

## Section A.6

# Total Fall Enrollment by Age

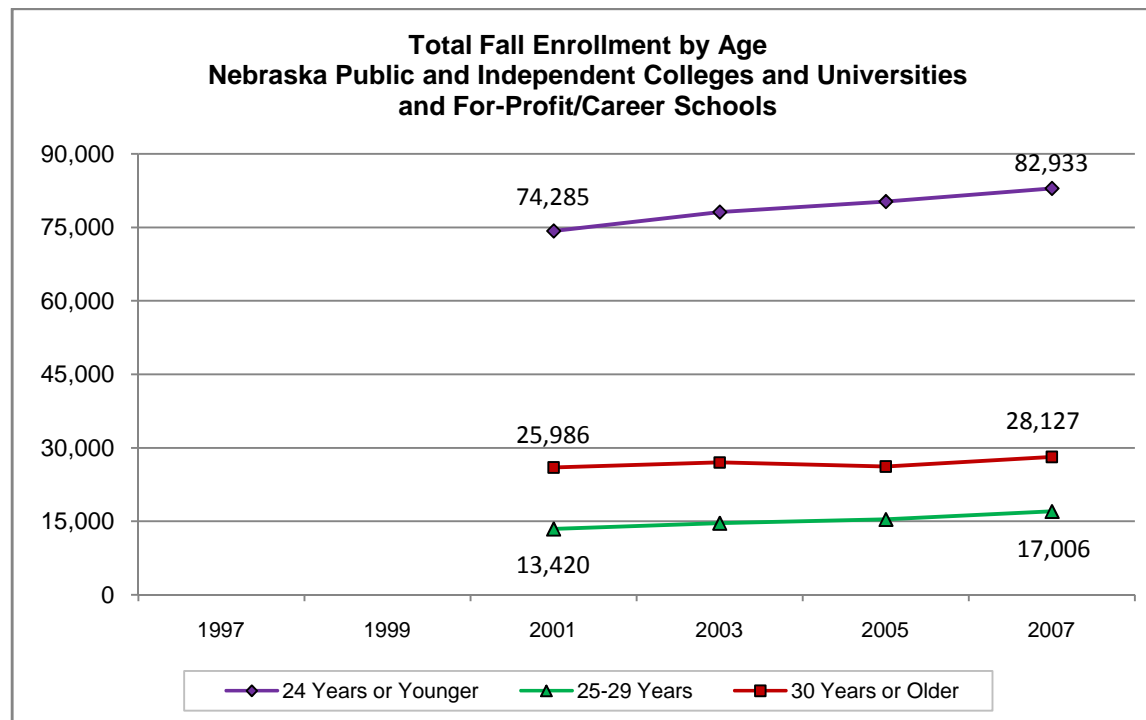
### Notes

- (1) **Ten-year trends are shown for Nebraska's public and independent colleges and universities. Comparable data for for-profit/career schools in Nebraska are available only for the most recent seven years. Given the available data, six-year trends are shown for Nebraska state totals, including the for-profit/career schools. A few for-profit/career schools are not included in this analysis because they are not required to report any school statistics to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) maintained by the National Center for Education in the U.S. Department of Education.**
- (2) **Reported enrollments do not include students who were enrolled in the physician assistant military and distance education programs at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). Since 1998-1999, UNMC has conferred 500 to 600 bachelor's and master's degrees each year to graduates of the physician assistant military and distance education programs. These programs serve all branches of the military and most graduates are not residents of Nebraska.**

Note: The data reported in this section are collected every two years.

## **TOTAL FALL ENROLLMENT by AGE: 2001-2007**

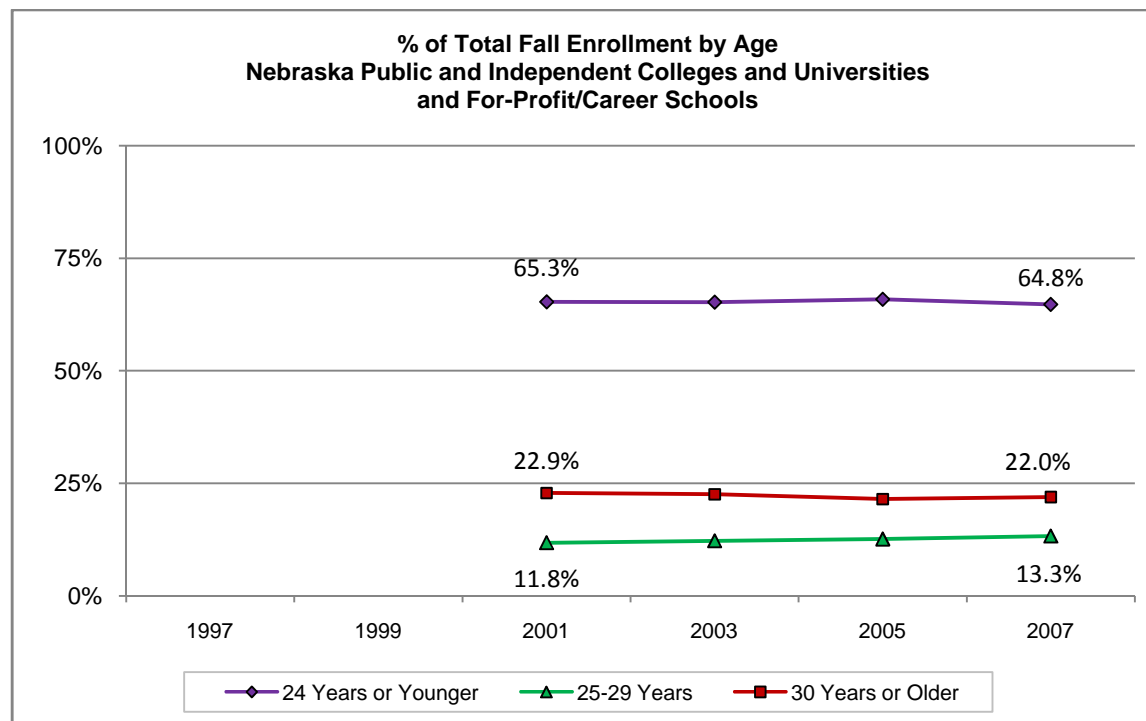
- Between fall 2001 and fall 2007, total enrollment of students 24 years of age or younger increased 11.6%, from 74,285 to 82,933, at Nebraska's public, independent and for-profit colleges and universities.
- In comparison, total enrollment of 25- to 29-year-olds increased only 26.7%, from 13,420 in 2001 to 17,006 in 2007, and enrollment of students 30 years of age or older increased 8.2%, from 25,986 to 28,127.



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## Percentages of TOTAL FALL ENROLLMENT by AGE: 2001-2007

- Between fall 2001 and fall 2007, students 24 years of age or younger and students 30 years or older accounted for slightly decreased percentages of the total number of students enrolled at Nebraska's postsecondary institutions, while students 25 to 29 years of age accounted for a higher percentage of total fall enrollment.
- By fall 2007, students 24 years of age or younger accounted for 64.8% of total enrollment, compared to 65.3% in fall 2001. Students 30 or older accounted for 22.0% of total enrollment in fall 2007, down from 22.9% in fall 2001.
- In comparison, students 25 to 29 years of age accounted for 13.3% of total enrollment in fall 2007, compared to 11.8% in 2001.



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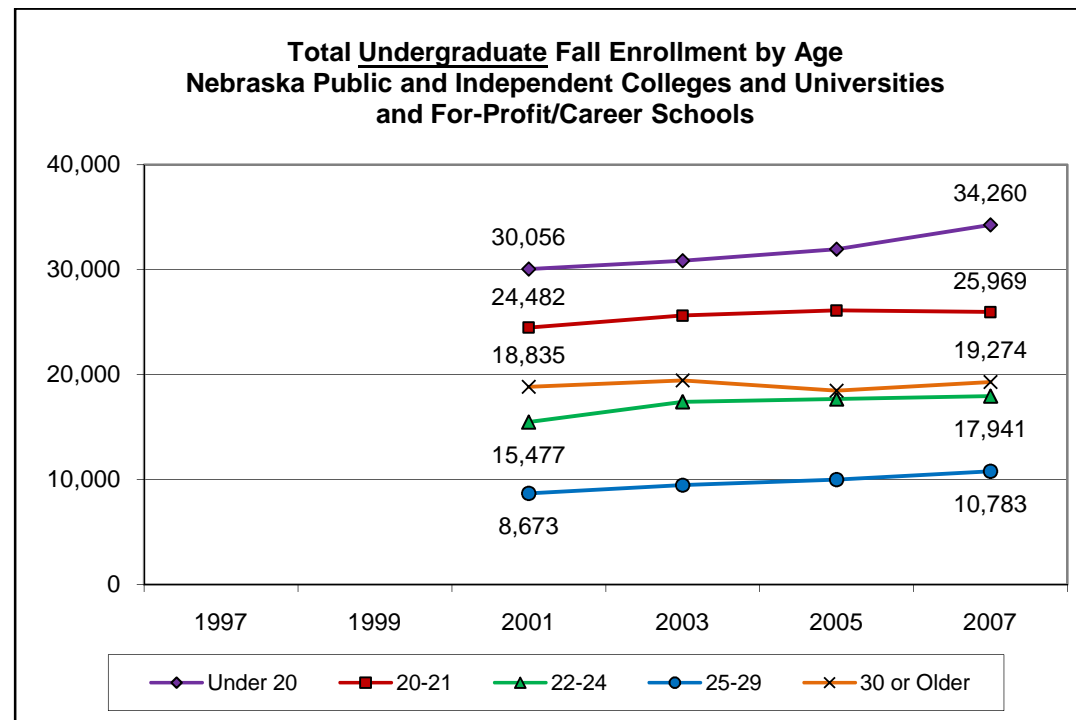


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## **TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE FALL ENROLLMENT by AGE: 2001-2007**

- Over the six-year period between fall 2001 and fall 2007, undergraduate enrollment of students of all ages increased at Nebraska's postsecondary institutions.
- Specifically, when analyzed by age group, undergraduate enrollments changed between fall 2001 and fall 2007 as follows:

Under 20 years	Increased by 14.0%	From 30,056 to 34,260
20-21 years	Increased by 6.1%	From 24,482 to 25,969
22-24 years	Increased by 15.9%	From 15,477 to 17,941
25-29 years	Increased by 24.3%	From 8,673 to 10,783
30 years or older	Increased by 2.3%	From 18,835 to 19,274



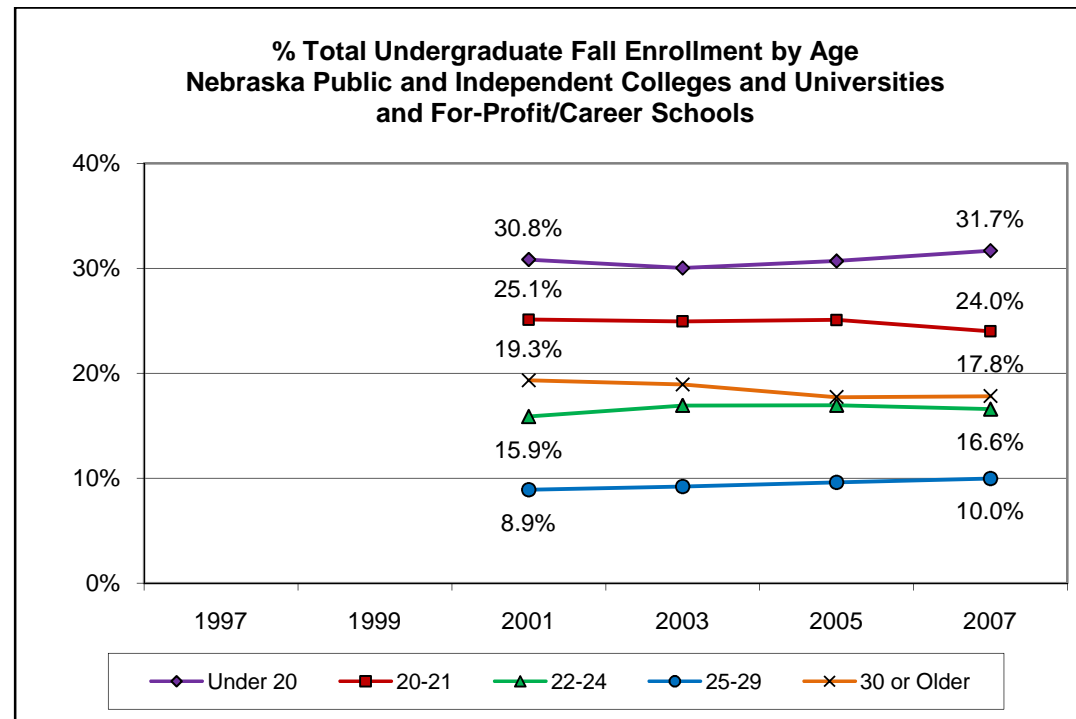
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## **Percentages of TOTAL FALL ENROLLMENT by AGE: 2001-2007**

- As percentages of total undergraduate fall enrollment, the number of students in each of the major age groups increased or decreased as follows between fall 2001 and fall 2007:

Under 20 years	Increased from 30.8% to 31.7%
20-21 years	Decreased from 25.1% to 24.0%
22-24 years	Increased from 15.9% to 16.6%
25-29 years	Increased from 8.9% to 10.0%
30 years or older	Decreased from 19.3% to 17.8%

- When the above age groups are combined into two categories, the enrollment of students 24 years of age or younger increased from 71.8% of total undergraduate enrollment in fall 2001 to 72.2% in fall 2007, whereas the enrollment of students 25 or older decreased from 28.2% to 27.8%.



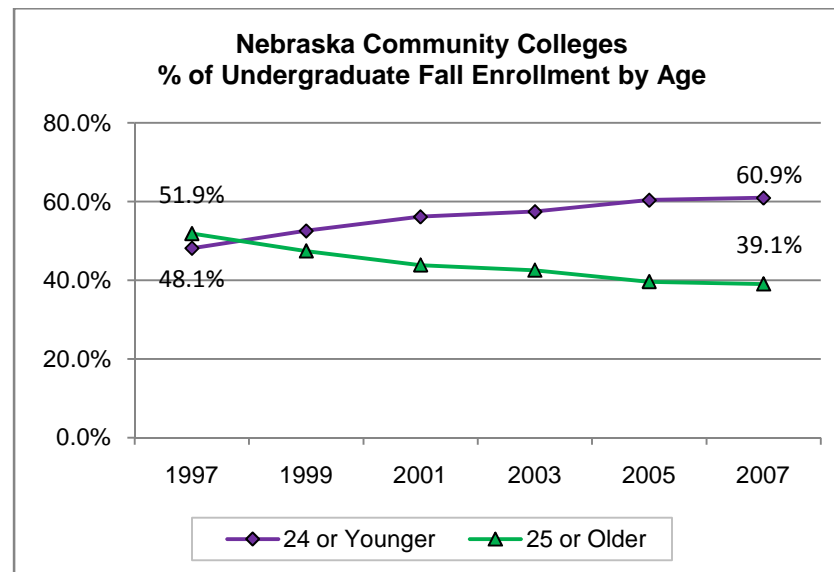
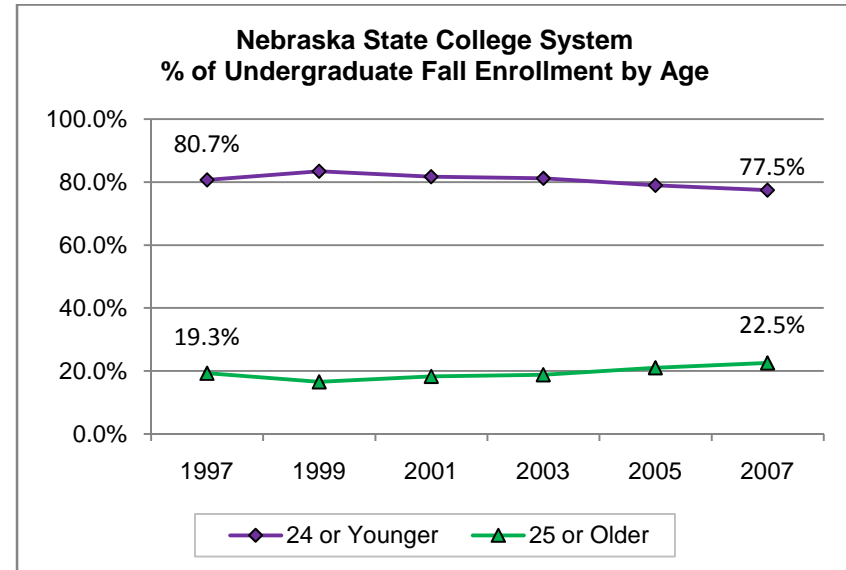
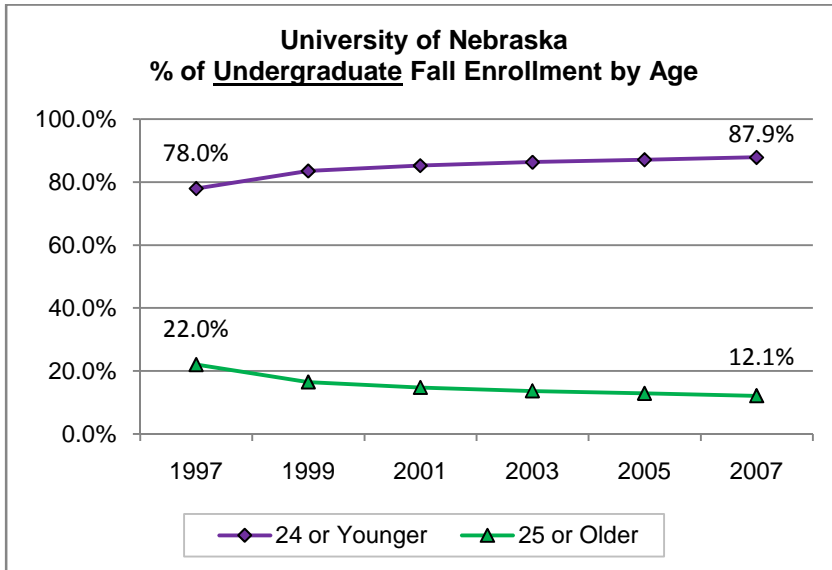
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## **Percentages of UNDERGRADUATE FALL ENROLLMENT by SECTOR and by AGE: 1997-2007**

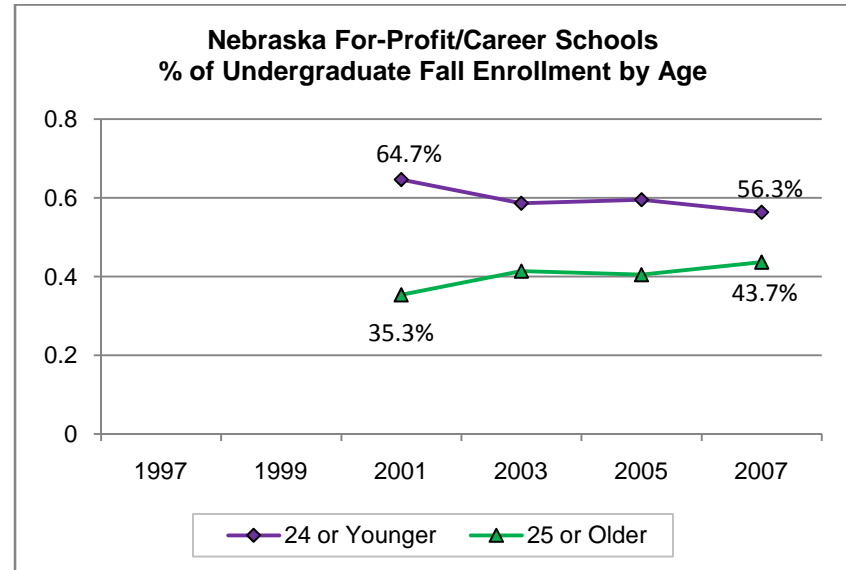
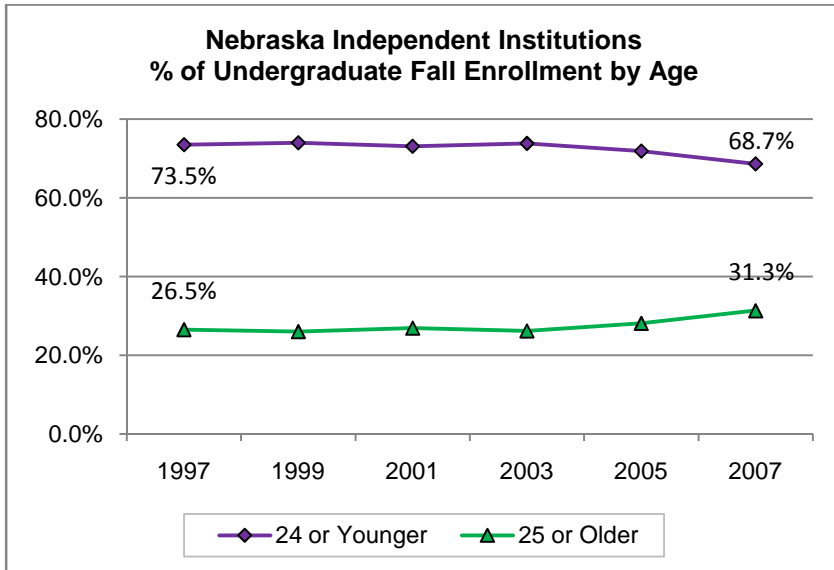
- As shown on the charts on the following pages, undergraduate enrollment by age varies across the five sectors of higher education in Nebraska.
- The percentage of students 24 years of age or younger enrolled at the University of Nebraska increased from 78.0% of total undergraduate enrollment in fall 1997 to 87.9% in fall 2007. 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 1997 and fall 2007, the greatest increase in the percentage enrollment of students 24 years of age or younger was at Nebraska's community colleges. In fall 2007, students 24 years of age or younger accounted for 60.9% of the students at community colleges, compared to 48.1% in fall 1997. Conversely, students 25 years of age or older accounted for 39.1% of the students at community colleges in fall 2007, compared to 51.9% 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 have decreased within the Nebraska State College System, at the independent colleges and universities and within the for-profit/career school sector. Students under 25 years of age accounted for 77.5% of the undergraduates within the Nebraska State College System in fall 2007, compared to 80.7% in fall 1997. Students under 25 represented 68.7% of the undergraduates at independent institutions in fall 2007, down from 73.5% in fall 1997. Within the for-profit/career school sector, students under 25 years of age decreased from 64.7% to 56.3% of the undergraduate fall enrollment between 2001 and 2007.
- More detailed sector comparisons by age are shown on **pages A.6.10 through A.6.12**. 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.6.10 and A.6.11 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 pages A.6.10 and 11 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 1997 and fall 2007. 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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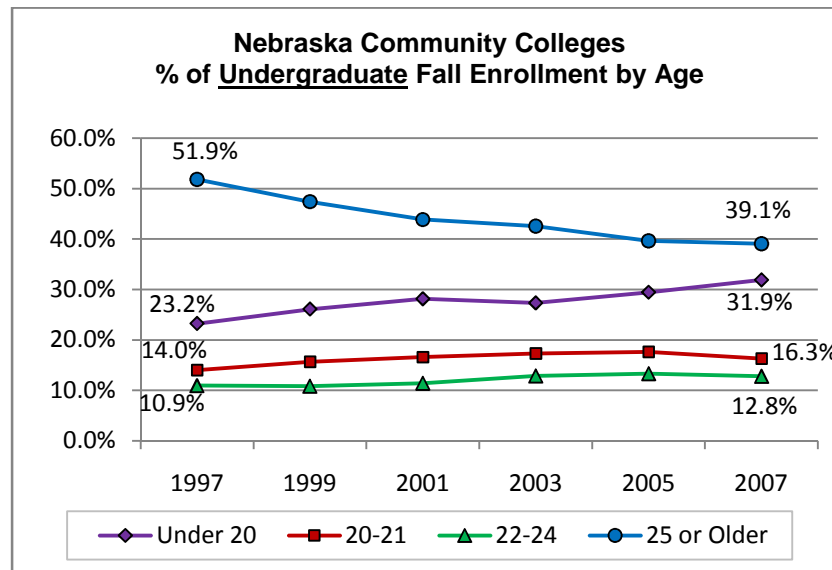
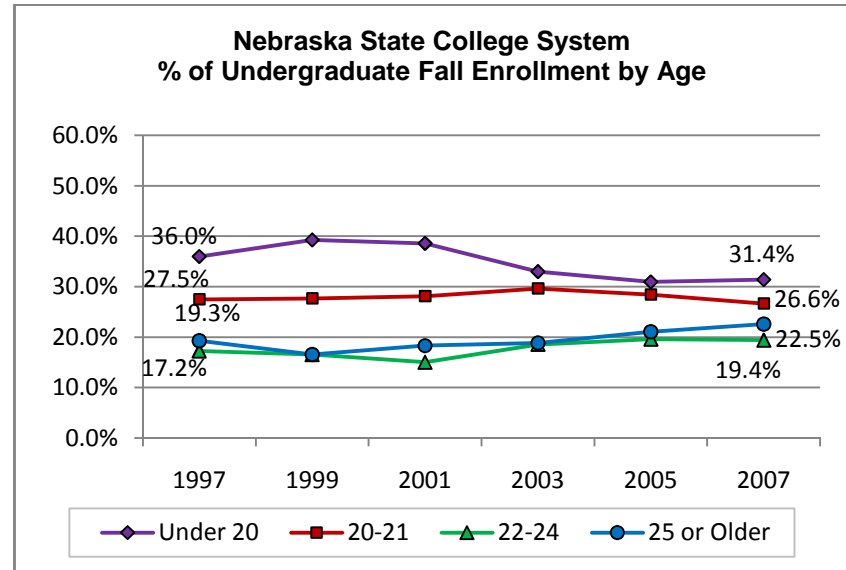
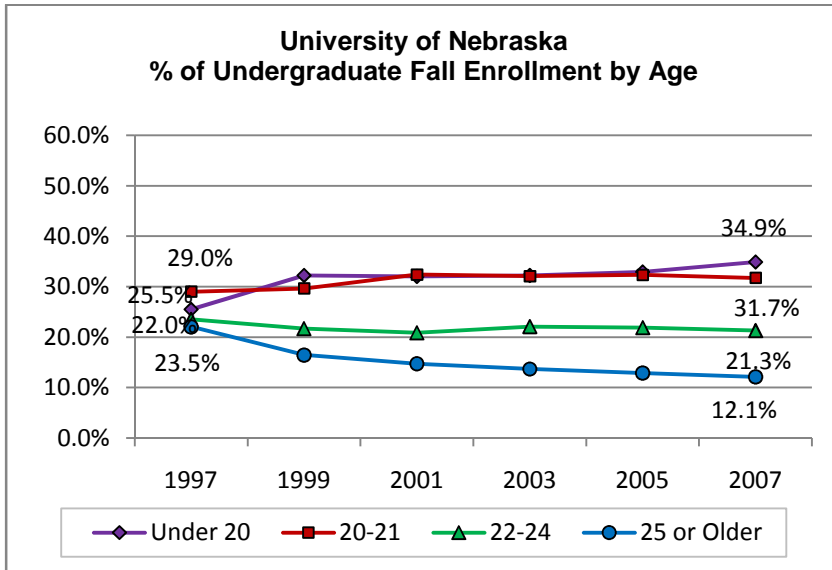
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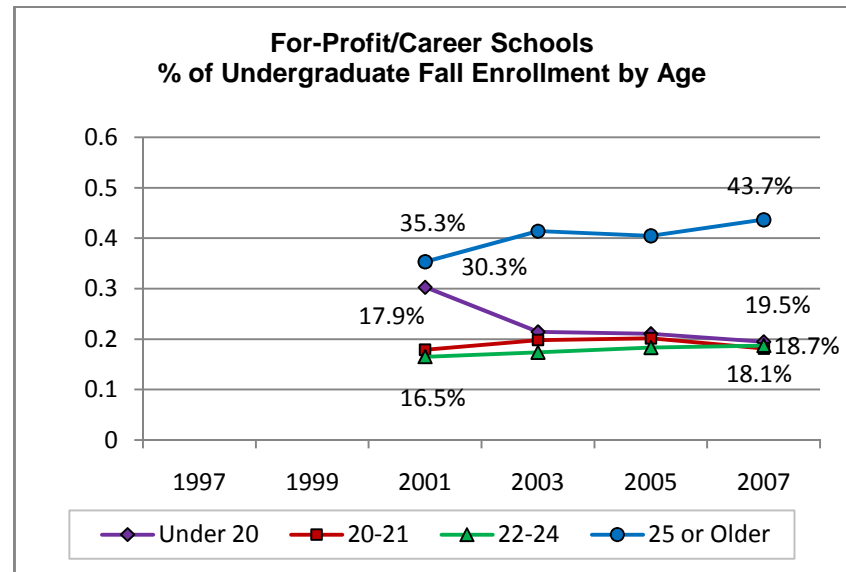
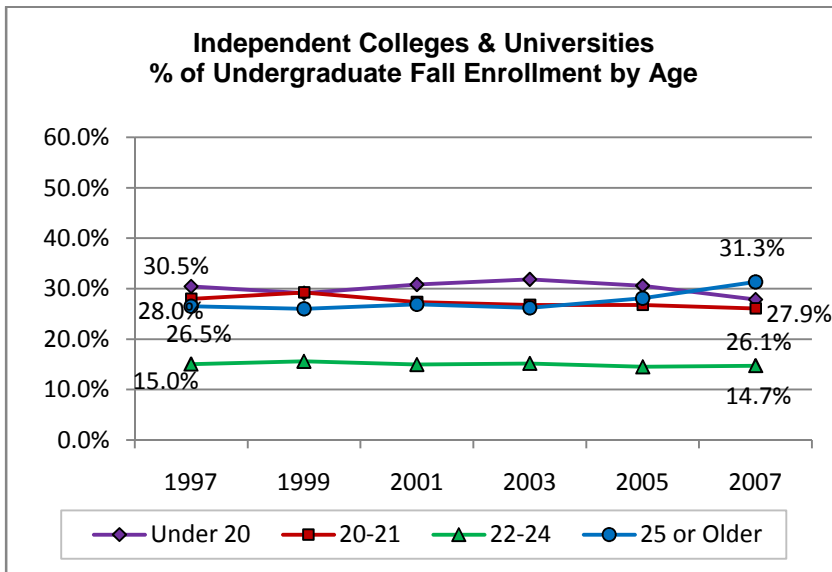


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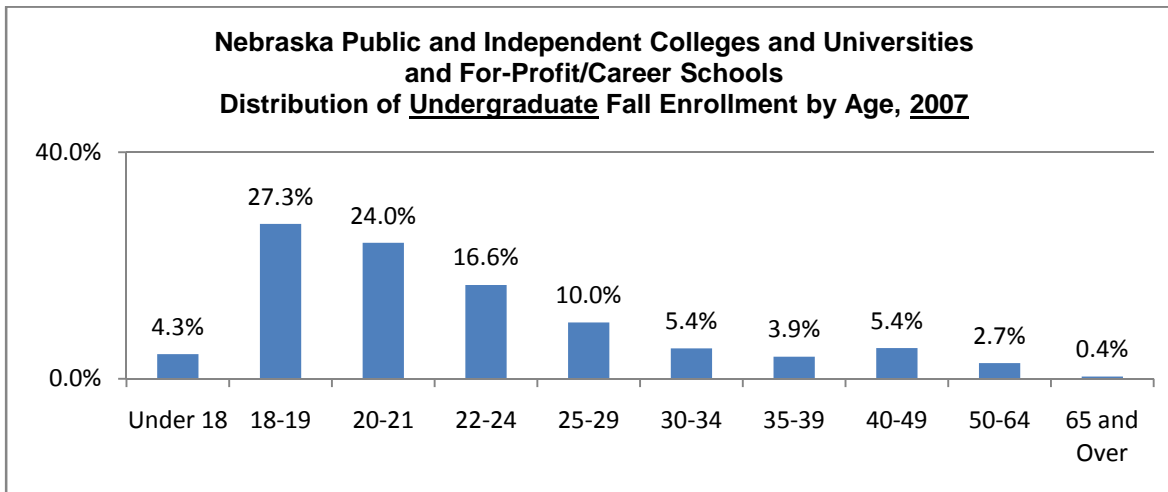
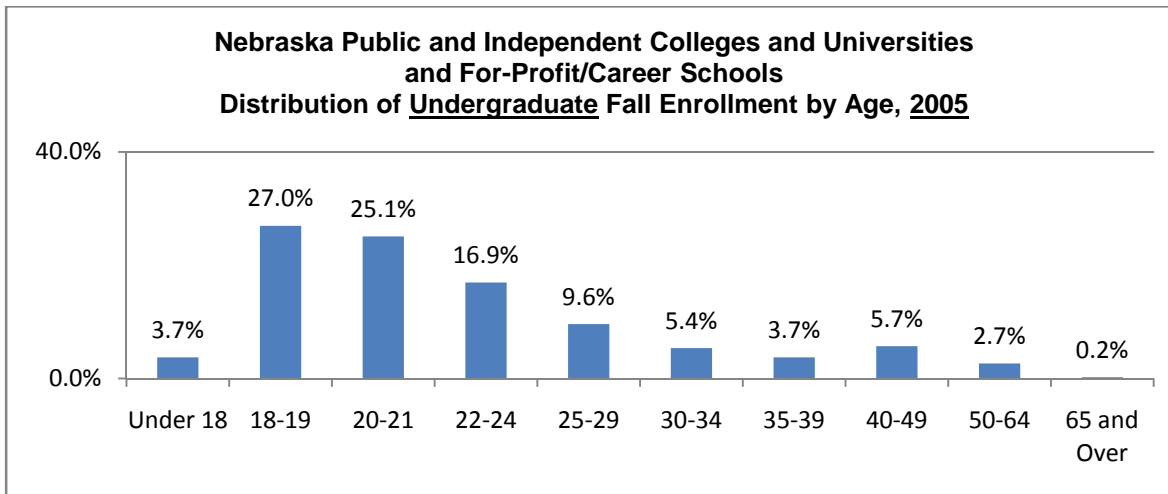
**Table A.6.1 Percentage of Undergraduate Sector Fall Enrollment by Age**

Sector	Year	Age Group				Total
		Under 20 Years	20-21 Years	22-24 Years	25 Years or Older	
<b>University of Nebraska</b>	<b>1997</b>	25.5%	29.0%	23.5%	22.0%	100.0%
	<b>1999</b>	32.2%	29.6%	21.7%	16.4%	100.0%
	<b>2001</b>	32.0%	32.4%	20.9%	14.7%	100.0%
	<b>2003</b>	32.2%	32.0%	22.1%	13.7%	100.0%
	<b>2005</b>	32.9%	32.3%	21.9%	12.9%	100.0%
	<b>2007</b>	34.9%	31.7%	21.3%	12.1%	100.0%
<b>Nebraska State College System</b>	<b>1997</b>	36.0%	27.5%	17.2%	19.3%	100.0%
	<b>1999</b>	39.3%	27.7%	16.5%	16.5%	100.0%
	<b>2001</b>	38.6%	28.1%	15.0%	18.3%	100.0%
	<b>2003</b>	33.0%	29.6%	18.6%	18.8%	100.0%
	<b>2005</b>	30.9%	28.4%	19.6%	21.0%	100.0%
	<b>2007</b>	31.4%	26.6%	19.4%	22.5%	100.0%
<b>Nebraska Community Colleges</b>	<b>1997</b>	23.2%	14.0%	10.9%	51.9%	100.0%
	<b>1999</b>	26.1%	15.7%	10.8%	47.4%	100.0%
	<b>2001</b>	28.2%	16.6%	11.4%	43.9%	100.0%
	<b>2003</b>	27.3%	17.3%	12.8%	42.5%	100.0%
	<b>2005</b>	29.4%	17.6%	13.3%	39.6%	100.0%
	<b>2007</b>	31.9%	16.3%	12.8%	39.1%	100.0%
<b>Nebraska Independent Colleges &amp; Universities</b>	<b>1997</b>	30.5%	28.0%	15.0%	26.5%	100.0%
	<b>1999</b>	29.2%	29.2%	15.6%	26.0%	100.0%
	<b>2001</b>	30.8%	27.3%	15.0%	26.9%	100.0%
	<b>2003</b>	31.9%	26.8%	15.2%	26.2%	100.0%
	<b>2005</b>	30.6%	26.8%	14.5%	28.1%	100.0%
	<b>2007</b>	27.9%	26.1%	14.7%	31.3%	100.0%
<b>For-Profit/Career Schools</b>	<b>2001</b>	30.3%	17.9%	16.5%	35.3%	100.0%
	<b>2003</b>	21.4%	19.8%	17.4%	41.4%	100.0%
	<b>2005</b>	21.1%	20.2%	18.3%	40.5%	100.0%
	<b>2007</b>	19.5%	18.1%	18.7%	43.7%	100.0%

## **Distribution of TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT by AGE: 2005 and 2007**

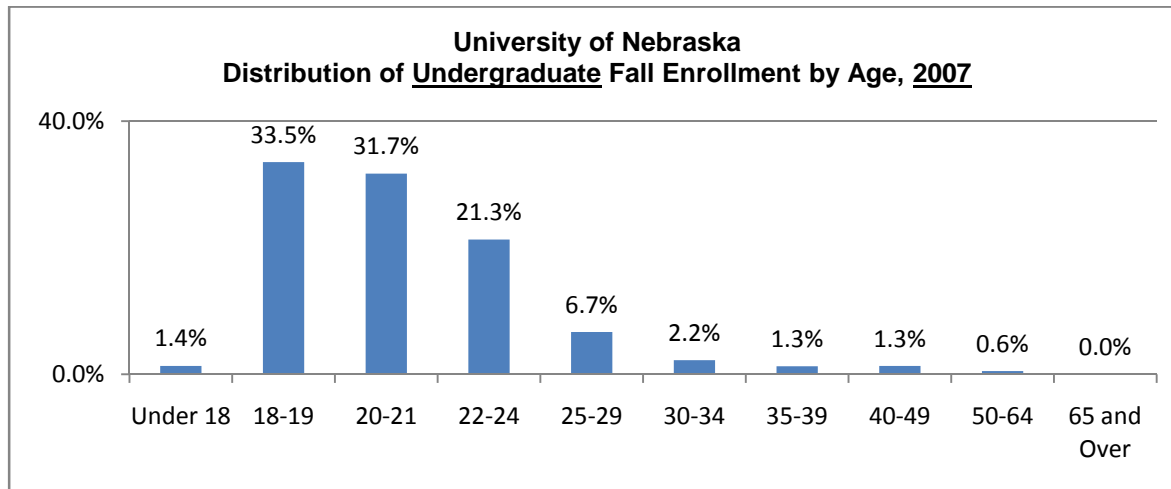
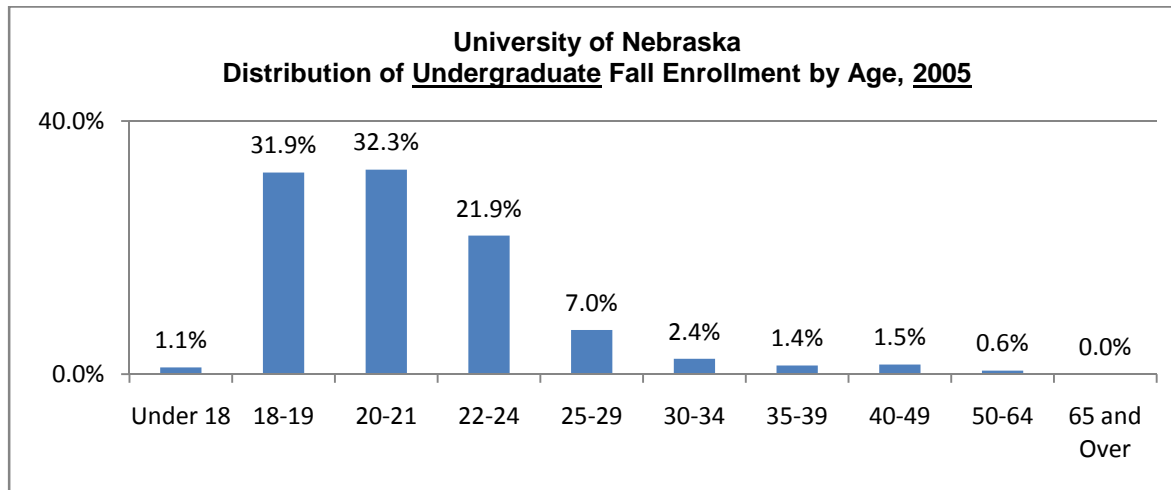
- The charts on the following pages show the undergraduate enrollment distributions by age for the total undergraduate enrollment at Nebraska's public, independent and for-profit institutions and for each sector for 2005 and 2007.
- These charts show how age distributions vary by sector, especially in 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 and Nebraska state colleges 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.
- Independent institutions attract relatively high percentages in the 18-19, 20-21 and 22-24 age groups and lower percentages in the categories of students who are over 25.
- The for-profit/career schools attract almost equally high percentages of students in the 18-19, 20-21, 22-24 and 25-29 age groups and about half as many students in the 30-34, 35-39, and 40-49 age groups.

**Percentages of TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE FALL ENROLLMENT by AGE: 2005 and 2007**



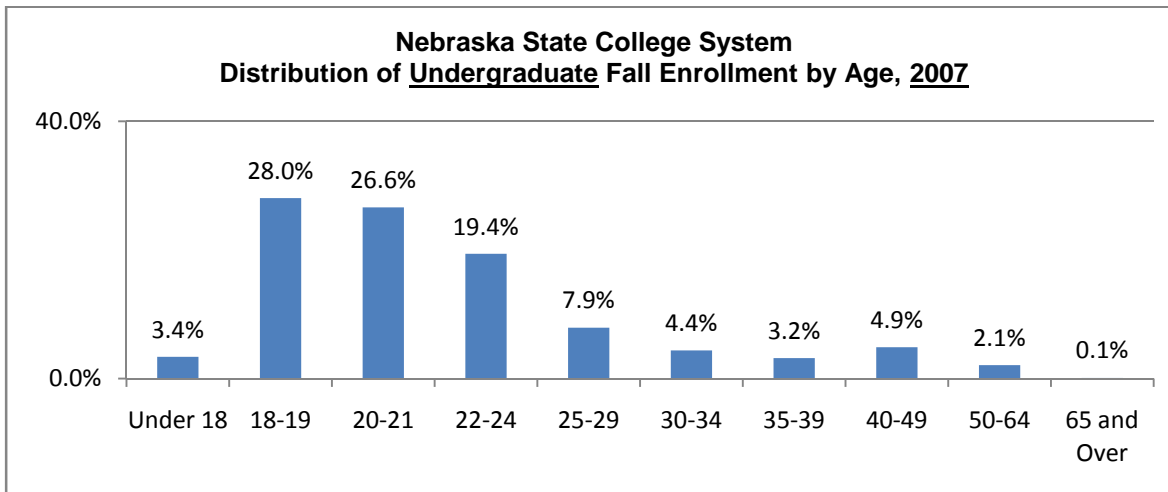
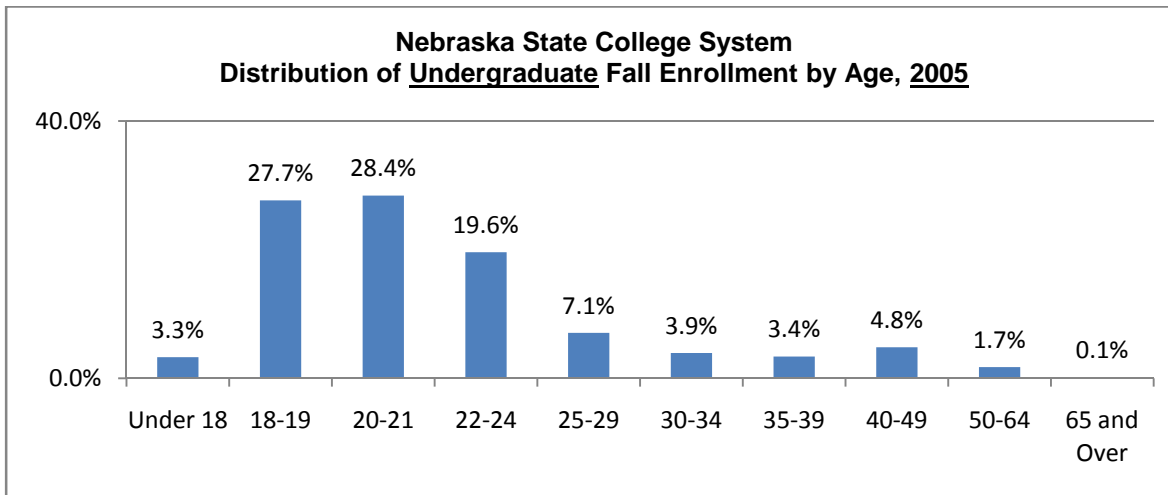
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**UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA – Percentages of UNDERGRADUATE FALL ENROLLMENT by AGE: 2005 and 2007**



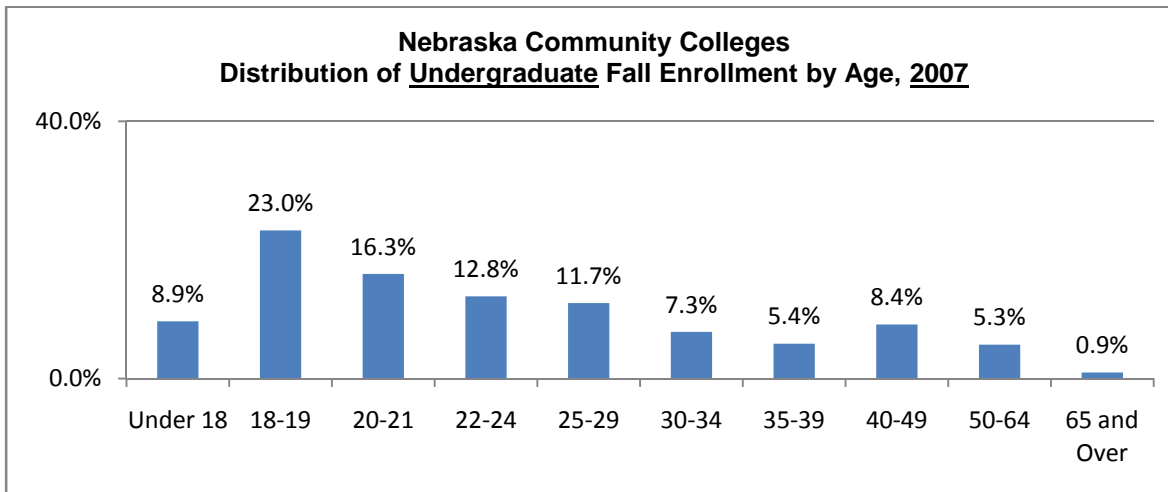
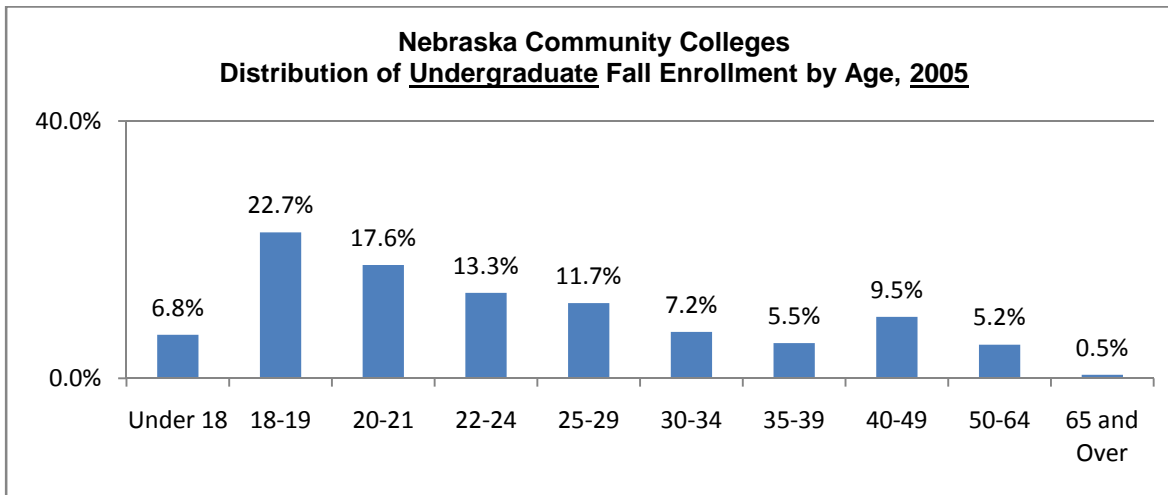
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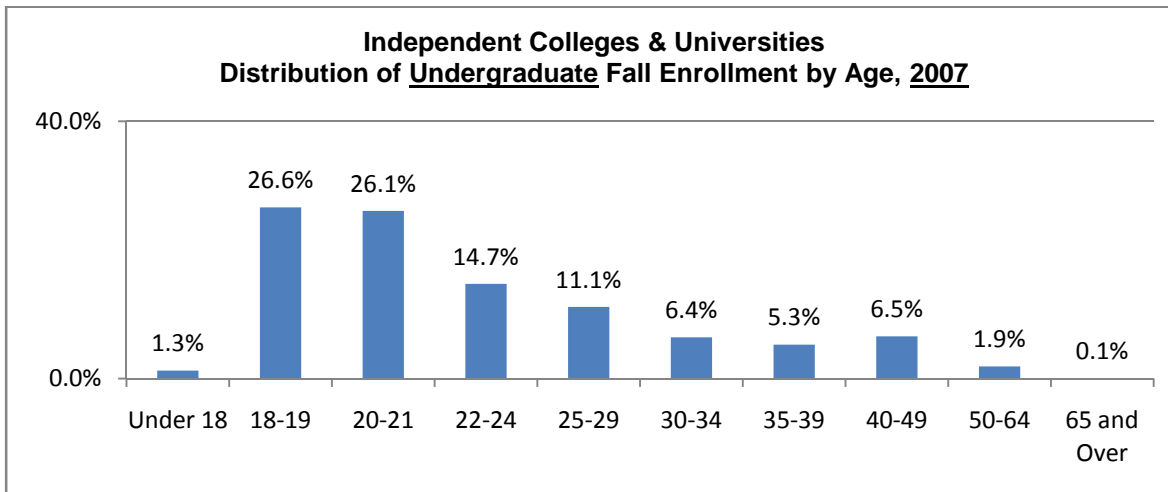
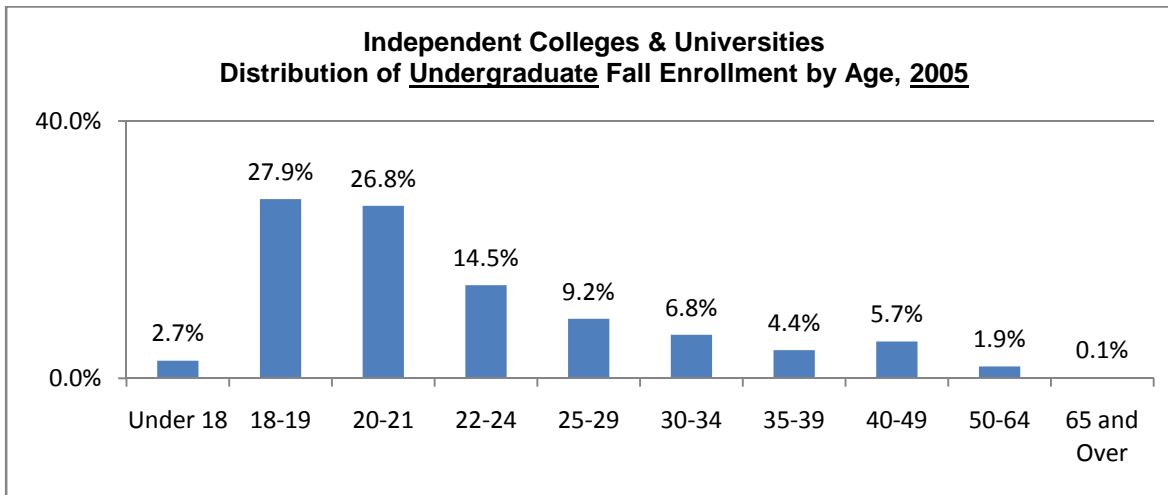
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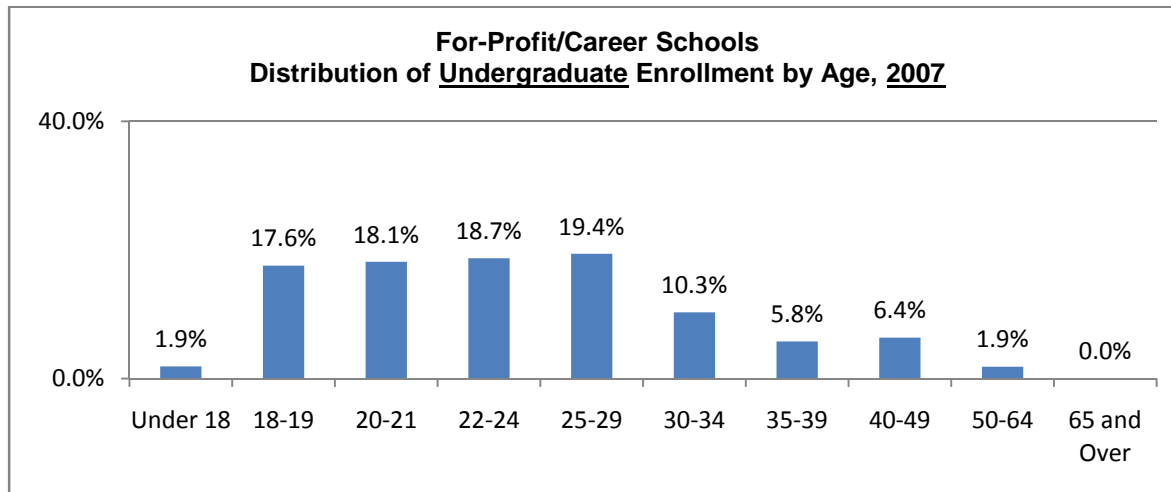
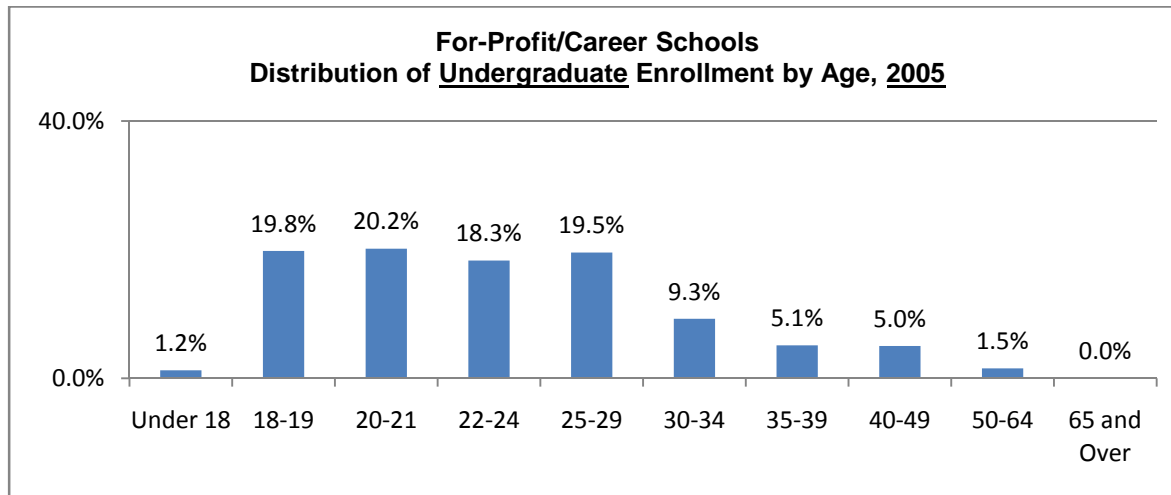
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