

**Council on Postsecondary Education  
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## **2006-07 Degree Completions**

More degrees and other credentials were awarded at Kentucky's public postsecondary institutions in 2006-07 than in any previous year. 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 more than 2 percent. The average per-year increase over the past three years has been 4 percent, which is below the 4.3 percent needed to meet the 2020 goals.

Overall, the majority of institutions conferred more bachelor's degrees than they had in any previous year. There were also record numbers of certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees awarded at KCTCS.

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

### Highlights:

- 2006-07 was the largest graduating class in the history of Kentucky postsecondary education with 43,902 degrees and credentials conferred at the public institutions. This represents a 3.3 percent increase over the number awarded in 2005-06 and a 70.8 percent increase over 2000-01.
- In 2006-07, 14,742 bachelor's degrees were awarded, an increase of 2.2 percent over the previous year and a 23.5 percent increase since 2000-01.
- KCTCS awarded 20,970 credentials in 2006-07. This is a record class for the system and represents an overall increase in awards of 5.9 percent compared to the previous year with increases of 8 percent in diplomas, 4.6 percent in certificates, and 7.5 percent for associate's degrees. At the same time, the universities conferred fewer associate's degrees than in previous years.
- The University of Louisville awarded 2,328 bachelor's degrees in 2006-07, which represents a 3.3 percent increase over the previous year. This is the highest growth in bachelor's degrees awarded from Kentucky's public universities.
- Western Kentucky University and Kentucky State University virtually tied for the greatest increase in credentials awarded with an increase of 3.5 percent overall compared to 2005-06.
- The University of Kentucky conferred 3,613 bachelor's degrees, which is the largest number awarded in a single year by any institution in the state's history.

- Eastern Kentucky University conferred 6.4 percent fewer credentials in 2006-07 than they did in 2005-06. The number of bachelor's degrees awarded only dropped by one degree but the number of master's/specialists degrees decreased by 17.7 percent and the number of associate's degrees awarded decreased by 16.7 percent compared to the numbers awarded in 2005-06.
- Kentucky State University also conferred 5 fewer bachelor's degrees in 2006-07 than they did in 2005-06, which represents a 2.5 percent decrease. This is the second consecutive year of declining bachelor's degree awards at this institution.

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## Total Degrees and Other Credentials Awarded by Level

### Kentucky Public Institutions

1997/98 - 2006/07

Institution/Level	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Universities</b>										
<b>Eastern Kentucky University</b>										
Certificates	1			17	7	5	2	1		1
Associate	225	237	226	201	181	195	241	241	252	210
Baccalaureate	1,717	1,762	1,663	1,639	1,572	1,664	1,678	1,787	1,980	1,979
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate			2		11	4	7	5	12	6
Master's/Specialist	442	405	437	390	373	462	623	657	835	687
<b>Total Degrees Awarded</b>	<b>2,385</b>	<b>2,404</b>	<b>2,328</b>	<b>2,247</b>	<b>2,144</b>	<b>2,330</b>	<b>2,551</b>	<b>2,691</b>	<b>3,079</b>	<b>2,883</b>
<b>Kentucky State University</b>										
Associate	92	69	71	62	74	70	66	50	51	50
Baccalaureate	226	193	222	207	219	210	214	229	198	193
Master's/Specialist	25	29	23	29	40	41	42	52	31	47
<b>Total Degrees Awarded</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>290</b>
<b>Morehead State University</b>										
Associate	146	137	136	136	143	145	123	125	143	128
Baccalaureate	954	911	971	927	907	887	991	1,038	1,055	1,072
Master's/Specialist	283	267	288	319	322	398	359	373	406	408
<b>Total Degrees Awarded</b>	<b>1,383</b>	<b>1,315</b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>1,382</b>	<b>1,372</b>	<b>1,430</b>	<b>1,473</b>	<b>1,536</b>	<b>1,604</b>	<b>1,608</b>
<b>Murray State University</b>										
Certificates					3	1	1			
Associate	30	27	31	31	22	31	32	38	20	19
Baccalaureate	1,064	1,057	1,274	1,225	1,284	1,290	1,440	1,373	1,521	1,550
Master's/Specialist	446	478	458	502	550	583	573	570	570	566
<b>Total Degrees Awarded</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>1,562</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>1,758</b>	<b>1,859</b>	<b>1,905</b>	<b>2,046</b>	<b>1,981</b>	<b>2,111</b>	<b>2,135</b>
<b>Northern Kentucky University</b>										
Certificates	1	1	2			1		1	1	4
Associate	234	223	202	222	267	287	214	237	272	258
Baccalaureate	1,122	1,163	1,142	1,186	1,259	1,374	1,421	1,529	1,584	1,624
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate							8	3	8	22
Master's/Specialist	207	211	229	196	210	292	352	380	376	383
Post-Master's Certificate							7	14	12	17
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,564</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>1,604</b>	<b>1,736</b>	<b>1,954</b>	<b>2,002</b>	<b>2,164</b>	<b>2,253</b>	<b>2,308</b>
Law	111	112	112	81	93	101	102	137	136	141
<b>Total Degrees Awarded</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>1,710</b>	<b>1,687</b>	<b>1,685</b>	<b>1,829</b>	<b>2,055</b>	<b>2,104</b>	<b>2,301</b>	<b>2,389</b>	<b>2,449</b>

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### Kentucky Public Institutions

1997/98 - 2006/07 (continued)

Institution/Level	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>University of Kentucky</b>										
Baccalaureate	3,247	3,285	3,187	3,239	3,488	3,338	3,373	3,285	3,519	3,613
Master's/Specialist	1,133	1,134	1,067	1,055	924	1,061	1,269	1,358	1,350	1,371
Doctoral	232	204	249	219	216	208	233	276	256	292
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>4,612</i>	<i>4,623</i>	<i>4,503</i>	<i>4,513</i>	<i>4,628</i>	<i>4,607</i>	<i>4,875</i>	<i>4,919</i>	<i>5,125</i>	<i>5,276</i>
Law	141	134	139	129	108	126	127	137	141	122
Medicine	92	93	90	103	88	88	86	96	91	93
Dentistry	45	48	47	45	49	52	49	51	49	50
Pharm D	85	90	93	98	98	97	110	110	97	96
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>363</i>	<i>365</i>	<i>369</i>	<i>375</i>	<i>343</i>	<i>363</i>	<i>372</i>	<i>394</i>	<i>378</i>	<i>361</i>
<b>Total Degrees Awarded</b>	<b>4,975</b>	<b>4,988</b>	<b>4,872</b>	<b>4,888</b>	<b>4,971</b>	<b>4,970</b>	<b>5,247</b>	<b>5,313</b>	<b>5,503</b>	<b>5,637</b>
<b>University of Louisville</b>										
Certificates	108	116	117	117	118	117	112	109	68	38
Associate	73	77	80	63	70	38	45	48	51	22
Baccalaureate	1,694	1,734	1,750	1,819	1,851	1,825	1,890	2,148	2,253	2,328
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate	24	16	11	12	32	31	25	16	78	105
Master's/Specialist	1,127	1,209	1,122	1,357	1,313	1,206	1,322	1,373	1,368	1,395
Post-Master's Certificate							3	4		4
Doctoral	76	78	76	65	90	89	106	112	144	135
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>3,102</i>	<i>3,230</i>	<i>3,156</i>	<i>3,433</i>	<i>3,474</i>	<i>3,306</i>	<i>3,503</i>	<i>3,810</i>	<i>3,962</i>	<i>4,027</i>
Law	152	136	123	103	114	111	120	115	111	132
Medicine	130	133	127	145	131	133	137	145	139	142
Dentistry	63	71	60	67	76	79	73	73	77	72
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>345</i>	<i>340</i>	<i>310</i>	<i>315</i>	<i>321</i>	<i>323</i>	<i>330</i>	<i>333</i>	<i>327</i>	<i>346</i>
<b>Total Degrees Awarded</b>	<b>3,447</b>	<b>3,570</b>	<b>3,466</b>	<b>3,748</b>	<b>3,795</b>	<b>3,629</b>	<b>3,833</b>	<b>4,143</b>	<b>4,289</b>	<b>4,373</b>
<b>Western Kentucky University</b>										
Certificates	1				2		44	73	99	64
Associate	322	248	273	273	270	276	315	299	300	258
Baccalaureate	1,716	1,909	1,753	1,695	1,903	1,878	2,116	2,166	2,313	2,383
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate										30
Master's/Specialists	528	527	514	514	517	658	774	797	724	822
<b>Total Degrees Awarded</b>	<b>2,567</b>	<b>2,684</b>	<b>2,540</b>	<b>2,482</b>	<b>2,692</b>	<b>2,812</b>	<b>3,249</b>	<b>3,335</b>	<b>3,436</b>	<b>3,557</b>

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### Kentucky Public Institutions

1997/98 - 2006/07 (continued)

Institution/Level	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Total Universities</b>										
Certificates	111	117	119	134	130	124	159	184	168	107
Associate	1,122	1,018	1,019	988	1,027	1,042	1,036	1,038	1,089	945
Baccalaureate	11,740	12,014	11,962	11,937	12,483	12,466	13,123	13,555	14,423	14,742
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate	24	16	13	12	43	35	40	24	98	163
Master's/Specialist	4,191	4,260	4,138	4,362	4,249	4,701	5,314	5,560	5,660	5,679
Post-Master's Certificate							10	18	12	21
Doctoral	308	282	325	284	306	297	339	388	400	427
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>17,496</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>22,084</i>
Law	404	382	374	313	315	338	349	389	388	395
Medicine	222	226	217	248	219	221	223	241	230	235
Dentistry	108	119	107	112	125	131	122	124	126	122
Pharm D	85	90	93	98	98	97	110	110	97	96
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>819</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>
<b>Total Degrees Awarded</b>	<b>18,315</b>	<b>18,524</b>	<b>18,367</b>	<b>18,488</b>	<b>18,995</b>	<b>19,452</b>	<b>20,825</b>	<b>21,631</b>	<b>22,691</b>	<b>22,932</b>

### Lexington Community College

Certificate							5	
Associate	363	396	384	438	488	601	656	
<b>Total</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>661</b>	

### UK Community Colleges

Ashland	159	121	122
Elizabethtown	315	309	303
Hazard	250	272	271
Henderson	131	127	116
Hopkinsville	186	245	185
Jefferson	559	496	513
Madisonville	218	194	175
Maysville	108	116	107
Owensboro	201	205	250
Paducah	324	327	312
Prestonsburg	216	177	129
Somerset	236	229	258
Southeast	343	320	321
<b>Total UK Community Colleges</b>	<b>3,246</b>	<b>3,138</b>	<b>3,062</b>

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Kentucky Public Institutions

1997/98 - 2006/07 (continued)

Institution/Level	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Kentucky Community and Technical College System</b>										
<b>Ashland Community and Technical College</b>										
Diploma				101	112	115	143	108	126	136
Certificate				100	108	172	137	252	756	693
Associate				156	188	195	227	231	279	307
<b>Total</b>				<b>357</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>1,161</b>	<b>1,136</b>
<b>Big Sandy Community and Technical College</b>										
Diploma				116	133	43	240	178	248	108
Certificate				526	1,310	365	722	676	697	572
Associate				157	105	181	198	282	281	306
<b>Total</b>				<b>799</b>	<b>1,548</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>1,136</b>	<b>1,226</b>	<b>986</b>
<b>Bluegrass Community and Technical College</b>										
Diploma								433	311	364
Certificate								754	1,242	1,604
Associate								895	838	923
<b>Total</b>								<b>2,082</b>	<b>2,391</b>	<b>2,891</b>
<b>Central Kentucky Technical College</b>										
Diploma				222	158	183	317			
Certificate				13	46	329	493			
Associate				48	70	124	203			
<b>Total</b>				<b>283</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>1,013</b>			
<b>Bowling Green Technical College</b>										
Diploma				103	168	203	199	243	138	116
Certificate				151	92	324	281	260	633	888
Associate				2	12	48	94	115	123	138
<b>Total</b>				<b>256</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>1,142</b>
<b>Elizabethtown Community and Tech College</b>										
Diploma				81	93	86	77	73	105	71
Certificate				379	349	416	161	411	626	310
Associate				304	352	368	408	432	472	459
<b>Total</b>				<b>764</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>1,203</b>	<b>840</b>

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1997/98 - 2006/07 (continued)

Institution/Level	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Gateway Community and Technical College</b>										
Diploma				111	132	77	102	72	54	49
Certificate				99	177	94	189	389	397	357
Associate				11	21	22	23	43	94	123
<b>Total</b>				<b>221</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>529</b>
<b>Hazard Community and Technical College</b>										
Diploma				83	79	41	93	89	98	98
Certificate				47	63	106	399	533	532	439
Associate				259	313	272	306	336	324	354
<b>Total</b>				<b>389</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>891</b>
<b>Henderson Community College</b>										
Diploma							1			14
Certificate					18	43	81	72	129	142
Associate				87	124	139	165	154	164	163
<b>Total</b>				<b>87</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>319</b>
<b>Hopkinsville Community College</b>										
Diploma					14	26	11	29	21	6
Certificate				36	205	114	207	251	356	311
Associate				200	238	322	298	327	331	320
<b>Total</b>				<b>236</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>637</b>
<b>Jefferson Community and Technical College</b>										
Diploma				54	117	159	165	268	288	238
Certificate				72	178	427	586	982	1,574	1,525
Associate				392	422	470	631	691	847	854
<b>Total</b>				<b>518</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>1,056</b>	<b>1,382</b>	<b>1,941</b>	<b>2,709</b>	<b>2,617</b>
<b>Madisonville Community College</b>										
Diploma				114	28	132	67	73	93	72
Certificate				12	56	198	384	297	347	481
Associate				231	263	312	336	348	394	404
<b>Total</b>				<b>357</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>957</b>
<b>Maysville Community and Technical College</b>										
Diploma				129	100	64	145	138	120	243
Certificate				16	62	270	432	550	895	1,066
Associate				110	154	156	186	157	132	200
<b>Total</b>				<b>255</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>1,509</b>

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1997/98 - 2006/07 (continued)

Institution/Level	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Owensboro Community and Technical College</b>										
Diploma				83	73	38	91	100	82	135
Certificate				60	274	160	250	269	610	709
Associate				225	224	251	259	350	333	397
<b>Total</b>				<b>368</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>1,241</b>
<b>Somerset Community College</b>										
Diploma				133	110	153	140	122	106	144
Certificate				40	122	252	456	555	856	914
Associate				405	416	484	446	435	475	536
<b>Total</b>				<b>578</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>1,112</b>	<b>1,437</b>	<b>1,594</b>
<b>Southeast Ky. Community and Tech. College</b>										
Diploma				126	88	151	107	141	108	166
Certificate				48	333	259	250	648	537	381
Associate				345	371	419	417	445	435	434
<b>Total</b>				<b>519</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>1,234</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>981</b>
<b>West Ky. Community and Technical College</b>										
Diploma				153	203	234	328	243	232	341
Certificate				240	315	400	720	809	1,460	1,796
Associate				390	433	466	567	482	506	563
<b>Total</b>				<b>783</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,615</b>	<b>1,534</b>	<b>2,198</b>	<b>2,700</b>
<b>Total KCTCS</b>										
Diploma				1,609	1,608	1,705	2,226	2,310	2,130	2,301
Certificate				1,839	3,708	3,929	5,748	7,708	11,647	12,188
Associate				3,322	3,706	4,229	4,764	5,723	6,028	6,481
<b>Total</b>				<b>6,770</b>	<b>9,022</b>	<b>9,863</b>	<b>12,738</b>	<b>15,741</b>	<b>19,805</b>	<b>20,970</b>

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1997/98 - 2006/07 (continued)

Institution/Level	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Total Public Institutions</b>										
Diploma				1,609	1,608	1,705	2,226	2,310	2,130	2,301
Certificates	111	117	119	1,973	3,838	4,053	5,912	7,892	11,815	12,295
Associate	4,731	4,552	4,465	4,748	5,221	5,872	6,456	6,761	7,117	7,426
Baccalaureate	11,740	12,014	11,962	11,937	12,483	12,466	13,123	13,555	14,423	14,742
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate	24	16	13	12	43	35	40	24	98	163
Master's/Specialists	4,191	4,260	4,138	4,362	4,249	4,701	5,314	5,560	5,660	5,679
Post-Master's Certificate				0	0	0	10	18	12	21
Doctoral	308	282	325	284	306	297	339	388	400	427
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>21,105</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>43,054</i>
Law	404	382	374	313	315	338	349	389	388	395
Medicine	222	226	217	248	219	221	223	241	230	235
Dentistry	108	119	107	112	125	131	122	124	126	122
Pharm D	85	90	93	98	98	97	110	110	97	96
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>819</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>
<b>Total Degrees Awarded</b>	<b>21,924</b>	<b>22,058</b>	<b>21,813</b>	<b>25,696</b>	<b>28,505</b>	<b>29,916</b>	<b>34,224</b>	<b>37,372</b>	<b>42,496</b>	<b>43,902</b>

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.

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