USC Foundations Annual Endowment Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

UNIVERSITY OF
South Carolina
University Foundations

Letter from the President & CEO | R. Jason Caskey, CPA

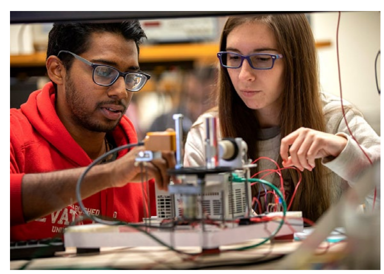
We are pleased to share information on our consolidated investment portfolio, the returns on the portfolio, and the endowment for the University of South Carolina and the University Foundations as of and for the year ended June 30, 2026.

The consolidated investment portfolio experienced significant growth during the year and totaled $1.05 billion as of June 30, 2026. Although the Educational Foundation comprises approximately 79% of this total, the Business Partnership Foundation, Development Foundation, Alumni Association and The Gamecock Club have funds included as well.

The markets experienced significant gains during the year which resulted in a strong year of performance in the investment portfolio.

The University of South Carolina Foundations remain strong.

- Our one-year rate of return on investments was 18.0%.
- The five-year return was 7.6%.
- The ten-year return was 10.2%.



As a result of the strong performance of the consolidated portfolio, the overall endowment increased as well. We are excited to report that our endowment grew by $178 million during the year. The endowment increased from $1.145 billion as of June 30, 2025 to $1.323 billion as of June 30, 2026. The endowment is comprised of the consolidated investment portfolio, endowed funds held at the University, and certain real estate.

The positive returns continue to enhance the strong financial position of our Foundations. These returns strengthen our liquidity to support our students, faculty and staff with scholarships, fellowships, and other academic programs.

We hope that you will find the information included in this report to be insightful as you evaluate the work of our Foundations.

Thank you for your support and trust
in the University Foundations.

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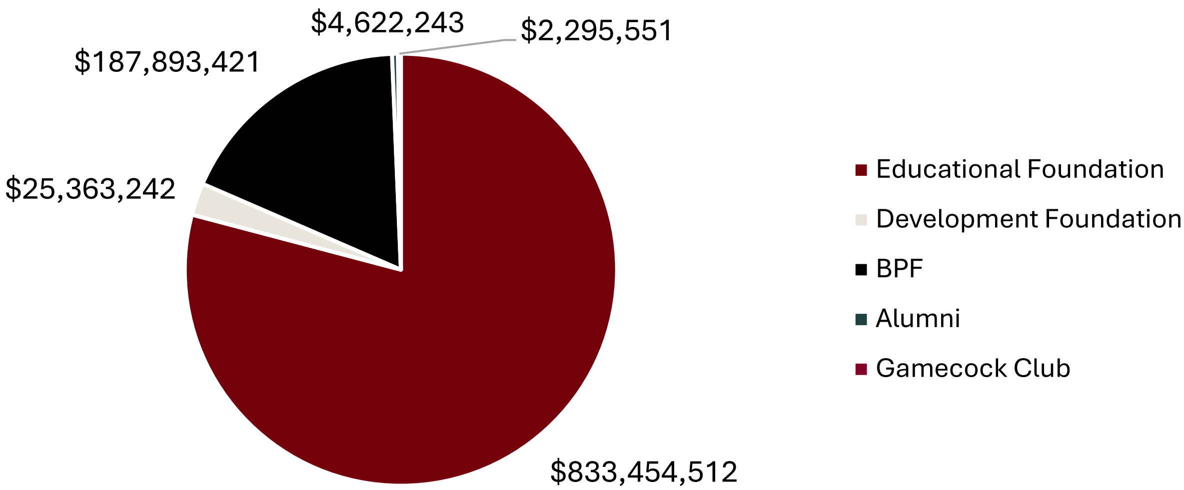
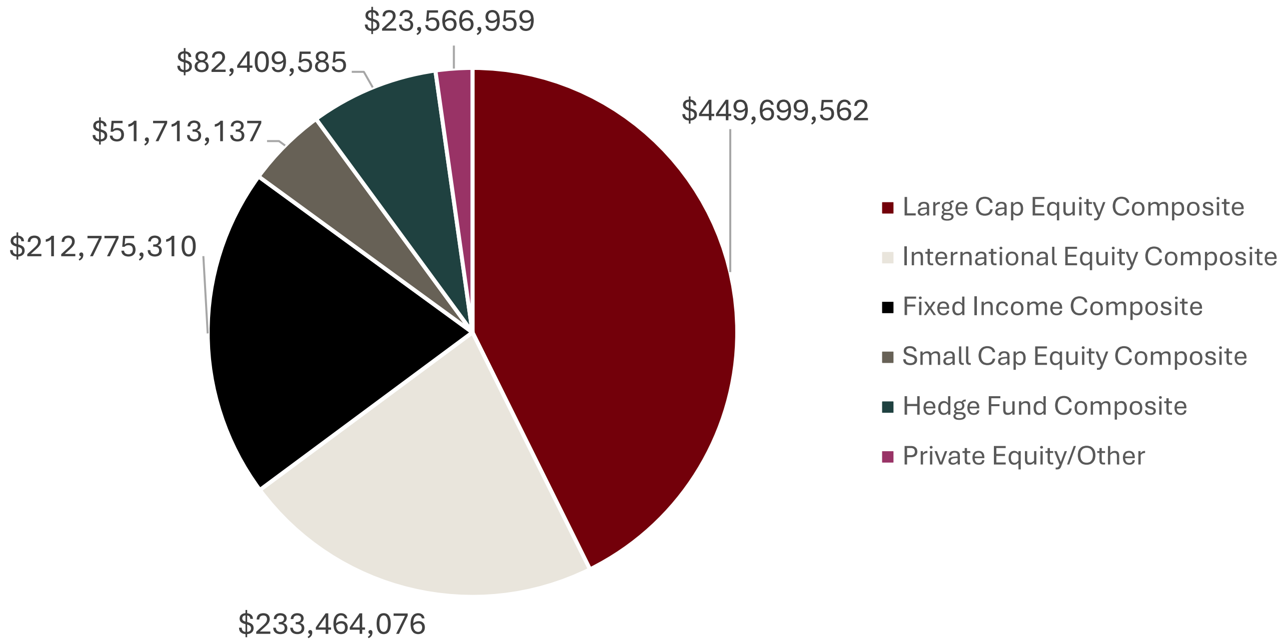
Investment Summary as of June 30, 2026 (consolidated)

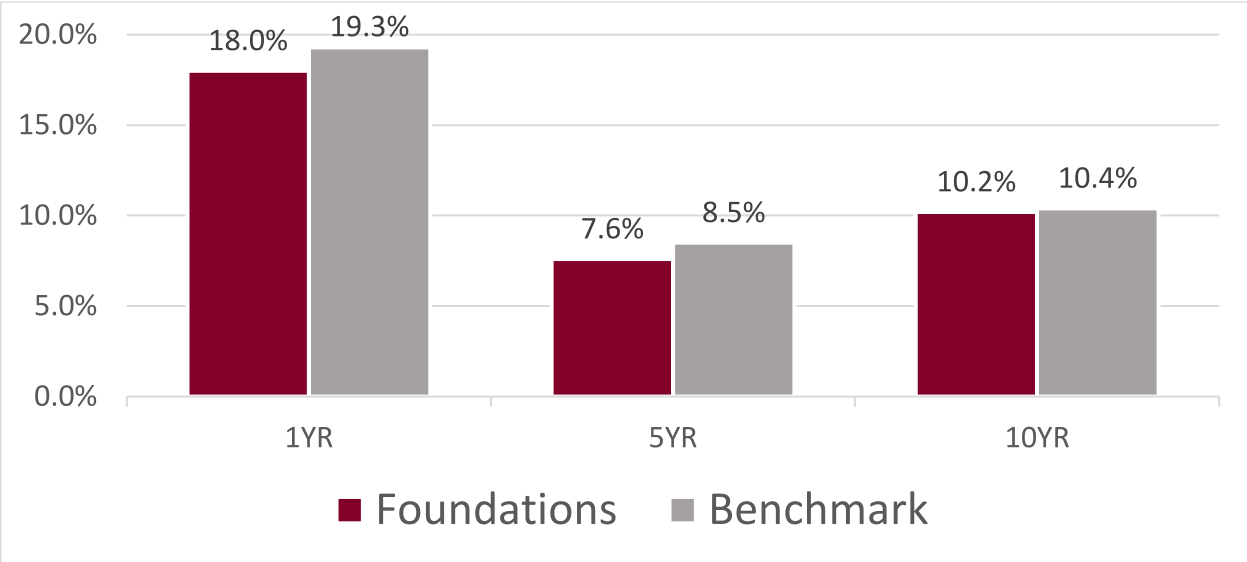


Total Investments **$1,053,628,969**

Allocation Summary as of June 30, 2026 (consolidated)



Investment Returns as of June 30, 2026 (consolidated)



Benchmark: Target Weighted Index is currently comprised of:

- 50% Russell 3000 Index
- 20% MSCI AC World Index ex-US
- 20% Bloomberg US Aggregate Index
- 10% HFRI Fund of Funds Index

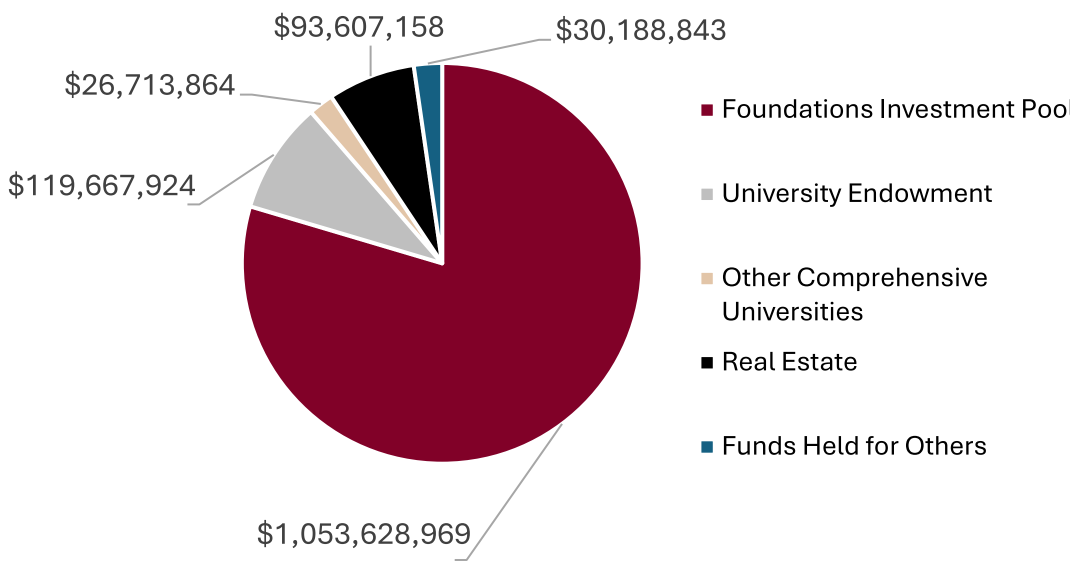
INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Our investment strategy understands the long-term nature of the Foundations and believes that investing in assets with higher return expectations outweighs their short-term volatility risk. As a result, the majority of assets are invested in equity or equity-like securities with the goal of long-term growth. Shorter-term results may differ meaningfully from benchmarks and peers.

Fixed income are used to lower short-term volatility and provide stability, especially during periods of deflation and negative equity markets.

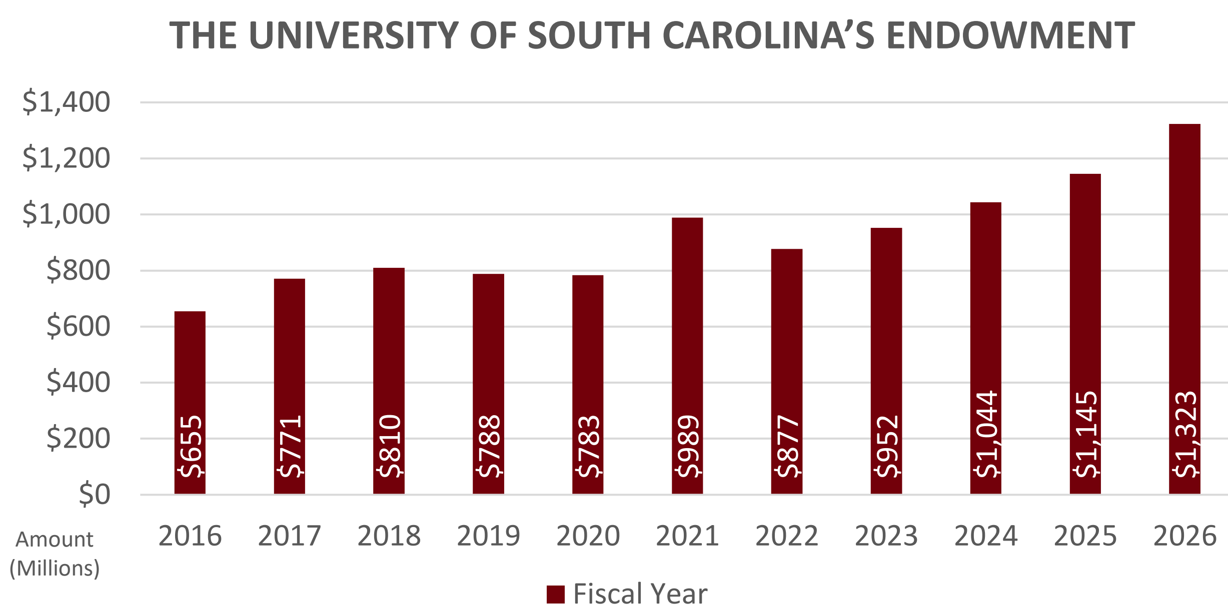
The larger Educational and Business Partnership Foundations also invest in alternative assets, including Hedge Funds and, more recently, Private Equity. These strategies provide unique return drivers and risk diversification with low correlation to stocks and bonds.

Endowment Composition as of June 30, 2026

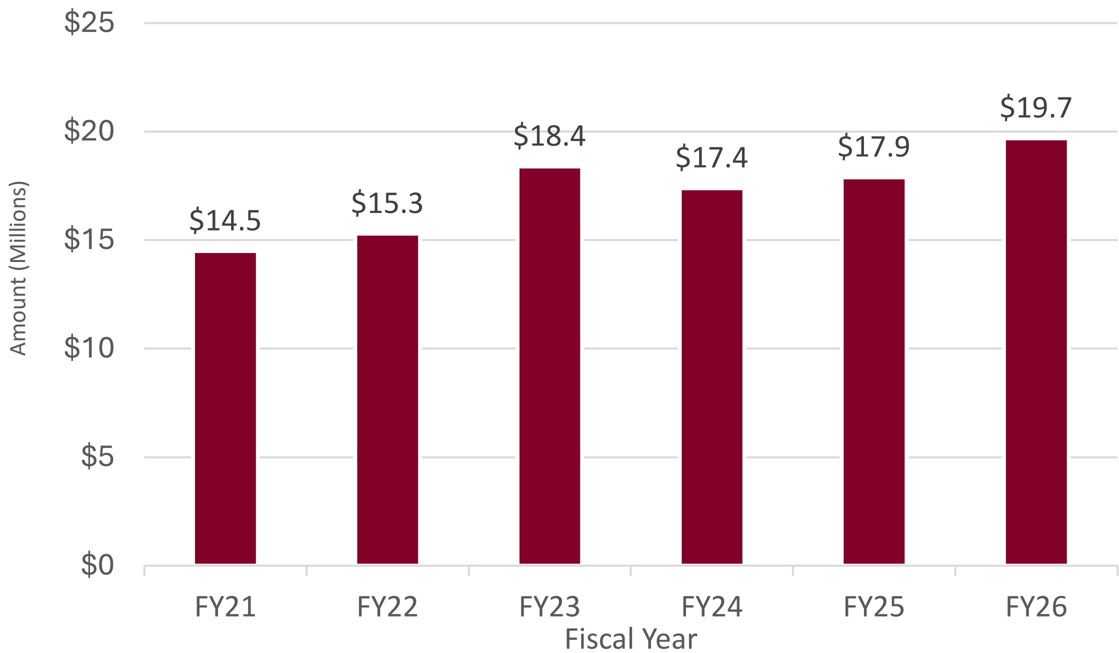


Total Endowment: **$1,323,816,758**

Historical Endowment Data as of June 30, 2026



Educational Foundation Endowment Payout



Educational Foundation Unrestricted Payout