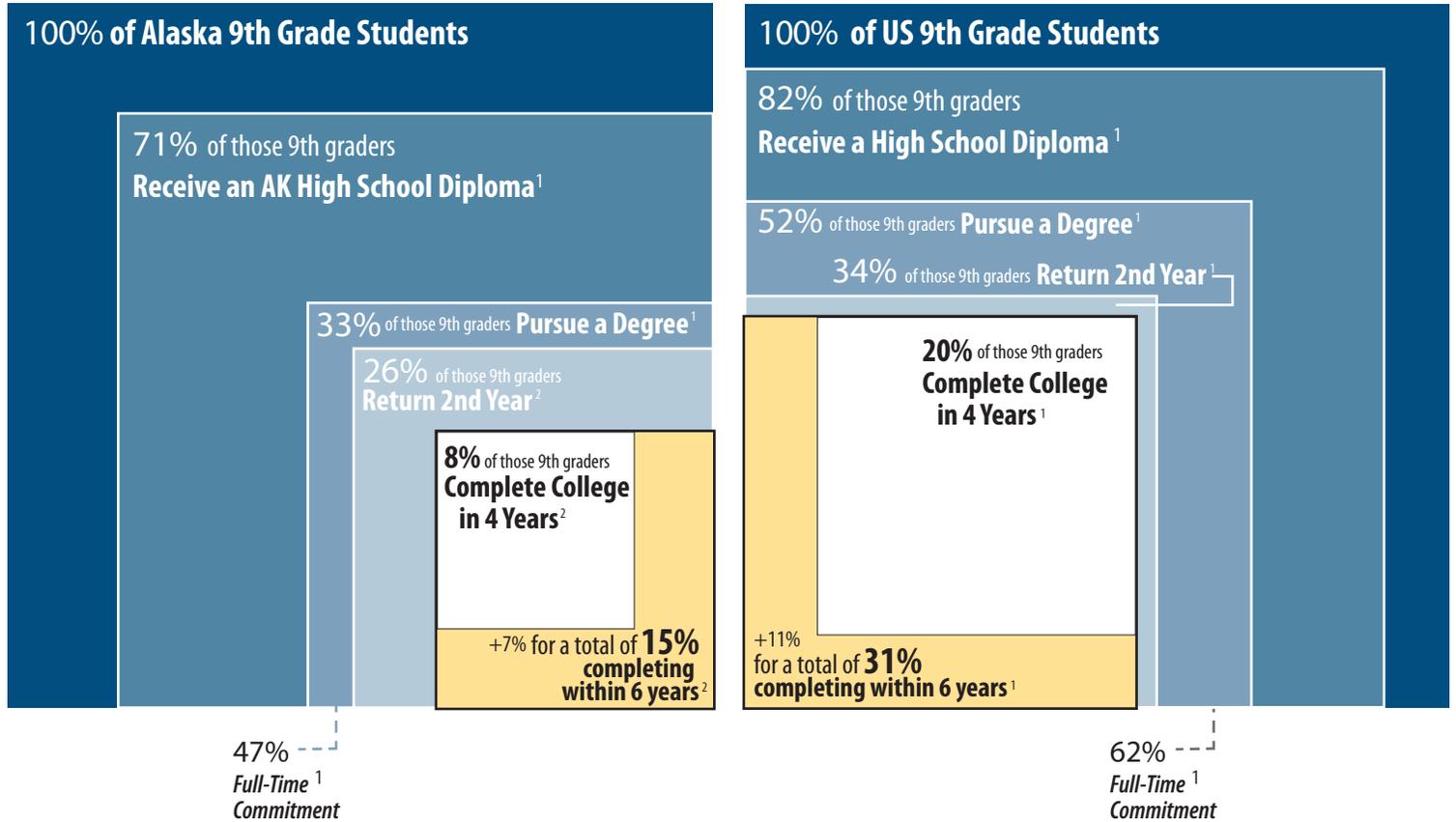




Alaska

United States



Alaska ranked 48th in high school graduation rates, and 50th in the percentage of those graduates attending college. These factors contribute to Alaska having one of the lowest rates of 9th graders completing college.

ANSWERS links together available information that can help us understand why Alaska lags behind in growing its skilled workforce. Students must make many critical decisions along the way from entering high school to completing a degree. Using information from organizations such as the National Student Clearinghouse and the U.S. Department of Education, we can measure how many students decide to continue their educational pursuits – and how many decide not to. However, we have no clear picture of how these groups of students may differ. Knowing that 71% of Alaska’s ninth graders went on to graduate high school is good information, but it is also critical to know why 29% did not, and identify the impacts of dropping out.

With ANSWERS, we will have the ability to look at groups of students who pursue certain pathways, whether continuing their education, leaving Alaska, or entering the workforce. ANSWERS data can provide measures of educational and workforce successes and provide crucial feedback on which programs intended to improve students’ outcomes are working and producing the best return on the state’s investment in these strategies.

– As reported by
The National Center for Education Statistics

SOURCES:

- 1) U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics
- 2) National Student Clearinghouse "StudentTracker for High Schools" Alaska report, Nov. 25, 2015.

For further information about the sources used for this document please visit <http://acpe.alaska.gov/REPORTS/Reports>

