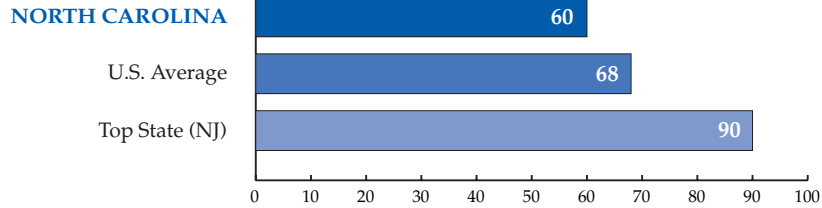


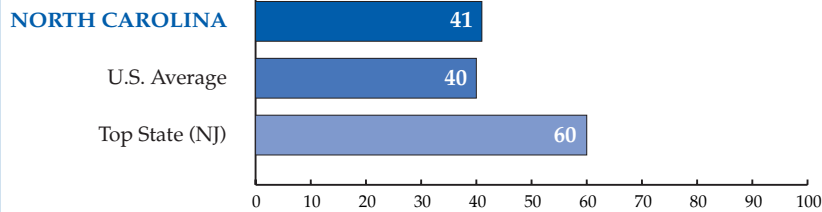
## How Does *NORTH CAROLINA* Compare to the Top State and the National Average?

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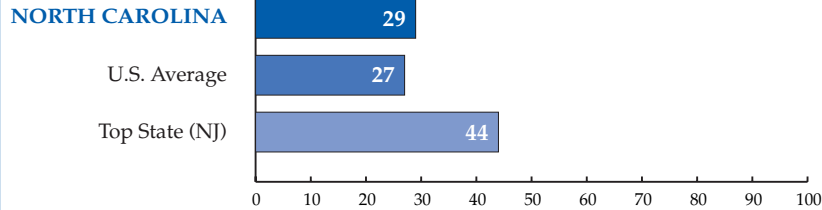
In North Carolina, for every 100 ninth grade students, 60 graduate four years later.

### TRANSITION 2



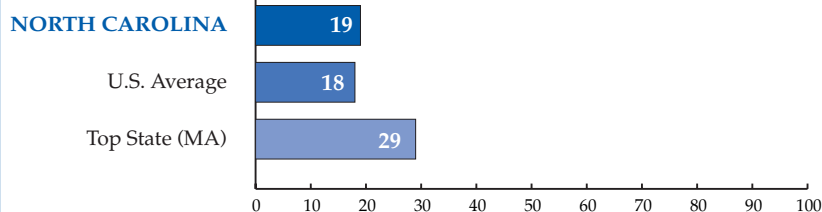
Of the 60 high school graduates, 41 immediately enter college.

### TRANSITION 3



Of the 41 students who enter college, 29 are still enrolled in sophomore year.

### TRANSITION 4



Nineteen (19) 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.