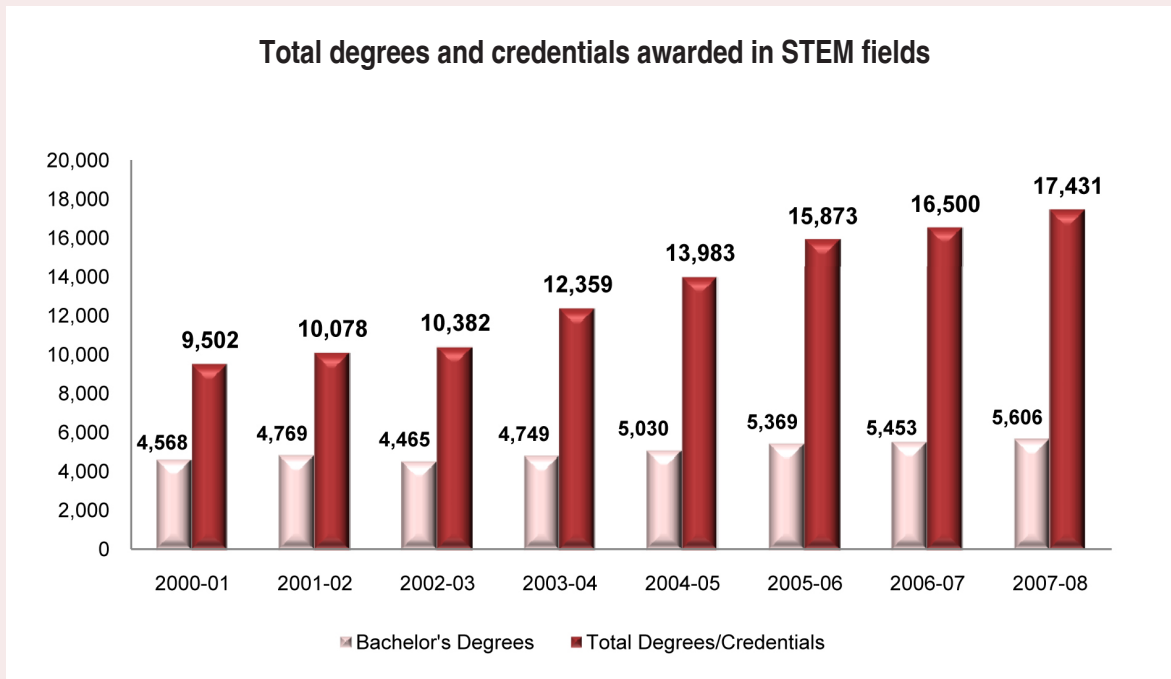




# STEM degrees and credentials

Status: Making progress



Source: CPE Comprehensive Database

## Highlights

- There were 17,431 STEM graduates in 2007-08, an increase of 6% from 2006-07. This total includes associate degrees and other credentials below the baccalaureate level.
- Though improving, the system fell short of its 2007-08 goal of 18,200 STEM degrees.
- Bachelor's degree production in STEM fields is increasing at a slower pace, up 3% or 153 degrees from last year.

## About this measure

This indicator tracks the total number of credentials awarded at all levels in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields by Kentucky's public and independent institutions during an academic year (July 1 through June 30). STEM fields are defined by the federal Department of Energy's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR).