

Section B.5

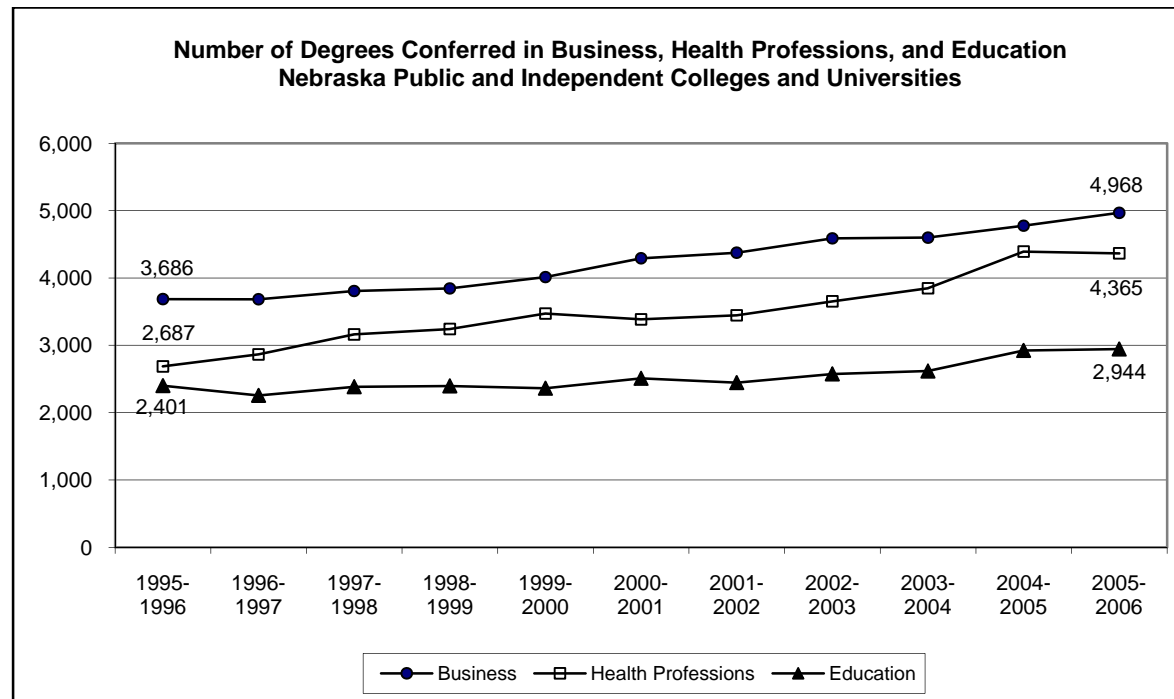
Degrees and Other Awards by Discipline

Notes: Summarized data in Section B.5 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: 1996-2006

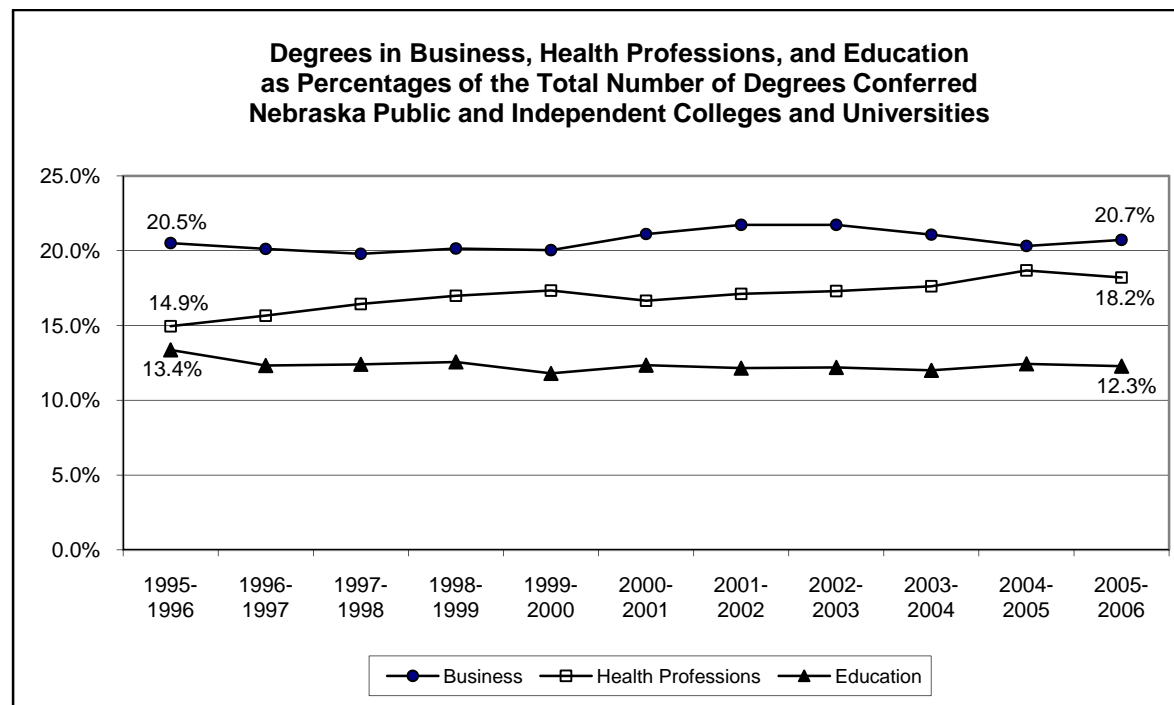
- The highest numbers of degrees conferred by Nebraska's public and independent colleges and universities are in business, education, and the health professions.
- Between 1995-96 and 2005-06, the total number of degrees conferred in these three disciplines increased from 8,774 to 12,277, or by 39.9%



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DISCIPLINES WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBERS OF DEGREES: 1996-2006 (Continued)

- When totaled, degrees in business, education, and the health professions accounted for 51.2% of all of the degrees conferred by Nebraska's public and independent institutions in 2005-06, up from 48.8% in 1995-96.
- Considered separately, degrees in the health professions accounted for 18.2% of all of the degrees awarded in 2005-06, up from 14.9% in 1995-96.
- In comparison, the percentages of all degrees conferred in business and education stayed about the same or decreased slightly over the 10-year period.



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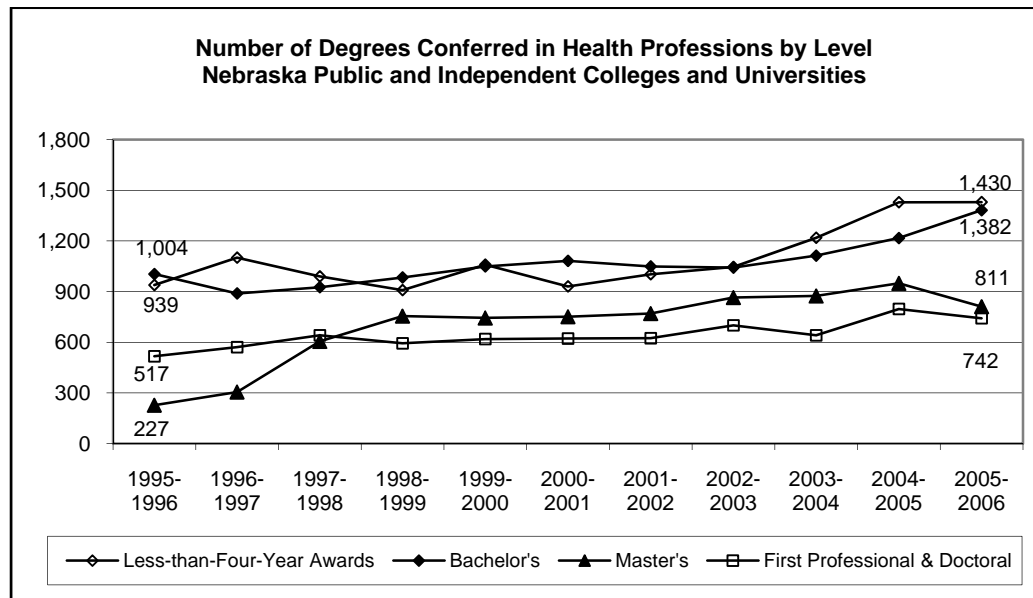
- As shown on the following table, 3,503 more degrees in the health professions, business, and education were conferred in 2005-06 than in 1995-96, accounting for almost 60% of the total increase in degrees over the 10-year period.
- During this period, the number of degrees conferred in business and education increased by 34.8% and 22.6%, respectively, While the number of degrees awarded in the health professions increased by 62.4%.

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
	1995-96	2005-06			
Health Professions	2,687	4,365	1,678	62.4%	27.9%
Business	3,686	4,968	1,282	34.8%	21.3%
Education	2,401	2,944	543	22.6%	9.0%
Subtotal	8,774	12,277	3,503	39.9%	58.3%
Other disciplines	9,201	11,705	2,504	27.2%	41.7%
Total	17,975	23,982	6,007	33.4%	100.0%

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DEGREES by DISCIPLINE and by LEVEL: 1996-2006

- When degrees in the health professions are analyzed by level, the highest overall rate of growth between 1995-96 and 2005-06 was at the master's level.
- The number of master's degrees in health professions more than tripled between 1995-96 and 1998-99, increased by 25.7% 1998-99 and 2004-05, and then declined by 14.5% in 2005-06.
- First-professional and doctoral degrees in health professions increased by 43.5% over the 10-year period, primarily as a result of the introduction of doctoral degrees in occupational therapy and physical therapy.



- Between 1995-1996 and 2005-06, the number of degrees conferred in the health professions increased as follows:

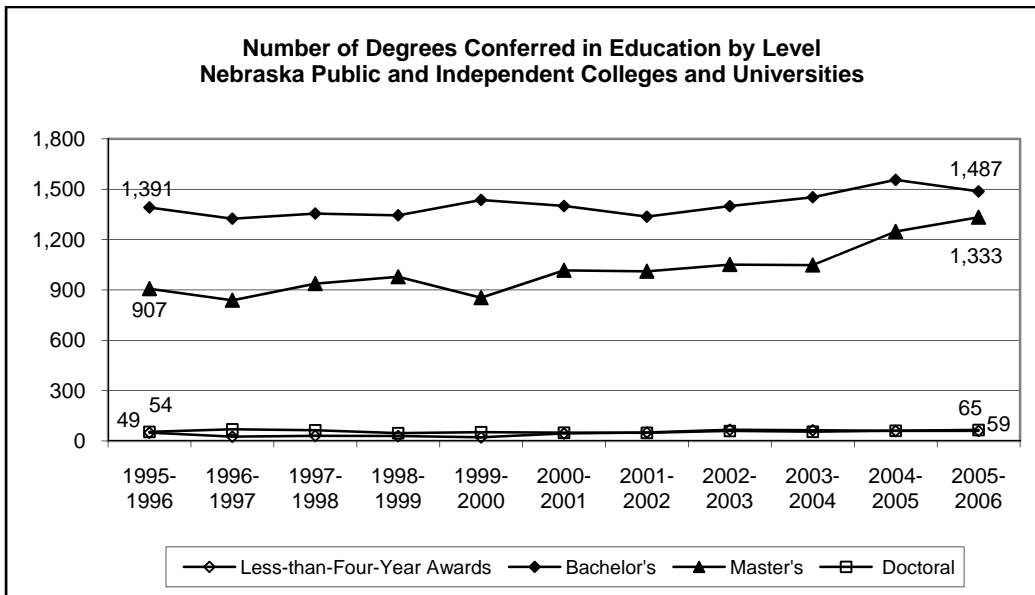
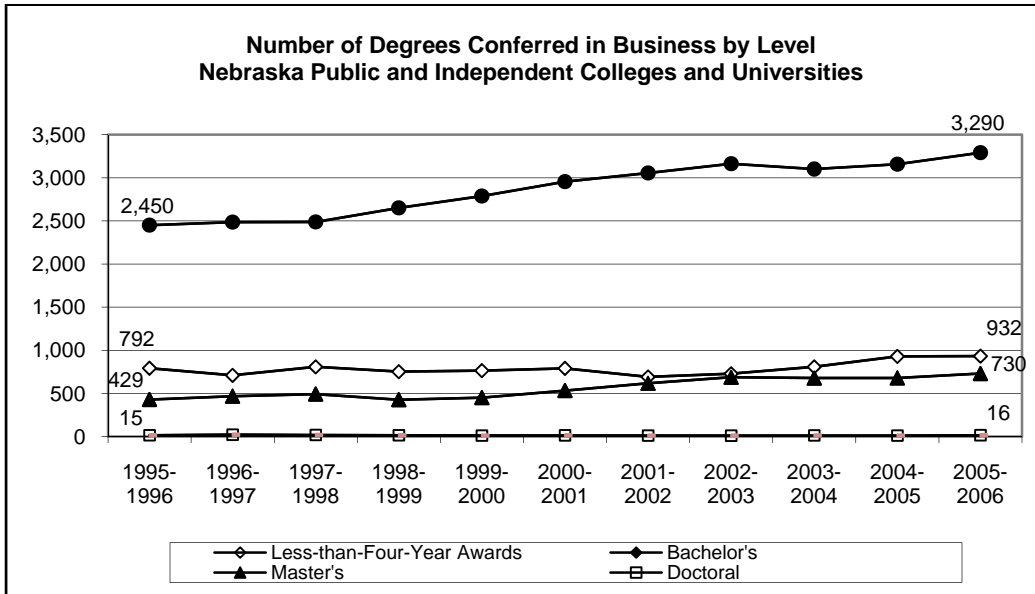
Less-than-four-year degrees	52.3%
(from 939 to 1,430)	
Bachelor's degrees ¹	37.6%
(from 1,004 to 1,382)	
Master's degrees ²	257.3%
(from 227 to 811)	
First-professional and doctoral ³	43.5%
(from 517 to 742)	

¹Include post-baccalaureate certificates.

²Include post-master's awards.

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

DEGREES by DISCIPLINE and by LEVEL: 1996-2006 (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 1995-96 and 2005-06.

- Between 1995-96 and 2005-06, the number of degrees conferred in business increased as follows:

Less-than-four-year degrees	17.7%
(from 792 to 932)	
Bachelor's degrees ¹	34.3%
(from 2,450 to 3,290)	
Master's degrees ²	70.2%
(from 429 to 730)	
Doctoral	6.7%
(from 15 to 16)	

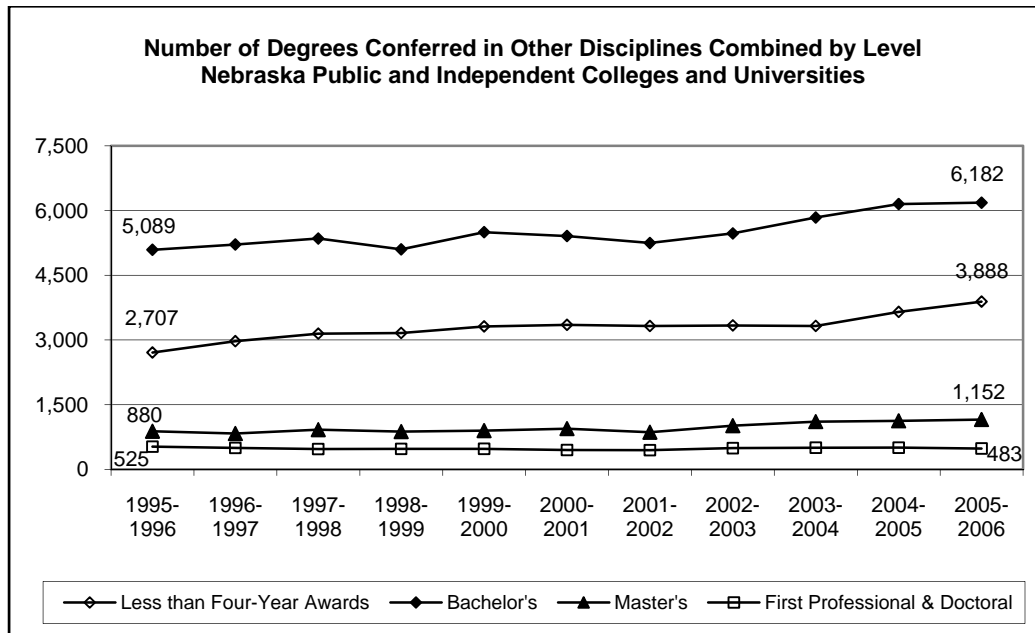
- Between 1995-96 and 2005-06, the number of degrees conferred in education increased as follows:

Less-than-four-year degrees	20.4%
(from 49 to 59)	
Bachelor's degrees ¹	6.9%
(from 1,391 to 1,487)	
Master's degrees ²	47.0%
(from 907 to 1,333)	
Doctoral	20.4%
(from 54 to 65)	

¹Include post-baccalaureate certificates.

²Include post-master's awards.

DEGREES by DISCIPLINE and by LEVEL: 1996-2006 (Continued)



- The highest rate of growth in the number of degrees in all other disciplines combined was at the less-than-four-year level. There were also significant gains in the number of degrees at the bachelor's and master's levels, but the number of doctorates decreased between 1995-96 and 2005-06.

- Over the ten-year period, the number of degrees conferred in all other disciplines combined increased or decreased as follows:

Less-than-four-year degrees (from 2,707 to 3,888)	43.6%
Bachelor's degrees ¹ (from 5,089 to 6,182)	21.5%
Master's degrees ² (from 880 to 1,152)	30.9%
First-professional and doctoral ³ (from 525 to 483)	- 8.0%

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.

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GROWTH IN MASTER'S DEGREES by DISCIPLINE: 1996-2006

- Between 1995-96 and 2005-06, the highest rates of growth in the numbers of degrees and other awards in the health professions, business, and education were at the master's level, whereas the highest rate of growth in the number of degrees in all other disciplines combined was at the less-than-four-year level.
- As shown in the following summary table, 1,583 more master's degrees were conferred by Nebraska's public and independent institutions in 2005-06 than in 1995-96.
- Degrees in the health professions accounted for 36.9% of the 1,583 additional degrees awarded, while 26.9% were conferred in education and 19.0% 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
	1995-96		2005-06				
	Number	%	Number	%			
Health Professions	227	9.3%	811	20.1%	584	257.3%	36.9%
Business	429	17.6%	730	18.1%	301	70.2%	19.0%
Education	907	37.1%	1,333	33.1%	426	47.0%	26.9%
Subtotal	1,563	64.0%	2,874	71.4%	1,311	98.2%	82.8%
Other disciplines	880	36.0%	1,152	28.6%	272	30.9%	17.2%
Total	2,443	100.0%	4,026	100.0%	1,583	64.8%	100.0%

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GROWTH IN FIRST-PROFESSIONAL and DOCTORAL DEGREES by DISCIPLINE: 1996-2006

- The highest rate of ten-year growth at the first-professional level was in pharmacy (60.4%), followed by dentistry (11.2%).
- The highest ten-year increase in the number of doctoral degrees was also in the health professions. The dramatic increase from 10 degrees in 1995-96 to 209 doctorates in 2004-05 was due to the introduction and completion of doctoral programs in occupational therapy and physical therapy, many of which were awarded to students already holding master's degrees in these fields. In 2005-06, the number of doctorates in the health professions decreased to 129 or by 38.3%, reflecting the reduction in the backlog of therapists with master's degrees who later complete doctoral programs.

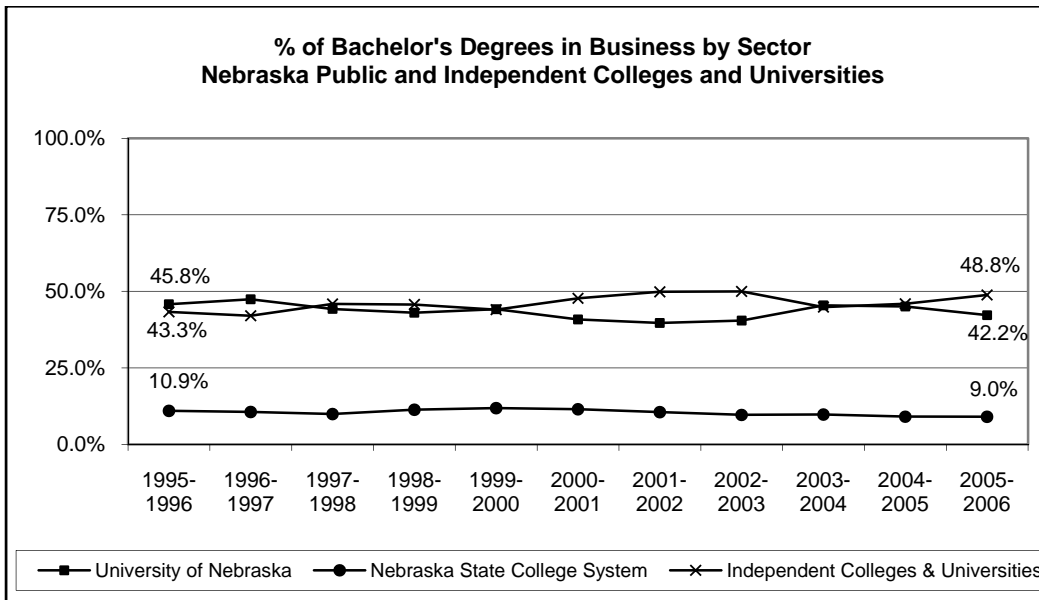
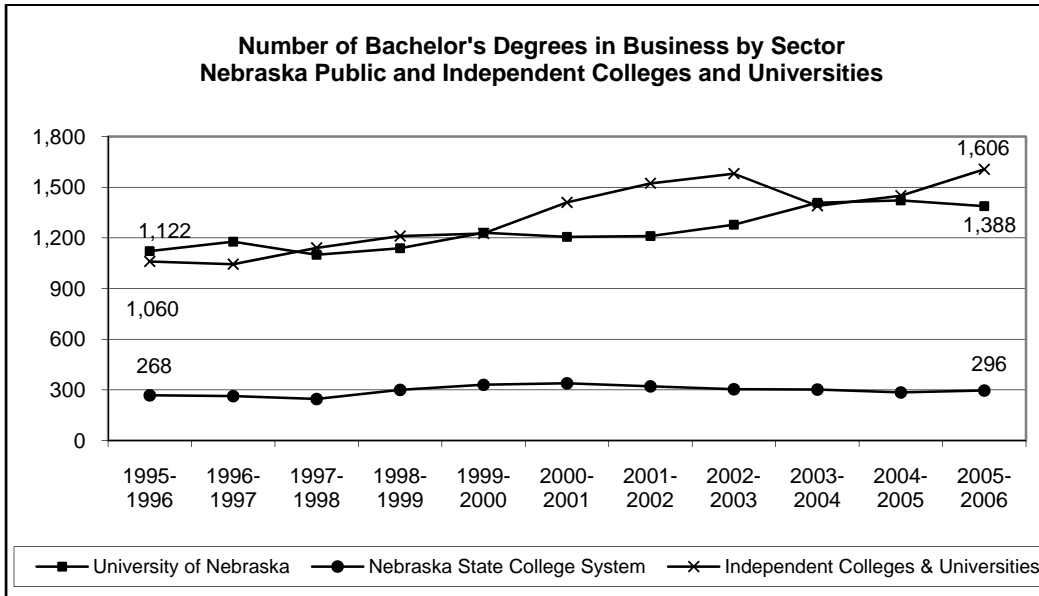
Changes in the Number of <u>First-Professional and Doctoral Degrees</u> by Discipline Nebraska Public and Independent Colleges and Universities 1994-95 through 2004-05										
Discipline and Degree Level ¹	1995-96		2004-05		2005-06		1995-96 to 2005-06		2004-05 to 2005-06	
	Number of Degrees Conferred	% of Degrees Conferred	Number of Degrees Conferred	% of Degrees Conferred	Number of Degrees Conferred	% of Degrees Conferred	10-year increase or decrease in number of degrees	10-year % increase or decrease in the number of degrees	1-year increase or decrease in number of degrees	1-year % increase or decrease in the number of degrees
Dentistry (FP)	125	11.3%	150	10.9%	139	10.6%	14	11.2%	-11	-7.3%
Pharmacy (FP)	149	13.4%	224	16.4%	239	18.3%	90	60.4%	15	6.7%
Medicine (FP)	233	21.0%	214	15.6%	235	18.0%	2	0.9%	21	9.8%
Other Health Professions	10	0.9%	209	15.3%	129	9.9%	119	1,190.0%	-80	-38.3%
Subtotal Health Professions	517	46.5%	797	58.2%	742	56.8%	225	43.5%	-55	-6.9%
Business	15	1.4%	11	0.8%	16	1.2%	1	6.7%	5	45.5%
Education	54	4.9%	60	4.4%	65	5.0%	11	20.4%	5	8.3%
Law (FP)	319	28.7%	290	21.2%	279	21.4%	-40	-12.5%	-11	-3.8%
All Other Disciplines	206	18.5%	212	15.5%	204	15.6%	-2	-1.0%	-8	-3.8%
Total	1,111	100.0%	1,370	100.0%	1,306	100.0%	195	17.6%	-64	-4.7%

¹FP = First-professional degrees; all other degrees included in this table are at the doctoral level.

DEGREES in BUSINESS, EDUCATION, and HEALTH PROFESSIONS by LEVEL and by SECTOR: 1996-2006

- 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 1995-96 and 2005-06.
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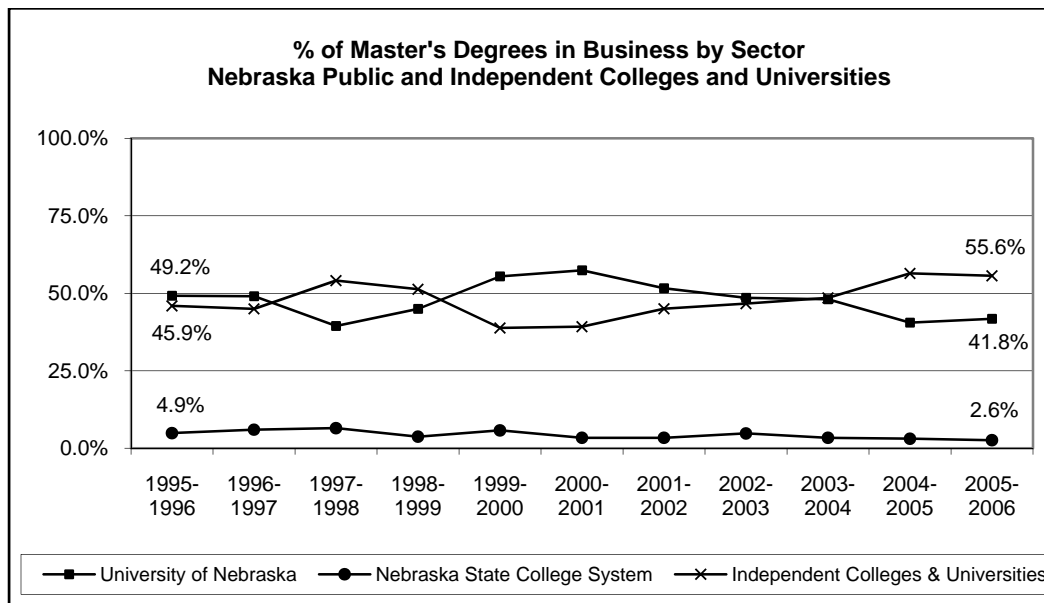
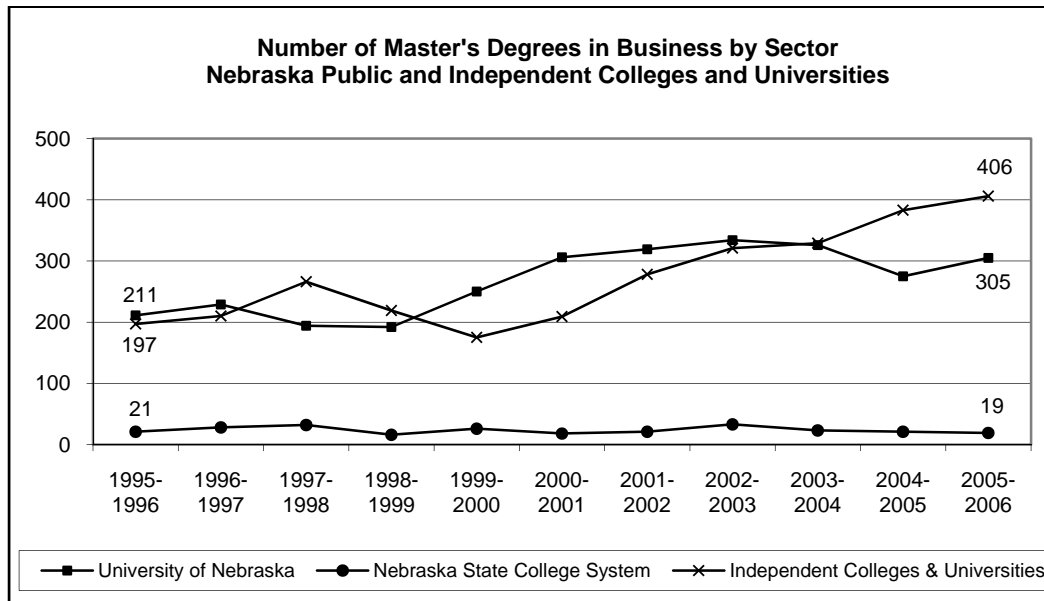
DEGREES in BUSINESS by LEVEL and by SECTOR: 1996-2006



- Among Nebraska's public and independent colleges and universities, 99% of the less-than-four-year degrees were awarded by the state's community colleges between 1995-96 and 2005-06, while the remaining degrees at this level were conferred by independent institutions.
- In 1995-96, the University of Nebraska conferred about 46% of the bachelor's degrees¹ in business, while 43% of these degrees were awarded by independent institutions and 11% 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 2005-06, independent institutions were awarding 49% of bachelor's degrees in business, while the University of Nebraska conferred 42%, and the state colleges awarded 9%.

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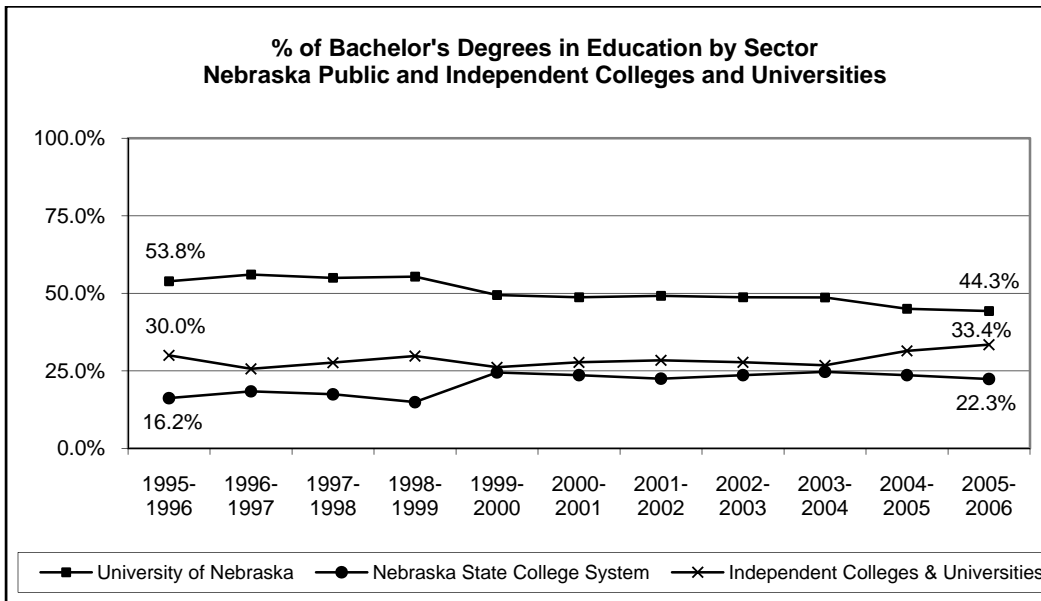
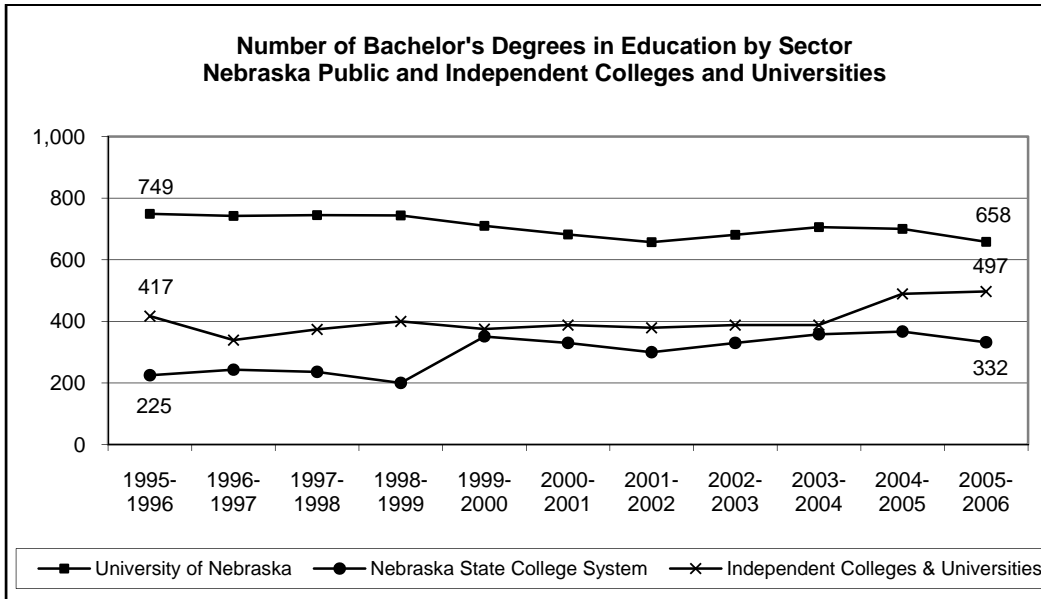


- In 1995-96, the University of Nebraska awarded 49% of the master's degrees¹ in business, while independent schools² awarded 46% and the state colleges granted 5%.
- Between 1995-96 and 2005-06, the numbers of master's degrees in business that were conferred by the University of Nebraska and the independent institutions fluctuated up and down. However, by the end of the 10-year period, the independent institutions were awarding 55.6% of the business degrees at the master's level, while the university and state colleges were conferring 41.8% and 2.6%, respectively.
- At the doctoral level, all business degrees were conferred by the University of Nebraska between 1995-96 and 2005.06.

¹Include post-master's awards.

²Bellevue University, Creighton University, and Doane College conferred master's degrees in business between 1995-96 and 2005-06. Clarkson College and College of Saint Mary awarded master's degrees in business in 2005-06.

DEGREES in EDUCATION by LEVEL and by SECTOR: 1996-2006



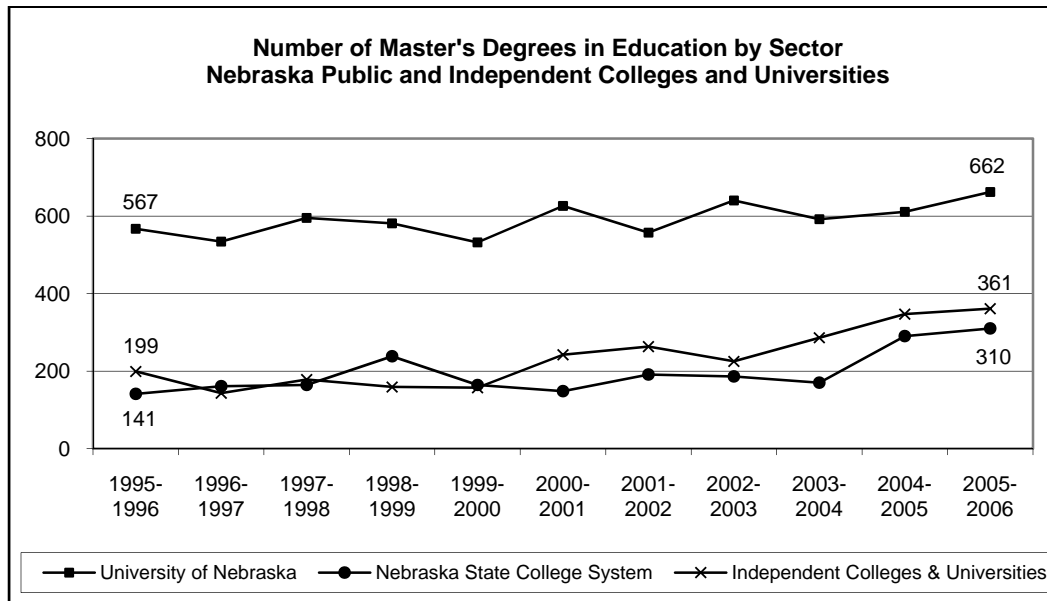
- Between 1995-96 and 2005-06, most of the small number of less-than-four-year degrees in education were awarded by Nebraska's community colleges.
- At the doctoral level, all of the degrees in education were conferred by the University of Nebraska between 1995-96 and 2005-06.
- Over the 10-year period, 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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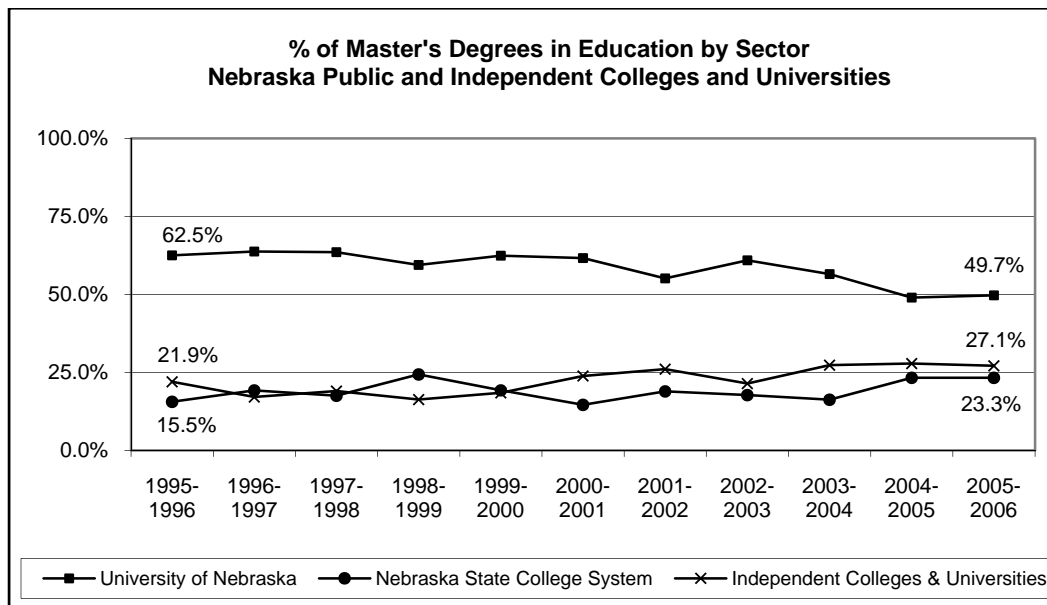
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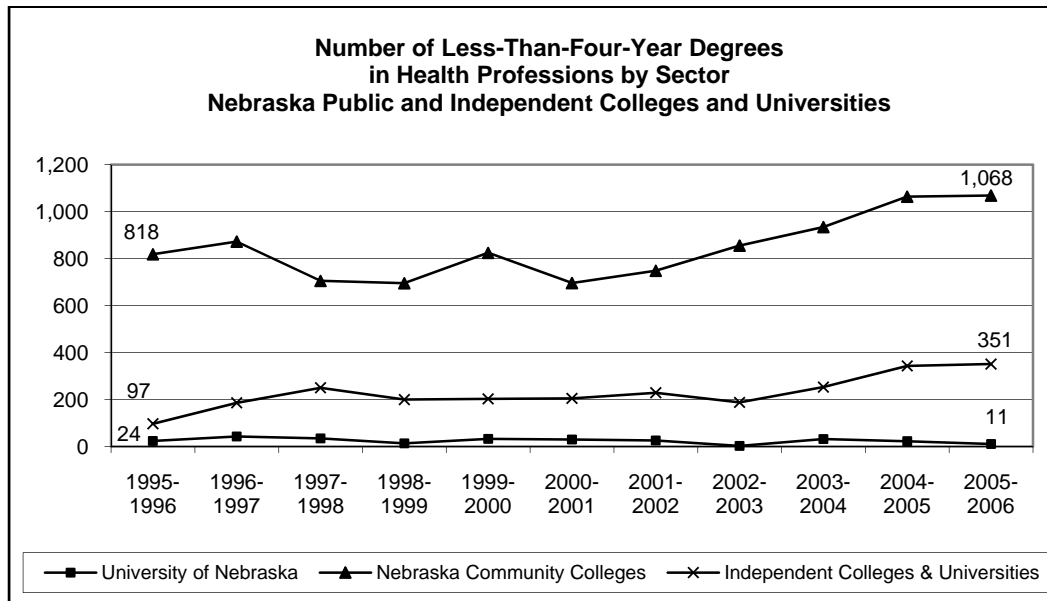
DEGREES in EDUCATION by LEVEL and by SECTOR: 1996-2006 (Continued)



- In 2005-06, the University of Nebraska conferred 44% of the bachelor's degrees and 50% of the master's degrees in education, down from 54% and 63% in 1995-96, respectively.
- In comparison, independent institutions awarded 34% of the bachelor's degrees and 27% of the master's degrees in education in 2005-06, up from 30% and 22% in 1994-95, respectively.
- Similarly, the Nebraska State College System conferred 22% of the bachelor's degrees in education in 2005-06, up from 16% in 1995-96, and 23% of the master's degrees in 2005-06, up from 15.5% ten years earlier.

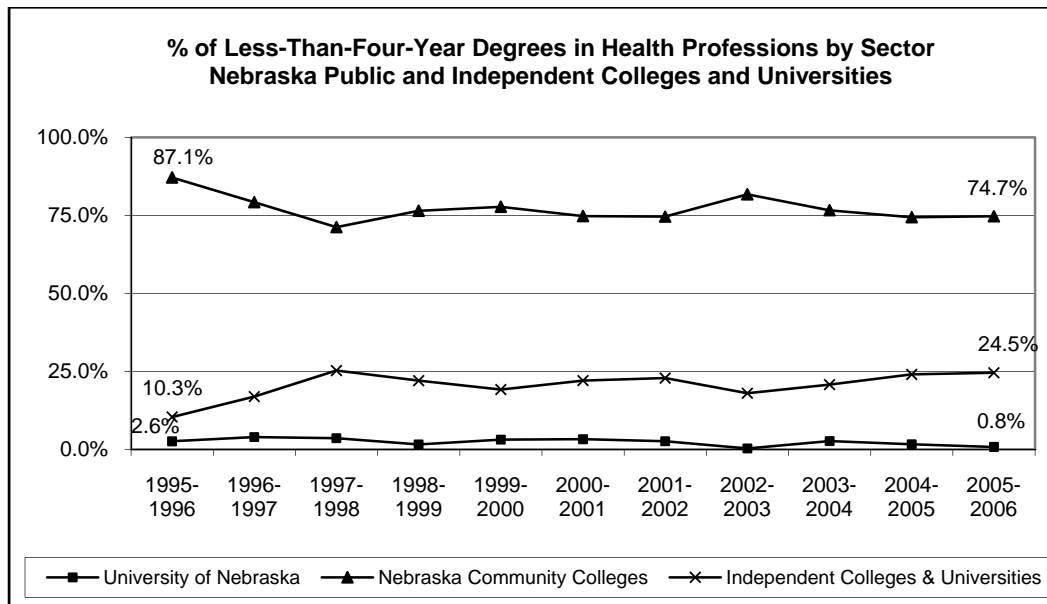


DEGREES in HEALTH PROFESSIONS by LEVEL and by SECTOR: 1996-2006

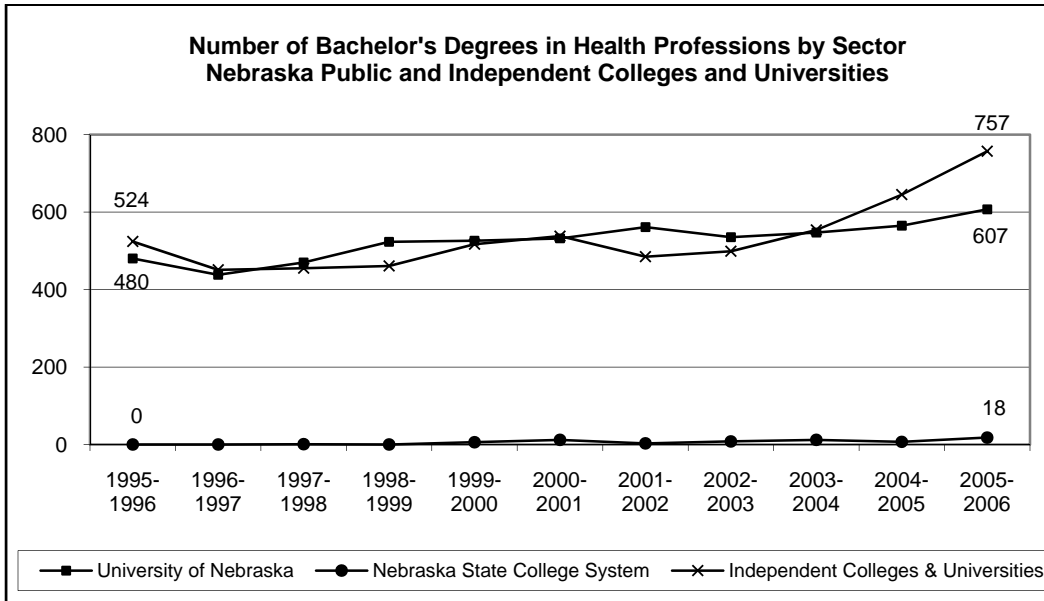


- Between 1995-96 and 2005-06, the number of less-than-four-year degrees in health-related disciplines awarded by Nebraska's community colleges increased by 30.6%, but the number of degrees at this level conferred by independent institutions¹ more than tripled from 97 to 351.
- As a result, the state's community colleges awarded 75% of the less-than four-year degrees in health fields in 2005-06, compared to 87% in 1995-96. Conversely, independent institutions awarded 25% of the less-than-four-year degrees in 2005-06, compared to 10% ten years earlier.

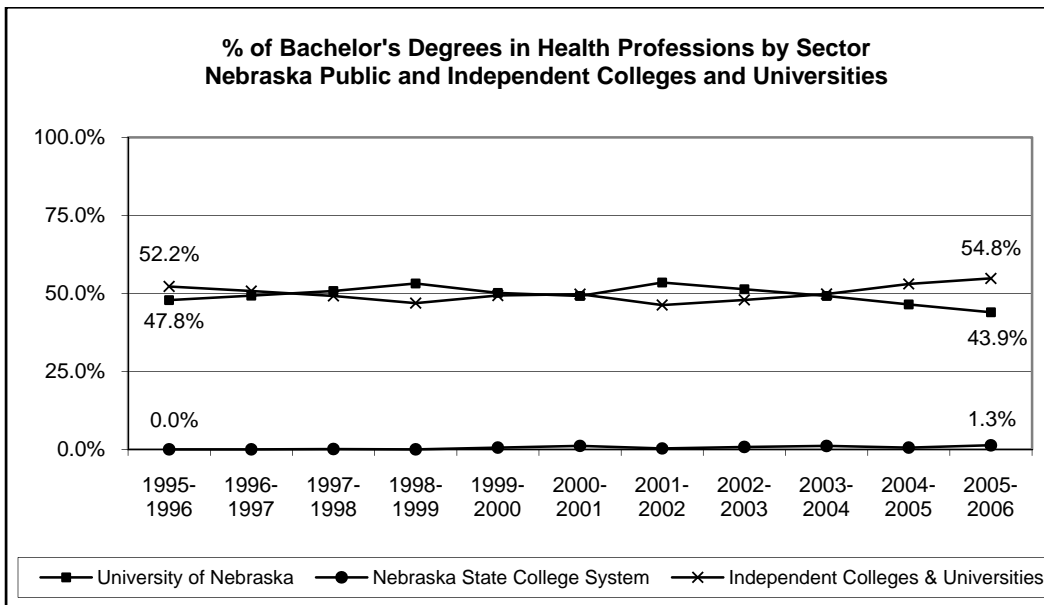
¹Less-than-four-year degrees were conferred by BryanLGH College of Health Sciences, Clarkson College, College of St. Mary, Creighton University, Little Priest Tribal College, and Nebraska Methodist College in 2005-06..



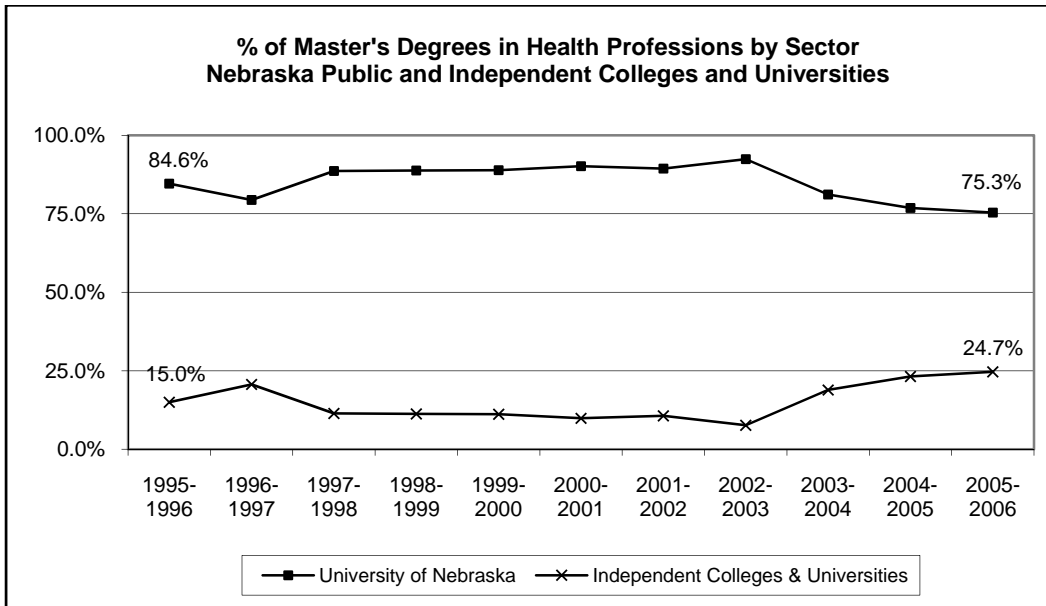
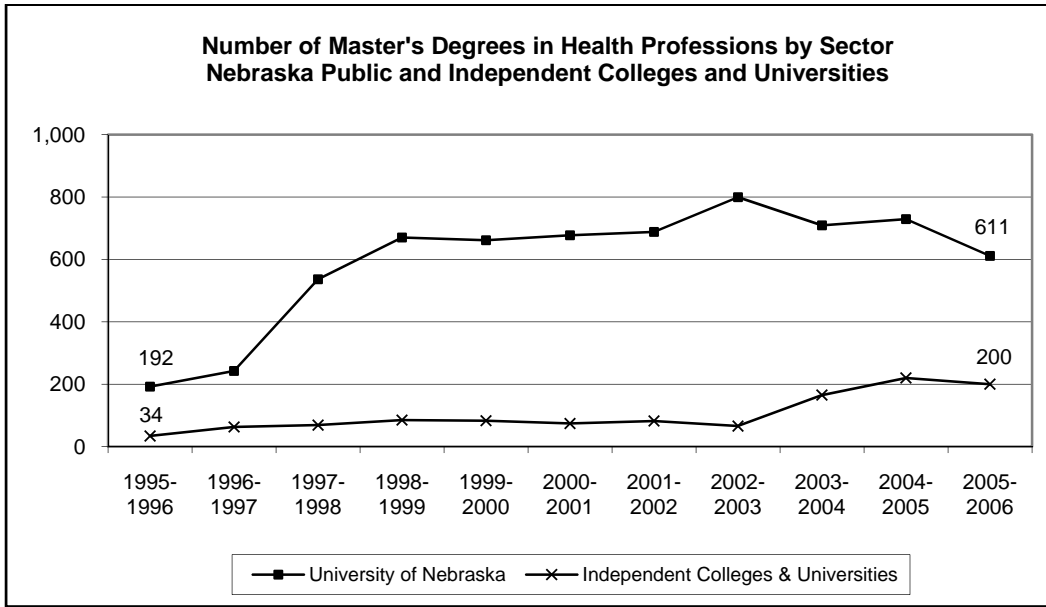
DEGREES in HEALTH PROFESSIONS by LEVEL and by SECTOR: 1996-2006 (Continued)



- Between 1995-96 and 2005-06, 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, except in 2005-06 when the number of degrees awarded by independent schools increased from 645 to 757, a one-year increase of 17%.
- Consequently, at the beginning and end of the 10-year period between 1995-96 and 2005-06, independent colleges and universities conferred 55% of the bachelor's degrees¹ in health professions, while the University of Nebraska awarded 44%.

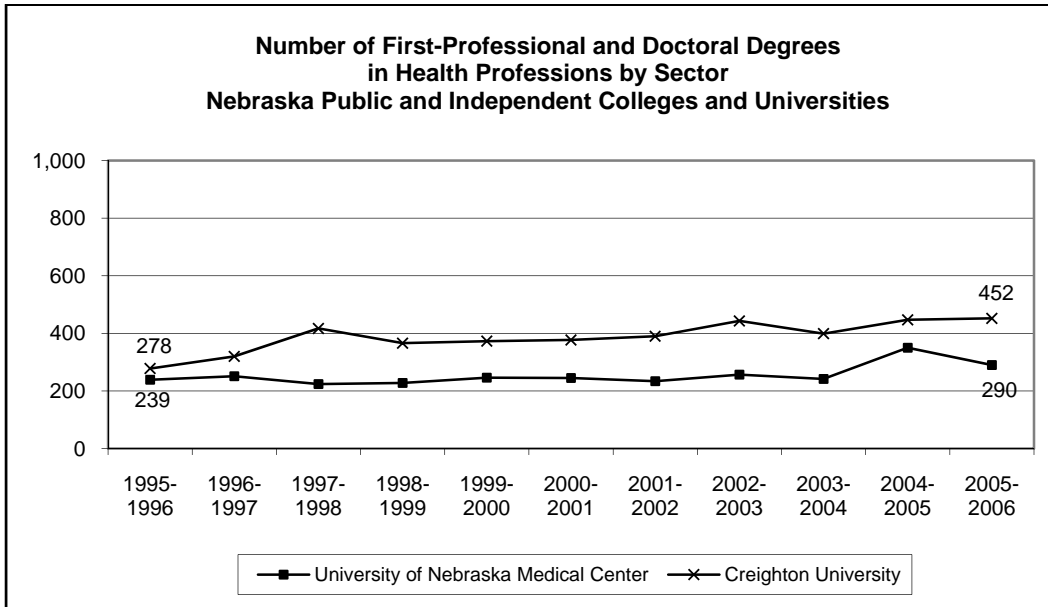


DEGREES in HEALTH PROFESSIONS by LEVEL and by SECTOR: 1996-2006 (Continued)



- The numbers of master's degrees¹ in health professions conferred by the University of Nebraska significantly increased between 1996-97 and 2002-03, and then decreased to 611 degrees in 2005-06.
 - In comparison, the number of master's degrees in health professions awarded by the independent institutions² started to significantly increase in 2003-04 and leveled off in 2005-06.
 - In 2005-06, the University of Nebraska conferred 75% of the master's degrees in the health professions, down from 85% in 1995-96, while independent institutions awarded 25%, 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, at Nebraska Methodist College beginning in 2002-03, and at College of Saint Mary in 2005-06.

DEGREES in HEALTH PROFESSIONS by LEVEL and by SECTOR: 1996-2006 (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 1995-96 and 2005-06.
- At the beginning of the 10-year period, Creighton University awarded 54% of the first-professional and doctoral degrees in health professions, while the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) conferred 46%. In 2005-06, Creighton University awarded 61% of the degrees at these levels, while UNMC awarded 39%.

