



# Degrees awarded statewide

Status: Making progress

Degrees and other credentials awarded statewide by level										
	AY00	AY01	AY02	AY03	AY04	AY05	AY06	AY07	AY08	1-Yr. Change
Certificate	165	1,977	3,843	4,055	5,915	7,915	11,831	12,317	14,159	15.0%
Diploma	-	1,609	1,608	1,705	2,226	2,310	2,130	2,301	2,246	-2.4%
Associate	4,933	5,078	5,567	6,205	6,841	7,139	7,508	7,834	7,785	-0.6%
Bachelor's	15,319	14,882	15,839	15,771	16,902	17,457	18,224	18,623	19,227	3.2%
Post-Bac Cert.	17	12	45	35	40	24	100	145	167	15.2%
Master's/Specialist	4,748	4,888	5,035	5,473	6,202	6,570	6,828	7,005	6,928	-1.1%
Post-Master's Cert.	0	0	0	0	10	18	20	47	14	-70.2%
Doctoral	355	284	336	347	387	423	476	513	535	4.3%
Professional	791	824	820	840	863	917	896	913	970	6.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,328</b>	<b>29,554</b>	<b>33,093</b>	<b>34,431</b>	<b>39,386</b>	<b>42,773</b>	<b>48,013</b>	<b>49,698</b>	<b>52,031</b>	<b>4.7%</b>

Source: CPE Comprehensive Database

## Highlights

- Total degrees and other credentials awarded increased 4.7% over the previous year, from 49,698 in 2006-07 to 52,031 in 2007-08.
- Bachelor's degree production increased 3.2%, from 18,623 to 19,227.
- The public universities awarded 15,036 bachelor's degrees in 2007-08, exceeding the goal of 14,835.
- Kentucky fell just shy of its performance goal of 27,899 bachelor's degrees or higher in 2007-08, producing a total of 27,841
- Associate degree production was down 0.6%, from 7,834 in 2006-07 to 7,785 in 2007-08.

## About this measure

Degrees awarded is perhaps the most important output measure for postsecondary education. The number of graduates produced each year has a direct effect on Kentucky's educational attainment level and is the driving force behind the state's ambitious goal to double the number of bachelor's degrees by the year 2020.

This indicator measures the total number of certificates, diplomas, and degrees awarded in an academic year (July 1 through June 30) by KCTCS and the public and independent sectors.