How Does Delaware Compare to the Top State and the National Average?

**Transition 1**
- **Delaware**: 64 graduates four years later.
- **U.S. Average**: 68 graduates four years later.
- **Top State (NJ)**: 90 graduates four years later.

In Delaware, for every 100 ninth grade students, 64 graduate four years later.

**Transition 2**
- **Delaware**: 38 students enter college.
- **U.S. Average**: 40 students enter college.
- **Top State (NJ)**: 60 students enter college.

Of the 64 high school graduates, 38 immediately enter college.

**Transition 3**
- **Delaware**: 30 students are still enrolled in sophomore year.
- **U.S. Average**: 27 students are still enrolled in sophomore year.
- **Top State (NJ)**: 44 students are still enrolled in sophomore year.

Of the 38 students who enter college, 30 are still enrolled in sophomore year.

**Transition 4**
- **Delaware**: 21 go on to graduate within 150% time.
- **U.S. Average**: 18 go on to graduate within 150% time.
- **Top State (MA)**: 29 go on to graduate within 150% time.

Twenty-one (21) go on to graduate within 150% time, with either an associate’s degree within three years or a bachelor’s degree within six years.

Note: “Top State” is the best performing of the 50 states.

Data are from 2002. Delaware data are partly from 2000 because technical colleges did not report first-time freshmen enrollment. For more detailed source information, see our web site at http://www.highereducation.org/reports/pipeline/.

For 50-state comparison charts, see pages 2-3 in The Educational Pipeline Policy Alert, April 2004.

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