

Section B.2

Total Degrees and Other Awards by Level and by Sector

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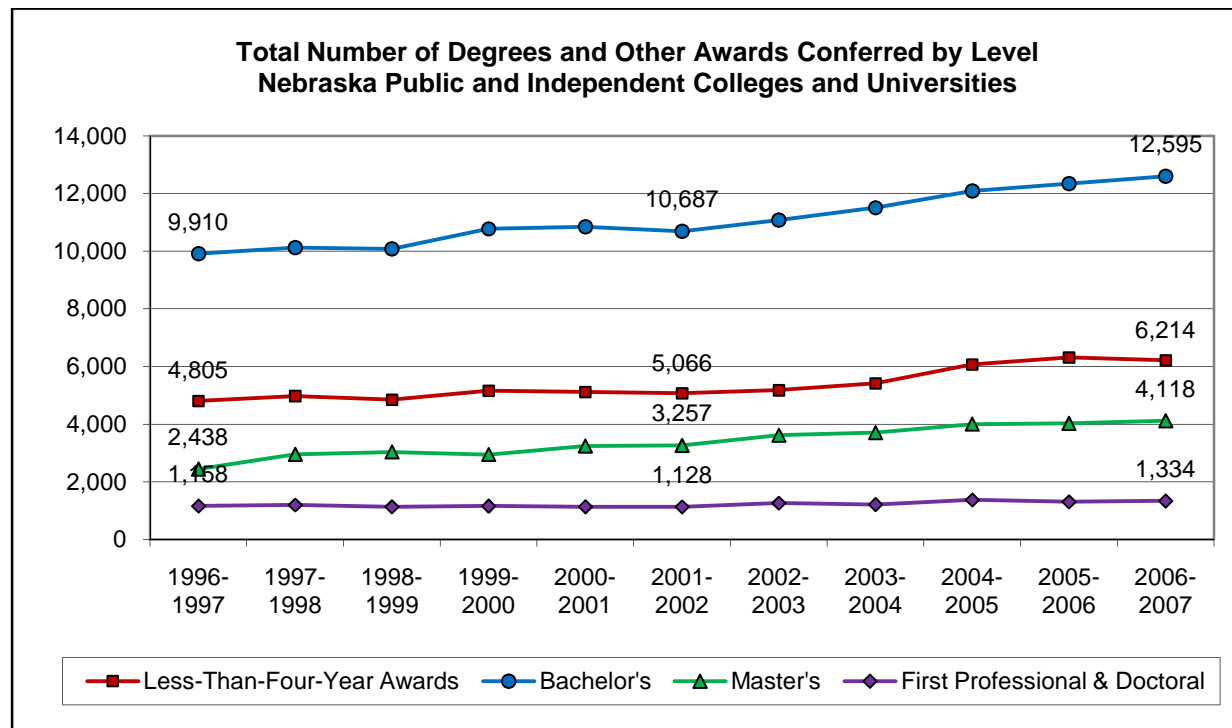
- (1) Ten-year trends are shown for Nebraska's public and independent colleges and universities. Comparable data for for-profit/career schools in Nebraska are available only for the most recent seven years. A few for-profit/career schools are not included in this analysis because they are not required 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) The numbers of degrees reported since 1998 to 1999 include 500 to 600 bachelor's and master's degrees conferred each year by the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) 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. For technical reasons, these students are not included in the UNMC enrollments reported in Section A of the *Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska*.

TOTAL DEGREES AND OTHER AWARDS CONFERRED by LEVEL: 1997-2007

10-Year Trends for Public and Independent Colleges and Universities

- Between 1996-97 and 2006-07, Nebraska's public and independent colleges and universities conferred increasing numbers of awards at all levels of postsecondary education, but the highest rates of increase were in the numbers of less-than-four-year awards and master's degrees.

	<u>10-Year Increase</u>	<u>5-Year Increase</u>
Less-than-four-year awards	29.3%	22.7%
Bachelor's degrees (including post-baccalaureate certificates)	27.1%	17.9%
Master's degrees (including post-master's awards)	68.9%	26.4%
First-professional ¹ and doctoral degrees	15.2%	18.3%



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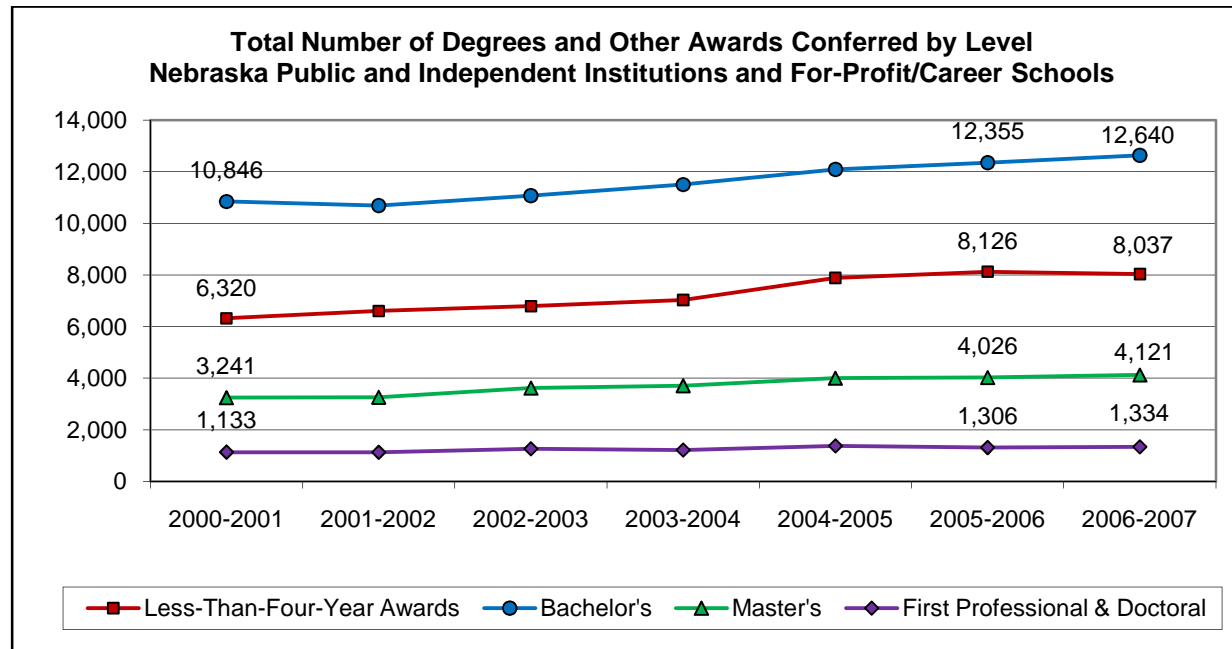
TOTAL DEGREES AND OTHER AWARDS CONFERRED by LEVEL: 2002-2007

Six-Year Trends for Nebraska Postsecondary Institutions Including For-Profit/Career Schools

- Between 2001-01 and 2006-07, the number of less-than-four-year awards conferred by for-profit/career schools increased 51.2% from 1,206 to 1,823. Beginning in 2004-05, for-profit/career schools awarded 11 bachelor's degrees. In 2005-06, for-profit/career schools awarded 14 bachelor's degrees. This total jumped to 45 in 2006-07.

- Including for-profit/career schools, the number of awards at each level increased as follows:

	<u>6-Year Increase</u>
Less-than-four-year awards	27.2%
Bachelor's degrees (including post-baccalaureate certificates)	16.5%
Master's degrees (including post-master's awards)	27.2%
First-professional ¹ and doctoral degrees	17.7%



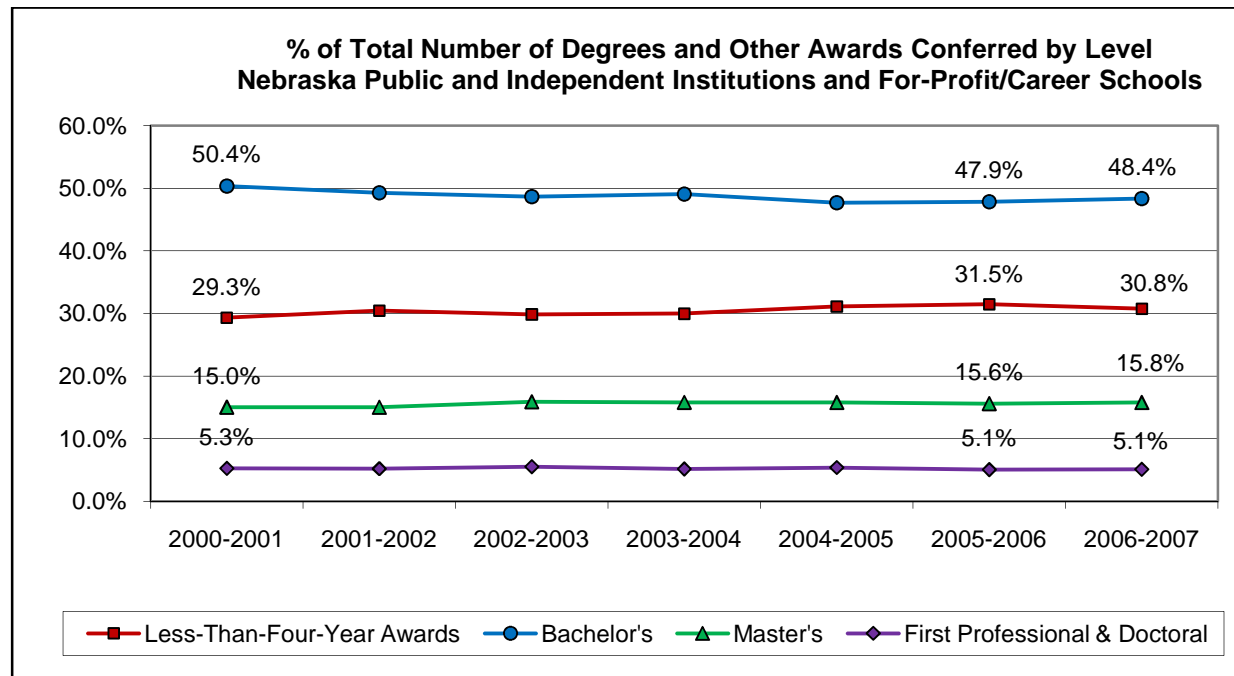
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Percentage of TOTAL DEGREES AND OTHER AWARDS CONFERRED by LEVEL: 2002-2007

Six-Year Trends for Nebraska Postsecondary Institutions Including For-Profit/Career Schools

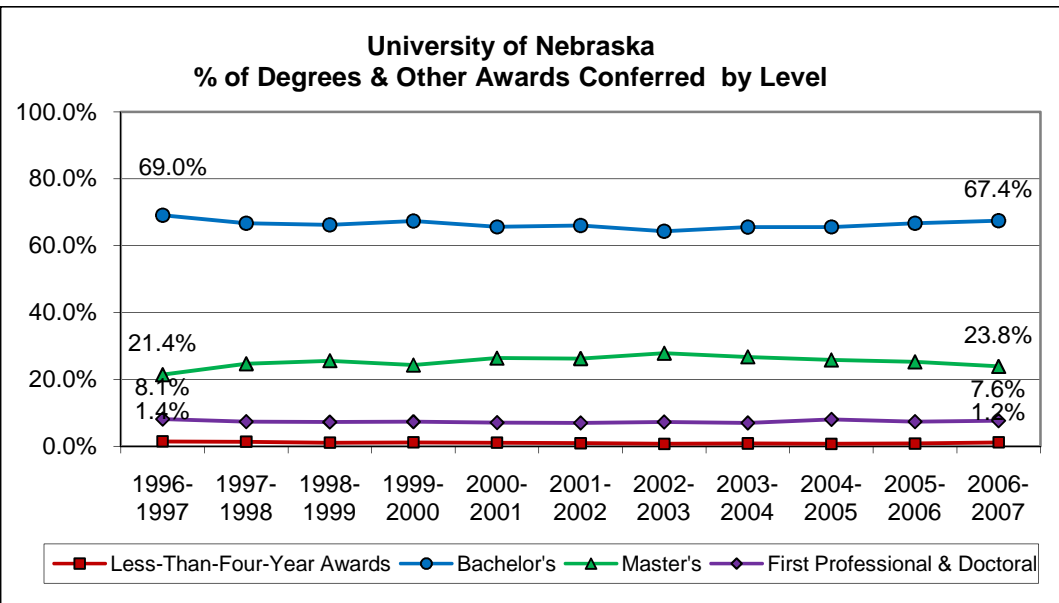
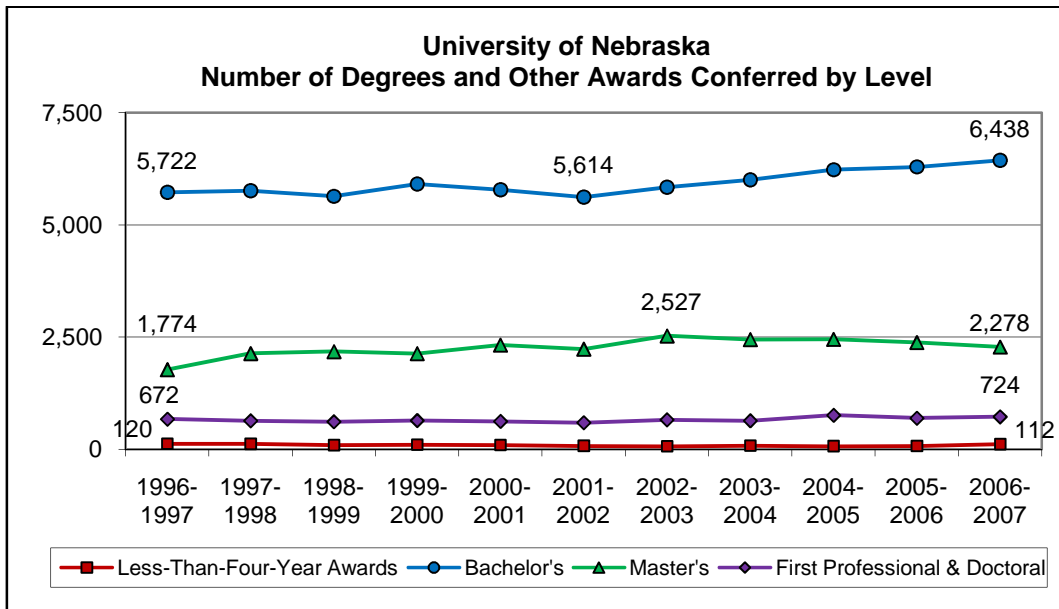
- In 2006-07, master's degrees accounted for a slightly higher percentage of the total number of awards conferred by Nebraska's postsecondary institutions, including for-profit/career schools, than they did in 2000-01. Bachelor's degrees, on the other hand, accounted for a lower percentage.
- Between 2000-01 and 2006-07, less-than-four-year awards increased slightly as a percentage of all awards conferred.
- First-professional¹ and doctoral degrees accounted for about the same percentage of degrees awarded in 2006-07 as they did in 2000-01.



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DEGREES AND AWARDS CONFERRED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA by LEVEL: 1997-2007



- With the exception of less-than-four-year awards, the number of degrees conferred by the University of Nebraska generally increased from 1996-97 to 2006-07:

Bachelor's degrees ¹	10.2%
Master's degrees ²	1.4%
First-professional and doctoral degrees ³	7.7%

These increases occurred during a time period when the university experienced some decreases in enrollment.

- The number of bachelor's degrees awarded was relatively stable from 1996-97 to 2001-02 and then increased steadily from 5,614 in 2001-02 to 6,438 in 2006-07, a five-year increase of 14.7%.
- The number of master's degrees awarded increased 42.4%, from 1,774 degrees in 1996-97 to 2,527 in 2002-03, but then decreased 9.9% to 2,278 degrees in 2006-07.

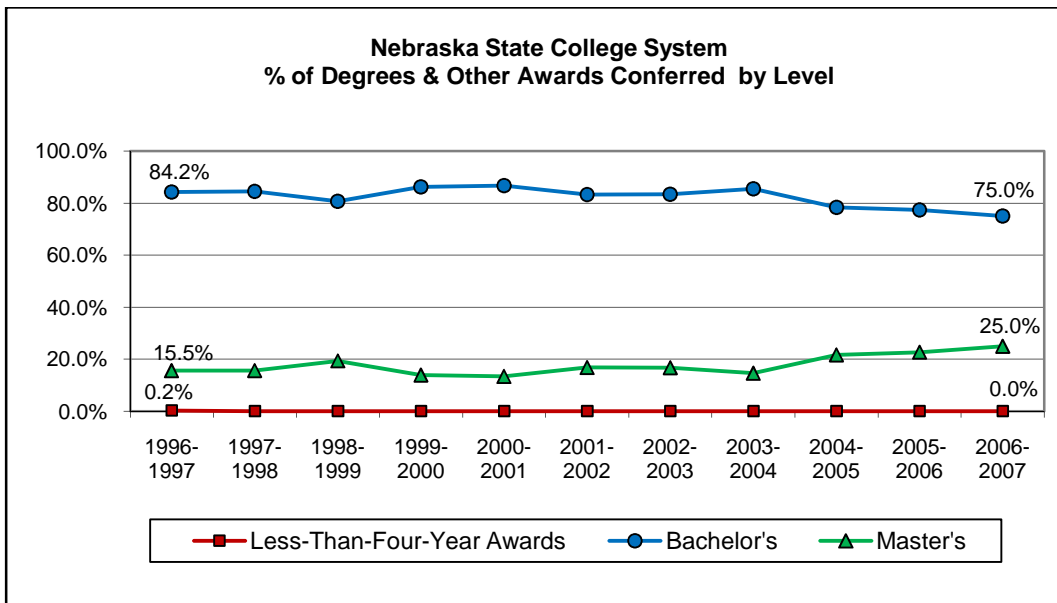
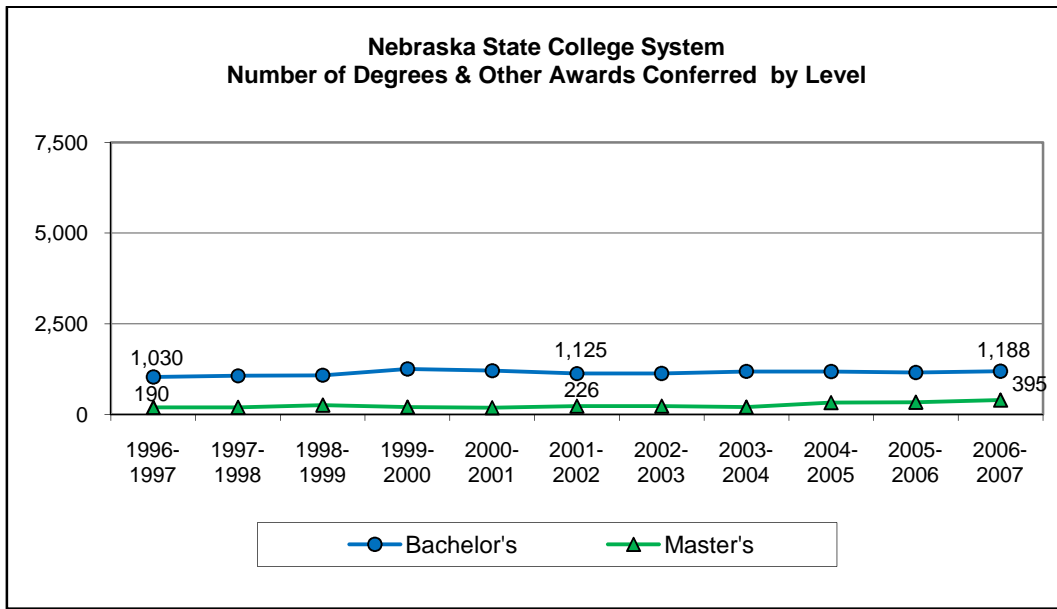
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DEGREES AND AWARDS CONFERRED BY THE NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM by LEVEL: 1997-2007



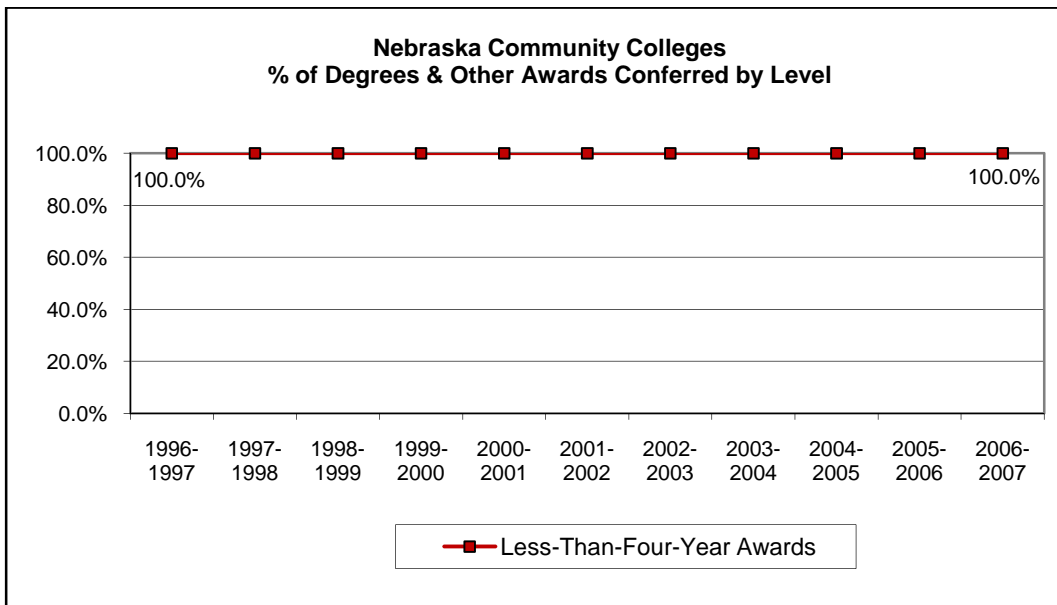
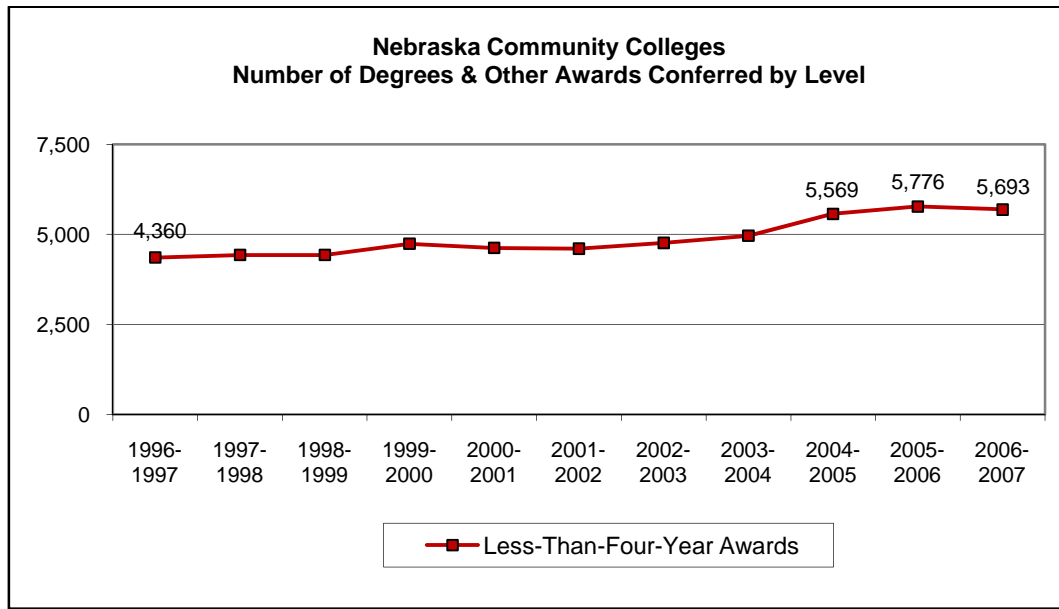
- The number of bachelor's degrees¹ awarded by the Nebraska State College System increased 9.2% between 1996-97 and 2001-02, and increased 5.6% between 2001-02 and 2006-07.
- In comparison, the number of master's degrees² conferred by the state colleges increased 18.9% over the five-year period between 1996-97 and 2001-02, and 74.8% between 2001-02 and 2006-07. As a result of these increases, master's degrees accounted for a significantly higher percentage of the total number of degrees awarded by the Nebraska State College System in 2006-07 than in 1996-97.
- Only three less-than-four-year awards were conferred by the state colleges in 1996-97, and none were awarded between 1997-98 and 2006-07.

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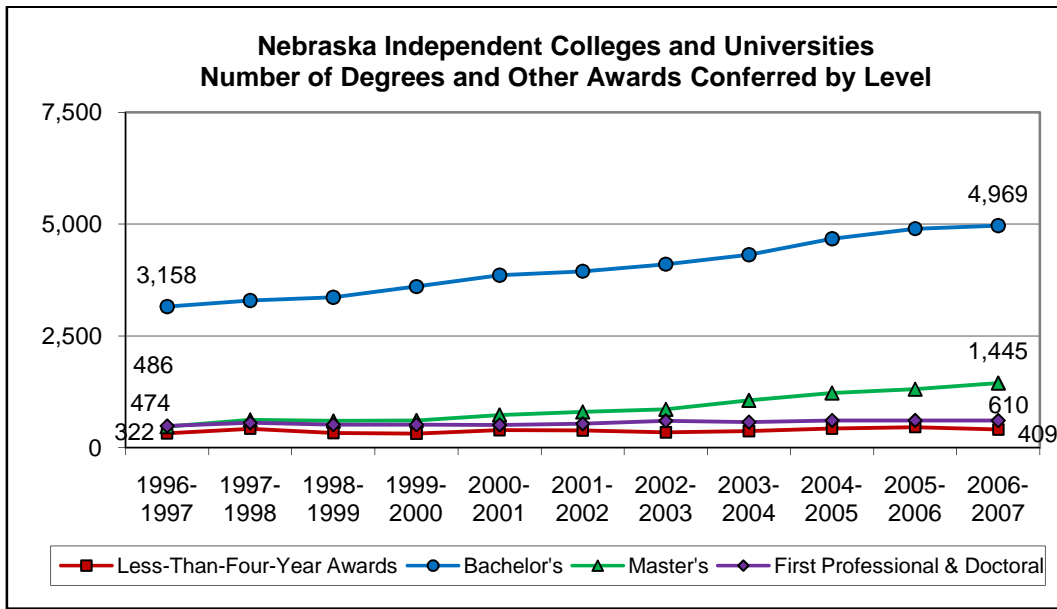
DEGREES AND AWARDS CONFERRED BY NEBRASKA COMMUNITY COLLEGES by LEVEL: 1997-2007



- The number of associate degrees and other less-than-four-year awards conferred by Nebraska community colleges increased 30.6%, from 4,360 in 1996-97 to 5,693 in 2006-07.
- There was a 12.2% surge in the number of associate degrees and other less-than-four-year awards in 2004-05, when the number of awards increased from 4,964 to 5,569. (See page B.1.7 for additional information regarding this increase, which occurred primarily at Central Community College.)
- Other one-year changes in the number of degrees and awards between 1996-97 and 2006-07 ranged from a 7.0% increase in 1999-2000 to a decrease of 2.4% the following year.

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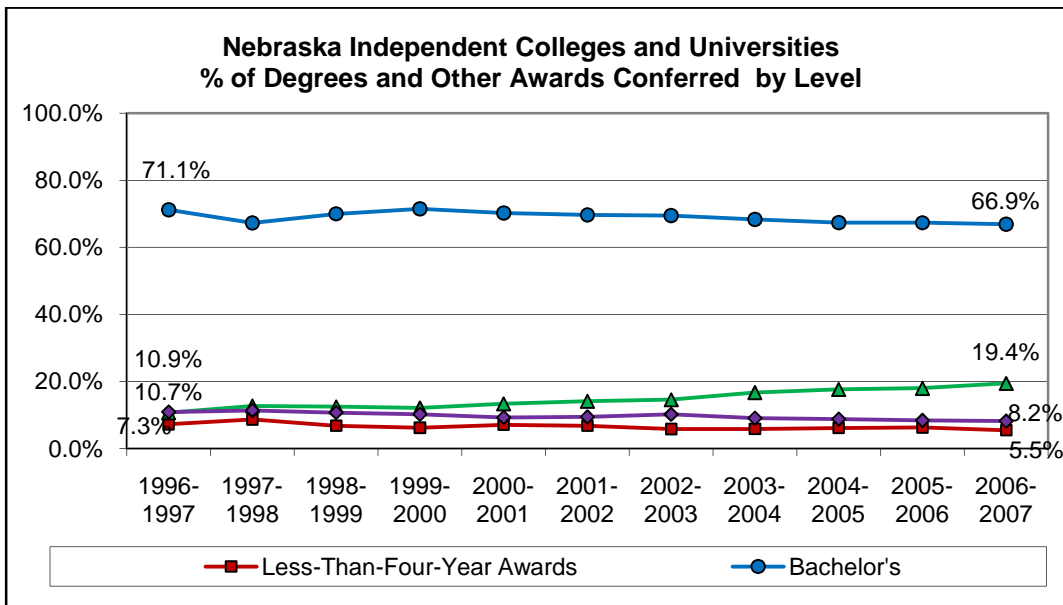
DEGREES AND AWARDS CONFERRED BY NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS by LEVEL: 1997-2007



- Between 1996-97 and 2006-07, the number of degrees and awards conferred by independent institutions increased as follows:

Less-than-four-year awards (from 322 to 409)	27.0%
Bachelor's degrees ¹ (from 3,158 to 4,969)	57.3%
Master's degrees ² (from 474 to 1,445)	204.9%
First-professional and doctoral ³ (from 486 to 610)	25.5%

- Over the 10-year period, the number of master's degrees awarded by independent institutions has tripled. As a result, master's degrees accounted for 19.4% of the total number of degrees awarded by independent institutions in 2006-07, compared to 10.7% in 1996-97. Degrees and awards conferred at other levels accounted for lower percentages in 2006-07 as in 1996-97.



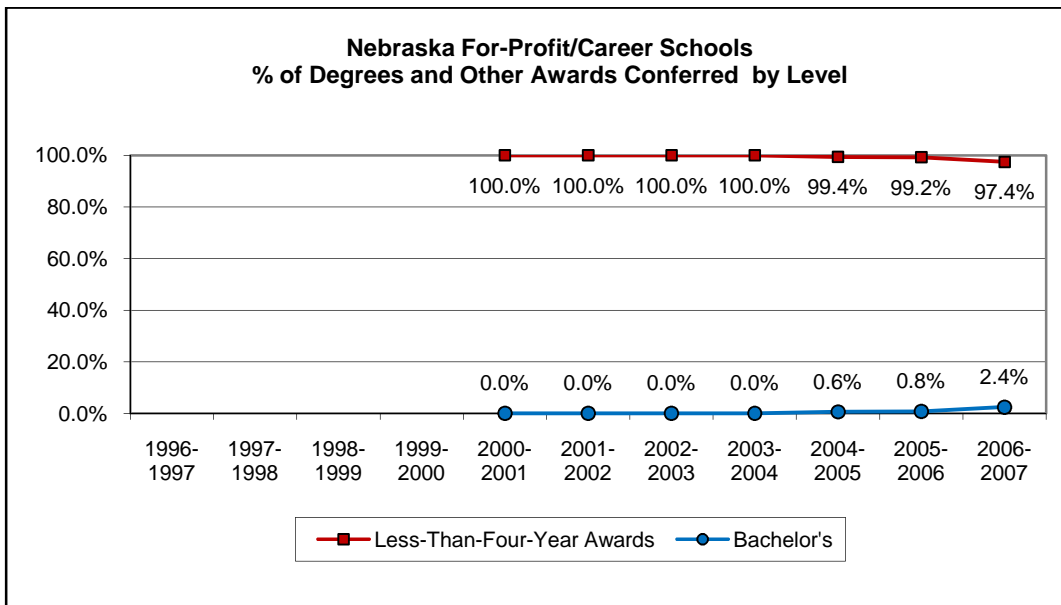
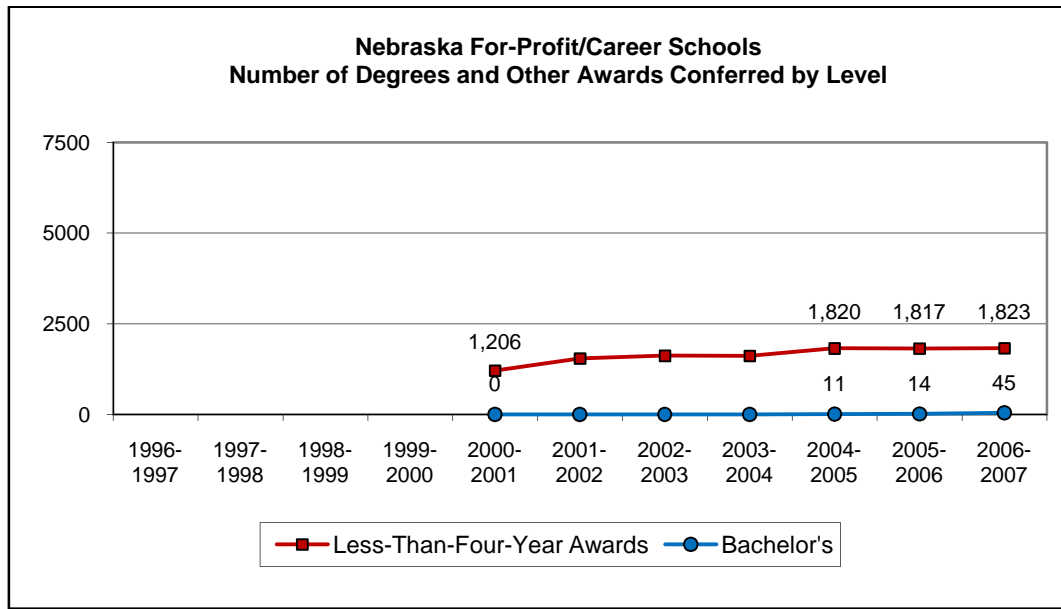
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DEGREES AND AWARDS CONFERRED BY NEBRASKA FOR-PROFIT/CAREER SCHOOLS by LEVEL: 2001-2007

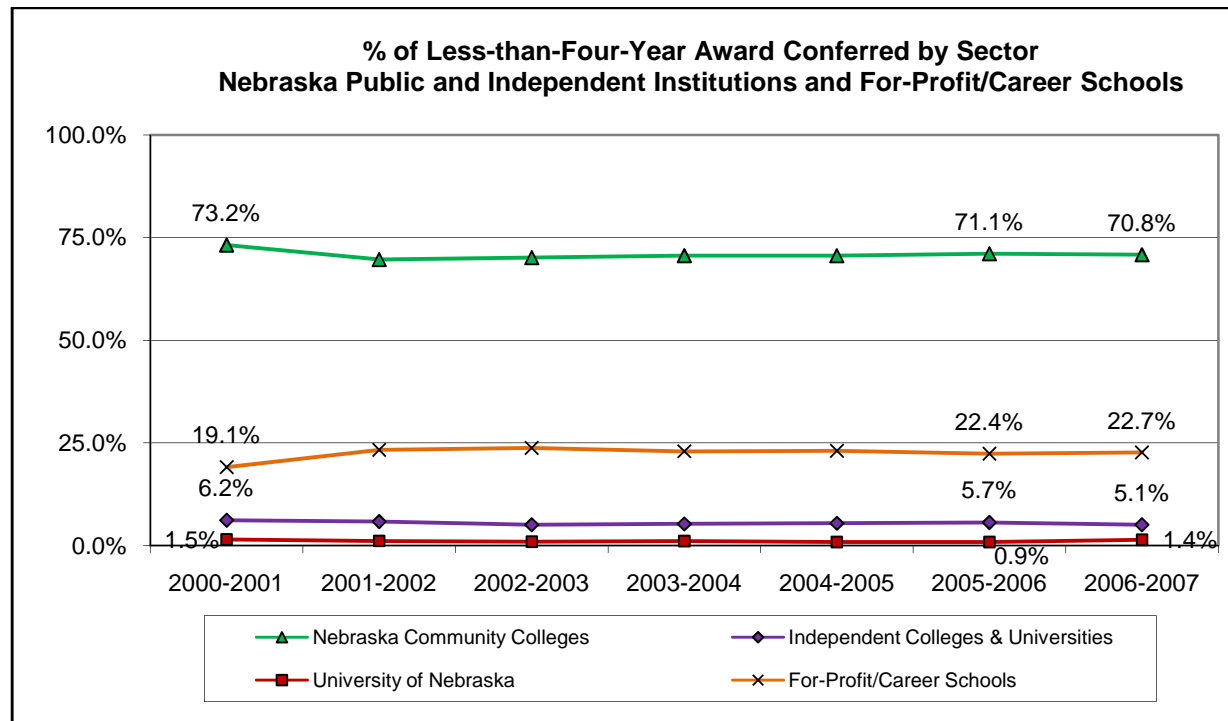


- Over the four-year period between 2000-01 and 2004-05, the number of degrees and awards conferred by for-profit/career schools and colleges increased 50.9%, from 1,206 to 1,820. The number then leveled off to 1,823 degrees and other awards in 2006-07.
- In 2004-05, Vatterott College awarded 11 bachelor's degrees. In 2005-06, Hamilton College (now Kaplan University) and ITT Technical Institute awarded a total of 14 bachelor's degrees. In 2006-07, Hamilton-Lincoln (now Kaplan University-Lincoln), The Creative Center, ITT Technical Institute, Hamilton-Omaha (now Kaplan University-Omaha), and the University of Phoenix-Omaha awarded a total of 45 bachelor's degrees.
- The name of Hamilton College was changed to Kaplan University, effective October 30, 2007.

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Percentages of LESS-THAN-FOUR-YEAR AWARDS CONFERRED by SECTOR: 2001-2007

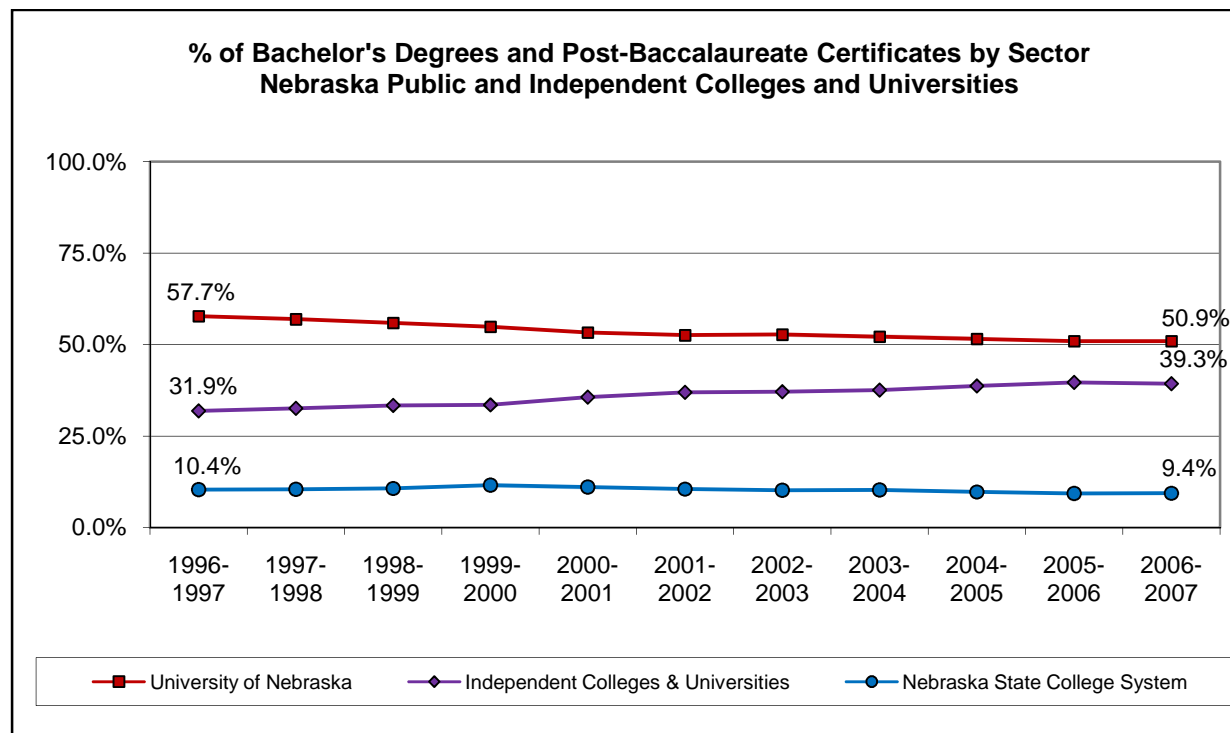
- In 2006-07, Nebraska postsecondary institutions granted 8,037 less-than-four-year degrees and awards, up from 6,320 in 2000-01. (See page B.2.3.)
- In 2006-07, Nebraska community colleges conferred 70.8% of the less-than-four-year degrees and awards granted by Nebraska postsecondary institutions, while for-profit/career schools conferred 22.7%.
- By the end of 2006-07, independent institutions conferred 5.1% of the less-than-four-year degrees and awards, while the University of Nebraska awarded 1.4% (mostly through the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture). In 2006-07, the Nebraska State College System did not confer any of these degrees or awards.



See pages B.2.5 through B.2.9 for 5-year and 10-year trend charts that show the number of degrees and other awards conferred by sector. Detailed data reporting the number of degrees conferred by institution, by sector, by level, by race and by gender for 1996-97 through 2006-07 are available in the spreadsheet titled **Total Degrees and Awards** in the **downloadable Excel workbook for Section B: Degrees**.

Percentages of BACHELOR'S DEGREES CONFERRED by SECTOR: 1997-2007¹

- In 2006-07, Nebraska public and independent institutions conferred 12,465 bachelor's degrees and post-baccalaureate certificates, up from 9,910 in 1996-97. (See page B.2.2.)
- Between 1996-97 and 2006-07, independent institutions awarded an increasing percentage of the bachelor's degrees and post-baccalaureate certificates conferred in Nebraska, while the percentage of bachelor's-level degrees granted by the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska State College System decreased.
- Nebraska's for-profit/career schools are not shown on the following 10-year chart because these schools did not award bachelor's degrees prior to 2004-05. In 2004-05 and 2005-06, fewer than 15 bachelor's degrees were awarded by for-profit/career schools. In 2006-07, they awarded a total of 45 bachelor's degrees. (See page B.2.9.)

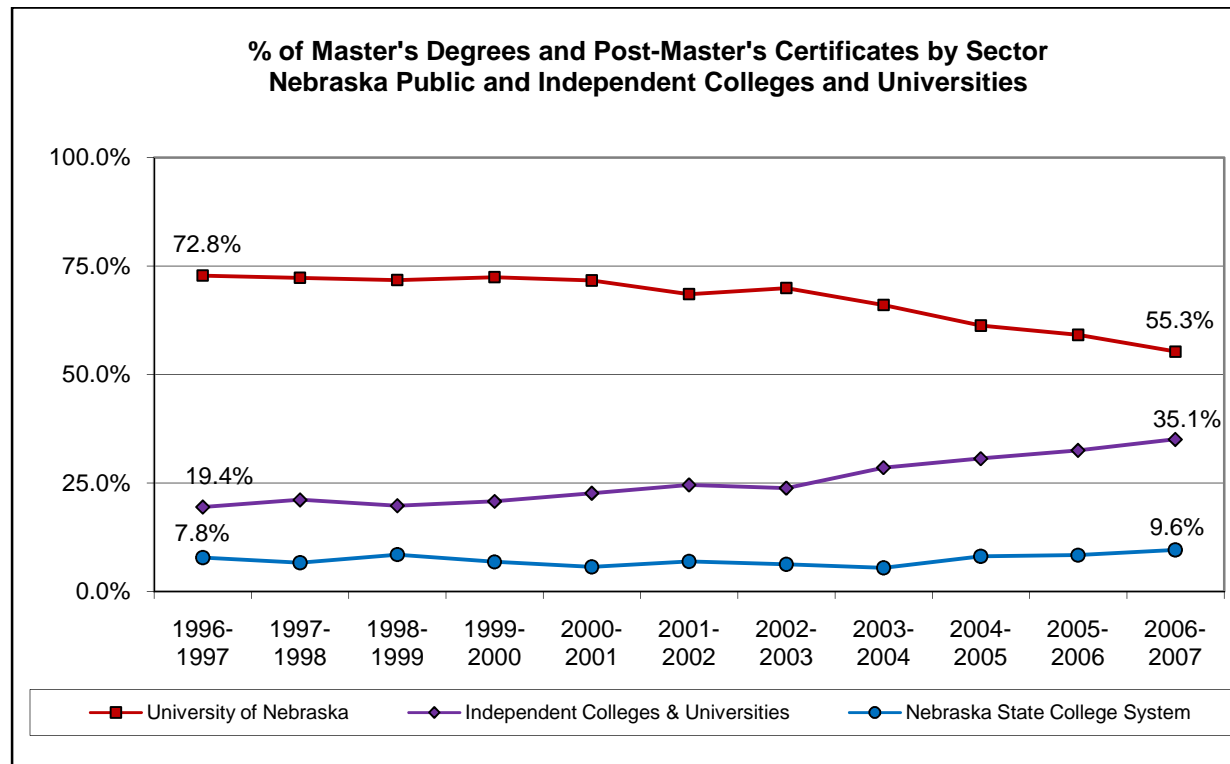


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Percentages of MASTER'S DEGREES CONFERRED by SECTOR: 1997-2007¹

- In 2006-07, Nebraska public and independent institutions conferred 4,118 master's degrees and post-master's certificates, up from 2,438 in 1996-97. (See page B.2.2.)
- Between 1996-97 and 2006-07, independent institutions awarded an increasing percentage of the master's degrees and post-master's certificates conferred in Nebraska. The Nebraska State College System also awarded a higher percentage of the master's-level degrees in 2006-07 than in 1996-97. In comparison, the University of Nebraska conferred a significantly lower percentage of the master's degrees and post-master's certificates in 2006-07 than in 1996-97.

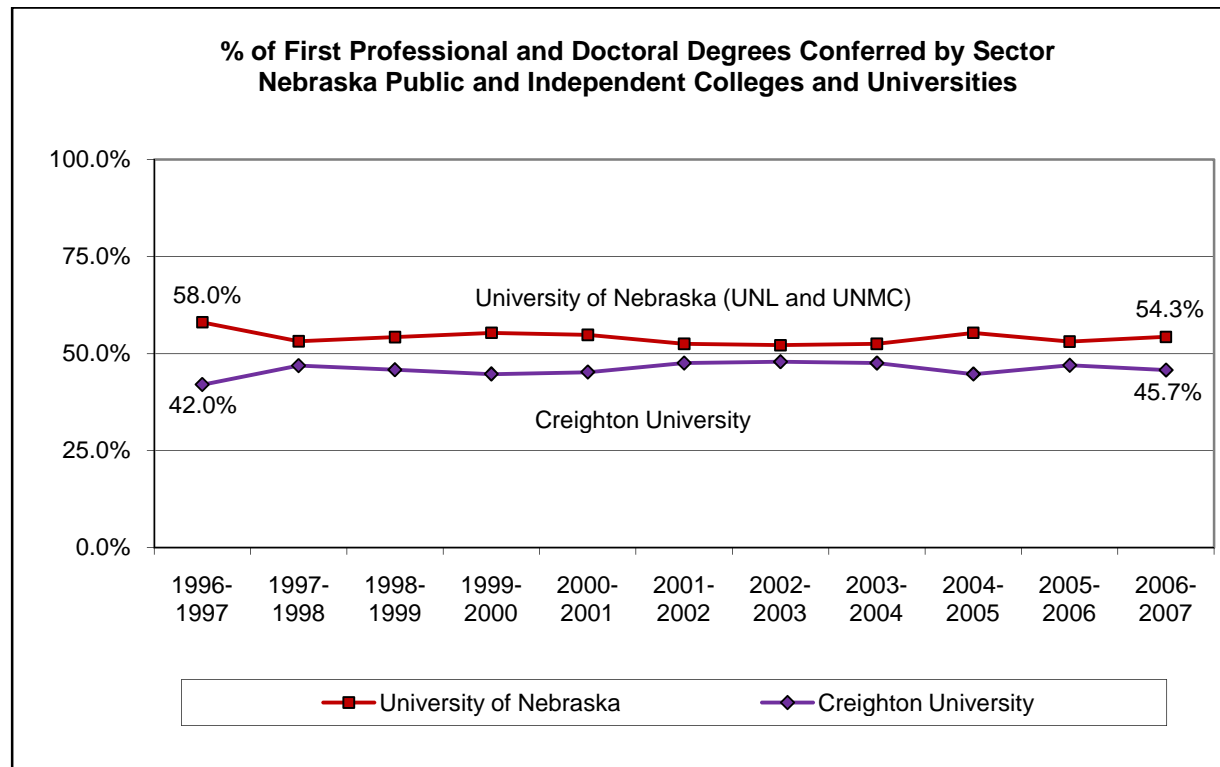


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Percentages of FIRST-PROFESSIONAL AND DOCTORAL DEGREES CONFERRED by SECTOR: 1997-2007

- The total number of first-professional¹ and doctoral degrees conferred in Nebraska in 2006-07 was 1,334, up from 1,158 degrees in 1996-97. (See page B.2.2.)
- Over the 10-year period, the University of Nebraska conferred a lower percentage of the first-professional and doctoral degrees in 2006-07 than in 1996-97, while Creighton University in the independent sector accounted for a higher percentage.² However, as shown on pages B.2.14 and B.2.15, significantly different patterns of growth are revealed when first-professional and doctoral degrees are examined separately.

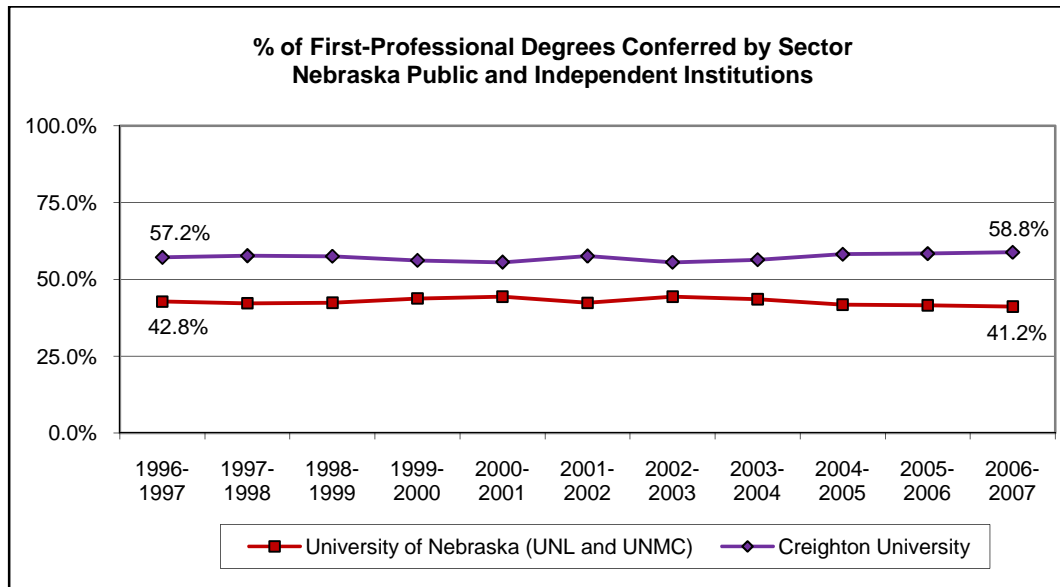
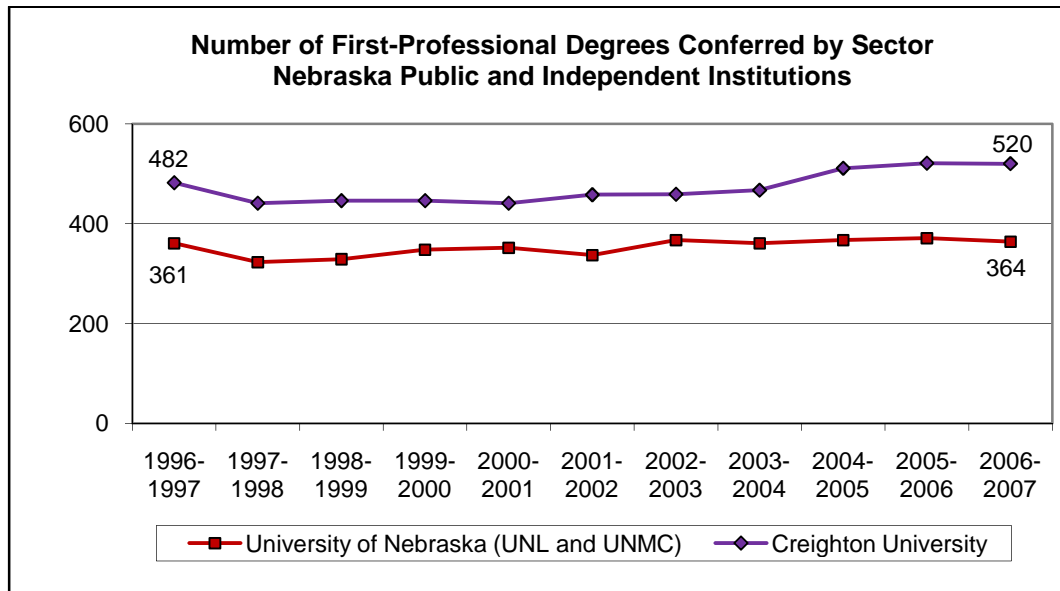


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Numbers and Percentages of FIRST-PROFESSIONAL DEGREES CONFERRED by SECTOR: 1997-2007



- The number of first-professional degrees¹ conferred by Creighton University² increased 7.9% between 1996-97 and 2006-07, whereas the number conferred by the University of Nebraska³ was essentially the same at the beginning and end of the 10-year period.
- As a result of the increased number of first-professional degrees awarded by Creighton, the University of Nebraska accounted for a smaller percentage of the total number of first-professional degrees in 2006-07 than in 1996-97, while Creighton awarded a slightly higher percentage.

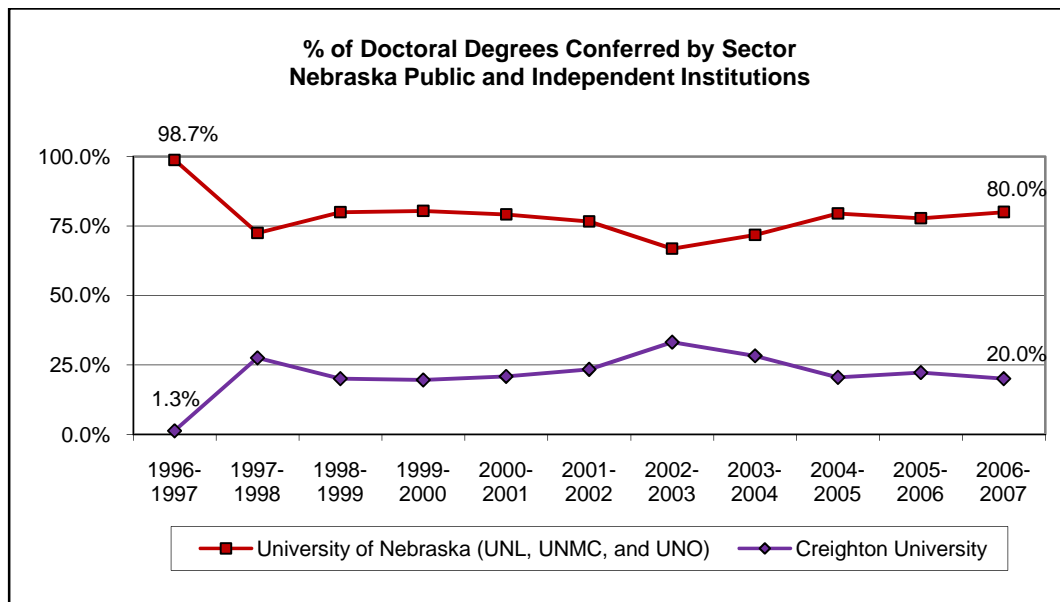
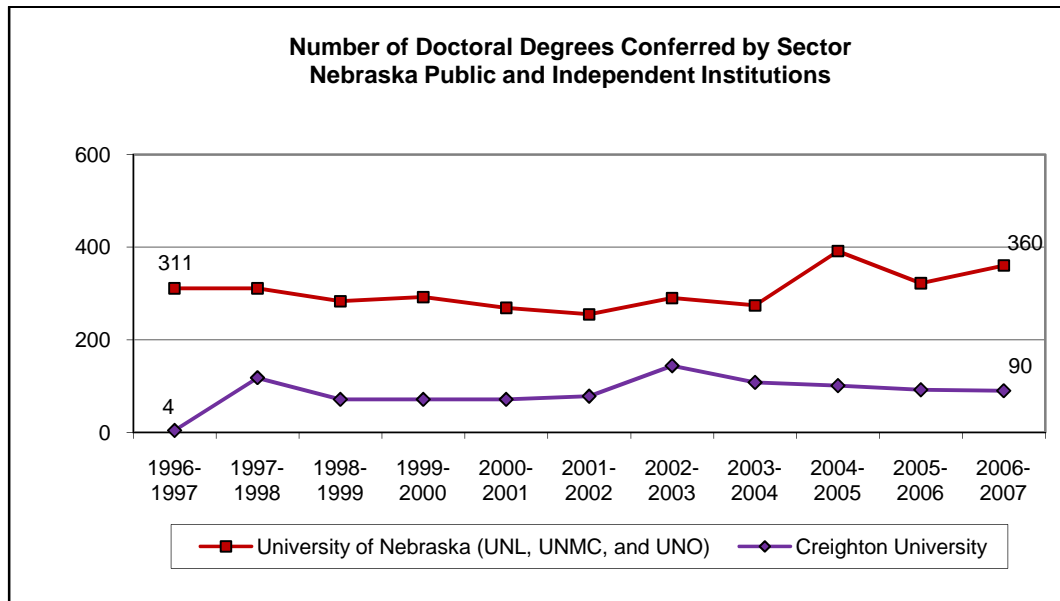
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Numbers and Percentages of DOCTORAL DEGREES CONFERRED by SECTOR: 1997-2007



- The number of doctoral degrees awarded by the University of Nebraska¹ increased from 311 to 360, or 15.8%, from 1996-97 to 2006-07, while Creighton University² conferred 90 doctorates in 2006-07, compared to only four doctoral degrees in 1996-97.
- The surge in the number of doctorates awarded by the University of Nebraska in 2004-05 is due to the introduction of a doctoral program in physical therapy and a special program that allowed students with master's degrees in physical therapy to earn their doctorates.
- Similarly, the significant increase in the number of doctorates awarded by Creighton University is almost completely attributable to the introduction of doctoral programs in occupational therapy (OTD) and physical therapy (DPT), many awarded to students already holding master's degrees in these fields.

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