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

**TRANSITION 1**

- **ILLINOIS**: 72 graduates
- **U.S. Average**: 68 graduates
- **Top State (NJ)**: 90 graduates

In Illinois, for every 100 ninth grade students, 72 graduate four years later.

**TRANSITION 2**

- **ILLINOIS**: 43 students enter college
- **U.S. Average**: 40 students enter college
- **Top State (NJ)**: 60 students enter college

Of the 72 high school graduates, 43 immediately enter college.

**TRANSITION 3**

- **ILLINOIS**: 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 43 students who enter college, 30 are still enrolled in sophomore year.

**TRANSITION 4**

- **ILLINOIS**: 20 students graduate within 150% time
- **U.S. Average**: 18 students graduate within 150% time
- **Top State (MA)**: 29 students graduate within 150% time

Twenty (20) 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. 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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