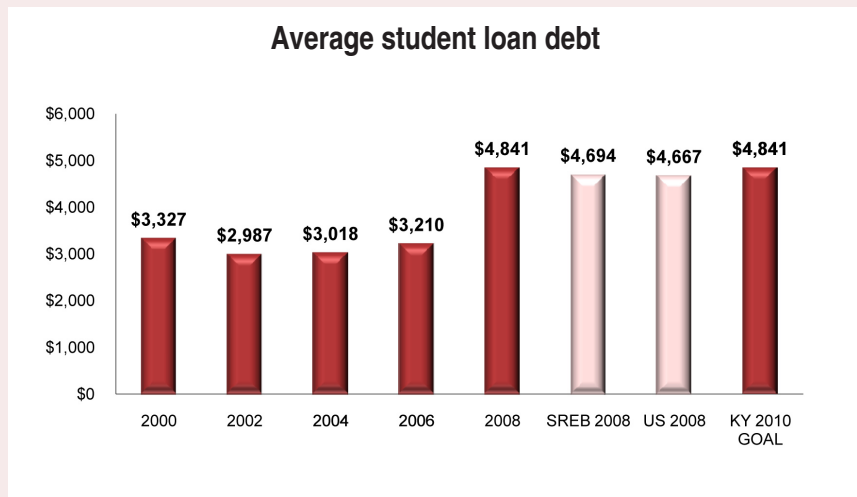


Average student loan debt

Current: \$4,841

Goal: \$4,841



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

About the goal:

The current economic recession and rising unemployment are forcing some students to take out additional loans to offset lost income or declining state or institutional aid. In light of these circumstances, Kentucky's 2010 goal is to maintain 2008 debt levels.

About this measure:

This indicator, developed by *Measuring Up*, monitors the average student loan debt undergraduates accrue for one year of college.

Definition:

Measured by the average amount undergraduate students borrow each year from federal student loan programs, which comprise more than 90% of all student loan funds. This does not include private loans obtained to pay for college.