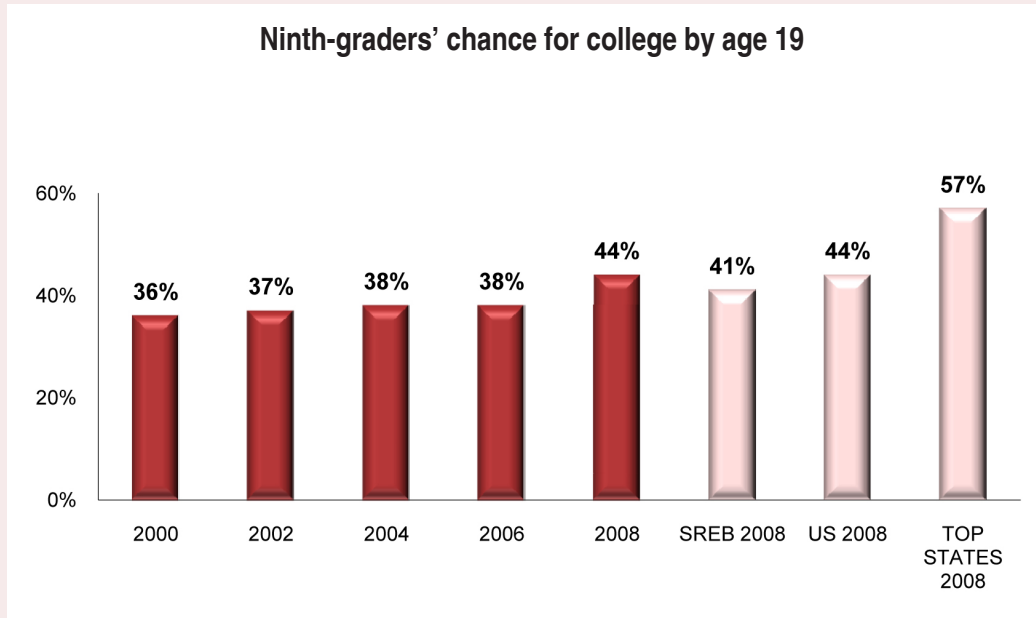




## Ninth-graders' chance for college by age 19

Status: Making progress



Source: *Measuring Up 2008: The State Report Card on Higher Education*

### Highlights

- After holding steady at 38% for two consecutive years, Kentucky's performance increased to 44% in 2008, equal to the US average. The average of the top-performing states increased from 53% in 2006 to 57% in 2008.
- Kentucky exceeded its 2008 performance goal of 39% on this indicator.
- According to *Measuring Up 2008*, a Kentuckian's chance of enrolling in college by age 19 has increased by 28% since the early 1990s, compared with a nationwide increase of 8% during the same time period.
- Despite improvements, the proportion of students in Kentucky who graduate from high school within four years is small.

### About this measure

This indicator, developed by *Measuring Up*, reports the probability of a ninth-grader finishing high school within four years and continuing on to college by age 19. To calculate this measure, the high school completion rate is multiplied by the college continuation rate. This indicator focuses on the importance of helping more young people complete high school and successfully transition to college. *Measuring Up* will be updated next in 2010.