

**Council on Postsecondary Education
September 28, 2008**

2007-08 Degree Completions

A record number of degrees and other credentials were awarded at Kentucky's public postsecondary institutions in 2007-08. As one of the primary measurements of success toward the 2020 goals, it is important to note that the number of bachelor's degrees awarded increased by 2 percent over 2006-07. The overall number of bachelor's degrees awarded, 15,036, exceeds the goal of 14,835 established for the public institutions for the academic year 2008.

Overall, all of the institutions conferred more bachelor's degrees than they had in any previous year with the exception of Morehead State University and the University of Louisville. There also were record numbers of certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees awarded at KCTCS with 8.6 percent more credentials awarded than in the previous year. The majority of the growth at KCTCS once again was in certificates, which were up 15.3 percent while the number of associate degrees conferred remained virtually unchanged. There was a decline in diplomas awarded compared to the previous year.

The completion data from the independent institutions are not yet available and will be distributed at a future Council meeting.

Highlights:

- 2007-08 was the largest graduating class in the history of Kentucky postsecondary education with 45,904 degrees and credentials conferred at the public institutions. This represents a 4.5 percent increase over the number awarded in 2006-07 and a 78.6 percent increase over the number conferred in 2000-01.
- In 2007-08, 15,036 bachelor's degrees were awarded, an increase of 2.0 percent over the previous year and a 26.0 percent increase since 2000-01.
- Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, and the University of Kentucky all awarded 4 to 5 percent more bachelor's degrees than they did in 2006-07.
- Kentucky State University awarded 231 bachelor's degrees in 2007-08, which represents a 19.7 percent increase over the previous year. This is the highest percentage growth in bachelor's degrees awarded from Kentucky's public universities this year.
- Fewer master's degrees were conferred in 2007-08 than in 2006-07 or 2005-06. Northern Kentucky University and Western Kentucky University were the only institutions that conferred more master's degrees in 2007-08 than they did in 2006-07.
- A record number of doctoral degrees were awarded at the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville.

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Total Degrees and Other Credentials Awarded by Level

Kentucky Public Institutions

1998/99 - 2007/08

Institution/Level	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Universities										
Eastern Kentucky University										
Certificates			17	7	5	2	1		1	
Associate	237	226	201	181	195	241	241	252	210	189
Baccalaureate	1,762	1,663	1,639	1,572	1,664	1,678	1,787	1,980	1,979	2,030
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate		2		11	4	7	5	12	6	
Master's/Specialist	405	437	390	373	462	623	657	835	687	621
Total Degrees Awarded	2,404	2,328	2,247	2,144	2,330	2,551	2,691	3,079	2,883	2,840
Kentucky State University										
Associate	69	71	62	74	70	66	50	51	50	37
Baccalaureate	193	222	207	219	210	214	229	198	193	231
Master's/Specialist	29	23	29	40	41	42	52	31	47	47
Total Degrees Awarded	291	316	298	333	321	322	331	280	290	315
Morehead State University										
Associate	137	136	136	143	145	123	125	143	128	149
Baccalaureate	911	971	927	907	887	991	1,038	1,055	1,072	973
Master's/Specialist	267	288	319	322	398	359	373	406	408	385
Total Degrees Awarded	1,315	1,395	1,382	1,372	1,430	1,473	1,536	1,604	1,608	1,507
Murray State University										
Certificates				3	1	1				
Associate	27	31	31	22	31	32	38	20	19	17
Baccalaureate	1,057	1,274	1,225	1,284	1,290	1,440	1,373	1,521	1,550	1,632
Master's/Specialist	478	458	502	550	583	573	570	570	566	540
Total Degrees Awarded	1,562	1,763	1,758	1,859	1,905	2,046	1,981	2,111	2,135	2,189
Northern Kentucky University										
Certificates	1	2			1		1	1		4
Associate	223	202	222	267	287	214	237	272	258	226
Baccalaureate	1,163	1,142	1,186	1,259	1,374	1,421	1,529	1,584	1,624	1,706
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate						8	3	8	4	3
Master's/Specialist	211	229	196	210	292	352	380	376	395	466
Post-Master's Certificate						7	14	12	43	10
Subtotal	1,598	1,575	1,604	1,736	1,954	2,002	2,164	2,253	2,324	2,415
Law	112	112	81	93	101	102	137	136	141	150
Total Degrees Awarded	1,710	1,687	1,685	1,829	2,055	2,104	2,301	2,389	2,465	2,565

Total Degrees and Other Credentials Awarded by Level

Kentucky Public Institutions
1998/99 - 2007/08 (continued)

Institution/Level	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
University of Kentucky										
Baccalaureate	3,285	3,187	3,239	3,488	3,338	3,373	3,285	3,519	3,613	3,775
Master's/Specialist	1,134	1,067	1,055	924	1,061	1,269	1,358	1,350	1,371	1,311
Doctoral	204	249	219	216	208	233	276	256	292	308
<i>Subtotal</i>	4,623	4,503	4,513	4,628	4,607	4,875	4,919	5,125	5,276	5,394
Law	134	139	129	108	126	127	137	141	122	161
Medicine	93	90	103	88	88	86	96	91	93	94
Dentistry	48	47	45	49	52	49	51	49	50	51
Pharm D	90	93	98	98	97	110	110	97	96	103
<i>Subtotal</i>	365	369	375	343	363	372	394	378	361	409
Total Degrees Awarded	4,988	4,872	4,888	4,971	4,970	5,247	5,313	5,503	5,637	5,803
University of Louisville										
Certificates	116	117	117	118	117	112	109	68	38	31
Associate	77	80	63	70	38	45	48	51	22	19
Baccalaureate	1,734	1,750	1,819	1,851	1,825	1,890	2,148	2,253	2,328	2,298
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate	16	11	12	32	31	25	16	78	105	109
Master's/Specialist	1,209	1,122	1,357	1,313	1,206	1,322	1,373	1,368	1,395	1,369
Post-Master's Certificate						3	4		4	4
Doctoral	78	76	65	90	89	106	112	144	135	151
<i>Subtotal</i>	3,230	3,156	3,433	3,474	3,306	3,503	3,810	3,962	4,027	3,981
Law	136	123	103	114	111	120	115	111	132	126
Medicine	133	127	145	131	133	137	145	139	142	146
Dentistry	71	60	67	76	79	73	73	77	72	71
<i>Subtotal</i>	340	310	315	321	323	330	333	327	346	343
Total Degrees Awarded	3,570	3,466	3,748	3,795	3,629	3,833	4,143	4,289	4,373	4,324
Western Kentucky University										
Certificates				2		44	73	99	64	69
Associate	248	273	273	270	276	315	299	300	258	240
Baccalaureate	1,909	1,753	1,695	1,903	1,878	2,116	2,166	2,313	2,383	2,391
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate									30	44
Master's/Specialists	527	514	514	517	658	774	797	724	822	835
Total Degrees Awarded	2,684	2,540	2,482	2,692	2,812	3,249	3,335	3,436	3,557	3,579

Total Degrees and Other Credentials Awarded by Level

Kentucky Public Institutions

1998/99 - 2007/08 (continued)

Institution/Level	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Total Universities										
Certificates	117	119	134	130	124	159	184	168	103	104
Associate	1,018	1,019	988	1,027	1,042	1,036	1,038	1,089	945	877
Baccalaureate	12,014	11,962	11,937	12,483	12,466	13,123	13,555	14,423	14,742	15,036
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate	16	13	12	43	35	40	24	98	145	156
Master's/Specialist	4,260	4,138	4,362	4,249	4,701	5,314	5,560	5,660	5,691	5,574
Post-Master's Certificate						10	18	12	47	14
Doctoral	282	325	284	306	297	339	388	400	427	459
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>17,707</i>	<i>17,576</i>	<i>17,717</i>	<i>18,238</i>	<i>18,665</i>	<i>20,021</i>	<i>20,767</i>	<i>21,850</i>	<i>22,100</i>	<i>22,220</i>
Law	382	374	313	315	338	349	389	388	395	437
Medicine	226	217	248	219	221	223	241	230	235	240
Dentistry	119	107	112	125	131	122	124	126	122	122
Pharm D	90	93	98	98	97	110	110	97	96	103
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>817</i>	<i>791</i>	<i>771</i>	<i>757</i>	<i>787</i>	<i>804</i>	<i>864</i>	<i>841</i>	<i>848</i>	<i>902</i>
Total Degrees Awarded	18,524	18,367	18,488	18,995	19,452	20,825	21,631	22,691	22,948	23,122

Lexington Community College

Certificate						5	
Associate	396	384	438	488	601	656	
Total	396	384	438	488	601	661	

UK Community Colleges

Ashland	121	122
Elizabethtown	309	303
Hazard	272	271
Henderson	127	116
Hopkinsville	245	185
Jefferson	496	513
Madisonville	194	175
Maysville	116	107
Owensboro	205	250
Paducah	327	312
Prestonsburg	177	129
Somerset	229	258
Southeast	320	321
Total UK Community Colleges	3,138	3,062

Total Degrees and Other Credentials Awarded by Level

Kentucky Public Institutions

1998/99 - 2007/08 (continued)

Institution/Level	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Kentucky Community and Technical College System										
Ashland Community and Technical College										
Diploma			101	112	115	143	108	126	136	120
Certificate			100	108	172	137	252	756	693	609
Associate			156	188	195	227	231	279	307	281
Total			357	408	482	507	591	1,161	1,136	1,010
Big Sandy Community and Technical College										
Diploma			116	133	43	240	178	248	108	129
Certificate			526	1,310	365	722	676	697	572	588
Associate			157	105	181	198	282	281	306	255
Total			799	1,548	589	1,160	1,136	1,226	986	972
Bluegrass Community and Technical College										
Diploma							433	311	364	339
Certificate							754	1,242	1,604	1,517
Associate							895	838	923	899
Total							2,082	2,391	2,891	2,755
Central Kentucky Technical College										
Diploma			222	158	183	317				
Certificate			13	46	329	493				
Associate			48	70	124	203				
Total			283	274	636	1,013				
Bowling Green Technical College										
Diploma			103	168	203	199	243	138	116	207
Certificate			151	92	324	281	260	633	888	950
Associate			2	12	48	94	115	123	138	153
Total			256	272	575	574	618	894	1,142	1,310
Elizabethtown Community and Tech College										
Diploma			81	93	86	77	73	105	71	109
Certificate			379	349	416	161	411	626	310	1,670
Associate			304	352	368	408	432	472	459	447
Total			764	794	870	646	916	1,203	840	2,226

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1998/99 - 2007/08 (continued)

Institution/Level	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Gateway Community and Technical College										
Diploma			111	132	77	102	72	54	49	46
Certificate			99	177	94	189	389	397	357	408
Associate			11	21	22	23	43	94	123	177
Total			221	330	193	314	504	545	529	631
Hazard Community and Technical College										
Diploma			83	79	41	93	89	98	98	95
Certificate			47	63	106	399	533	532	439	596
Associate			259	313	272	306	336	324	354	370
Total			389	455	419	798	958	954	891	1,061
Henderson Community College										
Diploma						1			14	1
Certificate				18	43	81	72	129	142	130
Associate			87	124	139	165	154	164	163	176
Total			87	142	182	247	226	293	319	307
Hopkinsville Community College										
Diploma				14	26	11	29	21	6	35
Certificate			36	205	114	207	251	356	311	376
Associate			200	238	322	298	327	331	320	359
Total			236	457	462	516	607	708	637	770
Jefferson Community and Technical College										
Diploma			54	117	159	165	268	288	238	218
Certificate			72	178	427	586	982	1,574	1,525	2,104
Associate			392	422	470	631	691	847	854	869
Total			518	717	1,056	1,382	1,941	2,709	2,617	3,191
Madisonville Community College										
Diploma			114	28	132	67	73	93	72	75
Certificate			12	56	198	384	297	347	481	498
Associate			231	263	312	336	348	394	404	404
Total			357	347	642	787	718	834	957	977
Maysville Community and Technical College										
Diploma			129	100	64	145	138	120	243	149
Certificate			16	62	270	432	550	895	1,066	971
Associate			110	154	156	186	157	132	200	184
Total			255	316	490	763	845	1,147	1,509	1,304

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Kentucky Public Institutions

1998/99 - 2007/08 (continued)

Institution/Level	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Owensboro Community and Technical College										
Diploma			83	73	38	91	100	82	135	114
Certificate			60	274	160	250	269	610	709	672
Associate			225	224	251	259	350	333	397	419
Total			368	571	449	600	719	1,025	1,241	1,205
Somerset Community College										
Diploma			133	110	153	140	122	106	144	206
Certificate			40	122	252	456	555	856	914	943
Associate			405	416	484	446	435	475	536	575
Total			578	648	889	1,042	1,112	1,437	1,594	1,724
Southeast Ky. Community and Tech. College										
Diploma			126	88	151	107	141	108	166	121
Certificate			48	333	259	250	648	537	381	356
Associate			345	371	419	417	445	435	434	394
Total			519	792	829	774	1,234	1,080	981	871
West Ky. Community and Technical College										
Diploma			153	203	234	328	243	232	341	282
Certificate			240	315	400	720	809	1,460	1,796	1,663
Associate			390	433	466	567	482	506	563	523
Total			783	951	1,100	1,615	1,534	2,198	2,700	2,468
Total KCTCS										
Diploma			1,609	1,608	1,705	2,226	2,310	2,130	2,301	2,246
Certificate			1,839	3,708	3,929	5,748	7,708	11,647	12,188	14,051
Associate			3,322	3,706	4,229	4,764	5,723	6,028	6,481	6,485
Total			6,770	9,022	9,863	12,738	15,741	19,805	20,970	22,782

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Total Public Institutions										
Diploma			1,609	1,608	1,705	2,226	2,310	2,130	2,301	2,246
Certificates	117	119	1,973	3,838	4,053	5,912	7,892	11,815	12,291	14,155
Associate	4,552	4,465	4,748	5,221	5,872	6,456	6,761	7,117	7,426	7,362
Baccalaureate	12,014	11,962	11,937	12,483	12,466	13,123	13,555	14,423	14,742	15,036
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate	16	13	12	43	35	40	24	98	145	156
Master's/Specialists	4,260	4,138	4,362	4,249	4,701	5,314	5,560	5,660	5,691	5,574
Post-Master's Certificate			0	0	0	10	18	12	47	14
Doctoral	282	325	284	306	297	339	388	400	427	459
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>21,241</i>	<i>21,022</i>	<i>24,925</i>	<i>27,748</i>	<i>29,129</i>	<i>33,420</i>	<i>36,508</i>	<i>41,655</i>	<i>43,070</i>	<i>45,002</i>
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Total Degrees Awarded	22,058	21,813	25,696	28,505	29,916	34,224	37,372	42,496	43,918	45,904

Notes:

- Includes certificates of less than one year, one but less than two years, and two but less than four years.
- The UK Community Colleges awarded only Associate degrees.
- Data for the Technical Colleges was not available prior to 2000/01.
- Beginning with 2004/05, Lexington Community College and Central Kentucky Technical College are reported as Bluegrass Community and Technical College.

Source: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education Comprehensive Database.

September 23, 2008