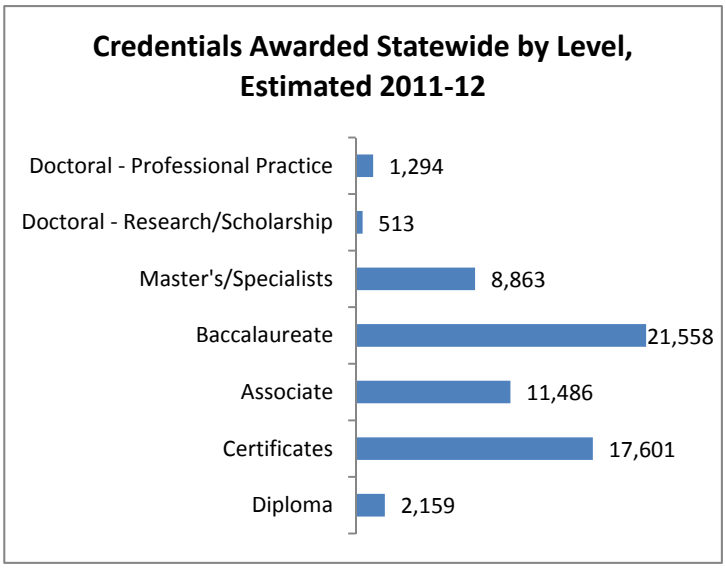
Preliminary 2011-12 Degrees Report

Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education

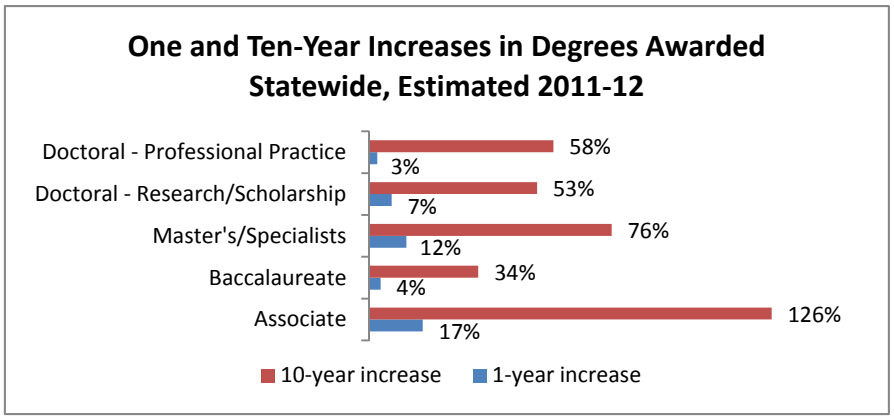
Kentucky's public and independent colleges and universities estimate that they have conferred 63,000 degrees and credentials during the 2011-12 academic year, representing an overall increase of 4 percent over last year. Growth was seen at all levels, especially among workforce-oriented associate, masters, and doctoral degree levels. Other highlights include:



- ✓ The largest one-year increase was seen at the associate level, with substantial increases in all sectors, led by an estimated increase of 20%, or 1,600 degree earners, at KCTCS.
- ✓ Graduate education at the masters and research doctoral levels also led this year's increases.
- ✓ Bachelor's degrees remain the type of degree earned by the largest number of students, and increased 4 percent over last year. While the number of bachelor's degree graduates continue an upward trend, graduation rates indicate that only half of full-time students who enter seeking a bachelor's degree complete this degree within six years of entry (50 percent overall graduation rate statewide).

Looking back over the past ten years, the number of degrees conferred statewide has grown substantially at all levels.

- ✓ The largest growth was seen at the associate degree level, which more than doubled in the past 10 years, due primarily to the expansion of applied associate programs at KCTCS. Twenty-four percent of young adults in Kentucky, ages 25-44, have an associate or higher degree.



- ✓ The next-largest ten-year growth at the state level was among master's degrees and professional-practice doctorates, reflecting the expansion of Kentucky's highly-educated, professional workforce. Eight percent of young adults in Kentucky, ages 25-44, have some form of graduate education.

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Total Degrees and Other Credentials Awarded by Level at Kentucky Public and Non-Public Institutions
2001/02 - 2011/12 (Estimated)

Institution/Level	2001/02	2006/07	2010/11	2011/12	1 YR % CHG	5 YR % CHG	10 YR % CHG
				Estimated			
Eastern Kentucky University							
Certificates	18	7	47	49	4.3%	600.0%	172.2%
Associate	181	210	215	190	-11.6%	-9.5%	5.0%
Baccalaureate	1,572	1,979	2,135	2,371	11.1%	19.8%	50.8%
Master's/Specialist	373	687	700	779	11.3%	13.4%	108.8%
Doctoral - Professional Practice			4	9	125.0%		
Total Degrees Awarded	***2,144***	***2,883***	***3,101***	***3,398***	***9.6%***	***17.9%***	***58.5%***
Kentucky State University							
Associate	74	50	58	54	-6.9%	8.0%	-27.0%
Baccalaureate	219	193	226	301	33.2%	56.0%	37.4%
Master's/Specialist	40	47	44	71	61.4%	51.1%	77.5%
Total Degrees Awarded	***333***	***290***	***328***	***426***	***29.9%***	***46.9%***	***27.9%***
Morehead State University							
Certificates				2			
Associate	143	128	165	166	0.6%	29.7%	16.1%
Baccalaureate	907	1,072	1,079	1,201	11.3%	12.0%	32.4%
Master's/Specialist	322	408	437	476	8.9%	16.7%	47.8%
Total Degrees Awarded	***1,372***	***1,608***	***1,681***	***1,845***	***9.8%***	***14.7%***	***34.5%***
Murray State University							
Certificates	3			1			-66.7%
Associate	22	19	18	11	-38.9%	-42.1%	-50.0%
Baccalaureate	1,284	1,550	1,552	1,511	-2.6%	-2.5%	17.7%
Master's/Specialist	550	566	647	712	10.0%	25.8%	29.5%
Total Degrees Awarded	***1,859***	***2,135***	***2,217***	***2,235***	***0.8%***	***4.7%***	***20.2%***
Northern Kentucky University							
Certificates		47	95	111	16.8%	136.2%	
Associate	267	258	105	119	13.3%	-53.9%	-55.4%
Baccalaureate	1,259	1,624	1,974	2,039	3.3%	25.6%	62.0%
Master's/Specialist	210	395	485	517	6.6%	30.9%	146.2%
Doctoral - Professional Practice	93	141	179	180	0.6%	27.7%	93.5%
Total Degrees Awarded	***1,829***	***2,465***	***2,838***	***2,966***	***4.5%***	***20.3%***	***62.2%***

Note: Certificates include undergraduate and graduate certificates of all lengths.

Source: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education Comprehensive Database; IPEDS Completions for other ind. inst. historical data.

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2001/02 - 2011/12 (Estimated) (continued)

Institution/Level	2001/02	2006/07	2010/11	2011/12	1 YR % CHG	5 YR % CHG	10 YR % CHG
University of Kentucky				**Estimated**			
Certificates			33	60	81.8%		
Baccalaureate	3,488	3,613	3,712	3,701	-0.3%	2.4%	6.1%
Master's/Specialist	924	1,371	1,307	1,190	-9.0%	-13.2%	28.8%
Doctoral - Research/Scholarship	216	292	261	289	10.7%	-1.0%	33.8%
Doctoral - Professional Practice	343	361	522	567	8.6%	57.1%	65.3%
Total Degrees Awarded	***4,971***	***5,637***	***5,835***	***5,807***	***-0.5%***	***3.0%***	***16.8%***
University of Louisville							
Certificates	150	147	182	204	12.1%	38.8%	36.0%
Associate	70	22	19	11	-42.1%	-50.0%	-84.3%
Baccalaureate	1,851	2,328	2,618	2,620	0.1%	12.5%	41.5%
Master's/Specialist	1,313	1,395	1,333	1,397	4.8%	0.1%	6.4%
Doctoral - Research/Scholarship	90	135	163	183	12.3%	35.6%	103.3%
Doctoral - Professional Practice	321	346	371	349	-5.9%	0.9%	8.7%
Total Degrees Awarded	***3,795***	***4,373***	***4,686***	***4,764***	***1.7%***	***8.9%***	***25.5%***
Western Kentucky University							
Certificates	2	94	154	168	9.1%	78.7%	8300.0%
Associate	270	258	215	268	24.7%	3.9%	-0.7%
Baccalaureate	1,903	2,383	2,591	2,643	2.0%	10.9%	38.9%
Master's/Specialists	517	822	920	1,003	9.0%	22.0%	94.0%
Doctoral - Professional Practice			5	20	300.0%		
Total Degrees Awarded	***2,692***	***3,557***	***3,885***	***4,102***	***5.6%***	***15.3%***	***52.4%***
Total Universities							
Certificates	173	295	511	595	16.4%	101.7%	243.9%
Associate	1,027	945	795	819	3.0%	-13.3%	-20.3%
Baccalaureate	12,483	14,742	15,887	16,387	3.1%	11.2%	31.3%
Master's/Specialist	4,249	5,691	5,873	6,145	4.6%	8.0%	44.6%
Doctoral - Research/Scholarship	306	427	424	472	11.3%	10.5%	54.2%
Doctoral - Professional Practice	757	848	1,081	1,125	4.1%	32.7%	48.6%
Total Degrees Awarded	***18,995***	***22,948***	***24,571***	***25,543***	***4.0%***	***11.3%***	***34.5%***
Total KCTCS							
Diploma	1,608	2,301	2,385	2,159	-9.5%	-6.2%	34.3%
Certificate	3,708	12,188	17,529	16,863	-3.8%	38.4%	354.8%
Associate	3,706	6,481	7,899	9,503	20.3%	46.6%	156.4%
Total	***9,022***	***20,970***	***27,813***	***28,525***	***2.6%***	***36.0%***	***216.2%***

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Institution/Level	2001/02	2006/07	2010/11	2011/12	1 YR % CHG	5 YR % CHG	10 YR % CHG
Total Public Institutions				**Estimated**			
Diploma	1,608	2,301	2,385	2,159	-9.5%	-6.2%	34.3%
Certificates	3,881	12,483	18,040	17,458	-3.2%	39.9%	349.8%
Associate	4,733	7,426	8,694	10,322	18.7%	39.0%	118.1%
Baccalaureate	12,483	14,742	15,887	16,387	3.1%	11.2%	31.3%
Master's/Specialists	4,249	5,691	5,873	6,145	4.6%	8.0%	44.6%
Doctoral - Research/Scholarship	306	427	424	472	11.3%	10.5%	54.2%
Doctoral - Professional Practice	757	848	1,081	1,125	4.1%	32.7%	48.6%
Total Degrees Awarded	***28,017***	***43,918***	***52,384***	***54,068***	***3.2%***	***23.1%***	***93.0%***
Total AIKCU Institutions							
Certificates	7	26	25	24	-4.0%	-7.7%	242.9%
Associate	346	408	573	737	28.6%	80.6%	113.0%
Baccalaureate	3,575	3,881	4,431	4,852	9.5%	25.0%	35.7%
Master's/Specialists	786	1,314	1,824	2,504	37.3%	90.6%	218.6%
Doctoral - Research/Scholarship	30	58	55	41	-25.5%	-29.3%	36.7%
Doctoral - Professional Practice	63	93	116	105	-9.5%	12.9%	66.7%
Total Degrees Awarded	***4,807***	***5,780***	***7,024***	***8,263***	***17.6%***	***43.0%***	***71.9%***
Total Other Independent Institutions							
Certificates and Diplomas	185	135	158	119	-24.7%	-11.9%	-35.7%
Associate	590	419	561	427	-23.9%	1.9%	-27.6%
Baccalaureate	310	339	476	319	-33.0%	-5.9%	2.9%
Master's/Specialists	28	86	234	214	-8.5%	148.8%	664.3%
Doctoral - Professional Practice			64	64	0.0%		
Total Degrees Awarded	***1,113***	***979***	***1,493***	***1,143***	***-23.4%***	***16.8%***	***2.7%***
Total Public and Independent Institutions							
Diploma	1,608	2,301	2,385	2,159	-9.5%	-6.2%	34.3%
Certificates	3,888	12,644	18,223	17,601	-3.4%	39.2%	352.7%
Associate	5,079	8,253	9,828	11,486	16.9%	39.2%	126.1%
Baccalaureate	16,058	18,962	20,794	21,558	3.7%	13.7%	34.3%
Master's/Specialists	5,035	7,091	7,931	8,863	11.8%	25.0%	76.0%
Doctoral - Research/Scholarship	336	485	479	513	7.1%	5.8%	52.7%
Doctoral - Professional Practice	820	941	1,261	1,294	2.6%	37.5%	57.8%
Total Degrees Awarded	***32,824***	***50,677***	***60,901***	***63,474***	***4.2%***	***25.3%***	***93.4%***

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