

KSU is Slowing in Bachelor Degree Awards but is Still Graduating One out of Ten Students in Georgia

Bachelor Degrees Awarded by University System of Georgia Research, Comprehensive, and State University Sector Institutions for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2013				
Institution	# of Degree Completers FY 2008	# of Degree Completers FY 2013	5-Year % Change	% of 5-Year Change
University of Georgia	6,378	6,821	7%	8%
Georgia State University	3,630	4,608	27%	17%
Kennesaw State University	2,854	3,491	22%	11%
Georgia Institute of Technology	2,583	3,119	21%	10%
Georgia Southern University	2,383	2,980	25%	11%
Valdosta State University	1,621	1,733	7%	2%
University of West Georgia	1,222	1,659	36%	8%
University of North Georgia	791	1,212	53%	7%
Georgia College & State University	913	1,151	26%	4%
Clayton State University	842	1,020	21%	3%
Georgia Regents University	851	981	15%	2%
Armstrong Atlantic State University	835	977	17%	3%
Columbus State University	839	896	7%	1%
Southern Polytechnic State University	550	781	42%	4%
Albany State University	505	526	4%	0%
Georgia Southwestern State University	362	512	41%	3%
Fort Valley State University	268	488	82%	4%
Savannah State University	300	406	35%	2%
Total	27,727	33,361	5,634	100%

SOURCE: University System of Georgia Data Warehouse (USG123).

HIGHLIGHTS:

- One out of every 10 new graduates within the University System of Georgia in the Research, Comprehensive, and State University sectors was awarded a bachelor's degree from KSU.
- Overall growth of bachelor degrees awarded slowed as KSU slipped from the fourth to the thirteenth highest in terms of five-year percentage change between FY12 and FY13.
- Georgia Southern University tied KSU as the third largest institution of the total percentage growth of the three sectors.
- The slight decline in the number of degree completers at KSU between FY12 and FY13 increased the gap from 22% to 32% with the second highest degree granting institution in the three sectors.

NOTE(S):

Augusta State University and Georgia Health Sciences bachelor degrees awarded were combined for FY 2008 to compare against the consolidated Georgia Regents University in FY13. In addition, Gainesville State College and North Georgia College and State University were combined for FY 2008 to compare against the consolidated University of North Georgia in FY13.

Rank Order of University System of Georgia Research, Comprehensive, and State University Sector Bachelor Degree Awards

FY 2008		
Institution	# Degree Completers	% of Total
University of Georgia	6,378	23%
Georgia State University	3,630	13%
Kennesaw State University	2,854	10%
Georgia Institute of Technology	2,583	9%
Georgia Southern University	2,383	9%
Valdosta State University	1,621	6%
University of West Georgia	1,222	4%
Georgia College & State University	913	3%
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University of North Georgia	791	3%
Southern Polytechnic State University	550	2%
Albany State University	505	2%
Georgia Southwestern State University	362	1%
Savannah State University	300	1%
Fort Valley State University	268	1%
Total	27,727	100%

FY 2013		
Institution	# Degree Completers	% of Total
University of Georgia	6,821	20%
Georgia State University	4,608	14%
Kennesaw State University	3,491	10%
Georgia Institute of Technology	3,119	9%
Georgia Southern University	2,980	9%
Valdosta State University	1,733	5%
University of West Georgia	1,659	5%
University of North Georgia	1,212	4%
Georgia College & State University	1,151	3%
Clayton State University	1,020	3%
Georgia Regents University	981	3%
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Savannah State University	406	1%
Total	33,361	100%

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- The percentage of the total number of bachelor's degrees conferred in the University System of Georgia has remained constant at 10% for KSU.
- KSU had the second largest number of bachelor degree awards in the last five years (637). Georgia State University had the highest number of degrees conferred between FY08 and FY13 at 978, and Georgia Southern University the third largest number of awards (597).

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