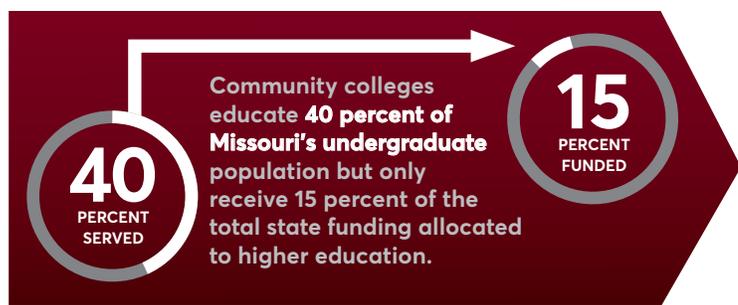




**These cuts to community colleges, if enacted, will hurt workforce development across the state. WE CANNOT GROW OUR STATE'S ECONOMY WITHOUT A TRAINED AND EDUCATED WORKFORCE.** If the intention is to support students, we must support the institutions that serve them. Community colleges have already tightened budgets in recent years due to declining enrollment and this past year even more due to withholdings from the state. The additional proposed decrease in funding would force cut-backs in critical areas, and the burden would ultimately land on the shoulders of students.



**MAINTAIN CORE FUNDING** The reduction in state funding – more than 10 percent since 2009 – means the burden of higher education costs has been shifted to students. We seek an appropriation no less than the amount appropriated in FY18.



**PROMOTE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** We support an increase in funding for the Missouri Works Job Training program as well as the Customized Training program.



**BY THE NUMBERS** The net added income generated by Missouri's community college operations and student spending contributes **\$330 million** in income to the state's economy every year.



More than 90,000 students are enrolled in for-credit courses at Missouri's 12 community colleges.



In-district tuition and fees at St. Charles Community College average \$3,330 annually for a typical full-time student compared to \$10,275 at its neighboring public four-year university.