

ACCOUNTABILITYREPORT

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 | Government Operations and Audit Committee



South Dakota Board of
Technical Education



Board of Technical Education Roster

The Board of Technical Education is comprised of nine gubernatorially-appointed members. In the appointment process, attention is given to **geographic** and **industry** representation.

James Dover, Avera Health, Sioux Falls

Dana Dykhouse (Chair), First Premier Bank, Sioux Falls

Brad Greenway, Greenway Pork, Mitchell

Denny Law, Golden West Communications, Wall

Joy Nelson, Haugen-Nelson Realty, Watertown

Terry Sabers (Secretary), Muth Electric (retired), Mitchell

Brian Sandvig (Vice Chair), Valley Queen Cheese, Milbank

Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, former university president, Spearfish

Jamie Stucky, Sanford Health, Lennox



STRATEGIC**PRIORITIES**

Attainment
Affordability
Alignment



ATTAINMENT**PRIORITY**

Increasing the number of South Dakotans
who **attain high-quality**
post secondary credentials.



AFFORDABILITY**PRIORITY**

Ensuring that technical education
in South Dakota is **affordable**
and offers a positive **return on investment**.



ALIGNMENT **PRIORITY**

Preparing learners and graduates
for meaningful **employment** and **continued**
education opportunities.



Report Highlights

☐ Graduate Outcomes

☐ Enrollment

☐ Retention

☐ Key Appropriations

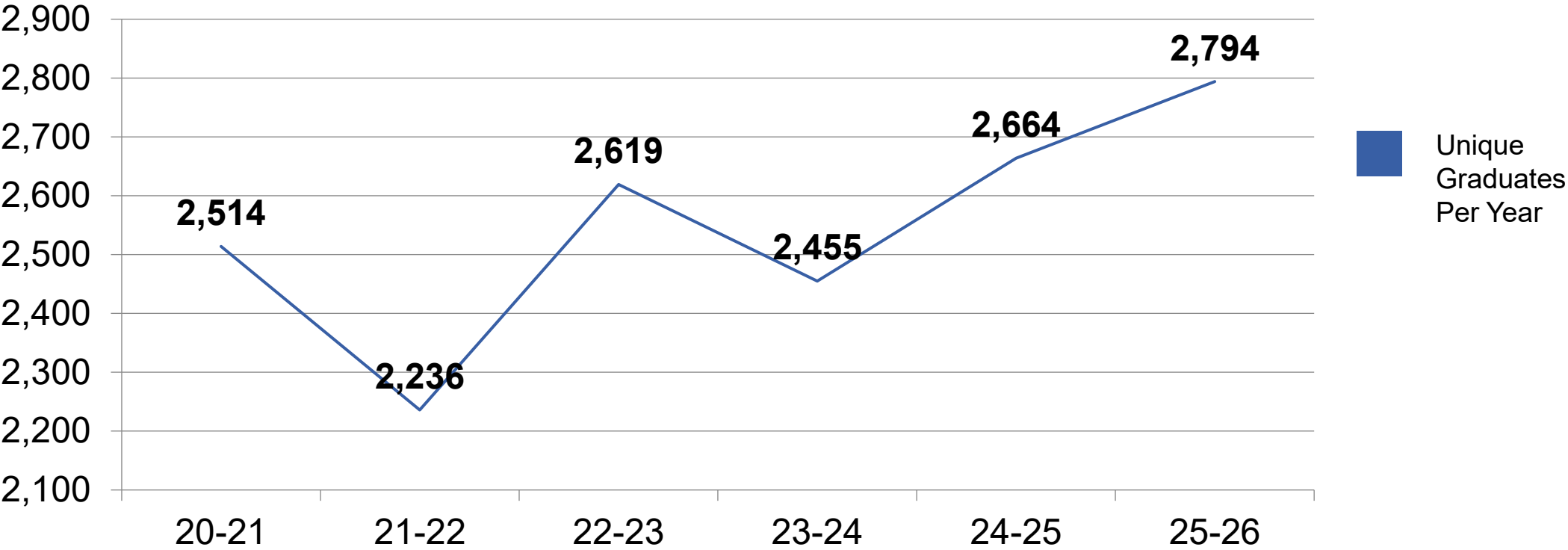


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Graduate, Enrollment, and Retention Trends



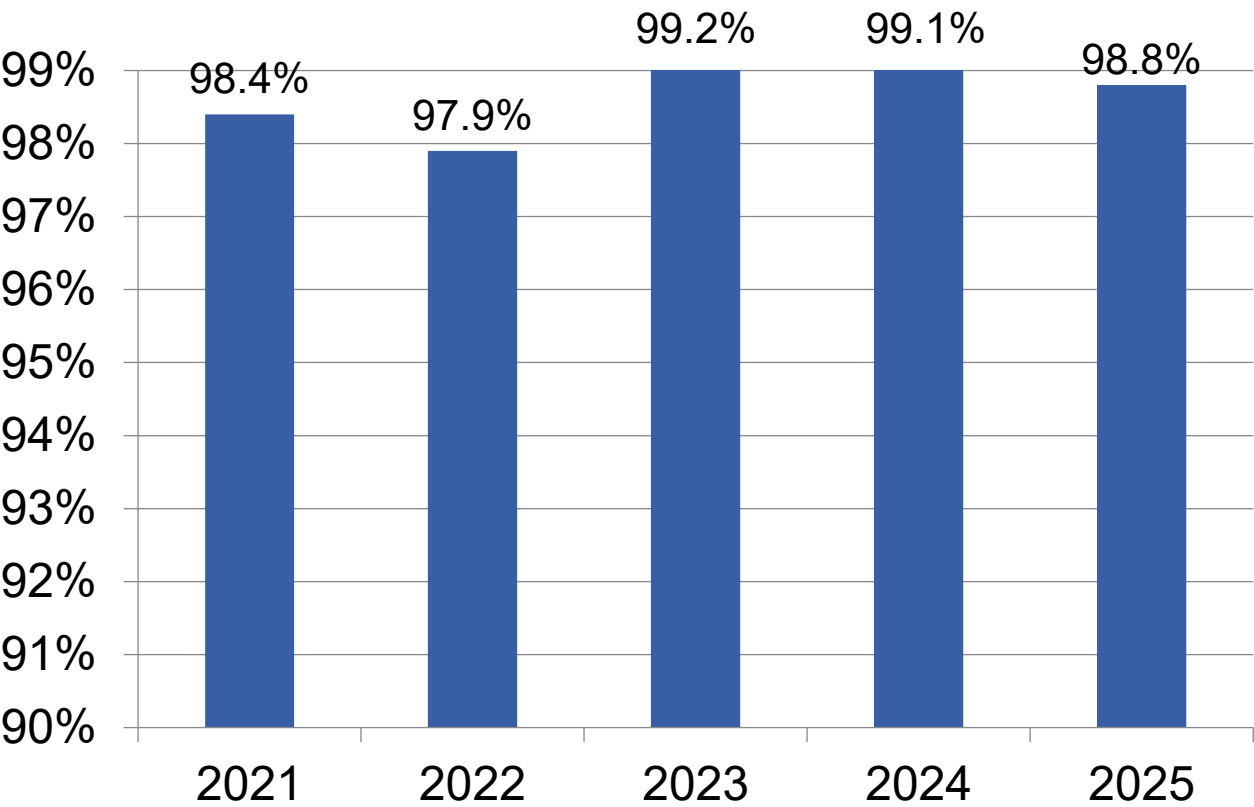
Graduate Numbers Increase



From the Report Page 3, Graph 1
Source Appendix A (2025), Projections from the Technical Colleges (2026)



Placement Rates Remain Strong

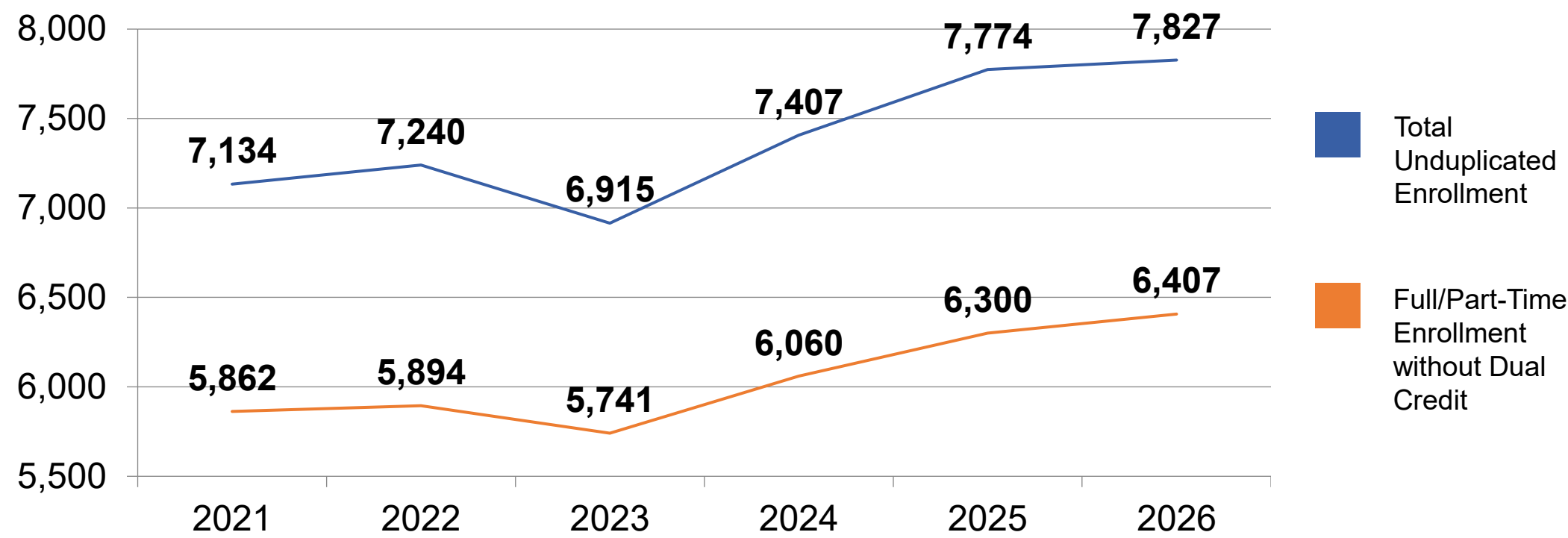


The graph above outlines the **placement rate** for the technical college system. The rate includes those who are employed, continuing education, or entering the military. Data is collected **six months** following graduation. The response rate was **92.7%**.

From the Report Page 3, Graph 2
Source Graduate Outcomes Report (2025)



System Enrollment Increases in Fall 2026



Since fall 2019, enrollment in two-year public colleges **nationally** has declined by more than **17%** and by more than **14%** in South Dakota's **seven-state region**.

From the Report Page 4, Graph 3
Source Fall Enrollment Report (2026), Integrated Postsecondary Data System (retrieved 2026)



Increase in Overall Headcount and Dual-Credit

Fall Unduplicated Enrollment History (2021-2026)

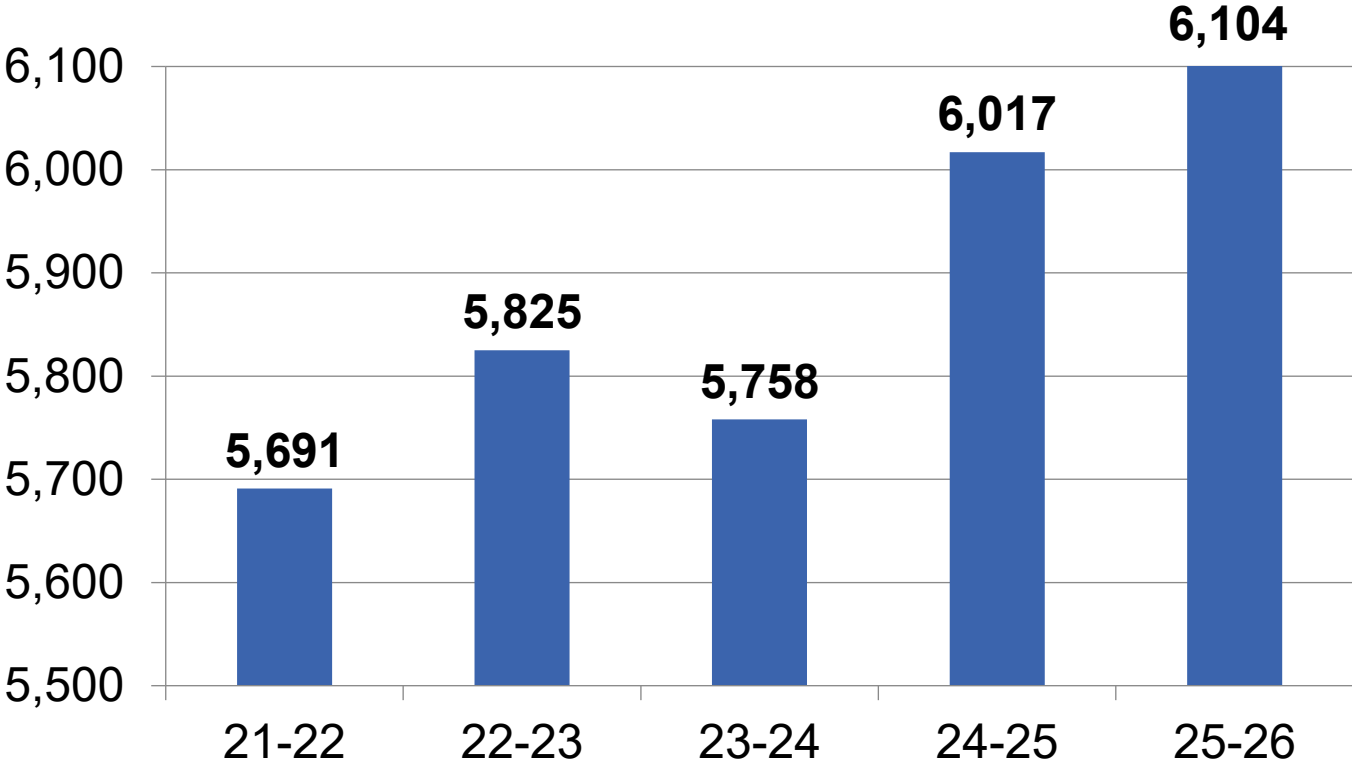
Institution	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
LATC	2,190	2,238	2,179	2,312	2,321	2,381
MTC	1,233	1,234	1,176	1,237	1,342	1,406
STC	2,381	2,453	2,478	2,659	2,815	2,798
WDTC	1,330	1,315	1,082	1,199	1,296	1,242
Total	7,134	7,240	6,915	7,407	7,774	7,827

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Since the fall of 2022, enrollment in **Health Sciences** programs has increased by **686** students and enrollment in **Architecture and Construction** programs has increased by **116** students.



Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Number Grows



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The graph above outlines the system’s **full-time equivalent** (30 credit hours/academic year) count since fall 2021. The FTE number from the previous academic year is used to apply the funding formula in the current fiscal year (i.e. FY27 = 2025-26).

From the Report Page 6, Graph 4
Source Appendix A (2025), Board of Technical Education Projections (2026)



Retention Rate Remains Strong

80%

of students who were enrolled in the fall of 2024, either completed their credential or returned in the fall of 2025.

The national average retention rate among public two-year colleges in fall 2024 was **54%**, including **62%** (full-time) and **43%** (part-time).

Retention Rate History (2021-2025)

Institution	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
LATC	77	81	84	84	84
MTC	82	82	86	86	84
STC	72	75	80	80	80
WDTC	68	71	74	71	67
System	74%	78%	81%	81%	80%

Note There was a decrease in the fall 2020 to fall 2021 retention rate, likely an impact from COVID-19.



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Key FY27 Appropriations



FY27 Equipment Funding

State and System Partner to Fund Equipment Priorities

	State (67%)	System (33%)	Total
LATC	\$1,359,317	\$669,514	\$2,028,831
MTC	\$918,438	\$452,365	\$1,370,803
STC	\$1,316,828	\$648,587	\$1,965,415
WDTC	\$722,801	\$356,006	\$1,078,807
Total	\$4,317,384	\$2,126,472	\$6,443,856

The state and the system continue to partner to meet equipment funding needs, with the state supporting 67% of the total FY27 need and the system matching the state's contribution with 33% of total need. The state dollars are distributed using the existing funding formula.



Maintenance and Repair Funding

M&R Distribution (FY27)

	FY27	Square Feet
LATC	\$705,617	368,805 ft ²
MTC	\$593,091	317,261 ft ²
STC	\$916,658	479,110 ft ²
WDTC	\$573,472	299,737 ft ²
Total	\$2,788,837	1,464,913 ft ²

The FY27 appropriation is based on a replacement value of state-owned facilities of **\$385,549,494**.

From the Report Page 8, Table 6
Source South Dakota Board of Technical Education

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