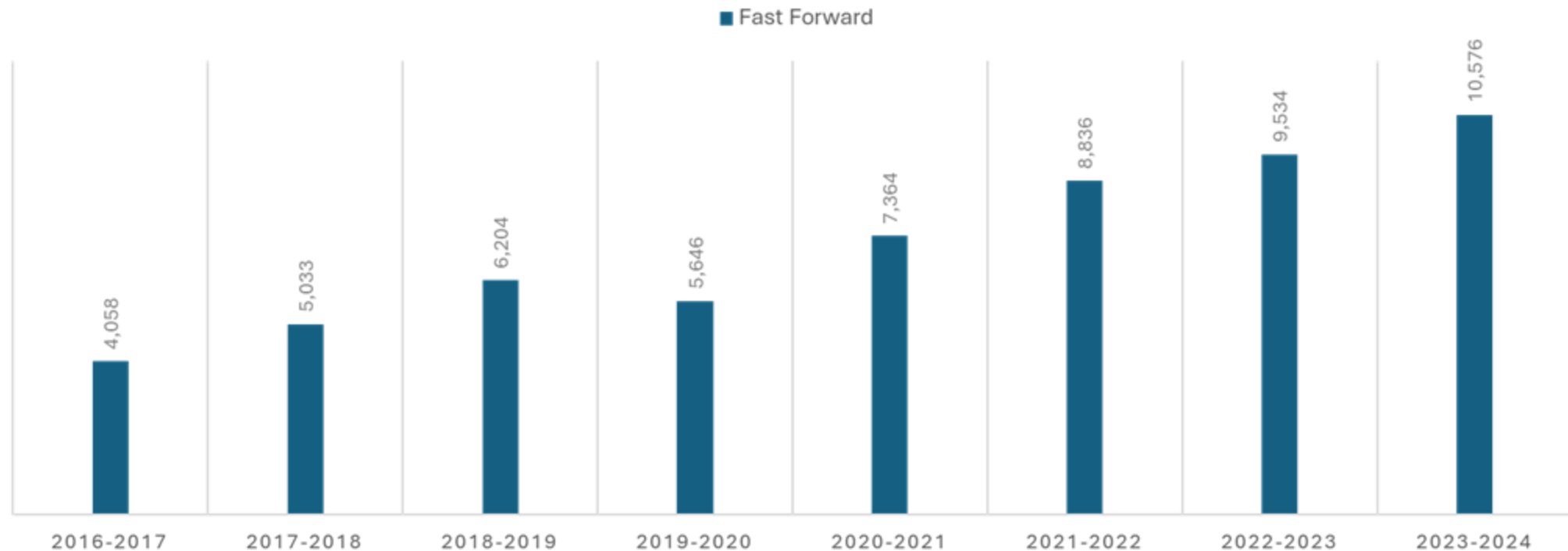


Workforce development students have increased by 7% and dual enrollment students have increased by 13% since AY 2021.



FastForward students increased by 127% over the baseline year AY 2017.

UNDUPLICATED ANNUAL FASTFORWARD HEADCOUNT
AY 2017-AY 2024



2.7x Added Tax Revenue & Public Sector Savings¹



Every \$1
invested
in VCCS

Yields
\$2.70 in
returns



\$11.6 Billion²

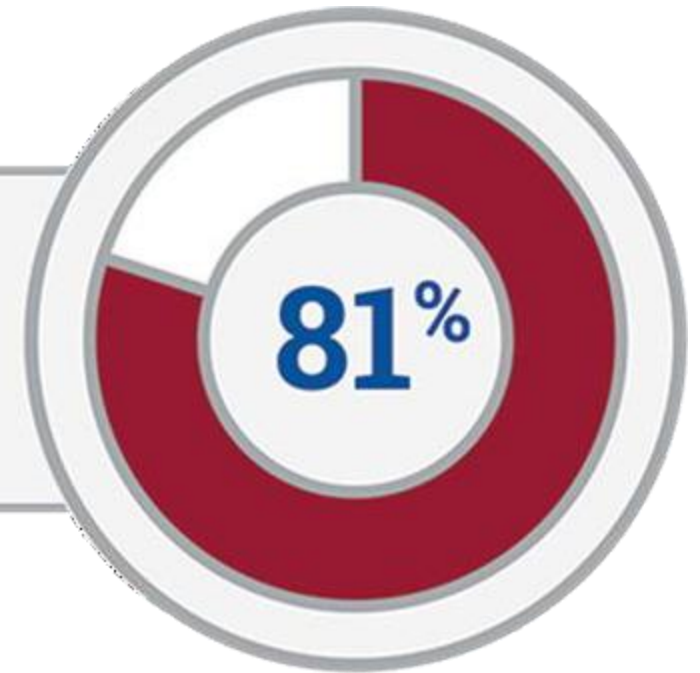
Annual economic
activity generated
by VCCS



232,817³

Students Served

**81% of VCCS graduates stay in
Virginia to live and work**



Developing Virginia's Talent
Reaching More Virginians
Delivering Education to Today's Learners
Supporting Today's Learners
Investing in Virginia's Workforce





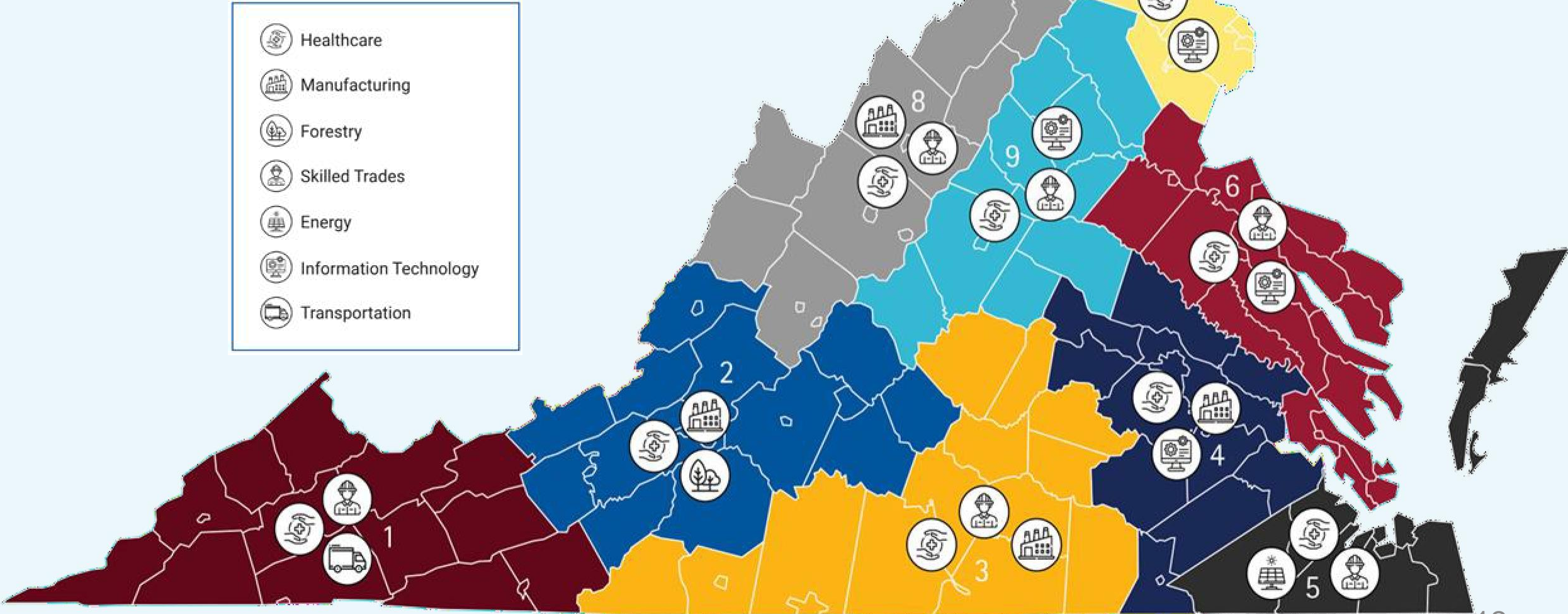
**HELP
WANTED**

Virginia's Community
Colleges are closing
the skills gap.



Unmet Critical Regional Workforce Needs

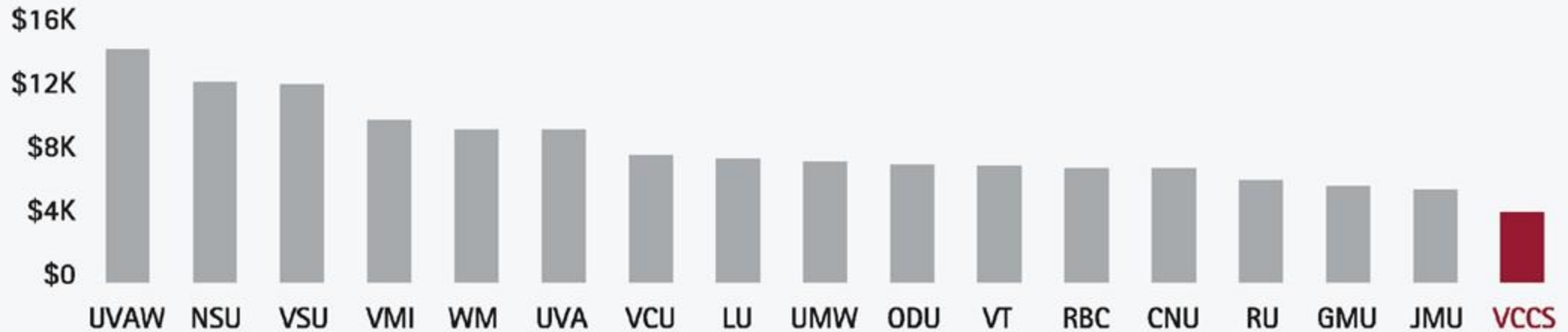
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VCCCS 2024-26 Amended Operating Budget Requests

REQUEST	AMOUNT	SUMMARY
Sustain and expand high school student access to community college dual enrollment programs.	\$34M (ongoing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$14M needed to sustain the existing program (\$10M in lost tuition+ \$4M in fees) \$20M needed to grow the program
Increase capacity regionally by scaling career and technical education programs.	\$136.2M (\$90M one time+ \$46.2M ongoing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$90M in one-time funding for small facility improvements, equipment, and program start-up costs. \$46.2M in recurring funding for hiring of additional teaching faculty, non-teaching support staff and non-personal operating support costs necessary for expansion of credit and non-credit programs
Expand FastForward programs by increasing Workforce Credentials Grant funding	\$8.5M (ongoing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing funding is insufficient to continue enrolling students and producing qualified workers in these training programs leading to high demand jobs. Increasing the state's investment to \$32.25 million will address ongoing program growth.

Total: \$90.0M in one-time costs plus an annual \$46.2M in additional ongoing state support.



Our colleges are the lowest-funded higher education institutions in Virginia.

Funding per FTE student



99,045¹
Minority Students



+ \$12,000²
More per year for
associate-degree earners



\$21,423 Savings³
Associate to Bachelor
vs. 4-Year Bachelor



351,775⁴
Degrees, Certificates,
and Credentials

1. Approximately 48% of enrolled credit students identified as a minority (36,432 as Black/African American; 31,827 as Hispanic/Latino; 18,791 as Asian)

2. Average earnings increase compared to a high-school diploma or equivalent

3. SCHEV, 2024-2025 Tuition and Fees Report

4. Earned since 2016



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55,000

high school students
received college credit through
dual enrollment courses

College & Career Preparation



30+

public and private colleges
and universities throughout
Virginia provide guaranteed
admission to VCCS graduates

Guaranteed, Seamless Transfer



2

65,000

students annually seek training
aligned with Virginia's
most in-demand jobs.

High-Demand Training



300,000

cumulative
meaningful credentials
by 2030



15,000-30,000

additional cumulative
FastForward job-ready workers
by 2030 with an additional
\$8.5M annual investment



\$34M

will sustain dual enrollment
for 55,000+ students and
expand to serve an additional
10,000-20,000 students





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Thank you!

