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

**TRANSITION 1**

- **KENTUCKY**: 65 graduates four years later.
- **U.S. Average**: 68.
- **Top State (NJ)**: 90.

In Kentucky, for every 100 ninth grade students, 65 graduate four years later.

**TRANSITION 2**

- **KENTUCKY**: 39 immediately enter college.
- **U.S. Average**: 40.
- **Top State (NJ)**: 60.

Of the 65 high school graduates, 39 immediately enter college.

**TRANSITION 3**

- **KENTUCKY**: 26 are still enrolled in sophomore year.
- **U.S. Average**: 27.
- **Top State (NJ)**: 44.

Of the 39 students who enter college, 26 are still enrolled in sophomore year.

**TRANSITION 4**

- **KENTUCKY**: 15 go on to graduate within 150% time.
- **U.S. Average**: 15.
- **Top State (MA)**: 29.

Fifteen (15) 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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