What is FTE?

One full-time equivalent (FTE) student represents 16 student membership hours per week for 16 weeks or 256 membership hours for each semester enrolled. FTE is calculated and reported in a variety of ways. There are a couple of important distinctions between FTE earned for curriculum classes and FTE earned for continuing education classes:

**Annual Curriculum FTE** is based upon the total FTE for fall and spring semesters. FTE earned during summer semesters is not included for budget purposes.

**Annual Continuing Education FTE** is based upon the total FTE for spring, summer, and fall semester. FTE earned during the summer semester is included for budget purposes. Only occupational extension and basic skills classes are included in the calculation of annual budget FTE.

FTE is important since FTE generated in a given year determines the college budget for the following year.

The SCC Fact Book contains detailed information related to curriculum, continuing education and budget FTE. The following FTE figures are reported:

Curriculum FTE
- Annualized Total FTE
- Annualized Program FTE

Continuing Education FTE
- Annualized Total FTE
- Annualized Program FTE

Budget FTE

Click on the following link to access the SCC Fact Book:

http://www.southwest.cc.nc.us/factbook06/index.htm