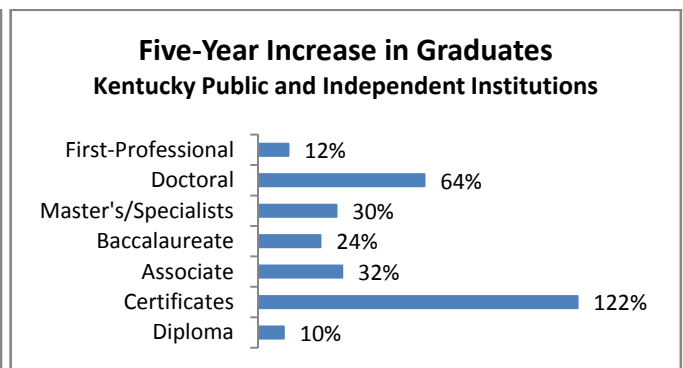
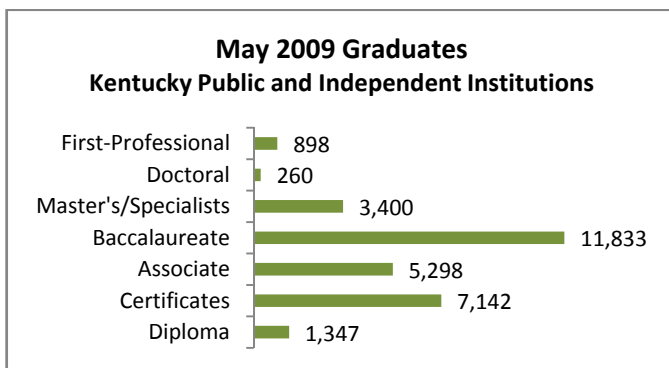


# May Graduates

June 1, 2009

Kentucky's public and independent postsecondary institutions are graduating another historic class in 2009. Total degrees and credentials awarded this spring increased 7 percent over last year and an impressive 40 percent in the past five years. Other highlights include:

- Increases were seen in all sectors and at virtually all institutions. Eastern Kentucky University saw the largest growth among four-year institutions, increasing 48 percent in five years, with 60 percent growth in baccalaureate degrees. KCTCS' spring degrees grew by 72 percent in five years, including a 43 percent increase in associate graduates.
- These increases were seen at all degree and credential levels. Baccalaureate degrees increased 24 percent in five years, associate degrees 32 percent, and doctoral degrees 64 percent.
- UK and UofL continue to pursue their HB 1 goals of becoming premier research institutions. UK's spring doctoral degrees increased 70 percent in five years, while UofL's increased 21 percent. The undergraduate focus of UofL is also changing, with more baccalaureate degrees and fewer sub-baccalaureate degrees and credentials
- KCTCS continues to pursue both academic and workforce missions with tremendous growth in certificates, 125 percent in five years, as well as a 43 percent increase in associate degrees awarded in the spring.
- The AIKCU independent colleges and universities continue to keep pace with the publics in baccalaureate degree growth. Graduates from master's and doctoral programs have increased substantially as well, especially at Spalding University, University of the Cumberlands, and Union College.
- Kentucky State University's drop in degrees is due to increases in students graduating in the fall term and to students having to leave college due to financial reasons. In a recent KSU study investigating undergraduate departure between fall 2008 and spring 2009, finances were cited as a pivotal factor in students' departure or delay.



**May Graduates by Level**  
**Kentucky Public and Independent Institutions**  
**1998 - 2009**

Institution/Level	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	1 YR % CHG	5 YR % CHG
<b>Universities</b>													<b>Preliminary</b>	
<b>Eastern Kentucky University</b>														
Certificates	1	0	2	17	7	1	3	3	1	3	0	3	N/A	N/A
Associate	114	110	116	104	93	87	108	119	99	64	80	105	31.3%	-2.8%
Baccalaureate	762	815	780	824	759	821	804	899	1,073	1,046	1,117	1,290	15.5%	60.4%
Master's/Specialist	128	151	158	147	143	137	250	230	307	275	227	321	41.4%	28.4%
<b>Total Degrees Awarded</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>1,076</b>	<b>1,056</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>1,251</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>1,388</b>	<b>1,424</b>	<b>1,719</b>	20.7%	47.6%
<b>Kentucky State University</b>														
Associate	62	41	41	32	50	38	38	40	43	44	36	37	2.8%	-2.6%
Baccalaureate	149	120	141	142	147	140	136	137	132	125	155	130	-16.1%	-4.4%
Master's/Specialist	15	24	16	18	23	27	26	35	16	29	36	15	-58.3%	-42.3%
<b>Total Degrees Awarded</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>182</b>	-19.8%	-9.0%
<b>Morehead State University</b>														
Associate	59	51	51	45	47	54	73	81	83	77	84	78	-7.1%	6.8%
Baccalaureate	446	437	455	409	427	412	479	535	508	527	470	540	14.9%	12.7%
Master's/Specialist	70	76	79	68	76	95	79	120	124	137	111	185	66.7%	134.2%
<b>Total Degrees Awarded</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>803</b>	20.8%	27.3%
<b>Murray State University</b>														
Certificates	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Associate	15	11	16	13	11	14	20	17	11	7	6	1	-83.3%	-95.0%
Baccalaureate	566	607	739	650	714	718	783	759	857	852	920	845	-8.2%	7.9%
Master's/Specialist	187	170	194	209	218	231	217	212	238	221	210	245	16.7%	12.9%
<b>Total Degrees Awarded</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>1,136</b>	<b>1,091</b>	-4.0%	7.0%
<b>Northern Kentucky University</b>														
Certificates	0	1	2	0	0	0	9	3	6	22	0	24	N/A	N/A
Associate	147	143	138	135	178	195	134	164	164	152	104	71	-31.7%	-47.0%
Baccalaureate	603	590	573	625	646	698	695	767	814	811	867	989	14.1%	42.3%
Master's/Specialist	92	97	70	80	83	137	185	185	173	181	206	197	-4.4%	6.5%
First-Professional	86	91	88	67	70	89	84	122	121	119	129	115	-10.9%	36.9%
<b>Total Degrees Awarded</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>1,107</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>1,396</b>	6.9%	26.1%
<b>University of Kentucky</b>														
Baccalaureate	1,826	1,849	1,890	1,874	1,959	1,968	1,982	1,939	2,114	2,185	2,328	2,350	0.9%	18.6%
Master's/Specialist	462	471	465	458	381	454	578	572	565	597	580	700	20.7%	21.1%
Doctoral	92	66	83	74	79	85	91	113	96	95	145	155	6.9%	70.3%
First-Professional	344	352	346	351	327	347	346	374	362	358	401	400	-0.2%	15.6%
<b>Total Degrees Awarded</b>	<b>2,724</b>	<b>2,738</b>	<b>2,784</b>	<b>2,757</b>	<b>2,746</b>	<b>2,854</b>	<b>2,997</b>	<b>2,998</b>	<b>3,137</b>	<b>3,235</b>	<b>3,454</b>	<b>3,605</b>	4.4%	20.3%
<b>University of Louisville</b>														
Certificates	60	60	59	64	79	76	72	65	86	80	78	60	-23.1%	-16.7%
Associate	62	60	63	58	57	30	32	32	39	12	6	11	83.3%	-65.6%
Baccalaureate	880	876	870	962	893	938	995	1,073	1,127	1,233	1,173	1,182	0.8%	18.8%
Master's/Specialist	497	513	454	731	719	609	703	708	687	740	748	755	0.9%	7.4%
Doctoral	29	25	36	36	39	38	48	55	70	66	57	58	1.8%	20.8%
First-Professional	321	301	284	296	295	298	315	308	312	325	330	312	-5.5%	-1.0%
<b>Total Degrees Awarded</b>	<b>1,849</b>	<b>1,835</b>	<b>1,766</b>	<b>2,147</b>	<b>2,082</b>	<b>1,989</b>	<b>2,165</b>	<b>2,241</b>	<b>2,321</b>	<b>2,456</b>	<b>2,392</b>	<b>2,378</b>	-0.6%	9.8%
<b>Western Kentucky University</b>														
Certificates	0	0	0	0	2	0	36	36	51	45	55	78	41.8%	116.7%
Associate	165	127	132	139	124	136	146	149	153	133	132	92	-30.3%	-37.0%
Baccalaureate	847	935	841	834	1,027	946	1,118	1,141	1,237	1,325	1,251	1,350	7.9%	20.8%
Master's/Specialists	166	131	152	148	161	248	277	322	233	280	322	355	10.2%	28.2%
<b>Total Degrees Awarded</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>1,330</b>	<b>1,577</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>1,674</b>	<b>1,783</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>1,875</b>	6.5%	18.9%

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												<b>Preliminary</b>		
<b>Total Universities</b>														
Certificates	61	61	63	81	90	78	120	107	144	150	133	165	24.1%	37.5%
Associate	624	543	557	526	560	554	551	602	592	489	448	395	-11.8%	-28.3%
Baccalaureate	6,079	6,229	6,289	6,320	6,572	6,641	6,992	7,250	7,862	8,104	8,281	8,676	4.8%	24.1%
Master's/Specialist	1,617	1,633	1,588	1,859	1,804	1,938	2,315	2,384	2,343	2,460	2,440	2,773	13.6%	19.8%
Doctoral	121	91	119	110	118	123	139	168	166	161	202	213	5.4%	53.2%
First-Professional	751	744	718	714	692	734	745	804	795	802	860	827	-3.8%	11.0%
<b>Total Degrees Awarded</b>	<b>9,253</b>	<b>9,301</b>	<b>9,334</b>	<b>9,610</b>	<b>9,836</b>	<b>10,068</b>	<b>10,862</b>	<b>11,315</b>	<b>11,902</b>	<b>12,166</b>	<b>12,364</b>	<b>13,049</b>	5.5%	20.1%

<b>Total KCTCS</b>														
Diploma				933	942	879	1,225	1,173	1,262	1,225	1,183	1,347	13.9%	10.0%
Certificate				1,282	2,210	1,996	3,097	4,071	5,853	6,303	7,101	6,974	-1.8%	125.2%
Associate				2,353	2,569	2,830	3,199	3,354	3,640	3,859	3,896	4,583	17.6%	43.3%
<b>Total</b>				<b>4,568</b>	<b>5,721</b>	<b>5,705</b>	<b>7,521</b>	<b>8,598</b>	<b>10,755</b>	<b>11,387</b>	<b>12,180</b>	<b>12,904</b>	5.9%	71.6%

<b>Total Public Institutions</b>														
Diploma				933	942	879	1,225	1,173	1,262	1,225	1,183	1,347	13.9%	10.0%
Certificates				1,363	2,300	2,074	3,217	4,178	5,997	6,453	7,234	7,139	-1.3%	121.9%
Associate				2,879	3,129	3,384	3,750	3,956	4,232	4,348	4,344	4,978	14.6%	32.7%
Baccalaureate				6,320	6,572	6,641	6,992	7,250	7,862	8,104	8,281	8,676	4.8%	24.1%
Master's/Specialists				1,859	1,804	1,938	2,315	2,384	2,343	2,460	2,440	2,773	13.6%	19.8%
Doctoral				110	118	123	139	168	166	161	202	213	5.4%	53.2%
First-Professional				714	692	734	745	804	795	802	860	827	-3.8%	11.0%
<b>Total Degrees Awarded</b>				<b>14,178</b>	<b>15,557</b>	<b>15,773</b>	<b>18,383</b>	<b>19,913</b>	<b>22,657</b>	<b>23,553</b>	<b>24,544</b>	<b>25,953</b>	5.7%	41.2%

<b>AIKCU Institutions</b>														
Diploma							0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Certificates							2	19	4	20	9	3	-66.7%	50.0%
Associate							258	231	261	263	263	320	21.7%	24.0%
Baccalaureate							2,559	2,811	2,652	2,758	2,907	3,157	8.6%	23.4%
Master's/Specialists							300	388	391	423	401	627	56.4%	109.0%
Doctoral							20	23	18	15	14	47	235.7%	135.0%
First-Professional							59	53	54	65	67	71	6.0%	20.3%
<b>Total Degrees Awarded</b>							<b>3,198</b>	<b>3,525</b>	<b>3,380</b>	<b>3,544</b>	<b>3,661</b>	<b>4,225</b>	15.4%	32.1%

<b>Total Public and Independent Institutions</b>														
Diploma							1,225	1,173	1,262	1,225	1,183	1,347	13.9%	10.0%
Certificates							3,219	4,197	6,001	6,473	7,243	7,142	-1.4%	121.9%
Associate							4,008	4,187	4,493	4,611	4,607	5,298	15.0%	32.2%
Baccalaureate							9,551	10,061	10,514	10,862	11,188	11,833	5.8%	23.9%
Master's/Specialists							2,615	2,772	2,734	2,883	2,841	3,400	19.7%	30.0%
Doctoral							159	191	184	176	216	260	20.4%	63.5%
First-Professional							804	857	849	867	927	898	-3.1%	11.7%
<b>Total Degrees Awarded</b>							<b>21,581</b>	<b>23,438</b>	<b>26,037</b>	<b>27,097</b>	<b>28,205</b>	<b>30,178</b>	7.0%	39.8%

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