

Section B.5

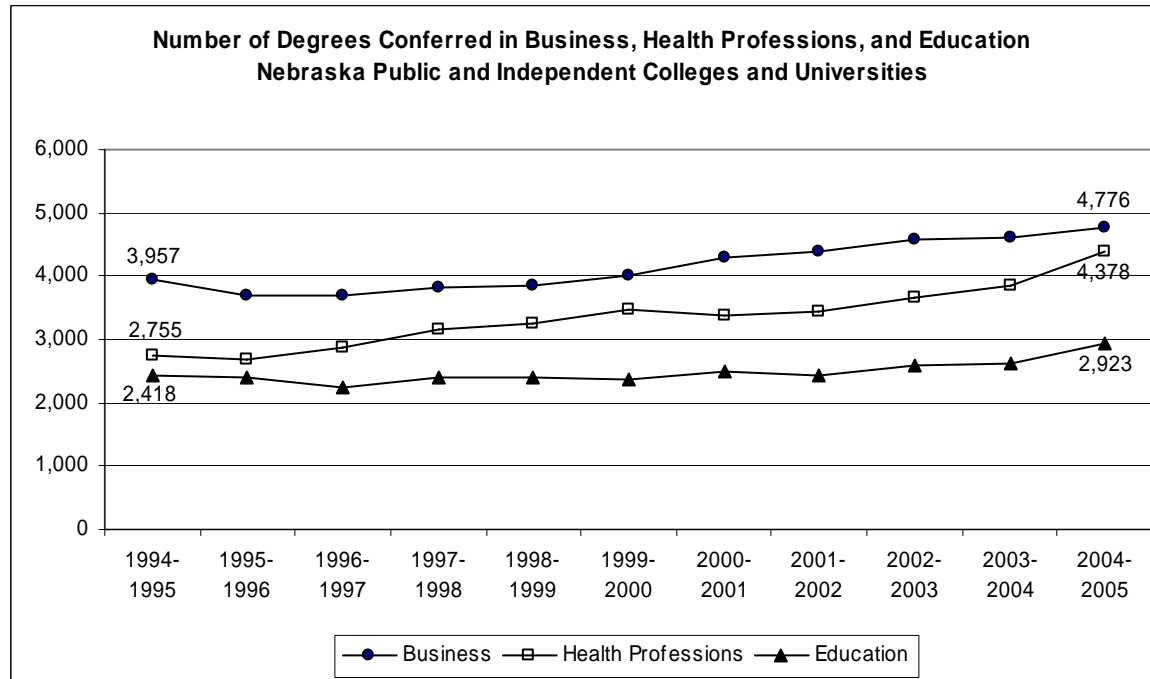
Degrees and Other Awards by Discipline

Notes: Summarized data are for Nebraska public and independent colleges and universities.
These institutions do not include for-profit career schools.

Throughout this section, “degrees” include certificates and diplomas.

DISCIPLINES WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBERS OF DEGREES: 1995-2005

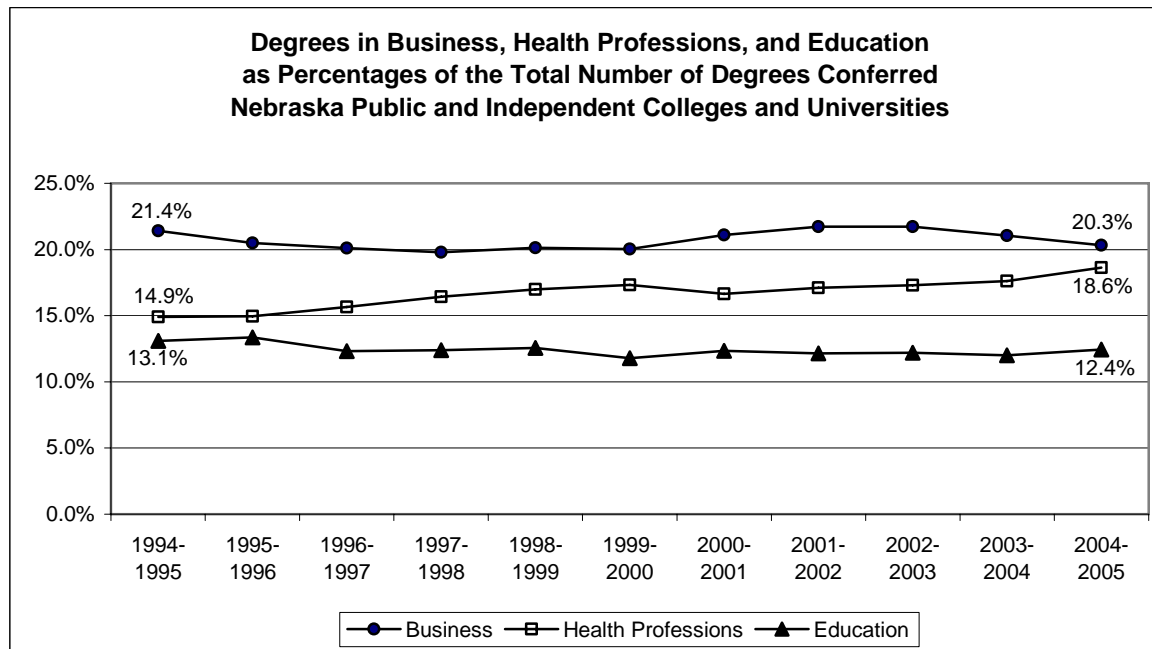
- The highest numbers of degrees conferred by Nebraska's public and independent colleges and universities are in business, education, and the health professions.
- In 2004-05, a total of 12,077 degrees in business, education, and the health professions were awarded, up from 9,130 in 1994-95.



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DISCIPLINES WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBERS OF DEGREES: 1995-2005 (Continued)

- When totaled, degrees in business, education, and the health professions accounted for 51.4% of all of the degrees conferred by Nebraska’s public and independent institutions in 2004-05, up from 49.4% in 1994-95.
- Considered separately, degrees in the health professions accounted for 18.6% of all of the degrees awarded in 2004-05, up from 14.9% in 1994-95.
- In comparison, the percentages of all degrees conferred in business and education slightly decreased over the 10-year period.



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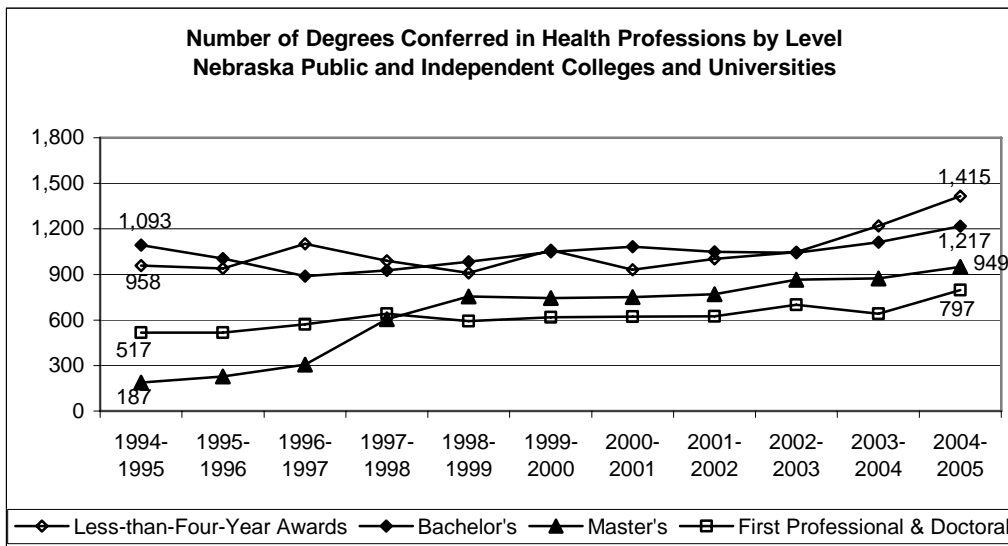
- As shown on the following table, 1,623 more degrees in the health professions were conferred in 2004-05 than in 1994-95, an increase of 58.9%. As also shown below, these additional degrees accounted for almost one-third of the total increase in degrees over the 10-year period.
- Together, the increases in business and education degrees between 1994-95 and 2004-05 accounted for more than 25% of the total increase in degrees conferred by Nebraska’s public and independent institutions, even though the number of degrees in business and education increased at rates that were slightly lower than the rate of increase for all other disciplines.

Increases in the Number of Degrees Conferred in Health, Business, Education, and Other Disciplines Combined Nebraska Public and Independent Colleges and Universities 1994-95 through 2004-05					
Discipline	Number of degrees conferred		10-year increase in number of degrees	10-year % increase in the number of degrees	% of the total increase in the number of degrees
	1994-95	2004-05			
Health Professions	2,755	4,378	1,623	58.9%	32.4%
Business	3,957	4,776	819	20.7%	16.4%
Education	2,418	2,923	505	20.9%	10.1%
Subtotal	9,130	12,077	2,947	32.3%	58.9%
Other disciplines	9,354	11,411	2,057	22.0%	41.1%
Total	18,484	23,488	5,004	27.1%	100.0%

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DEGREES by DISCIPLINE and by LEVEL: 1995-2005

- When degrees in the health professions are analyzed by level, the highest rates of growth between 1994-95 and 2004-05 were at the master's level and above.
- The number of master's degrees in health professions more than tripled between 1994-95 and 1997-98, and then increased by 57% between 1997-98 and 2004-05.
- First-professional and doctoral degrees in health professions increased by 54% over the 10-year period, primarily as a result of the introduction of doctoral degrees in occupational therapy and physical therapy.



- Between 1994-1995 and 2004-05, the number of degrees conferred in the health professions increased as follows:

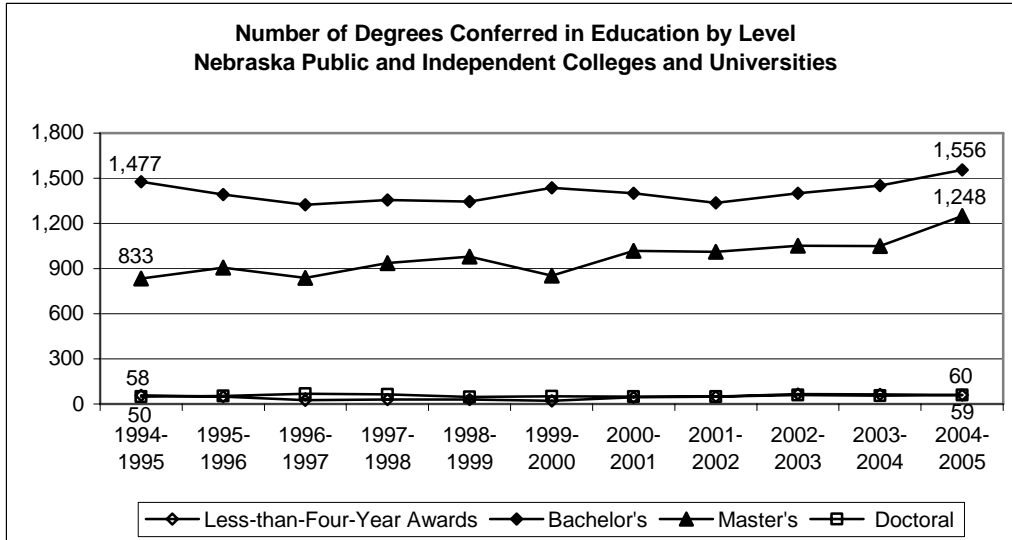
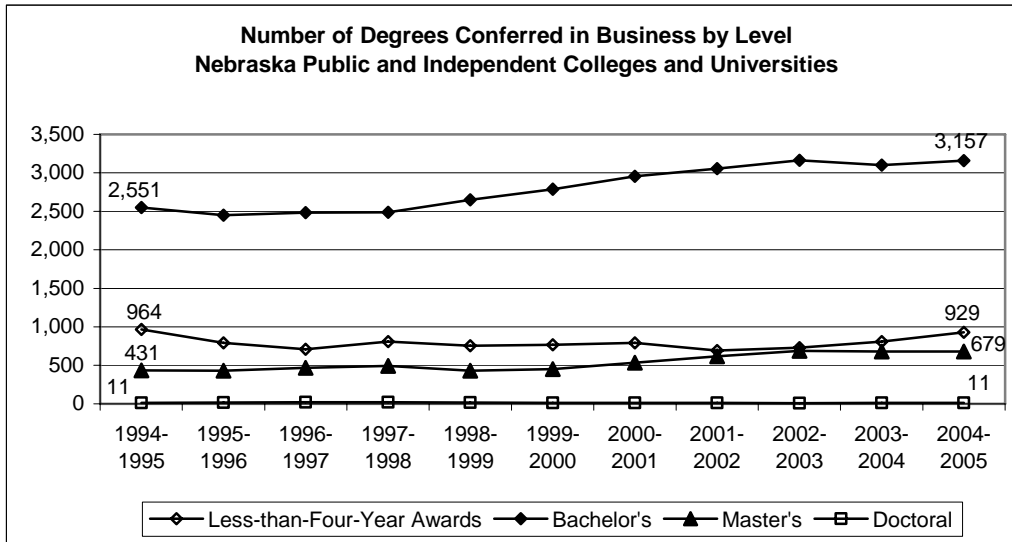
Less-than-four-year degrees	47.7%
(from 958 to 1,415)	
Bachelor's degrees ¹	11.3%
(from 1,093 to 1,217)	
Master's degrees ²	407.5%
(from 187 to 949)	
First-professional and doctoral ³	54.2%
(from 517 to 797)	

¹Include post-baccalaureate certificates.

²Include post-master's awards.

³First-professional degrees are conferred in dentistry, medicine, pharmacy.

DEGREES by DISCIPLINE and by LEVEL: 1995-2005 (Continued)



- The highest rates of growth in degrees in business and education were at the master's level, and there also was a significant increase in the number of bachelor's degrees in business between 1994-95 and 2004-05.

- Between 1994-1995 and 2004-05, the number of degrees conferred in business increased or decreased as follows:

Less-than-four-year degrees	- 3.6%
(from 964 to 929)	
Bachelor's degrees ¹	23.8%
(from 2,551 to 3,157)	
Master's degrees ²	57.5%
(from 431 to 679)	
Doctoral	0.0%
(from 11 to 11)	

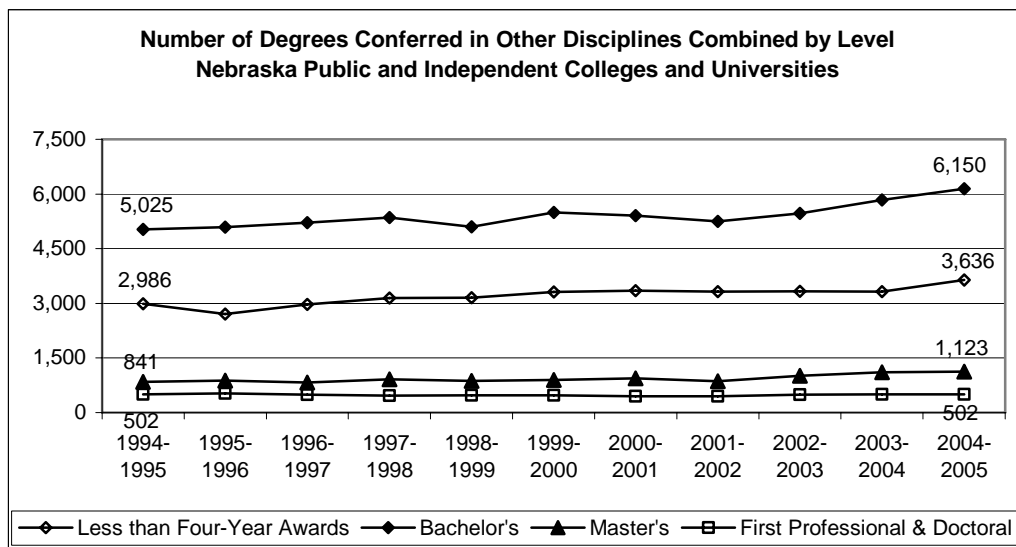
- Between 1994-1995 and 2004-05, the number of degrees conferred in education increased as follows:

Less-than-four-year degrees	1.7%
(from 58 to 59)	
Bachelor's degrees ¹	5.3%
(from 1,477 to 1,556)	
Master's degrees ²	49.8%
(from 833 to 1,248)	
Doctoral	20.0%
(from 50 to 60)	

¹Include post-baccalaureate certificates.

²Include post-master's awards.

DEGREES by DISCIPLINE and by LEVEL: 1995-2005 (Continued)



- The highest rate of growth in the number of degrees in all other disciplines combined was at the master's level, and there were also significant gains in the number of degrees at the less-than-four-year level and the bachelor's level.

- Between 1994-1995 and 2004-05, the number of degrees conferred in all other disciplines combined increased as follows:

Less-than-four-year degrees	21.8%
(from 2,986 to 3,636)	
Bachelor's degrees ¹	22.4%
(from 5,025 to 6,150)	
Master's degrees ²	33.5%
(from 841 to 1,123)	
First-professional and doctoral ³	0.0%
(from 502 to 502)	

¹Include post-baccalaureate certificates.

²Include post-master's awards.

³Degrees in law are first-professional degrees. Degrees in other disciplines are in the doctoral category.

Table B6 provides detailed data on the number of degrees conferred from 2001-2002 through 2004-05 by 2-digit Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code, by level, and by institution and sector. This table also provides the total number of degrees conferred by level and by 2-digit CIP for 1998-1999 through 2004-05.

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GROWTH IN MASTER’S DEGREES by DISCIPLINE: 1995-2005

- As shown in the following summary table, 1,707 more master’s degrees were conferred by Nebraska’s public and independent institutions in 2004-05 than in 1994-95.
- Degrees in the health professions accounted for 44.6% of the 1,707 additional degrees awarded, while 24.3% were conferred in education and 14.5% were granted in business.

Increases in the Number of <u>Master’s Degrees</u> Conferred in Health, Business, Education, and Other Disciplines Nebraska Public and Independent Colleges and Universities 1994-95 through 2004-05							
Discipline	Number and percentage of degrees conferred				10-year increase in the number of degrees	10-year % increase in the number of degrees	% of the total increase in the number of degrees
	1994-95		2004-05				
	Number	%	Number	%			
Health Professions	187	8.2%	949	23.7%	762	407.5%	44.6%
Business	431	18.8%	679	17.0%	248	57.5%	14.5%
Education	833	36.3%	1,248	31.2%	415	49.8%	24.3%
Subtotal	1,451	63.3%	2,876	71.9%	1,425	98.2%	84.4%
Other disciplines	841	36.7%	1,123	28.1%	282	33.5%	16.6%
Total	2,292	100.0%	3,999	100.0%	1,707	74.5%	100.0%

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GROWTH IN FIRST-PROFESSIONAL and DOCTORAL DEGREES by DISCIPLINE: 1995-2005

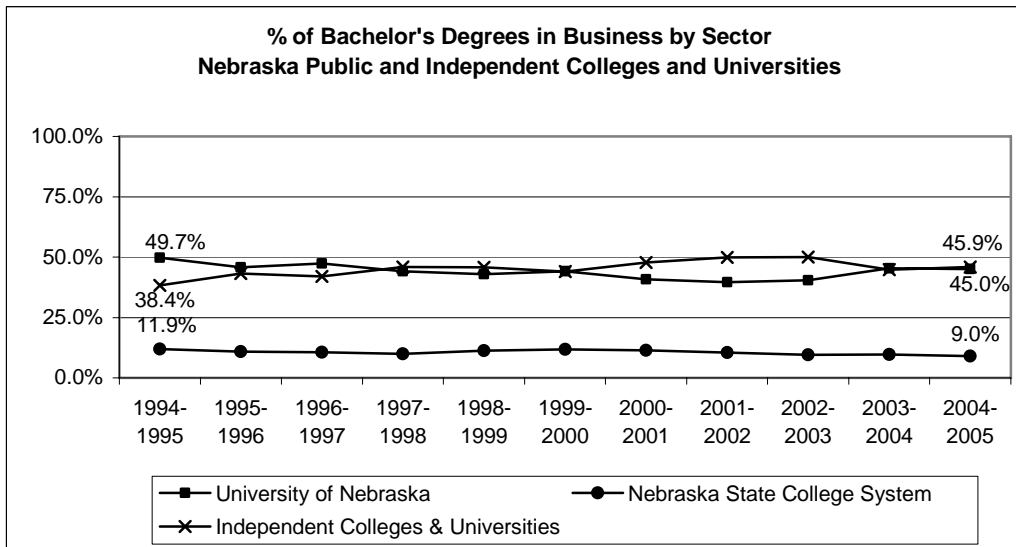
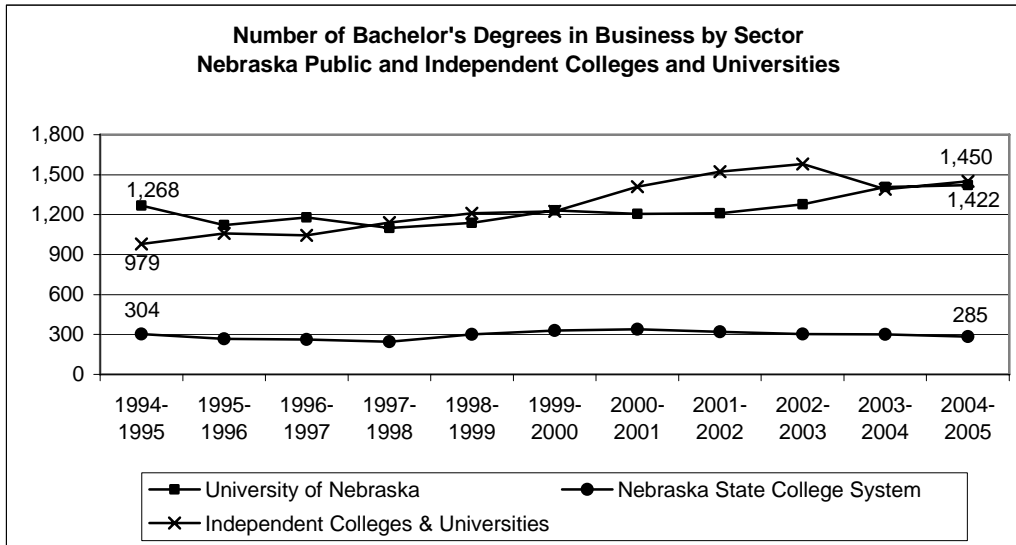
- As shown in the following chart, the highest rate of growth at the first-professional level was in pharmacy, followed by dentistry.
- By far, the highest increase in the number of doctoral degrees was also in the health professions. This dramatic increase was due to the introduction and completion of doctorates in occupational therapy and physical therapy, many of which were awarded to students already holding master's degrees in these fields.
- Together, increases in degrees in the health professions accounted for 97% of the total growth in degrees at the doctoral and first-professional levels between 1994-95 and 2004-05.

Changes in the Number of <u>First-Professional and Doctoral Degrees</u> by Discipline Nebraska Public and Independent Colleges and Universities 1994-95 through 2004-05						
Discipline and Degree Level ¹	1994-95		2004-05		10-year increase in the number of degrees	10-year % increase in the number of degrees
	Number of Degrees Conferred	% of Total Degrees Conferred	Number of Degrees Conferred	% of Total Degrees Conferred		
Pharmacy (FP)	147	13.6%	224	16.4%	77	52.4%
Dentistry (FP)	111	10.3%	150	10.9%	39	35.1%
Medicine, M.D. (FP)	250	23.1%	214	15.6%	-36	-14.4%
Other Health Professions (Doctoral)	9	0.8%	209	15.3%	200	2,222.2%
Total Health Professions	517	47.9%	797	58.2%	280	54.2%
Business (Doctoral)	11	1.0%	11	0.8%	0	0.0%
Education (Doctoral)	50	4.6%	60	4.4%	10	20.0%
Law (FP)	317	29.4%	290	21.2%	-27	-8.5%
Other disciplines (Doctoral)	185	17.1%	212	15.5%	27	14.6%
Nebraska State Total	1,080	100.0%	1,370	100.0%	290	26.9%
¹ FP = First-professional degrees						

DEGREES in BUSINESS, EDUCATION, and HEALTH PROFESSIONS by LEVEL and by SECTOR: 1995-2005

- The remaining pages of this section focus on how the numbers of degrees conferred in business, education, and health professions varied by section at each degree level between 1994-95 and 2004-05.
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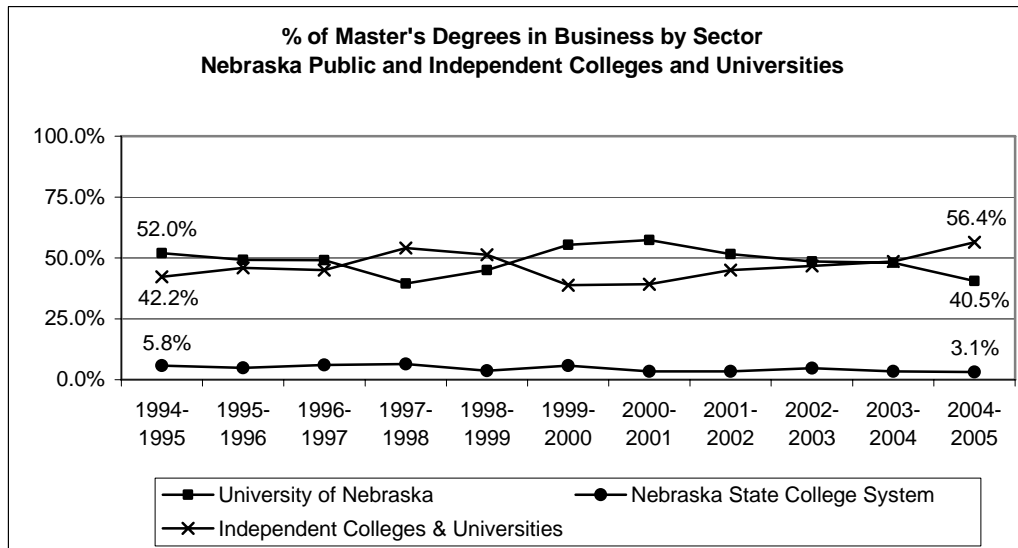
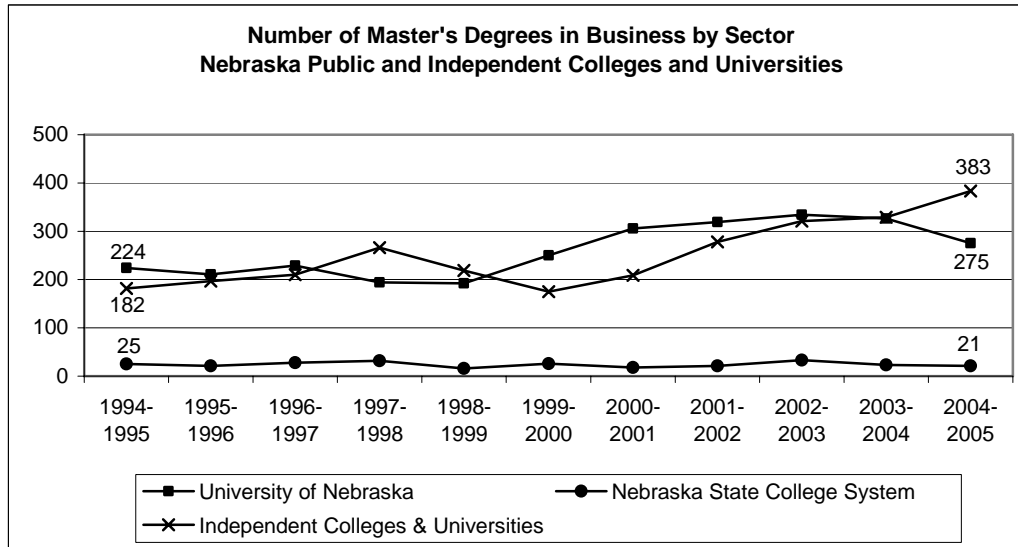
DEGREES in BUSINESS by LEVEL and by SECTOR: 1995-2005



- Over the 10-year period between 1994-95 and 2004-05, 99% of the less-than-four-year degrees in business were awarded by Nebraska's community colleges. The remaining degrees at this level were conferred by independent institutions.
- In 1994-95, the University of Nebraska conferred almost 50% of the bachelor's degrees¹ in business, while 38% of these degrees were awarded by independent institutions and 12% were granted by the Nebraska State College System.
- Over the next 10 years, the number of bachelor's degrees in business conferred by independent institutions generally increased so that, by 2004-05, independent institutions were awarding about the same number of bachelor's degrees in business as the University of Nebraska.

¹Include post-baccalaureate certificates.

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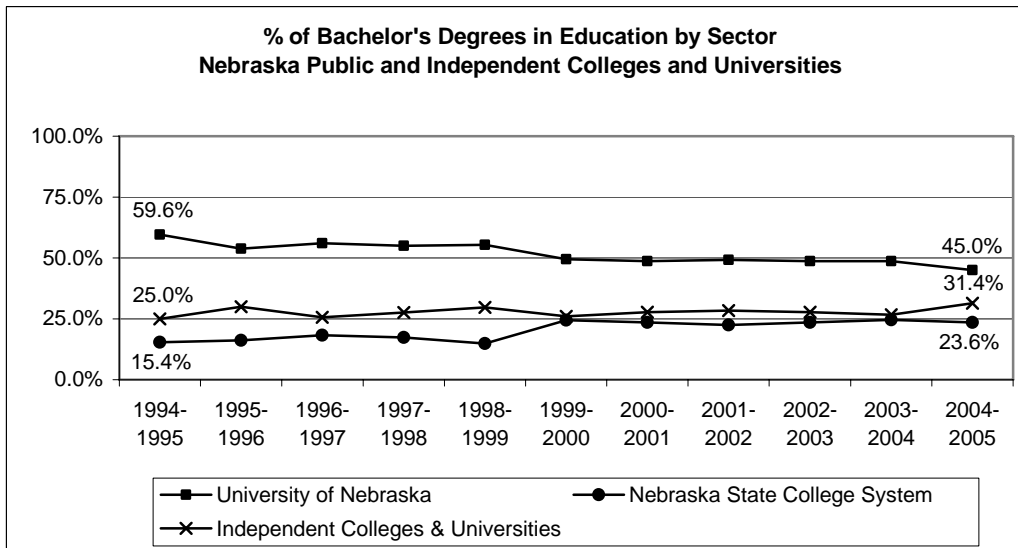
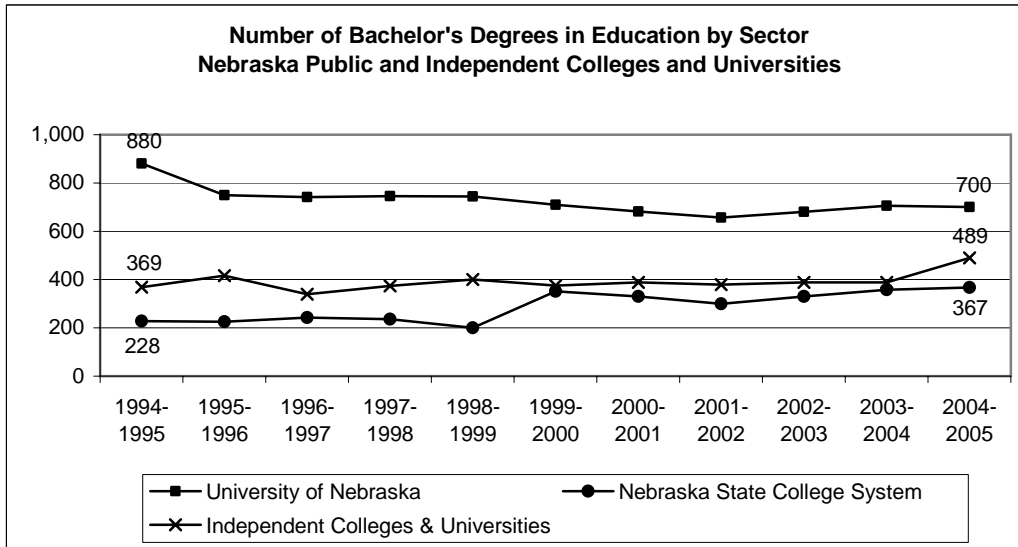


- In 1994-95, the University of Nebraska awarded 52% of the master's degrees¹ in business, while independent schools² awarded 42% and the state colleges granted 6%.
- Between 1994-95 and 2004-05, the numbers of master's degrees in business that were conferred by the University of Nebraska and the independent institutions fluctuated up and down. However, by the end of the 10-year period, the independent institutions were awarding 56% of the business degrees at the master's level, while the university and state colleges were conferring 41% and 3%, respectively.
- At the doctoral level, all business degrees were conferred by the University of Nebraska between 1994-95 and 2004.05.

¹Include post-master's awards.

²Bellevue University, Creighton University, and Doane College conferred master's degrees in business between 1995-95 and 2004-05.

DEGREES in EDUCATION by LEVEL and by SECTOR: 1995-2005



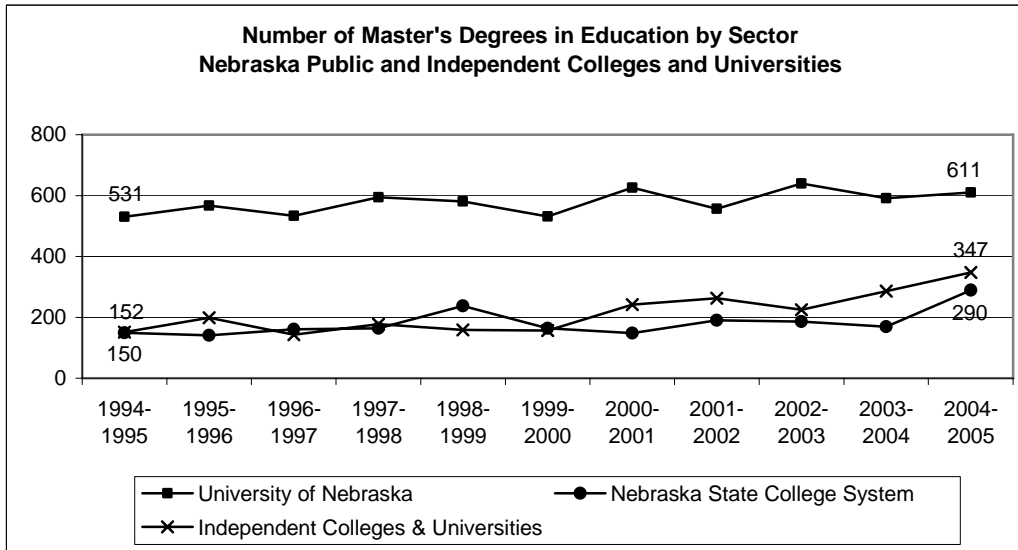
- Between 1994-95 and 2004-05, most of the small number of less-than-four-year degrees in education were awarded by Nebraska's community colleges.
- At the doctoral level, all of the degrees in education were conferred by the University of Nebraska between 1994-95 and 2004-05.
- Over the 10-year period, the University of Nebraska continued to award higher numbers of bachelor's and master's degrees¹ than the state colleges and independent institutions² in Nebraska.
- However, as shown on the charts on this page and the next, the University of Nebraska awarded decreasing percentages of the bachelor's and master's degrees in education as the numbers of education degrees granted by the state colleges and independent institutions increased.

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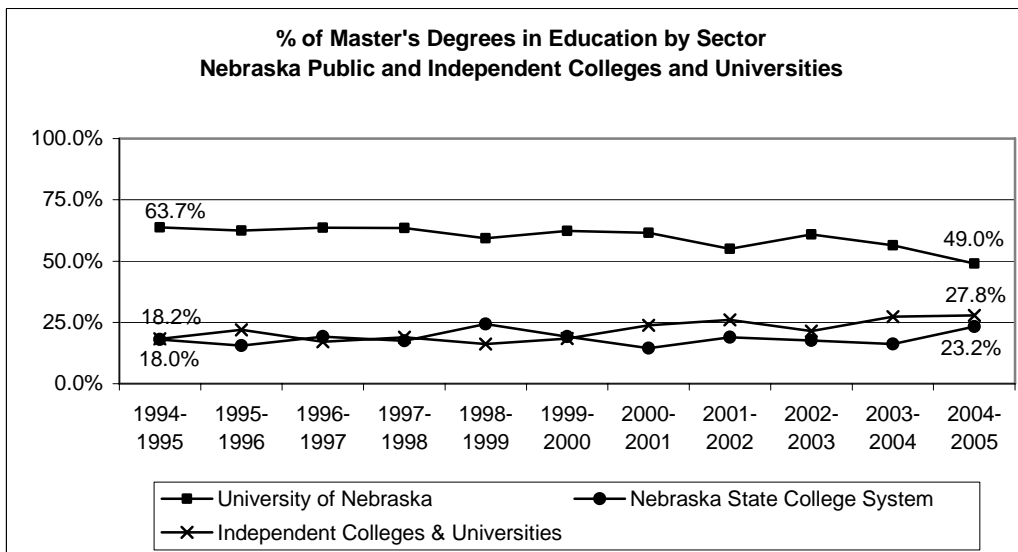
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²Concordia College, Creighton University, and Doane College conferred master's degrees in education between 1994-95 and 2004-05, and Hastings College conferred education degrees at the master's level beginning in 1997-98.

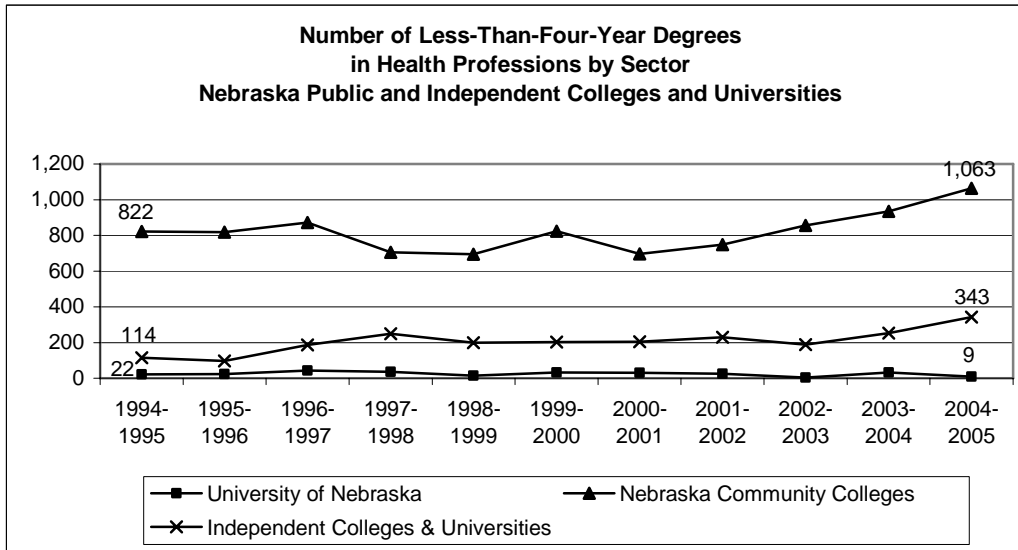
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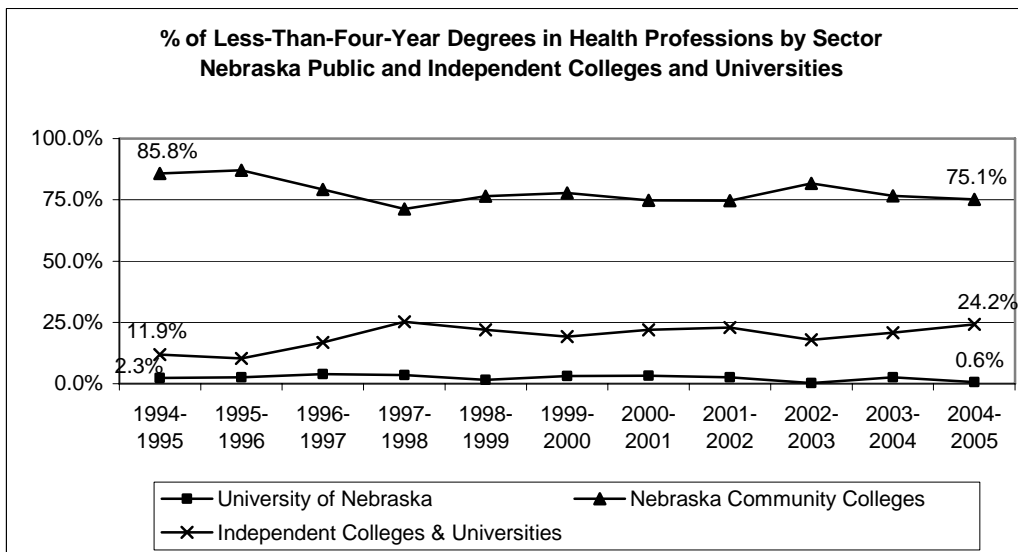
- By 2004-05, the University of Nebraska conferred 45% of the bachelor's degrees and 49% of the master's degrees in education, down from 60% and 64% in 1994-95, respectively.
- In comparison, independent institutions awarded 31% of the bachelor's degrees and 28% of the master's degrees in education in 2004-05, up from 25% and 18% in 1994-95, respectively.
- Similarly, the Nebraska State College System conferred 24% of the bachelor's degrees in education in 2004-05, up from 15% in 1994-95, and 23% of the master's degrees in 2004-04, up from 18% ten years earlier.



DEGREES in HEALTH PROFESSIONS by LEVEL and by SECTOR: 1995-2005

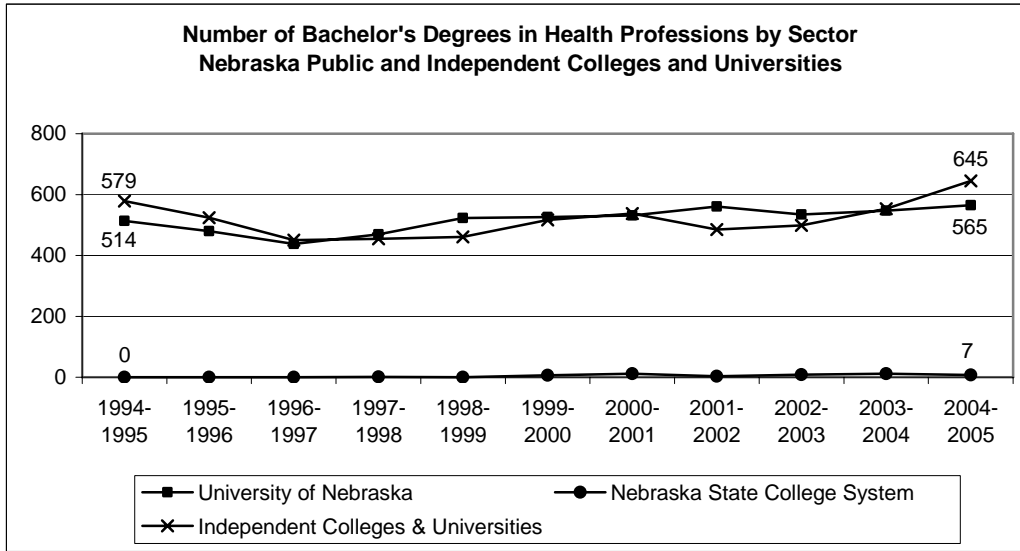


- Between 1994-95 and 2004-05, the number of less-than-four-year degrees in health-related disciplines awarded by Nebraska's community colleges increased by 29.3%, but the number of degrees at this level conferred by independent institutions¹ tripled. Consequently, in 2004-05, the state's community colleges awarded 75% of the less-than-four-year degrees in health fields, compared to 86% in 1994-95. Conversely, independent institutions awarded 24% of the less-than-four-year degrees in 2004-05, compared to 12% ten years earlier.



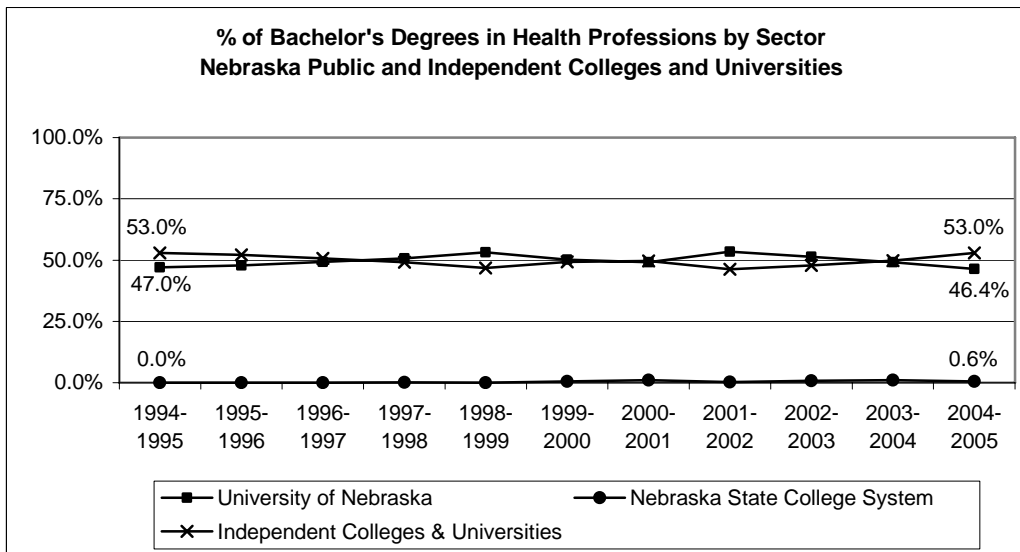
¹Less-than-four-year degrees are conferred by BryanLGH College of Health Sciences, Clarkson College, College of St. Mary, and Nebraska Methodist College.

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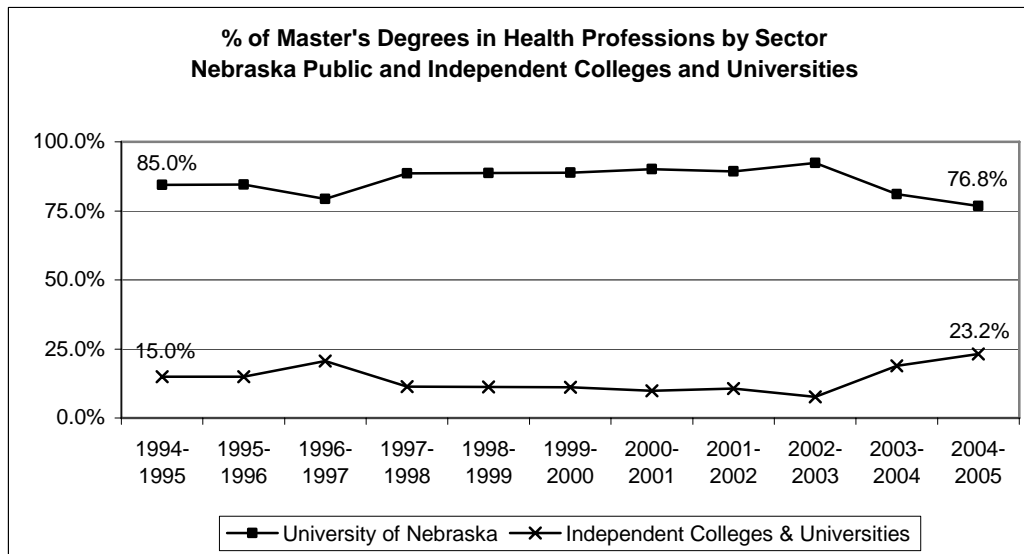
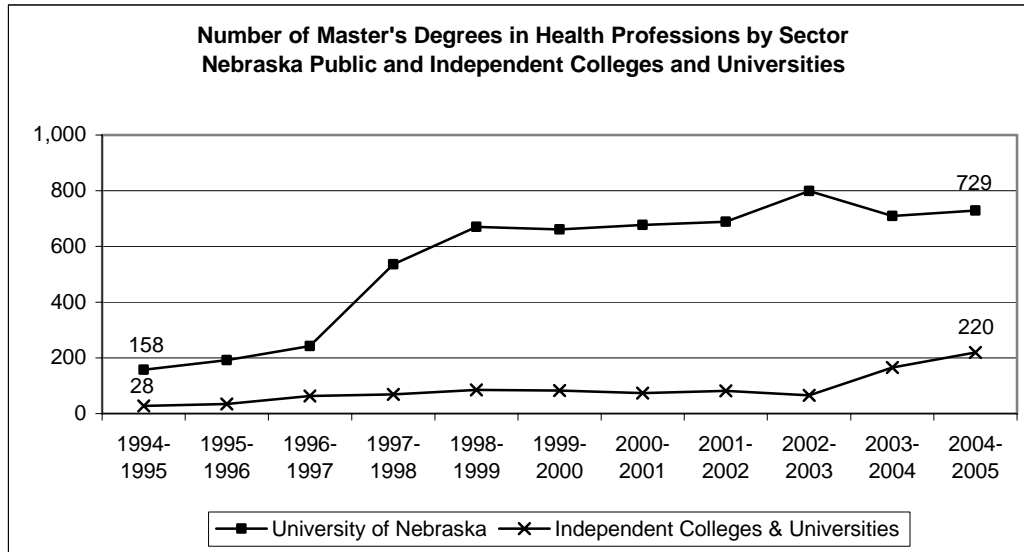


- Between 2004-05 and 1994-95, the University of Nebraska and Nebraska's independent institutions followed similar patterns of growth in the number of bachelor's degrees¹ awarded in the health professions.
- Consequently, at the beginning and end of the 10-year period between 2004-05 and 1994-95, independent colleges and universities conferred 53% of the bachelor's degrees¹ in health professions, while the University of Nebraska awarded 46% or 47%.

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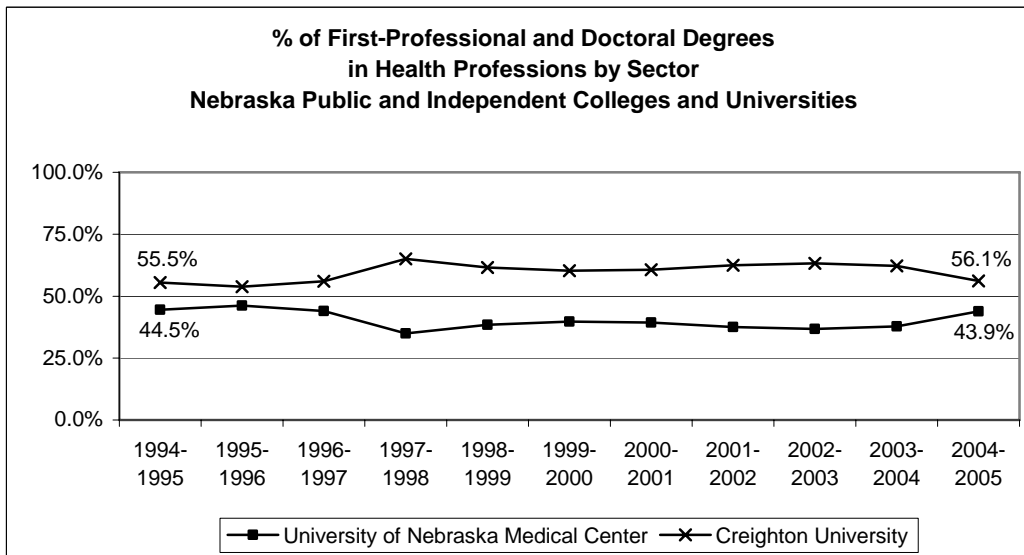
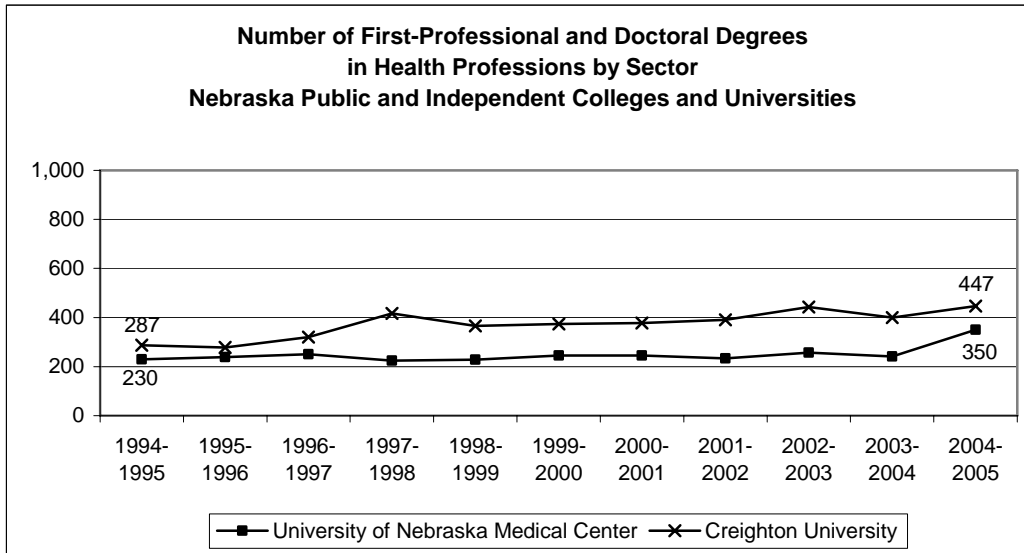


DEGREES in HEALTH PROFESSIONS by LEVEL and by SECTOR: 1995-2005 (Continued)



- The numbers of master's degrees¹ in health professions conferred by the University of Nebraska and independent institutions² significantly increased between 1994-95 and 2004-05.
 - By 2004-05, the University of Nebraska conferred 77% of the master's degrees in the health professions, down from 85% in 1994-95, while independent institutions awarded 23%, up from 15% ten years earlier.
- ¹Include post-master's awards.
- ²Clarkson College and Creighton University conferred master's degrees in health professions between 1994-95 and 2004-05. Master's degrees in health professions were conferred at Bellevue University beginning in 1997-98, at Nebraska Wesleyan University beginning in 2001-02, and at Nebraska Methodist College beginning in 2002-03.

DEGREES in HEALTH PROFESSIONS by LEVEL and by SECTOR: 1995-2005 (Continued)



- As a result of the introduction of doctoral degrees in occupational therapy and physical therapy, the numbers of first-professional and doctoral degrees in the health professions significantly increased between 1994-95 and 2004-05.
- At the beginning and end of the 10-year period, Creighton University awarded 56% of the first-professional and doctoral degrees in health professions, while the University of Nebraska Medical Center conferred 44%.