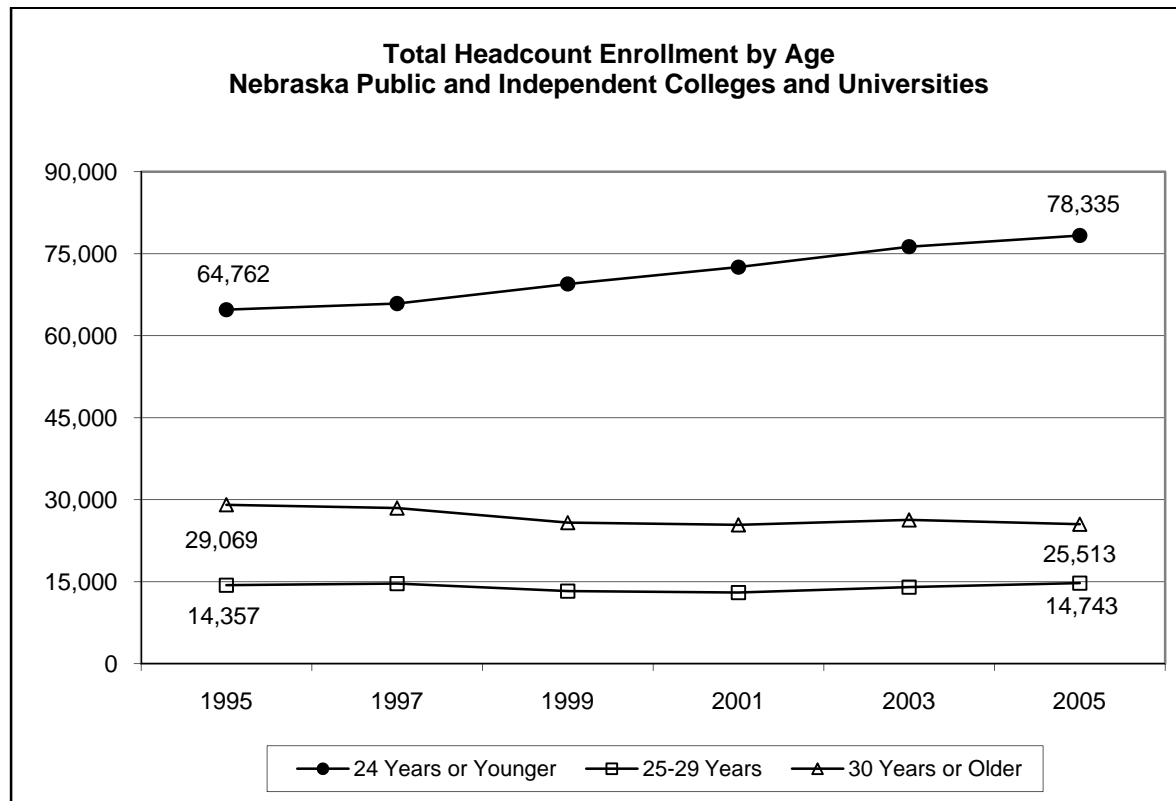


Section A.6 Total Enrollment by Age

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TOTAL HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT by AGE: 1995-2005

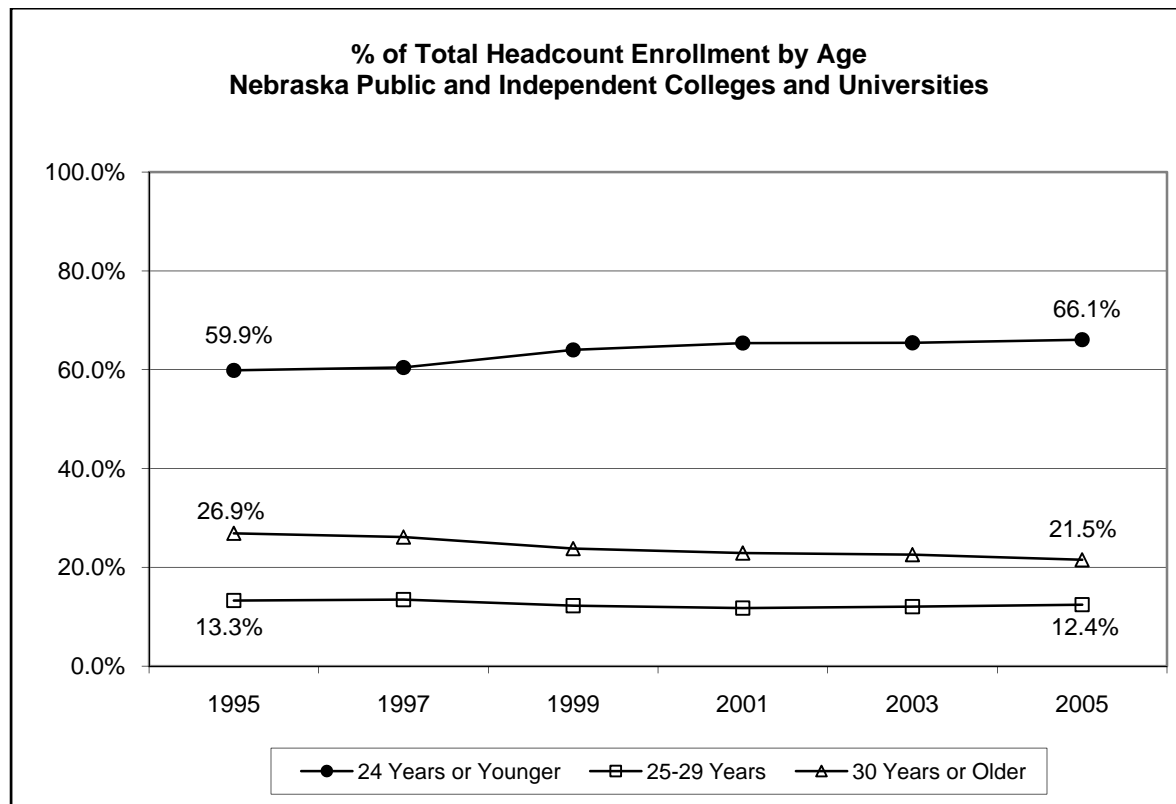
- Between fall 1995 and fall 2005, total enrollment of students 24 years of age or younger increased by 21%, from 64,762 to 78,335, at Nebraska's public and independent colleges and universities.
- In comparison, total enrollment of 25- to 29-year-olds increased only 2.7%, from 14,357 in 1995 to 14,743 in 2005, and enrollment of students 30 years of age or older decreased 12.2%, from 29,069 to 25,513.



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Percentages of TOTAL HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT by AGE: 1995-2005

- Between fall 1995 and fall 2005, students 24 years of age or younger accounted for an increasing percentage of the total number of students enrolled at Nebraska's public and independent institutions, while older students accounted for lower percentages of total enrollment.
- By fall 2005, students 24 years of age or younger accounted for 66.1% of total enrollment, compared to 59.9% in fall 1995.
- Students 25 to 29 years of age accounted for 12.4% of total enrollment in fall 2005, compared to 13.3% in 1995; and students 30 or older accounted for 21.5% of total enrollment in fall 2005, compared to 26.9% in fall 1995.



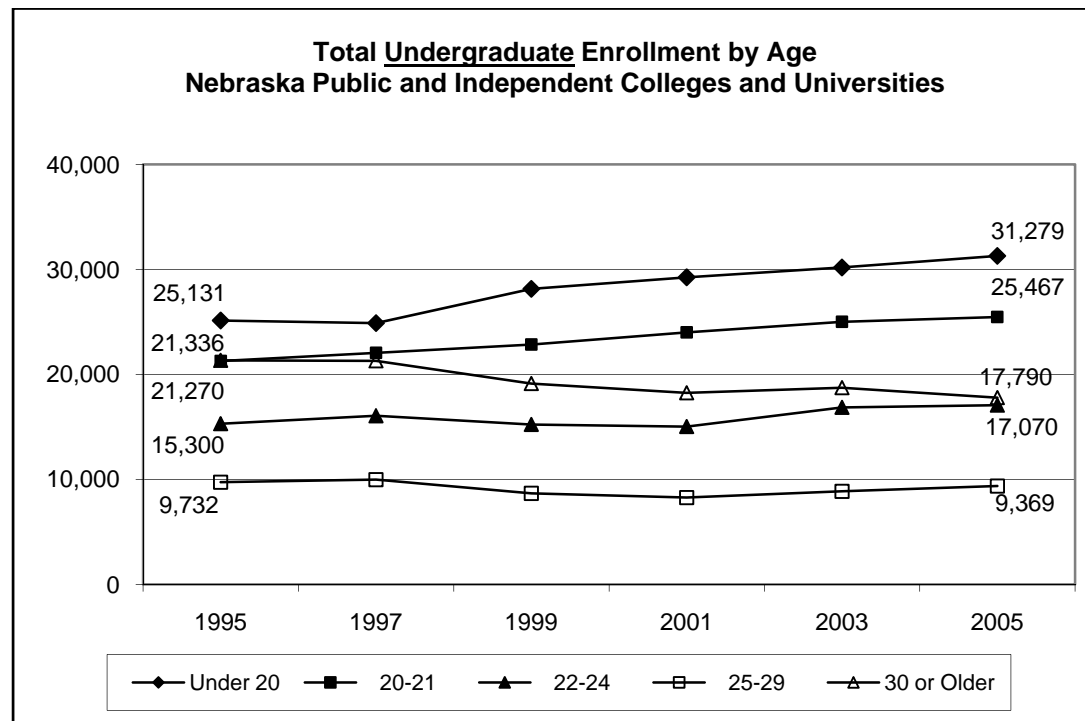
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Section A.6.1
Undergraduate Enrollment by Age

TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT by AGE: 1995-2005

- Over the 10-year period between fall 1995 and fall 2005, undergraduate enrollment of students 24 years of age or younger increased at Nebraska's public and independent colleges and universities, while the enrollment of older undergraduates decreased.
- Specifically, when analyzed by age group, undergraduate enrollments changed between fall 1995 and fall 2005 as follows:

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Under 20 years | Increased by 24.5% | From 25,131 to 31,279 |
| 20-21 years | Increased by 19.7% | From 21,270 to 25,467 |
| 22-24 years | Increased by 11.6% | From 15,300 to 17,070 |
| 25-29 years | Decreased by 3.7% | From 9,732 to 9,369 |
| 30 years or older | Decreased by 16.6% | From 21,336 to 17,790 |



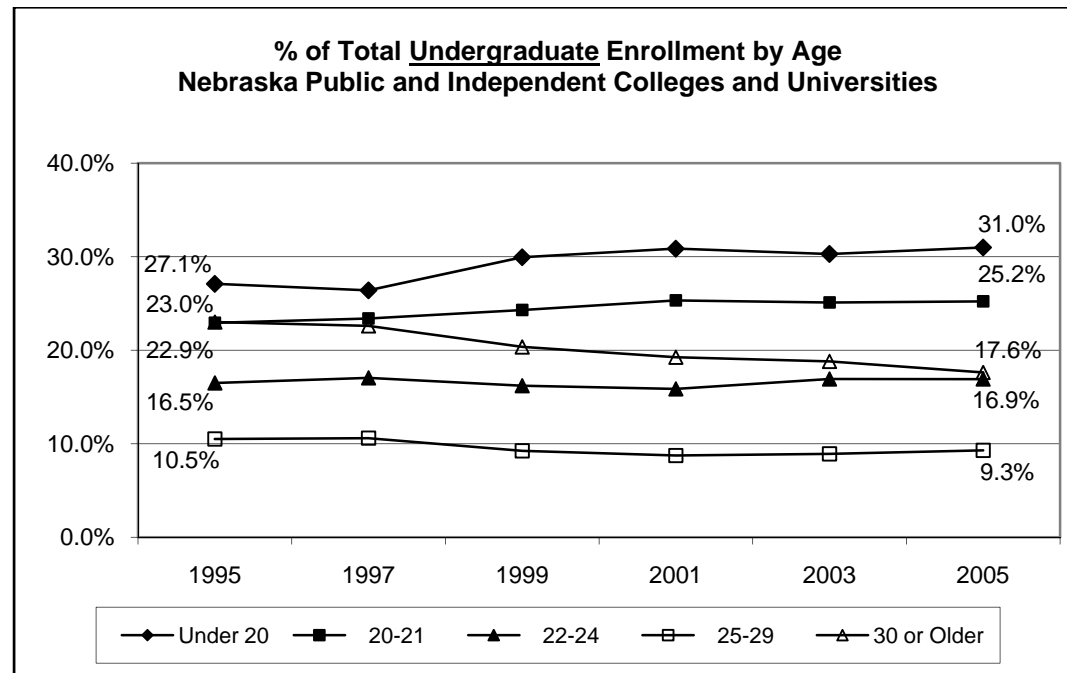
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Percentages of TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT by AGE: 1995-2005

- As percentages of total undergraduate enrollment, the number of students in each of the major age groups increased or decreased as follows between fall 1995 and fall 2005:

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Under 20 years | Increased from 27.1% to 31% |
| 20-21 years | Increased from 22.9% to 25.2% |
| 22-24 years | Increased from 16.5% to 16.9% |
| 25-29 years | Decreased from 10.5% to 9.3% |
| 30 years or older | Decreased from 23.0% to 17.6% |

- When the above age groups are combined into two categories, the enrollment of students 24 years of age or younger increased from 66.5% of total undergraduate enrollment in fall 1995 to 73.1% in fall 2005, whereas the enrollment of students 25 or older decreased from 33.5% to 26.9%.



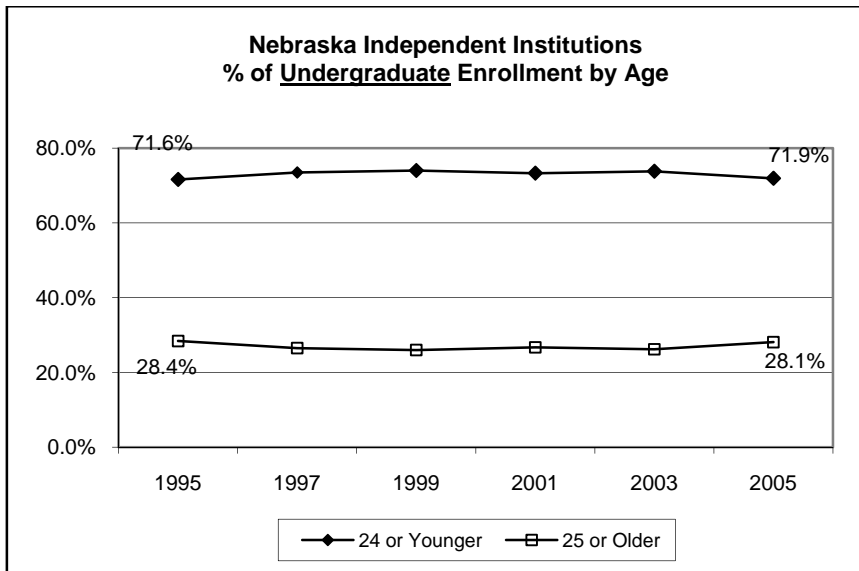
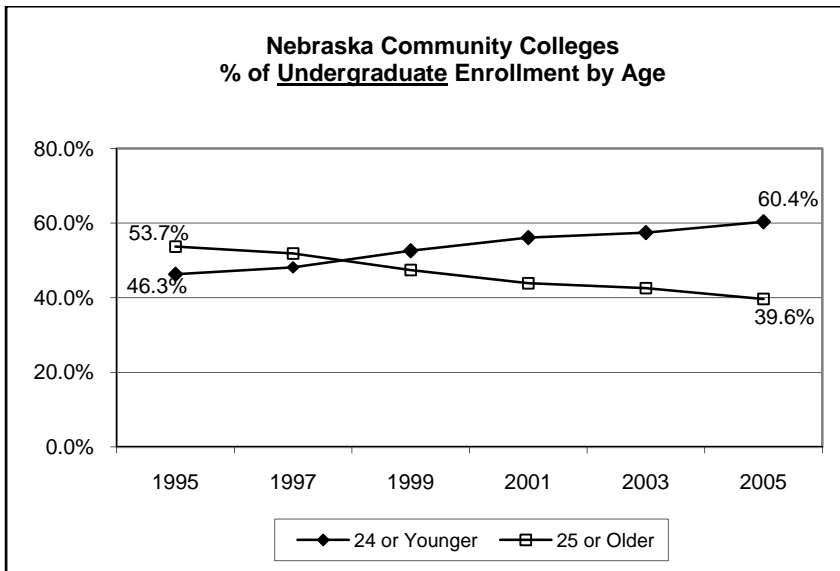
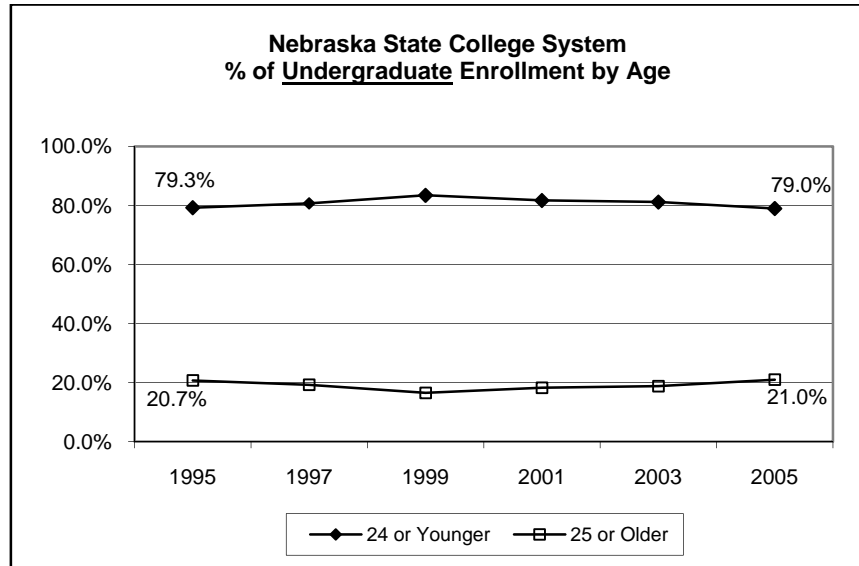
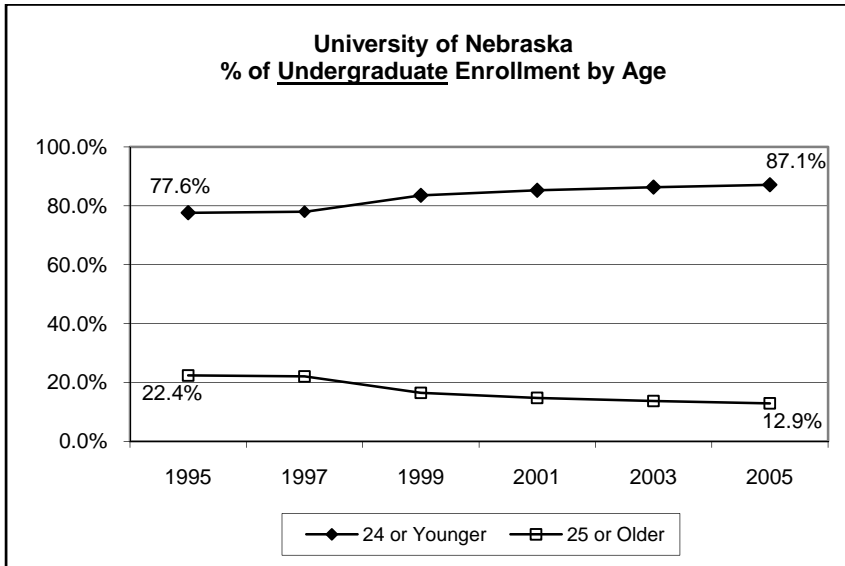
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Percentages of UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT by SECTOR and by AGE: 1995-2005

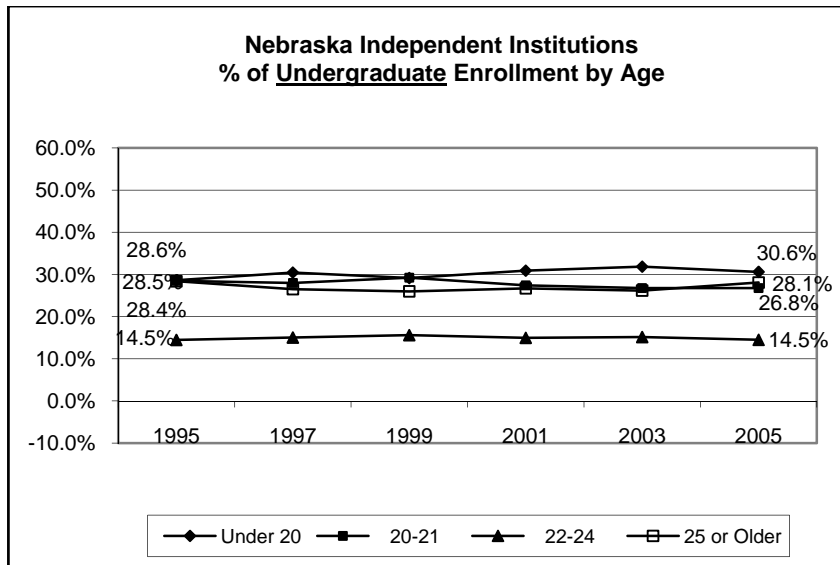
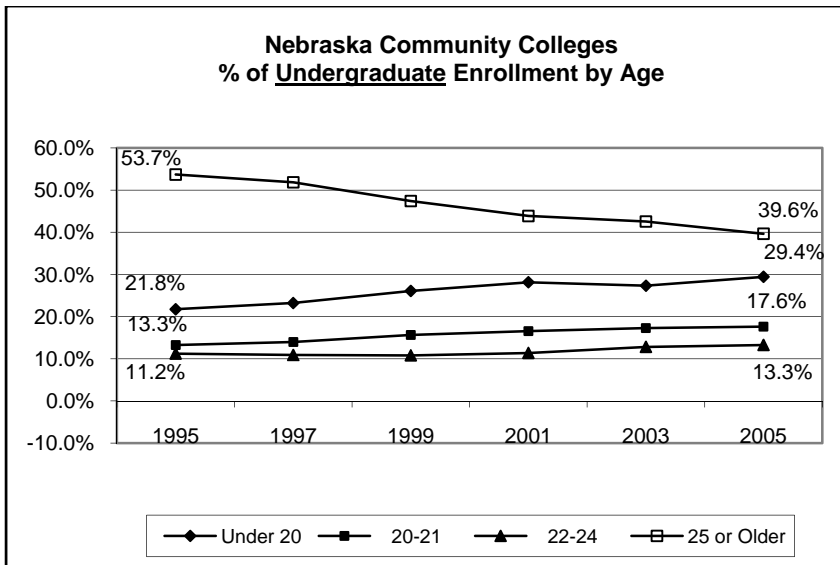
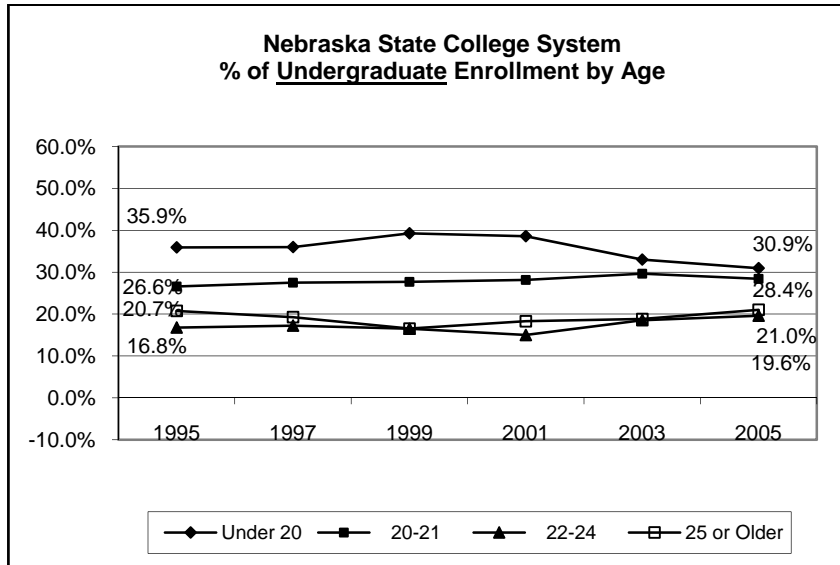
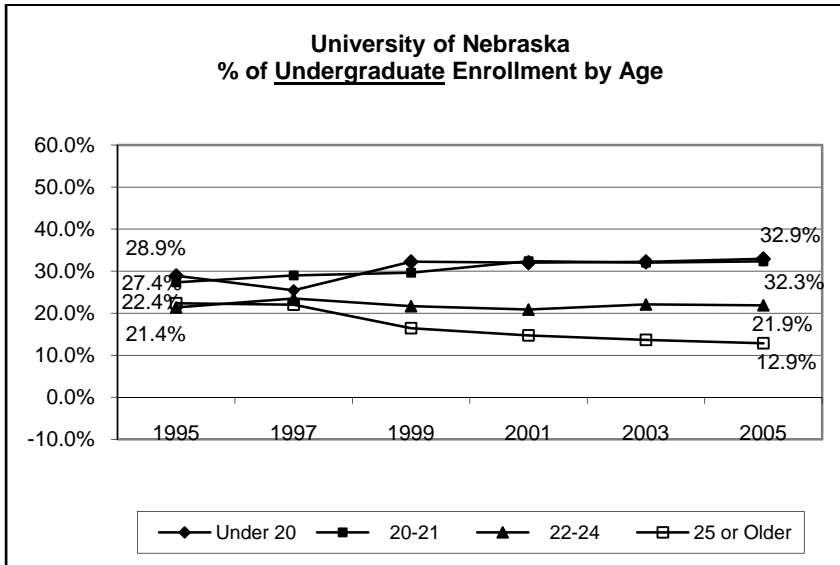
- As shown on the charts on the following page, undergraduate enrollment by age varies across the four sectors of public and independent higher education in Nebraska.
- The percentage of students 24 years of age or younger enrolled at the University of Nebraska increased from 77.6% of total undergraduate enrollment in fall 1995 to 87.1% in fall 2005. Compared to the other three sectors of public and independent higher education, the University of Nebraska enrolled the highest percentage of students under the age of 25.
- Between fall 1995 and fall 2005, the greatest increase in the percentage enrollment of students 24 years of age or younger was at Nebraska's community colleges. In fall 2005, students 24 years of age or younger accounted for 60.4% of the students at community colleges, compared to 46.3% in fall 1995. Conversely, students 25 years of age or older accounted for 39.6% of the students at community colleges in fall 2005, compared to 53.7% 10 years earlier.
- Compared to the enrollments at the University of Nebraska and the community colleges, the enrollments of students 24 years of age or younger were relatively stable within the Nebraska State College System and at the independent colleges and universities. At the beginning and end of the 10-year period between 1995 and 2005, students under 25 years of age accounted for 79% of the undergraduates within the Nebraska State College System and for 72% of the undergraduates enrolled at independent institutions.
- More detailed sector comparisons by age are shown on **pages A.6.9 and A.6.10**. These comparisons are based on four, rather than two, age categories: under 20 years, 20-21 years, 22-24 years and 25 years or older. The charts on page A.6.9 support the conclusions listed above and also show the specific changes that occurred within the distributions of students under 25 years of age.
- Probably the most important trend that is evidenced on page A.6.9 is shown on the chart for Nebraska community colleges. At the community colleges, there were increases in the percentages of students in the 20-21 and 22-24 age groups between fall 1995 and fall 2005. However, the highest rate of growth was in the percentage of students who were under 20 years of age when they enrolled at the community colleges.

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Percentages of TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT by AGE and by SECTOR: 1995-2005



Percentages of TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT by AGE and by SECTOR: 1995-2005



See **Table A.6.1** on the following page for sector percentages for fall 1995 through fall 2005.

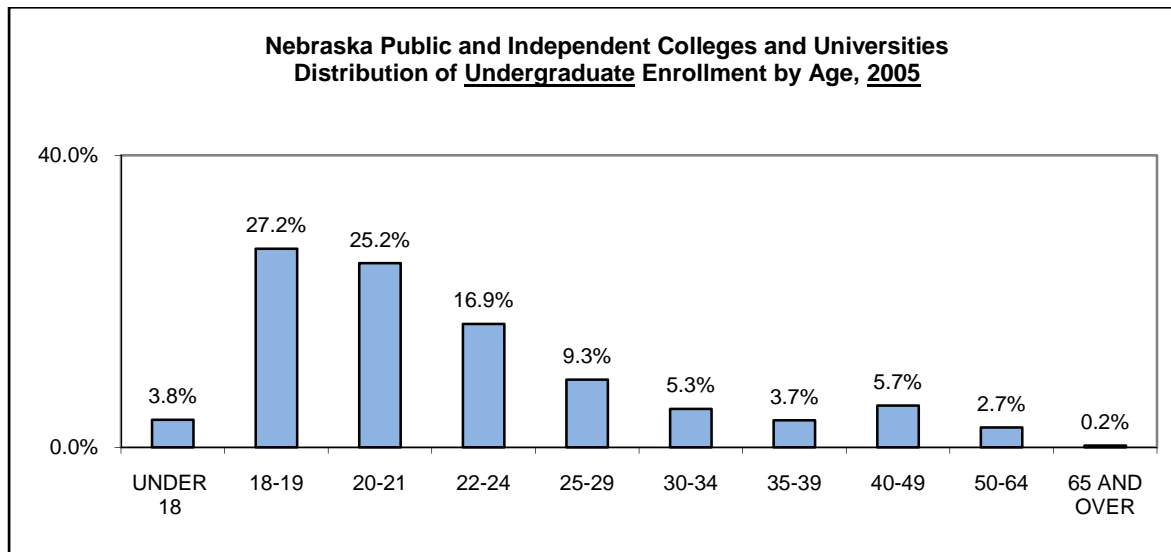
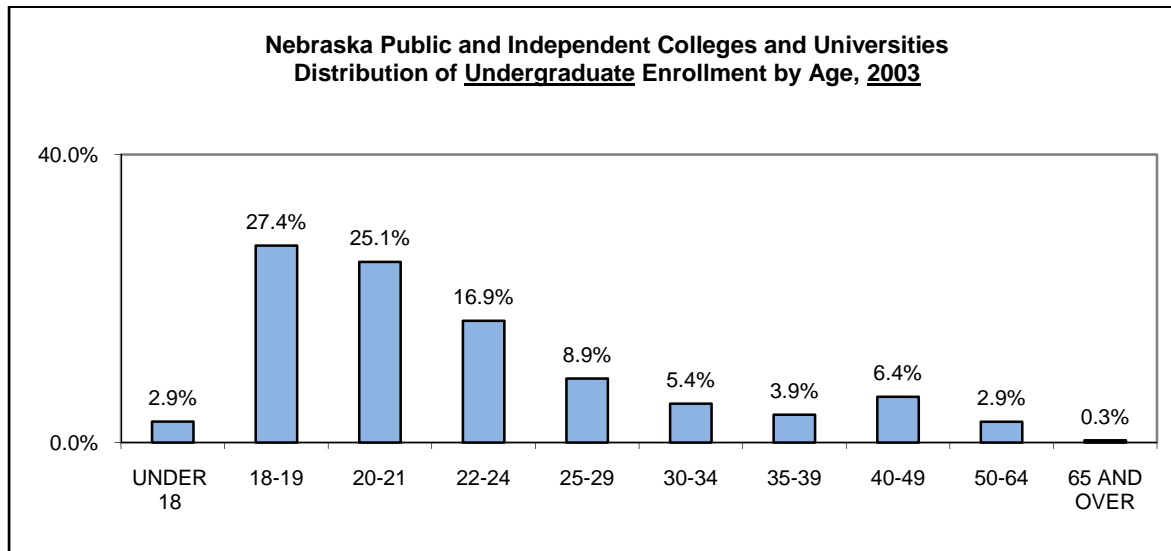
Table A.6.1 Percentage of Undergraduate Sector Enrollment by Age

| Sector | Year | Age Group | | | | Total |
|---|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|--------|
| | | Under 20 Years | 20-21 Years | 22-24 Years | 25 Years or Older | |
| University of Nebraska | 1995 | 28.9% | 27.4% | 21.4% | 22.4% | 100.0% |
| | 1997 | 25.5% | 29.0% | 23.5% | 22.0% | 100.0% |
| | 1999 | 32.2% | 29.6% | 21.7% | 16.4% | 100.0% |
| | 2001 | 32.0% | 32.4% | 20.9% | 14.7% | 100.0% |
| | 2003 | 32.2% | 32.0% | 22.1% | 13.7% | 100.0% |
| | 2005 | 32.9% | 32.3% | 21.9% | 12.9% | 100.0% |
| Nebraska State College System | 1995 | 35.9% | 26.6% | 16.8% | 20.7% | 100.0% |
| | 1997 | 36.0% | 27.5% | 17.2% | 19.3% | 100.0% |
| | 1999 | 39.3% | 27.7% | 16.5% | 16.5% | 100.0% |
| | 2001 | 38.6% | 28.1% | 15.0% | 18.3% | 100.0% |
| | 2003 | 33.0% | 29.6% | 18.6% | 18.8% | 100.0% |
| | 2005 | 30.9% | 28.4% | 19.6% | 21.0% | 100.0% |
| Nebraska Community Colleges | 1995 | 21.8% | 13.3% | 11.2% | 53.7% | 100.0% |
| | 1997 | 23.2% | 14.0% | 10.9% | 51.9% | 100.0% |
| | 1999 | 26.1% | 15.7% | 10.8% | 47.4% | 100.0% |
| | 2001 | 28.2% | 16.6% | 11.4% | 43.9% | 100.0% |
| | 2003 | 27.3% | 17.3% | 12.8% | 42.5% | 100.0% |
| | 2005 | 29.4% | 17.6% | 13.3% | 39.6% | 100.0% |
| Nebraska Independent Colleges & Universities | 1995 | 28.6% | 28.5% | 14.5% | 28.4% | 100.0% |
| | 1997 | 30.5% | 28.0% | 15.0% | 26.5% | 100.0% |
| | 1999 | 29.2% | 29.2% | 15.6% | 26.0% | 100.0% |
| | 2001 | 30.9% | 27.4% | 15.0% | 26.7% | 100.0% |
| | 2003 | 31.9% | 26.8% | 15.2% | 26.2% | 100.0% |
| | 2005 | 30.6% | 26.8% | 14.5% | 28.1% | 100.0% |

Distribution of TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT by AGE: 2003 and 2005

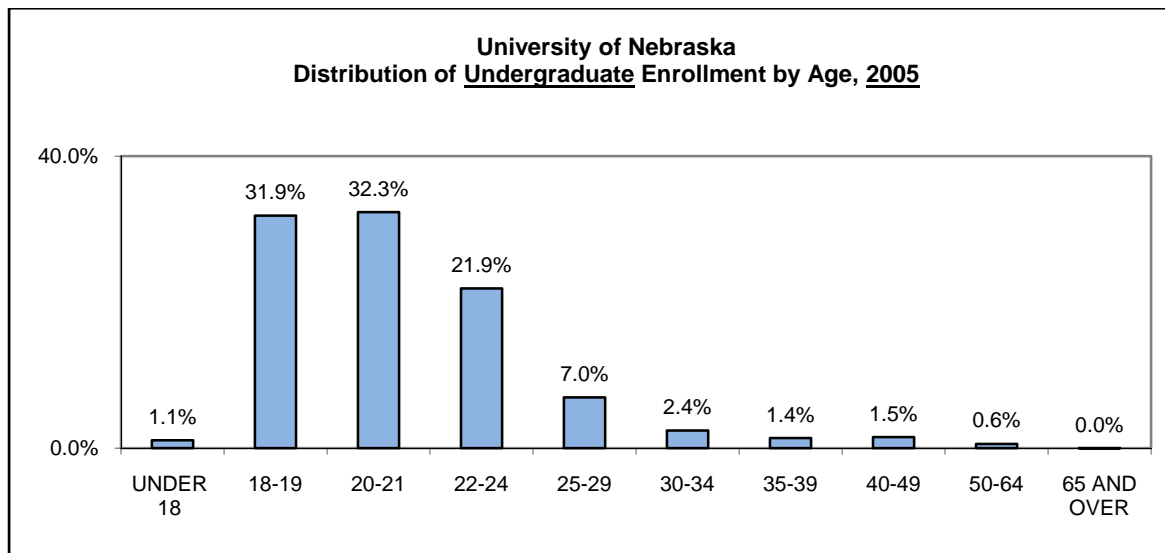
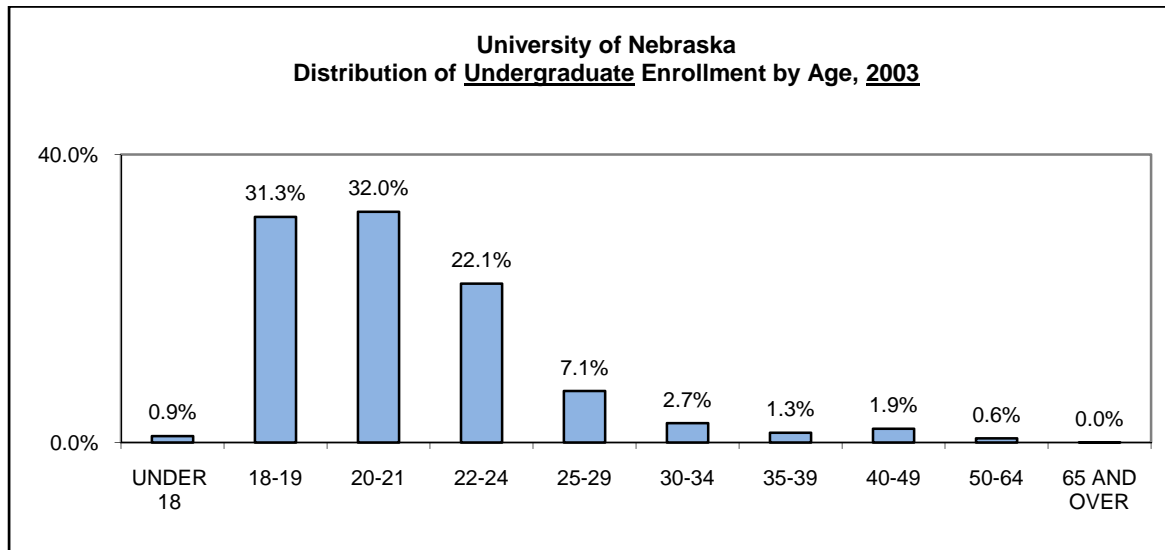
- The charts on the following pages show the undergraduate enrollment distributions by age for the total undergraduate enrollment at Nebraska's public and independent colleges and universities and for each sector for 2003 and 2005.
- These charts show how age distributions vary by sector, especially in the case of the community colleges where students are most evenly distributed across the 10 age categories specified by IPEDS.
- At the University of Nebraska, Nebraska state colleges and independent institutions, higher percentages of students are in the 18-19, 20-21 and 22-24 age groups; fewer than 10% of the students in these sectors are in the 25-29 age group; and fewer than 6% are in any of the categories of students 30 years of age or older.

Percentages of TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT by AGE: 2003 and 2005



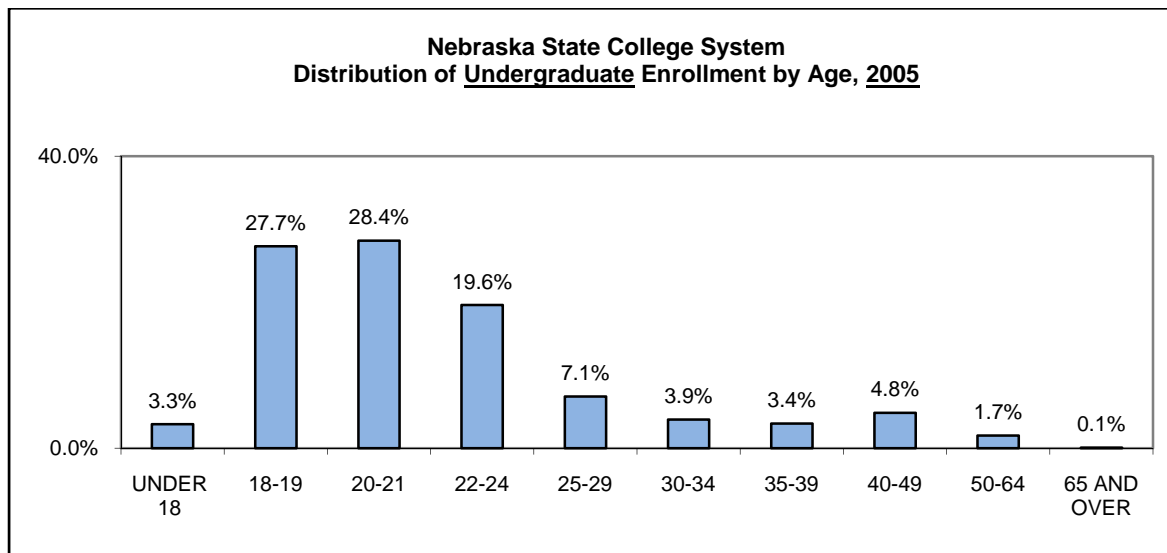
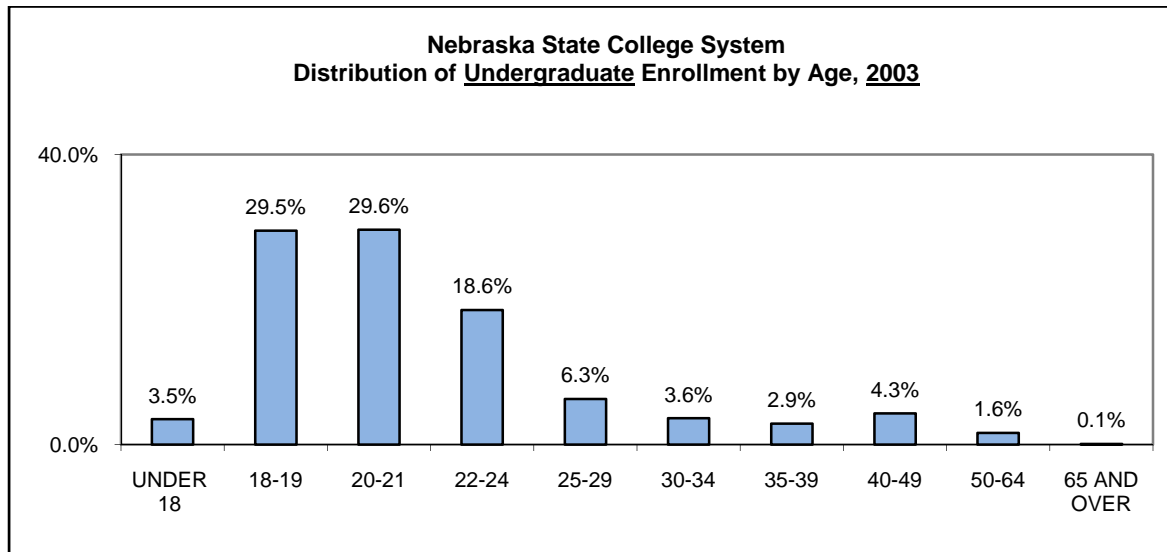
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UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA – Percentages of UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT by AGE: 2003 and 2005



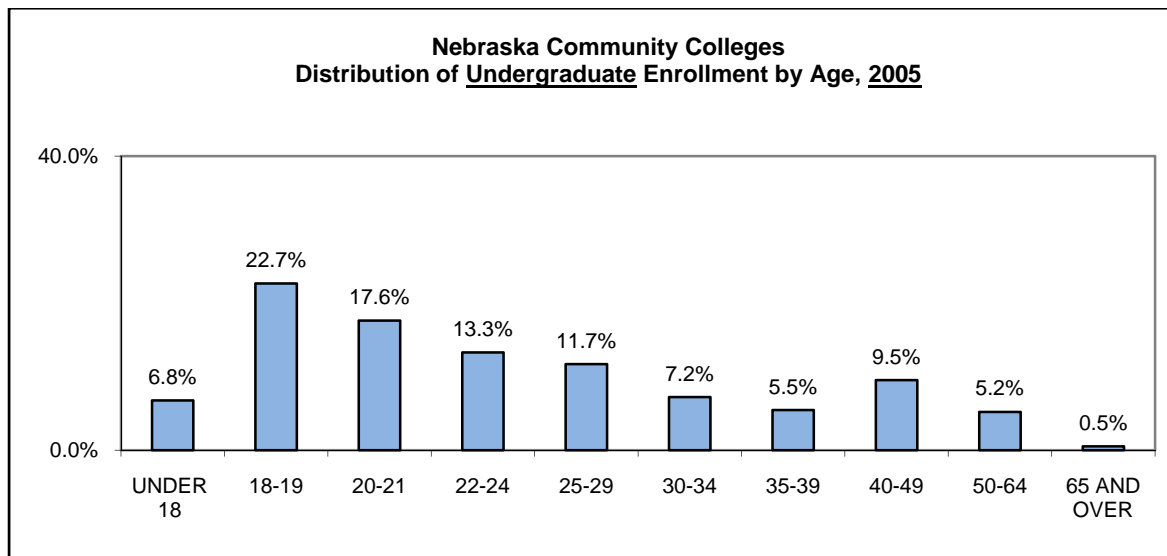
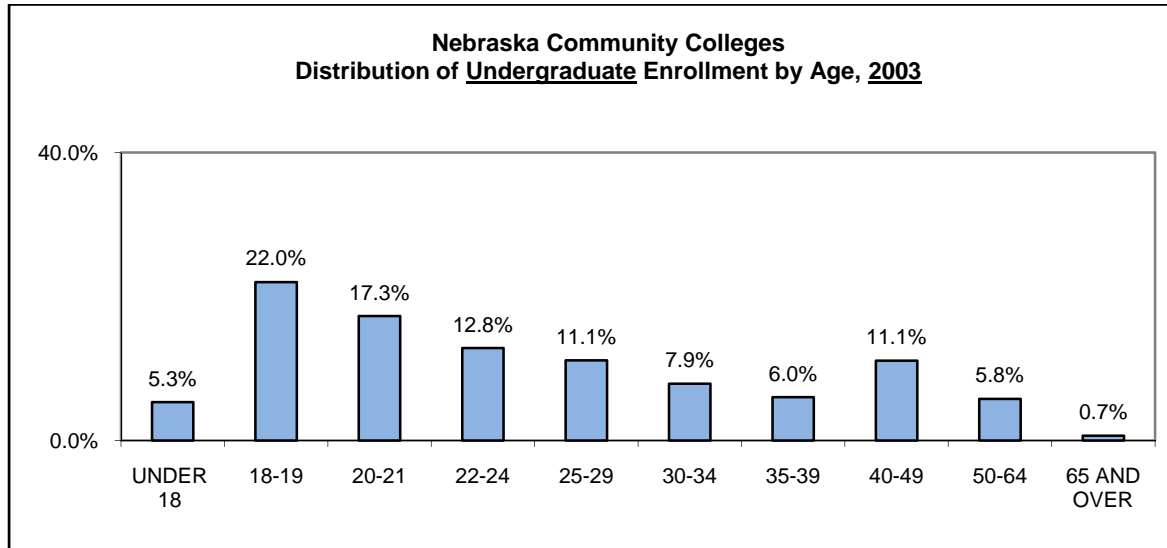
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NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM – Percentages of UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT by AGE: 2003 and 2005



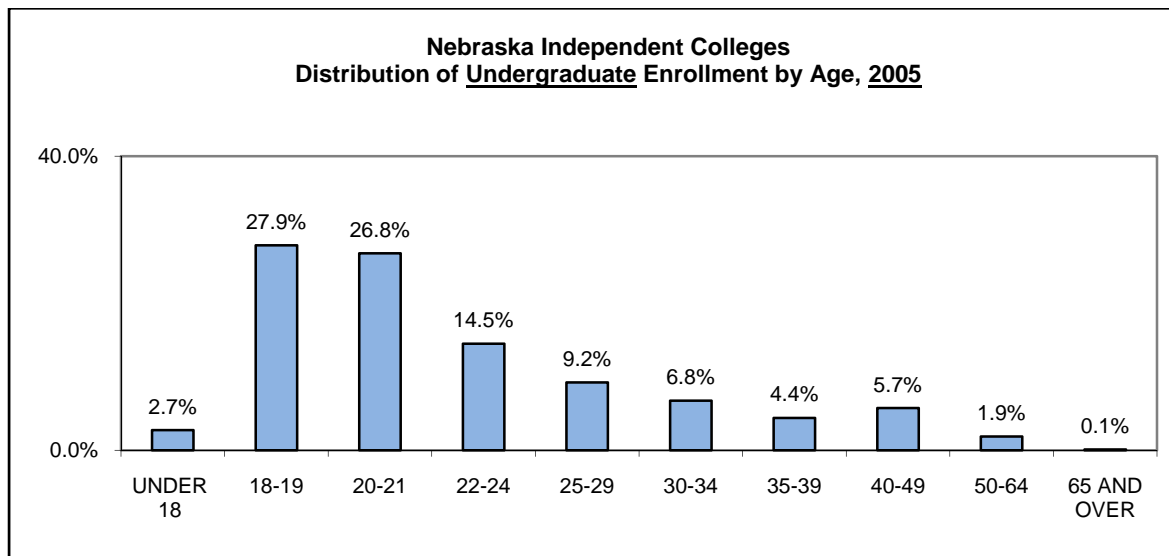
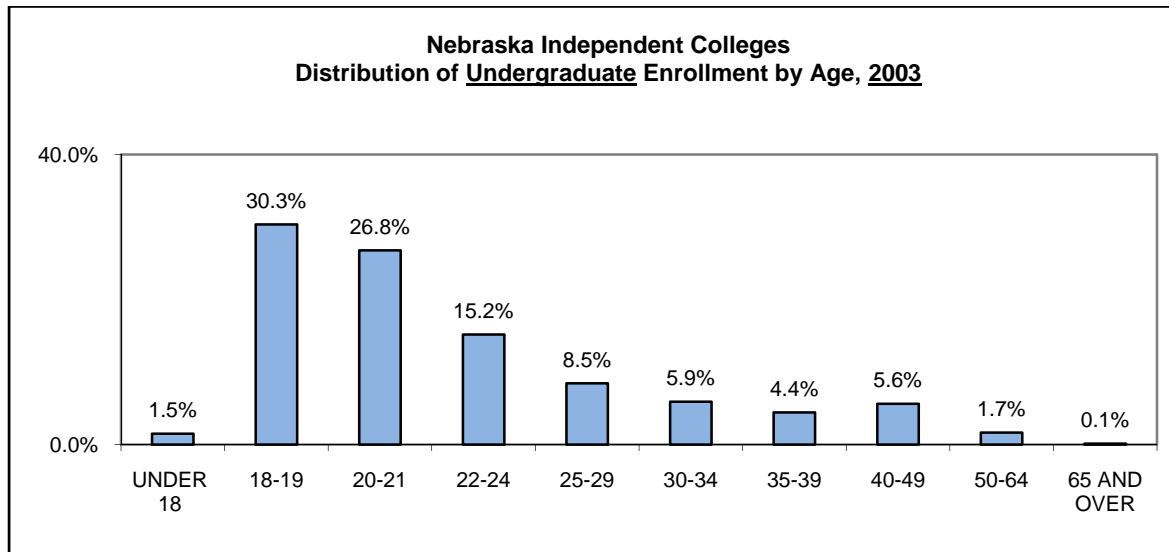
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NEBRASKA COMMUNITY COLLEGES – Percentages of UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT by AGE: 2003 and 2005



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NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS – Percentages of UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT by AGE: 2003 and 2005



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