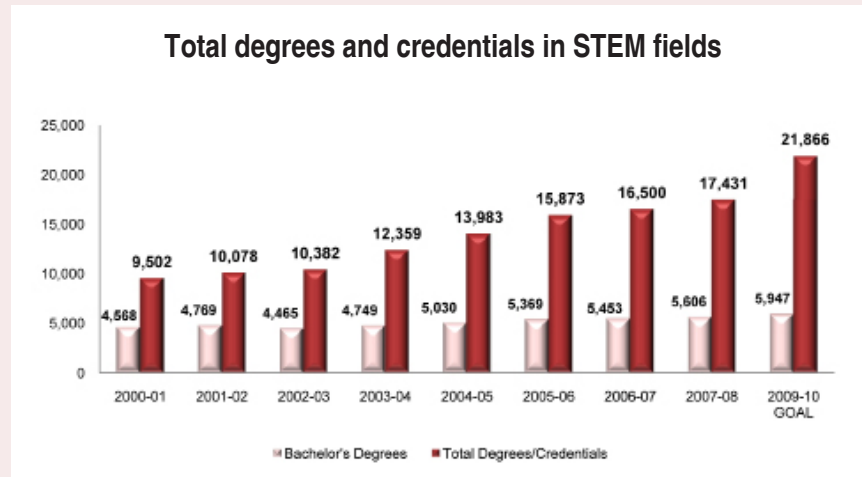


# STEM degrees and credentials

Current: 17,431

Goal: 21,866



Source: CPE Comprehensive Database

## About the goal:

2009-10 goals for STEM bachelor's degrees and total credentials were determined by applying the average annual rate of increase (3% and 12%, respectively) over the next two years.

## About this measure:

The US is falling behind other industrialized nations in its production of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics graduates. Increasing STEM degrees will help Kentucky fill labor shortages and attract more high-wage industries to the state.

## Definition:

Measured by the total number of credentials at all levels awarded in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields by in-state public and independent institutions during an academic year using federal EPSCoR STEM categories.