



## Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education

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Mr. Jay Hartz, Director  
Legislative Research Commission  
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Dear Director Hartz:

Pursuant to KRS 164.2847, the Council on Postsecondary Education is to provide to the Legislative Research Commission information on postsecondary education students participating in the tuition and mandatory fee waiver program for foster or adopted children.

There were 1,015 foster and adopted tuition waiver recipients enrolled at the undergraduate level in the 2021-22 academic year, the most recent year for which CPE has data. Sixty percent of these students were enrolled in a college within the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. See Table 1 in the attachment for enrollment detail.

The most current six-year baccalaureate graduation rate of first time, full-time waiver recipient students (the 2016-17 cohort) was 7%, though this is significantly lower than the prior three cohorts (14%, 23%, and 15%). Recent graduation rates by university can be found in the attachment in Table 2.

Data related to the most current three-year community college completion rates can be found in the attachment in Table 3.

Please keep in mind that these graduation rates do not include information regarding transfer and part-time students. Information on KSU students (10 or fewer students) was redacted to ensure student privacy in accordance with federal law. Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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Attachment (Tables 1, 2, and 3)

Table 1

## Enrolled Foster/Adopted Students by Institution by Academic Year

Institution	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
UK	40	52	60	59	
UofL	42	37	46	56	75
EKU	104	78	68	99	106
KSU	Redacted - 10 or fewer students reported				
MoSU	43	48	40	42	48
MuSU	16	23	32	32	30
NKU	41	34	33	40	48
WKU	70	82	67	89	98
University Subtotal	356	354	346	417	405
KCTCS	463	462	504	458	610
<b>Total</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>1015</b>

Table 2

Six Year Completion Rate of First-Time, Full-Time University Students by Cohort  
Foster/Adopted Student Waiver Recipients

Institution	Cohort Year			
	2014	2015	2016	2017
UK	33%	40%	33%	11%
UofL	0%		0%	18%
EKU	20%	10%	24%	3%
KSU		0%	0%	0%
MoSU	0%			7%
MuSU	11%	38%	0%	25%
NKU	10%		7%	6%
WKU	18%	24%	9%	5%
Total	14%	23%	15%	7%
Graduates	13	13	15	8
Number in Cohort	90	57	101	108

Table 3

Three Year Completion Rate of First-Time, Full-Time KCTCS Students by Cohort  
Foster/Adopted Student Waiver Recipients

<u>Cohort Year</u>	<u>Graduation Rate</u>	<u>Count of 3-year graduates</u>
2014	11%	10
2015	13%	14
2016	15%	10
2017	17%	17
2018	20%	22
2019	15%	19