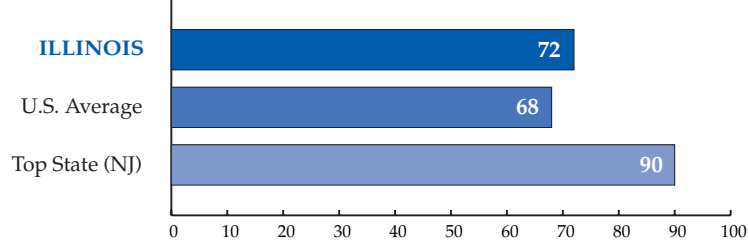


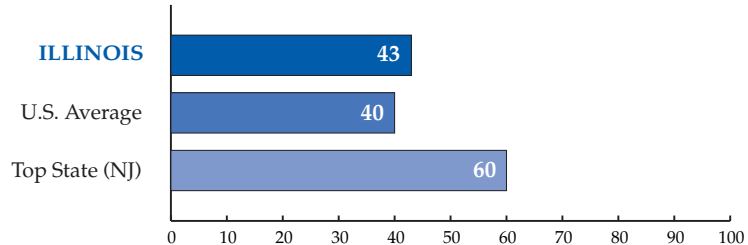
How Does *ILLINOIS* Compare to the Top State and the National Average?

TRANSITION 1



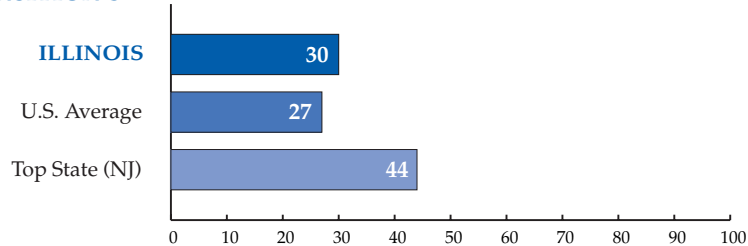
In Illinois, for every 100 ninth grade students, 72 graduate four years later.

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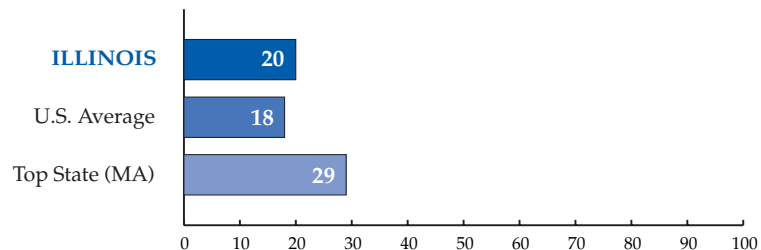
Of the 72 high school graduates, 43 immediately enter college.

TRANSITION 3



Of the 43 students who enter college, 30 are still enrolled in sophomore year.

TRANSITION 4



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.