The positive educational and economic impact of South Carolina’s HBCUs is large and lasting. The numbers (based on 2016 data) tell the story.

**KEY STATS:**
- HBCUs comprise 21% of the four-year institutions in the state
- Enroll 32% of all black undergraduates at public and private four-year institutions
- Award 32% of all bachelor’s degrees earned by black students

**ENROLLMENT:**
- **8,324**: Total number of black undergraduates enrolled at an HBCU in the state
- **36%**: Percentage of black male undergraduates enrolled at a four-year HBCU in South Carolina
- **29%**: Percentage of black female undergraduates enrolled at a four-year HBCU in South Carolina

**ECONOMIC IMPACT***:
- Total economic impact: South Carolina’s eight HBCUs generate $463 million in total economic impact.
- Total employment impact: South Carolina’s eight HBCUs generate 4,985 jobs for their local and regional economy.
- Total lifetime earnings for graduates: The 2,125 South Carolina HBCU graduates in 2014 can expect total earnings of $5.2 billion over their lifetimes.

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