

Data for the Kentucky Postsecondary Feedback Report comes from the Kentucky Longitudinal Data System (KLDS). Employment data in this report are limited to workers employed in firms covered by the Kentucky Unemployment Insurance System. We estimate that covers over 90% of people employed in the state. The Postsecondary Feedback Report is divided into five sections. Section A gives a snapshot about a recent class of students. Section B gives employment outcome information about graduates. Section C provides information about students who transferred. Section D provides data about graduates who continued their education. Section E provides data about students who left in academic year 2012 without graduating or transferring.

A. What were the recent enrollment and graduation numbers for Western Kentucky University?

In order to ensure the confidentiality of individuals, some data items have been redacted. Redacted data are represented by an asterisk (*).

Academic Year 2012 Profile	Western Kentucky University	Kentucky 4-Year Public Comprehensive Institutions
(summer 2011, fall 2011, and spring 2012 terms)		
1. Total enrollment	23,727	84,998
2. Undergraduate enrollment	19,490	70,056
a. Full-time	15,311	55,116
b. Part-time	4,179	14,940
3. Graduate enrollment	4,237	15,464
a. Full-time	1,420	5,087
b. Part-time	2,817	10,377
4. Number of graduates	4,015	14,289
5. Bachelor's degree earners by origin	2,657	9,728
a. In-state	83.7%	77.7%
b. Out-of-state	16.3%	22.3%
6. Graduate degree earners by origin	1,040	3,770
a. In-state	67.0%	69.1%
b. Out-of-state	33.0%	30.9%
7. Students who left without re-enrolling at any institution in academic year 2013	2,483	8,833

Quick Statistics

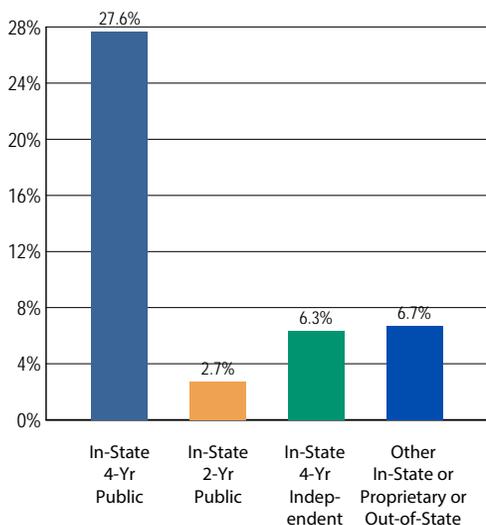
What happened to the academic year 2012 graduates of this institution one year later?

a. Employed in Kentucky	69.0%
b. Continued education	6.6%
c. Not employed in Kentucky and not continuing education	24.4%

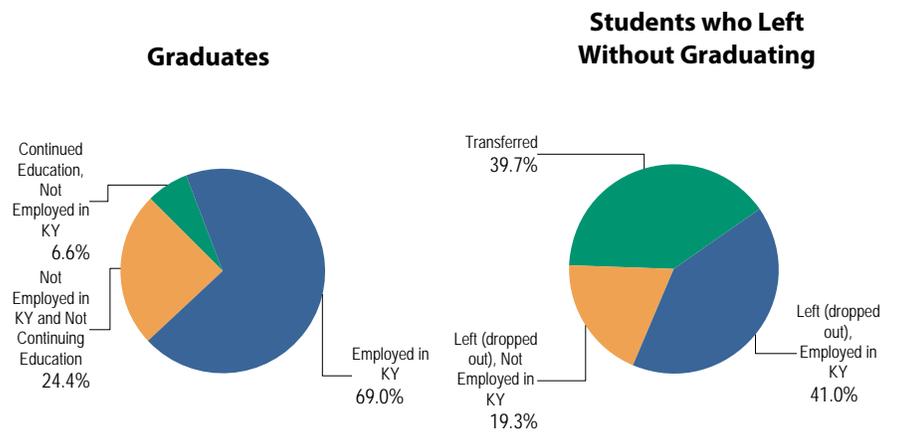
What were the average earnings in Kentucky for academic year 2008 graduates of this institution five years later?

a. Associate degree earners	\$31,444
b. Bachelor's degree earners	\$34,520
c. Graduate degree earners	\$47,109
d. Professional degree earners	n/a

Academic Year 2008 Bachelor's Degree Earners who Continued their Education within 5 Years



Employment and Continuing Education One Year After Academic Year 2012 Students Left this Institution



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B. What were the employment outcomes of Western Kentucky University graduates?

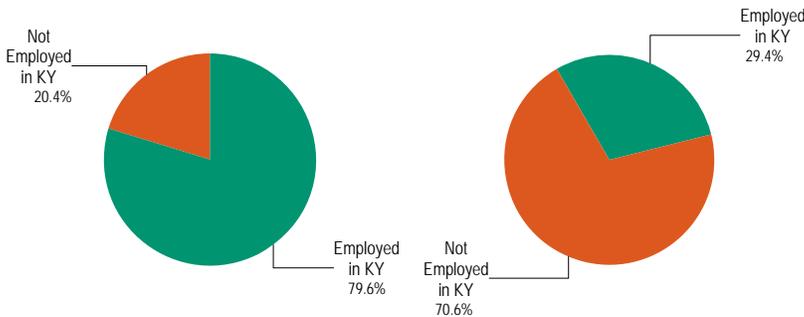
Credential Level	Western Kentucky University	Kentucky 4-Year Public Comprehensive Institutions
1. Associate degree		
a. Number of graduates in academic year 2008	232	765
b. Percent employed in KY within 5 years	84.1%	83.1%
c. Average Wages 3 Years Out	\$28,563	\$34,096
d. Average Wages 5 Years Out	\$31,444	\$37,752
2. Bachelor's degree		
a. Number of graduates in academic year 2008	2,390	8,897
b. Percent employed in KY within 5 years	76.2%	73.9%
c. Average Wages 3 Years Out	\$27,901	\$27,978
d. Average Wages 5 Years Out	\$34,520	\$34,092
3. Graduate degree		
a. Number of graduates in academic year 2008	863	2,930
b. Percent employed in KY within 5 years	64.0%	72.4%
c. Average Wages 3 Years Out	\$43,869	\$44,742
d. Average Wages 5 Years Out	\$47,109	\$47,834
4. Professional degree		
a. Number of graduates in academic year 2008	n/a	150
b. Percent employed in KY within 5 years	n/a	53.3%
c. Average Wages 3 Years Out	n/a	\$31,908
d. Average Wages 5 Years Out	n/a	\$42,840
5. Percent of academic year 2008 graduates earning at or above the average regional** earnings where their college is located, by credential level, five years out		
a. Associate and lower credential	69.4%	67.5%
b. Bachelor's and higher credential	69.0%	69.0%

**Regional earnings are the average earnings for the institution's nearest Workforce Investment Area.

Percent of Academic Year 2012 Bachelor's Degree Recipients with Earnings in Kentucky One Year Later by Student Origin

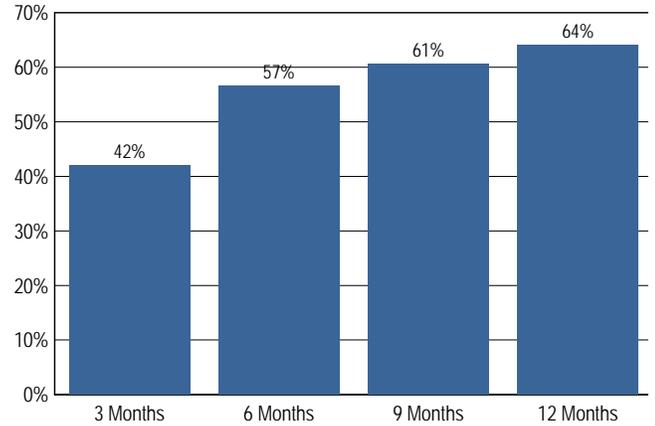
In-State Students
(students from Kentucky)

Out-of-State Students
(students from outside Kentucky)

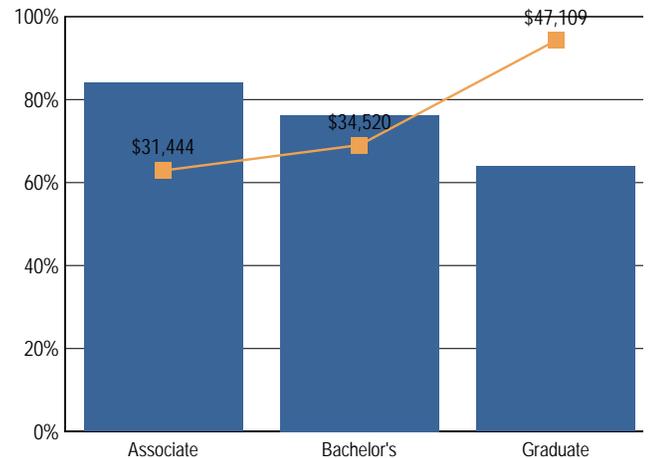


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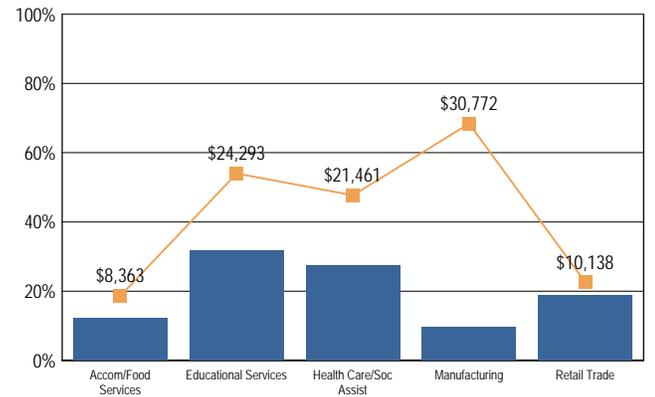
Academic Year 2012 Bachelor's Degree Earners Time to Full-Time Equivalent Employment in Kentucky



Academic Year 2008 Graduates' Employment Rates and Average Wages in Kentucky Five Years Out



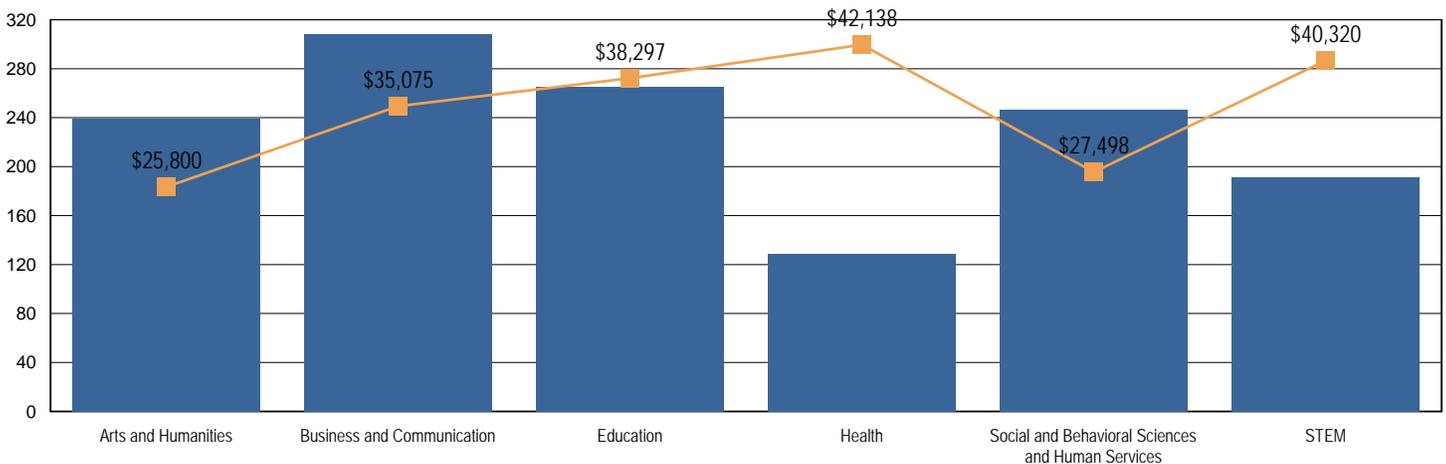
Academic Year 2012 Bachelor's Degree Recipients Top 5 Industries in Kentucky - Average Wages One Year Out



B. What were the employment outcomes of Western Kentucky University graduates?

Associate Degree	Degree Year 2012 Graduates			Degree Year 2010 Graduates			Degree Year 2008 Graduates			Degree Year 2003 Graduates		
	Number of Grads	% employed in KY in FY 12/13	Average Wages	Number of Grads	% employed in KY in FY 12/13	Average Wages	Number of Grads	% employed in KY in FY 12/13	Average Wages	Number of Grads	% employed in KY in FY 12/13	Average Wages
Arts and Humanities	59	71.2%	\$20,406	56	69.6%	\$20,406	43	67.4%	\$22,209	70	62.9%	\$31,661
Business and Communication	36	88.9%	\$21,935	35	71.4%	\$21,935	30	66.7%	\$25,267	45	73.3%	\$28,282
Education	17	88.2%	\$27,260	21	95.2%	\$27,260	13	76.9%	\$23,331	16	81.3%	\$52,918
Health	127	80.3%	\$45,991	95	69.5%	\$45,991	135	71.1%	\$38,082	112	70.5%	\$51,028
Social and Behavioral Sciences and Human Services	16	68.8%	*	6	*	*	9	*	*	6	*	*
STEM	16	68.8%	*	10	*	*	2	*	*	23	65.2%	\$58,379
Trades	0	*	*	0	*	*	0	*	*	0	*	*
Overall	271	78.6%	\$29,758	223	72.6%	\$29,758	232	70.7%	\$31,444	272	69.5%	\$40,070
Bachelor's Degree												
Arts and Humanities	526	69.8%	\$22,711	507	57.0%	\$22,711	412	58.0%	\$25,800	314	49.0%	\$39,248
Business and Communication	603	67.5%	\$30,621	679	57.0%	\$30,621	619	49.8%	\$35,075	504	47.2%	\$45,952
Education	304	85.2%	\$34,937	366	78.4%	\$34,937	369	71.8%	\$38,297	326	70.9%	\$45,856
Health	252	73.4%	\$38,757	238	74.8%	\$38,757	213	60.6%	\$42,138	118	68.6%	\$65,669
Social and Behavioral Sciences and Human Services	477	69.0%	\$19,998	478	62.6%	\$19,998	426	58.0%	\$27,498	350	52.9%	\$39,586
STEM	495	64.0%	\$32,413	406	57.9%	\$32,413	351	54.4%	\$40,320	266	49.2%	\$54,485
Trades	0	*	*	0	*	*	0	*	*	0	*	*
Overall	2,657	70.2%	\$27,939	2,674	62.6%	\$27,939	2,390	57.7%	\$34,520	1,878	54.3%	\$45,689

Degree Year 2008 Bachelor's Degree Recipients' Average Wages and Number Employed in Kentucky Fiscal Year 2013 by Academic Area



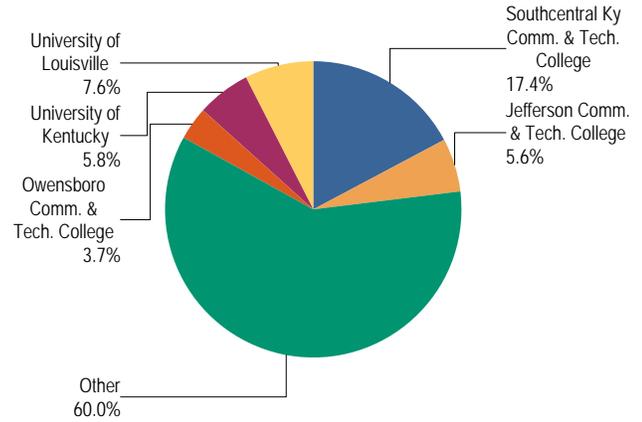
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C. What are the characteristics of Western Kentucky University students who transferred?

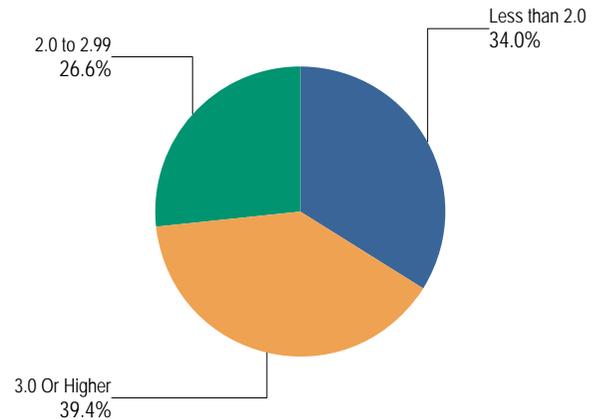
The following data include undergraduate postsecondary students who left this institution in academic year 2012 without completing a credential and attended another institution in academic year 2013.

	Western Kentucky University	Kentucky 4-Year Public Comprehensive Institutions
1. Number of students who transferred to:		
a. In-state 2-year institution	570	1,874
b. In-state 4-year public or independent institution	560	1,689
c. Other in-state or proprietary or out-of-state institution	505	2,098
2. GPA of transfers:		
a. Less than 2.0	34.0%	36.7%
b. 2.0 to 2.99	26.6%	28.1%
c. 3.0 or higher	39.4%	35.2%
3. Number of college-level credit hours earned at this institution prior to transfer:		
a. 6 or fewer	20.0%	23.6%
b. 6.1 to 14.9	21.5%	17.3%
c. 15 to 29.9	25.6%	25.8%
d. 30 to 44.9	14.9%	13.8%
e. 45 to 59.9	6.2%	6.6%
f. 60 to 89.9	7.1%	7.5%
g. 90 or more	4.8%	5.4%

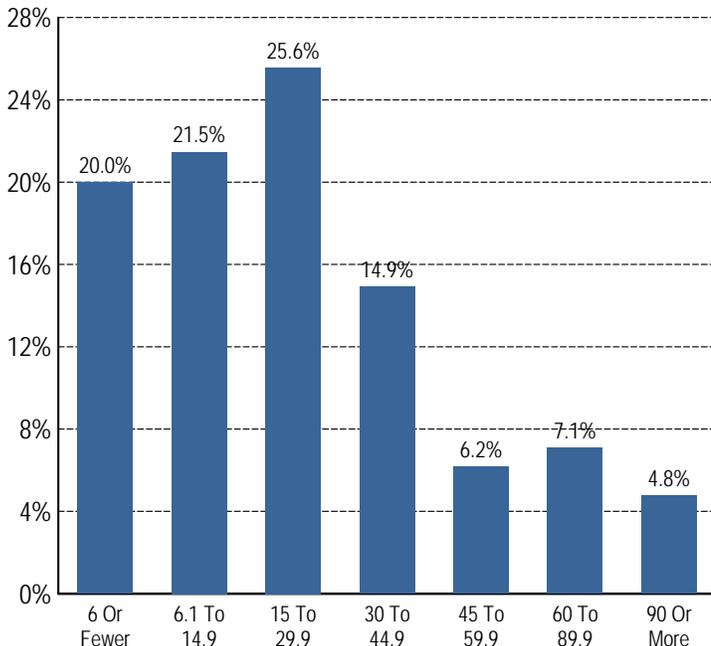
Top 5 Institutions Attended in Academic Year 2013 for Academic Year 2012 Transfers



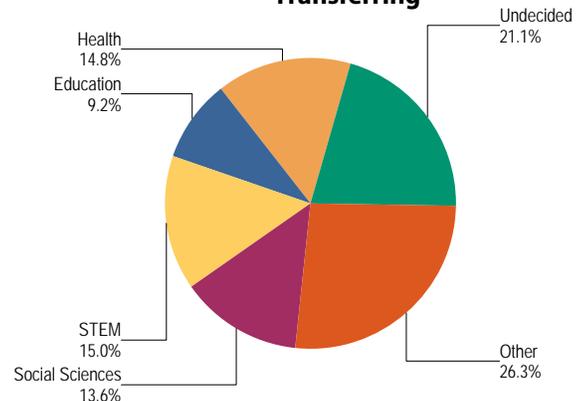
Academic Year 2012 Students' GPA Prior to Transfer



Hours Earned at Western Kentucky University Prior to Transferring to Another Institution



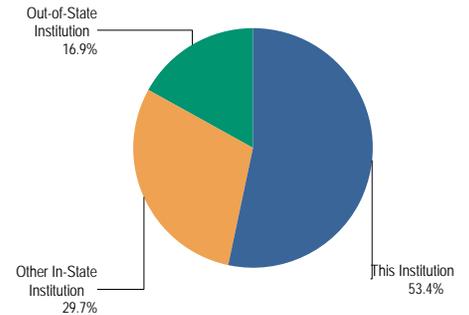
Academic Year 2012 Students' Major Prior to Transferring



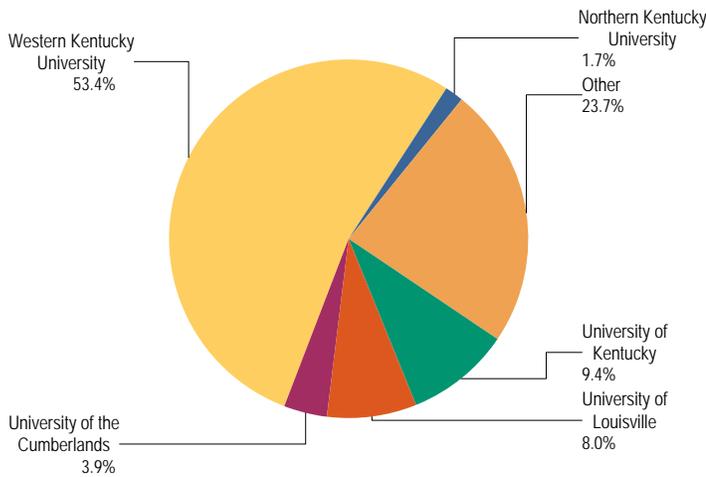
D. How many graduates who earned a Bachelor's degree at Western Kentucky University in academic year 2012 matriculated into or enrolled in a graduate-level program in academic year 2013?

	Western Kentucky University	Kentucky 4-Year Public Comprehensive Institutions
1. Bachelor's degree recipients matriculating into graduate school in academic year 2013		
a. Number	414	1,566
b. Percent	15.6%	16.1%
2. Where these graduates matriculated:		
a. Returned to this institution	53.4%	53.6%
b. Other in-state institution	29.7%	29.2%
c. Out-of-state institution	16.9%	17.2%

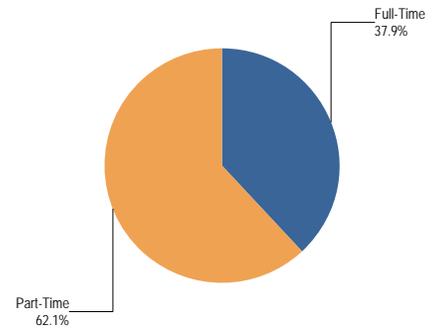
Degree Year 2012 Bachelor's Degree Recipients who Continued their Education in Academic Year 2013 by Location



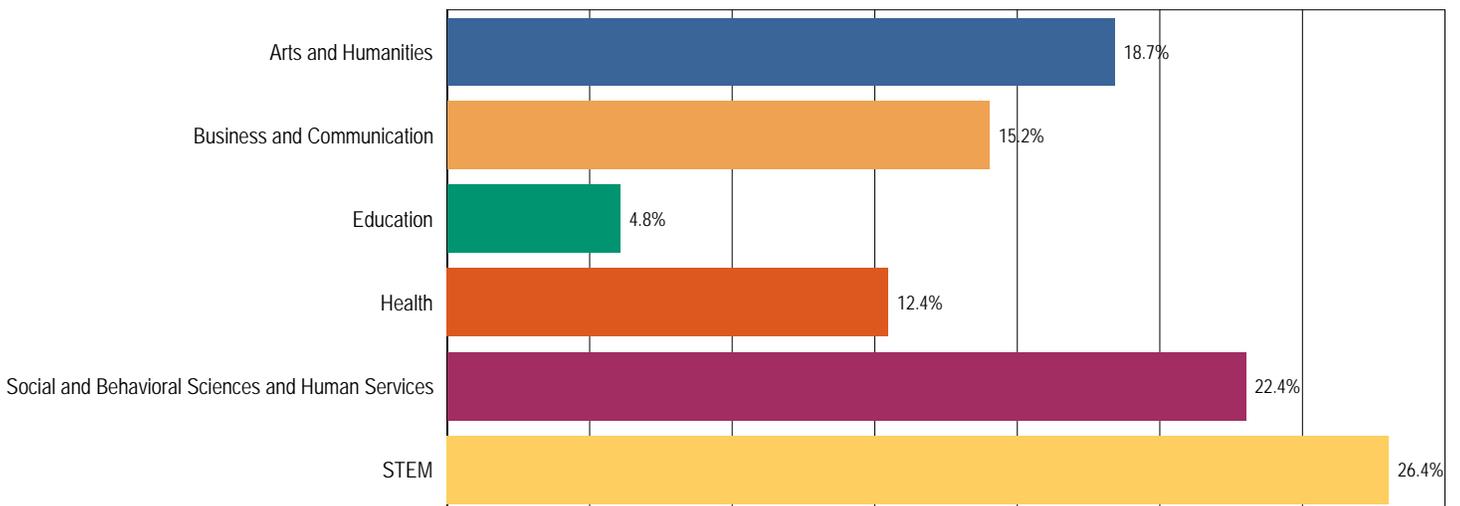
Top 5 Institutions where these Bachelor's Degree Recipients Enrolled in a Graduate Program in Academic Year 2013



Full-time/Part-time Status of Degree Year 2012 Bachelor's Degree Recipients who Attended Graduate School in Academic Year 2013



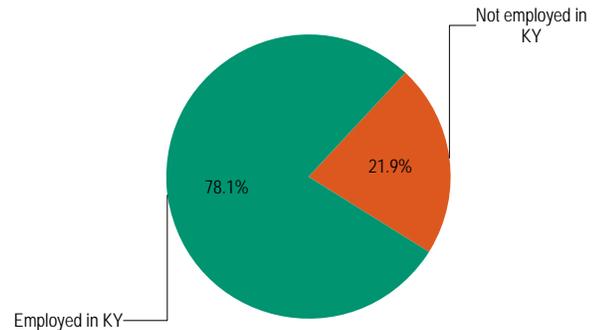
Degree Year 2012 Bachelor's Degree Recipients who Continued their Education as a Graduate in Academic Year 2013 (by Major in which Degree was Earned)



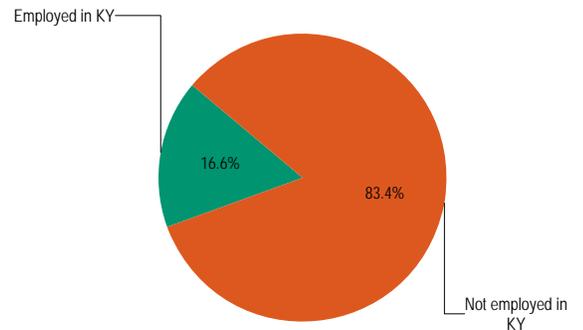
E. What happened to Western Kentucky University undergraduates who left (dropped out) in academic year 2012 without completing a credential and did not transfer to another institution in academic year 2013?

Characteristics of students who left in academic year 2012	Western Kentucky University		Kentucky 4-Year Public Comprehensive Institutions	
	N	%	N	%
1. Number of undergraduate leavers in academic year 2012	2,483		8,833	
2. Race/Ethnicity				
a. African-American	410	16.5%	1,135	12.8%
b. Hispanic	38	1.5%	119	1.3%
c. Caucasian	1,583	63.8%	6,237	70.6%
d. Other**	452	18.2%	1,342	15.2%
**Includes all other and unknown races/ethnicities and non-resident aliens.				
3. Gender				
a. Male	1,230	49.5%	4,386	49.7%
b. Female	1,253	50.5%	4,447	50.3%
4. College-level credit hours earned prior to leaving:				
a. 6 or fewer	749	30.2%	2,764	31.3%
b. 6.1 to 14.9	339	13.7%	1,362	15.4%
c. 15 to 29.9	529	21.3%	1,876	21.2%
d. 30 to 44.9	318	12.8%	1,054	11.9%
e. 45 to 59.9	207	8.3%	712	8.1%
f. 60 to 89.9	236	9.5%	754	8.5%
g. 90 or more	105	4.2%	311	3.5%
5. Final GPA prior to leaving				
a. Less than 2.0	1,469	59.2%	5,125	58.0%
b. 2.0 to 2.99	591	23.8%	2,190	24.8%
c. 3.0 or higher	423	17.0%	1,518	17.2%
6. College-level credit hours				
a. Average Attempted	42.4		41.7	
b. Average Earned	26.9		25.1	
7. Academic year 2012 undergraduate leavers from KY employed in-state 1 year later	1,590	78.1%	8,030	76.6%
8. Academic year 2012 undergraduate leavers from outside KY employed in-state 1 year later	74	16.6%	571	16.4%
9. Average earnings in Kentucky one year later	\$13,900		\$14,270	

Percent of Academic Year 2012 Undergraduate Leavers from Kentucky who were Employed In-State One Year Later



Percent of Academic Year 2012 Out-Of-State Undergraduates who Left this Institution and were Employed in Kentucky One Year Later



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Top 5 Industries with Average Earnings where these Leavers were Employed

