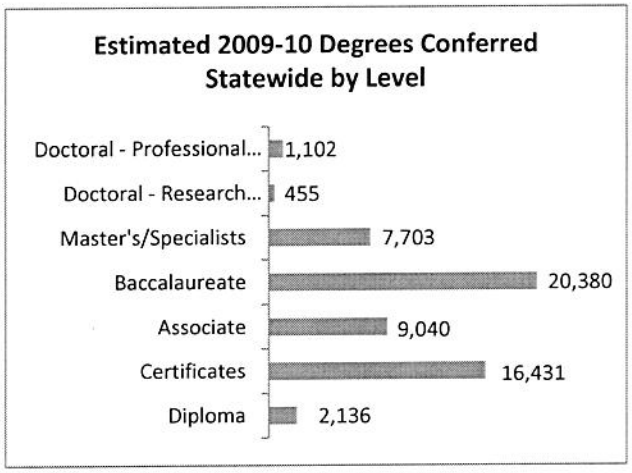
Preliminary 2009-10 Degrees Report

Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education

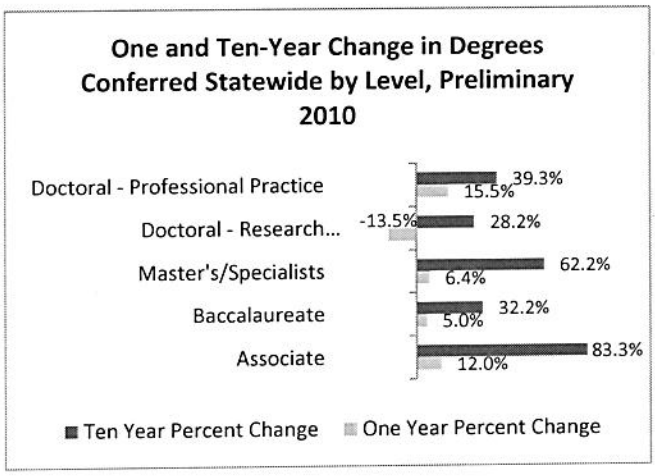
Degrees conferred by Kentucky's public and independent colleges and universities in the 2010 academic year are up yet again, with an estimated 9 percent increase over last year. Estimated degrees conferred at the associate, bachelor's, master's and professional doctorate levels all increased over last year, with a one-year drop in research doctorates due to a federal reclassification of some doctoral programs from research to professional. Other highlights include:

- ✓ Associate degrees are expected to have increased by 11 percent over last year in the public sector, and 29 percent in the independent sector.

- ✓ Statewide, bachelor's degrees increased 4.8 percent over last year, a rate that exceeds the 4.3 percent annual growth needed to meet statewide degree production goals. While the number of Bachelor's degree graduates continues on an upward trend, graduation rates indicate that slightly fewer than half of full-time entrants complete a degree within six years of entry (49 percent system-level graduation rate at public universities).



- ✓ Graduate education also increased this year. Factoring out the changes in federal degree classification that eliminated the professional degree category and moved some programs from one category to another, the total number of master's, specialist and doctoral degrees increased 6.2 percent.



- ✓ Looking back over the past ten years, the number of degrees conferred statewide has grown substantially at all degree levels.
- ✓ The largest growth was seen at the associate level, which has increased 83 percent. This growth is due primarily to the expansion of applied associate programs at KCTCS.
- ✓ The next largest ten-year growth at the state level was among master's and specialist degrees, which grew because of expanded career-focused graduate education at Kentucky's comprehensive universities.

- ✓ Member institutions of the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities (AIKCU) also experienced substantial degree increases over the past ten years, especially in graduate education. This year, associate and master's degrees were up and bachelors held steady.

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Total Degrees and Other Credentials Awarded by Sector, Institution and Level

Kentucky Public and Independent Institutions
1999/00 - 2009/10 (Estimated)

Institution/Level	1999/00	2004/05	2008/09	2009/10	One Year Percent Change	Ten Year Percent Change
Eastern Kentucky University				Estimated		
Certificates	2	6	10	19	90.0%	850.0%
Associate	226	241	195	248	27.2%	9.7%
Baccalaureate	1,663	1,787	2,128	2,408	13.2%	44.8%
Master's/Specialist	437	657	734	806	9.8%	84.4%
Doctoral - Professional Practice				1		
Total Credentials Awarded	***2,328***	***2,691***	***3,067***	***3,482***	***13.5%***	***49.6%***
Kentucky State University						
Associate	71	50	39	36	-7.7%	-49.3%
Baccalaureate	222	229	184	254	38.0%	14.4%
Master's/Specialist	23	52	40	57	42.5%	147.8%
Total Credentials Awarded	***316***	***331***	***263***	***347***	***31.9%***	***9.8%***
Morehead State University						
Associate	136	125	150	147	-2.0%	8.1%
Baccalaureate	971	1,038	930	904	-2.8%	-6.9%
Master's/Specialist	288	373	410	342	-16.6%	18.8%
Total Credentials Awarded	***1,395***	***1,536***	***1,490***	***1,393***	***-6.5%***	***-0.1%***
Murray State University						
Associate	31	38	10	12	20.0%	-61.3%
Baccalaureate	1,274	1,373	1,542	1,515	-1.8%	18.9%
Master's/Specialist	458	570	638	612	-4.1%	33.6%
Total Credentials Awarded	***1,763***	***1,981***	***2,190***	***2,139***	***-2.3%***	***21.3%***
Northern Kentucky University						
Certificates	2	18	54	67	24.1%	3250.0%
Associate	202	237	124	129	4.0%	-36.1%
Baccalaureate	1,142	1,529	1,836	2,055	11.9%	79.9%
Master's/Specialist	229	380	491	482	-1.8%	110.5%
Doctoral - Professional Practice	112	137	137	154	12.4%	37.5%
Total Credentials Awarded	***1,687***	***2,301***	***2,642***	***2,887***	***9.3%***	***71.1%***
University of Kentucky						
Baccalaureate	3,187	3,285	3,650	3,548	-2.8%	11.3%
Master's/Specialist	1,067	1,358	1,334	1,218	-8.7%	14.2%
Doctoral - Research/Scholarship	249	276	312	248	-20.5%	-0.4%
Doctoral - Professional Practice	369	394	407	488	19.9%	32.2%
Total Credentials Awarded	***4,872***	***5,313***	***5,703***	***5,502***	***-3.5%***	***12.9%***
University of Louisville						
Certificates	128	129	131	114	-13.0%	-10.9%
Associate	80	48	20	19	-5.0%	-76.3%
Baccalaureate	1,750	2,148	2,482	2,544	2.5%	45.4%
Master's/Specialist	1,122	1,373	1,394	1,430	2.6%	27.5%
Doctoral - Research/Scholarship	76	112	142	163	14.8%	114.5%
Doctoral - Professional Practice	310	333	332	354	6.6%	14.2%
Total Credentials Awarded	***3,466***	***4,143***	***4,501***	***4,624***	***2.7%***	***33.4%***
Western Kentucky University						
Certificates		73	97	181	86.6%	
Associate	273	299	217	247	13.8%	-9.5%
Baccalaureate	1,753	2,166	2,382	2,869	20.4%	63.7%
Master's/Specialists	514	797	757	974	28.7%	89.5%
Total Credentials Awarded	***2,540***	***3,335***	***3,453***	***4,271***	***23.7%***	***68.1%***

Source: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education Comprehensive Database
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Kentucky Public and Independent Institutions
1999/00 - 2009/10 (Estimated) (Continued)

Institution/Level	1999/00	2004/05	2008/09	2009/10	One Year Percent Change	Ten Year Percent Change
Total Universities				Estimated		
Certificates	132	226	292	381	30.5%	188.6%
Associate	1,019	1,038	755	838	11.0%	-17.8%
Baccalaureate	11,962	13,555	15,134	16,097	6.4%	34.6%
Master's/Specialist	4,138	5,560	5,798	5,921	2.1%	43.1%
Doctoral - Research/Scholarship	325	388	454	412	-9.3%	26.8%
Doctoral - Professional Practice	791	864	876	996	13.7%	25.9%
Total Credentials Awarded	***18,367***	***21,631***	***23,309***	***24,645***	***5.7%***	***34.2%***
Total KCTCS						
Diploma	NA	2,310	2,070	2,136	3.2%	NA*
Certificate	NA	7,708	13,813	16,036	16.1%	NA*
Associate	3,446	5,723	6,861	7,611	10.9%	120.9%
Total Credentials Awarded	***3,446***	***15,741***	***22,744***	***25,783***	***13.4%***	***NA****
Total Public Institutions						
Diploma	NA	2,310	2,070	2,136	3.2%	NA*
Certificates	NA	7,934	14,105	16,417	16.4%	NA*
Associate	4,465	6,761	7,616	8,449	10.9%	89.2%
Baccalaureate	11,962	13,555	15,134	16,097	6.4%	34.6%
Master's/Specialists	4,138	5,560	5,798	5,921	2.1%	43.1%
Doctoral - Research/Scholarship	325	388	454	412	-9.3%	26.8%
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Total Credentials Awarded	***21,681***	***37,372***	***46,053***	***50,428***	***9.5%***	***NA****
Total AIKCU Institutions						
Certificates	50	23	9	14	55.6%	-72.0%
Associate	468	378	458	591	29.0%	26.3%
Baccalaureate	3,453	3,902	4,269	4,283	0.3%	24.0%
Master's/Specialists	610	1,010	1,444	1,782	23.4%	192.1%
Doctoral - Research/Scholarship	30	35	72	43	-40.3%	43.3%
Doctoral - Professional Practice	0	53	78	106	35.9%	NA
Total Credentials Awarded	***4,611***	***5,401***	***6,330***	***6,819***	***7.7%***	***47.9%***
Total Public and Independent Institutions						
Diploma	NA	2,310	2,070	2,136	3.2%	NA*
Certificates	NA	7,957	14,114	16,431	16.4%	NA*
Associate	4,933	7,139	8,074	9,040	12.0%	83.3%
Baccalaureate	15,415	17,457	19,403	20,380	5.0%	32.2%
Master's/Specialists	4,748	6,570	7,242	7,703	6.4%	62.2%
Doctoral - Research /Scholarship	355	423	526	455	-13.5%	28.2%
Doctoral - Professional Practice	791	917	954	1,102	15.5%	39.3%
Total Credentials Awarded	***26,242***	***42,773***	***52,383***	***57,247***	***9.3%***	***NA****

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 in 1999/00.
- Data for the Technical Colleges was not available prior to 2000/01.

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