

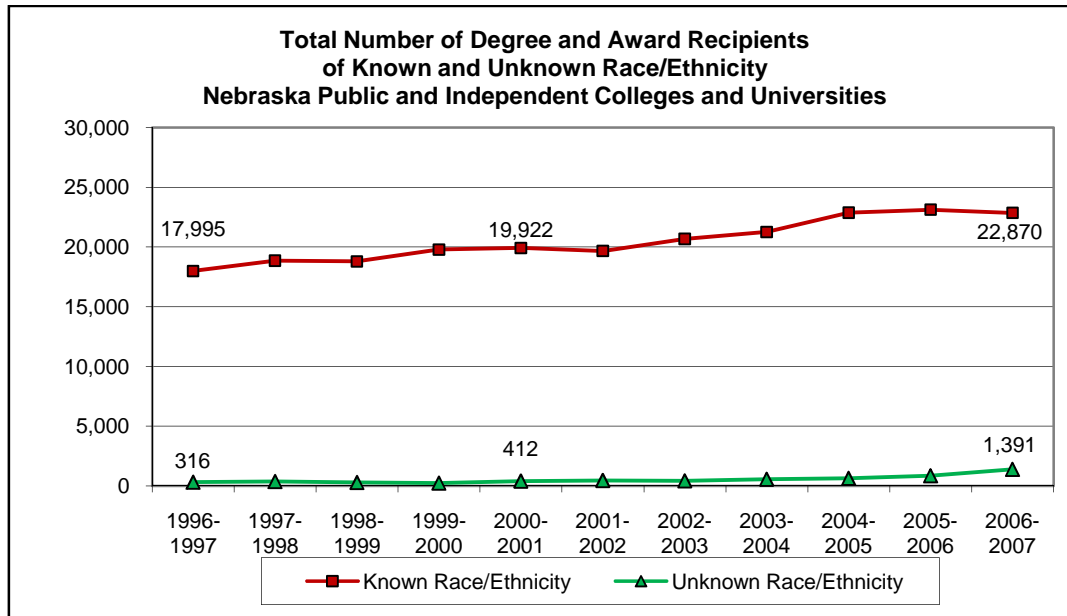
## Section B.4

# Total Degrees and Other Awards by Race/Ethnicity

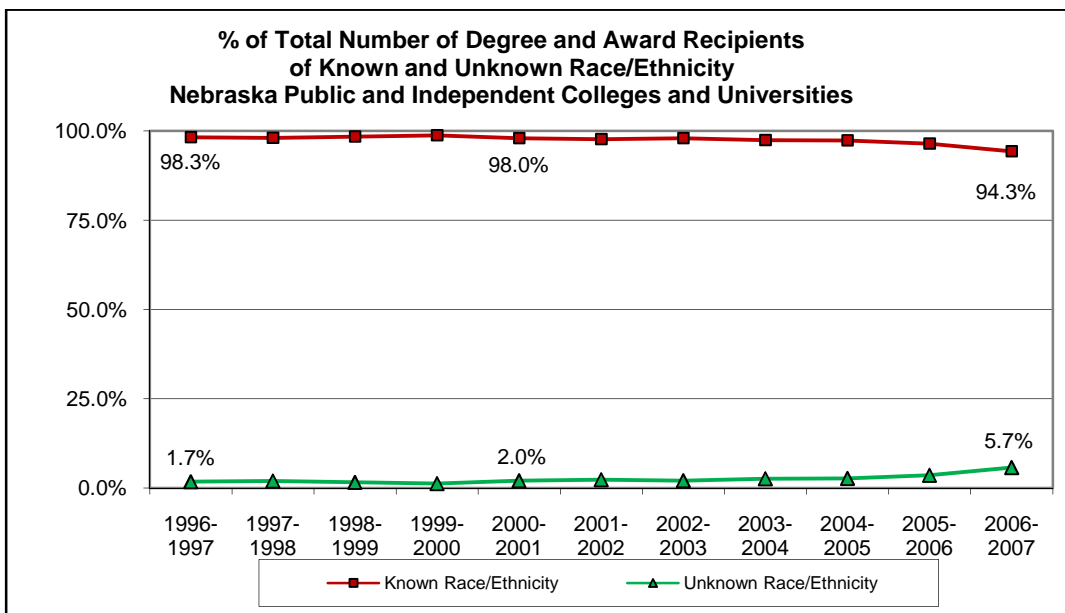
### Notes

- (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. 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 1998-1999 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 KNOWN and UNKNOWN RACE/ETHNICITY: 1997-2007

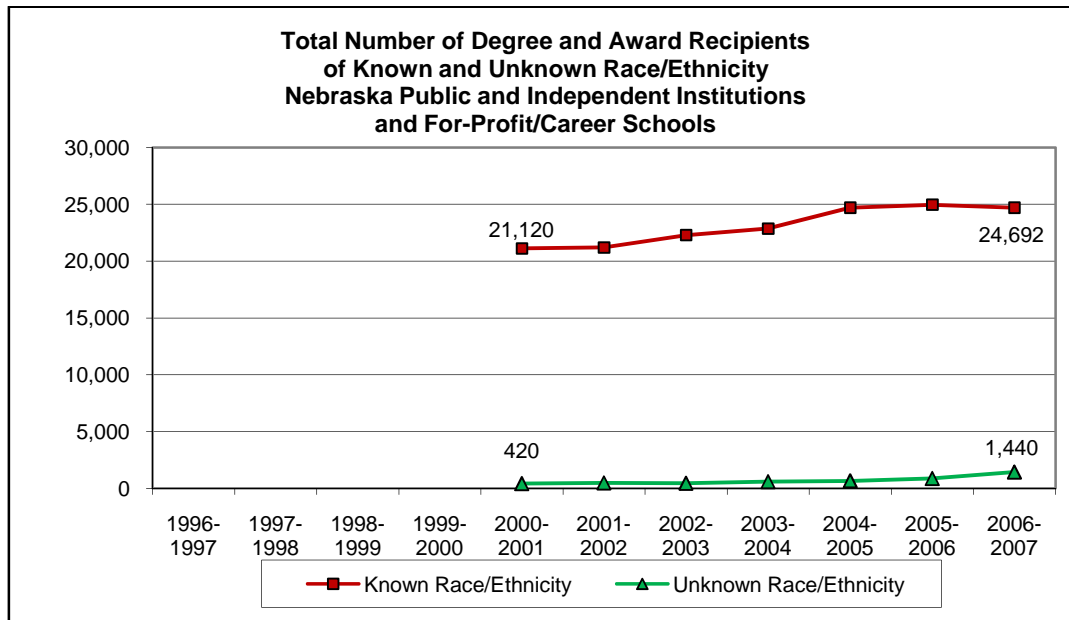


- In 1996-97, Nebraska's public and independent institutions awarded 17,995 degrees and other awards to students of known race/ethnicity, accounting for 98.3% of the degrees conferred, not including those awarded by for-profit/career schools.
- By 2006-07, the number of degrees and awards conferred to students of known race/ethnicity had increased to 22,274, accounting for 94.3% of the degrees awarded by public and independent colleges and universities.
- Over the 10-year period between 1996-97 and 2006-07, the percentage of degrees awarded to students with unknown race/ethnicity increased from 1.7% to 5.7% of the total degrees conferred by public and independent institutions

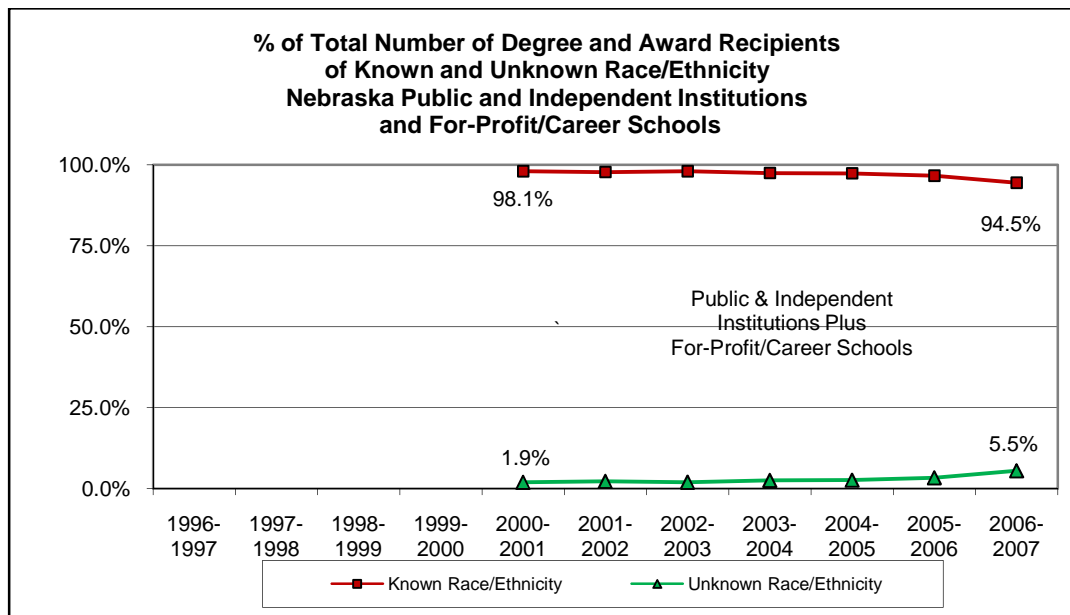


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## TOTAL DEGREES AND OTHER AWARDS CONFERRED by KNOWN and UNKNOWN RACE/ETHNICITY: 2001-2007



- In 2000-01, 21,120 students of known race/ethnicity received degrees or other awards from Nebraska postsecondary institutions, accounting for 98.1% of the total degrees conferred, including those awarded by the private for-profit/career schools.
- By 2006-07, the number of degrees and awards conferred to students of known race/ethnicity had increased to 24,692, accounting for 94.5% of the total degrees awarded.
- Between 2000-01 and 2006-07, the percentage of degrees awarded to students with unknown race/ethnicity increased from 1.9% to 5.5% of the total degrees conferred.
- In comparison, the percentage of degrees awarded to students of unknown race/ethnicity was 5.7% when graduates of private for-profit/career schools are excluded. (See page B.4.2.)



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**Note: The remaining analyses in this section focus on degrees awarded to students of known race/ethnicity as defined below. Degree recipients of unknown race/ethnicity are excluded from all calculations under the basic, but not necessarily correct, assumption that these students are proportionately distributed among the total number of degree recipients by race/ethnicity, by degree level, and by sector.**

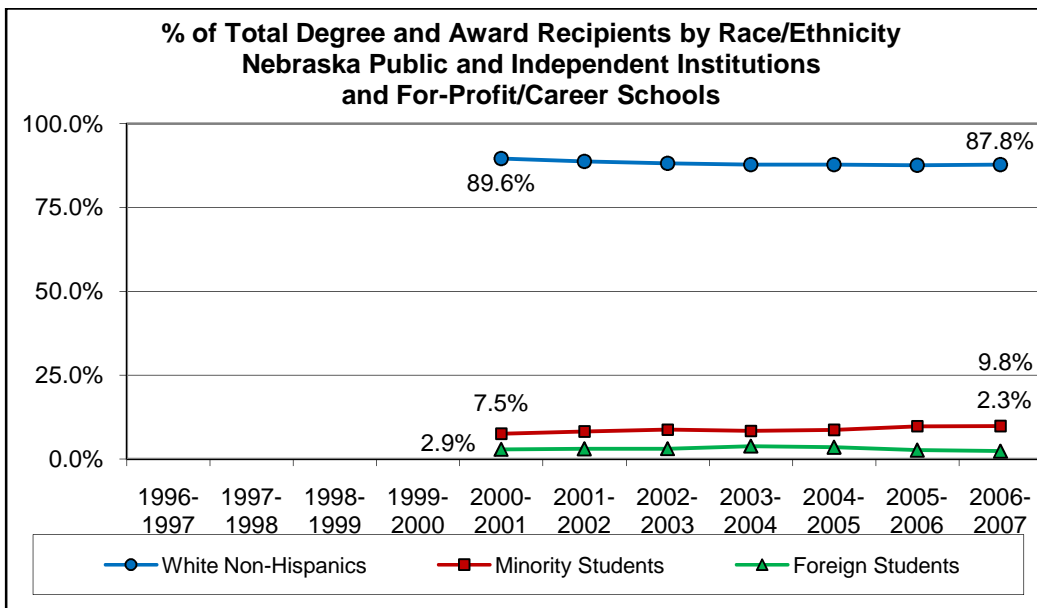
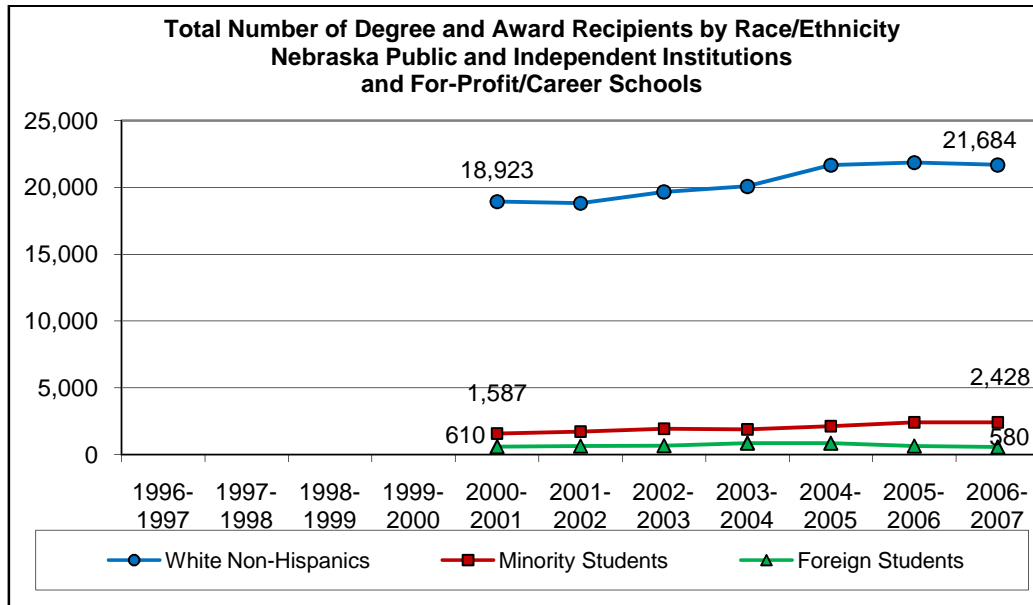
### **DEFINITIONS OF RACIAL/ETHNIC GROUPS<sup>1</sup>**

Asian/Pacific Islander	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent and Pacific Islands. This includes people from China, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, American Samoa, India and Vietnam.
black non-Hispanic	A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa ( <u>except</u> those of Hispanic origin).
Hispanic	A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
Native American	Defined under the names of American Indian or Alaska Native. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.
white non-Hispanic	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa or the Middle East ( <u>except</u> those Hispanic origin).

<sup>1</sup>Source: Glossary, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education

## TOTAL DEGREES AND OTHER AWARDS CONFERRED by RACE/ETHNICITY: 2001-2007

(Excluding students of unknown race/ethnicity)



- Between 2000-01 and 2005-06, the total number degrees and awards conferred in Nebraska changed as follows:

White non-Hispanics	14.6%
(from 18,923 to 21,684)	
Minority students <sup>1</sup>	53.0%
(from 1,587 to 2,428)	
Foreign students	- 4.9%
(from 610 to 580)	

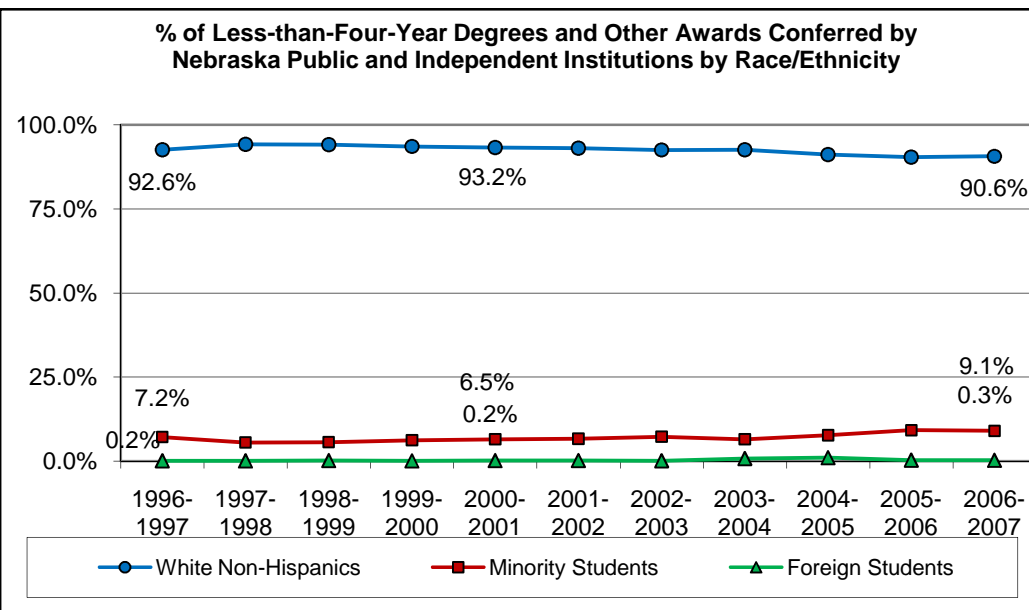
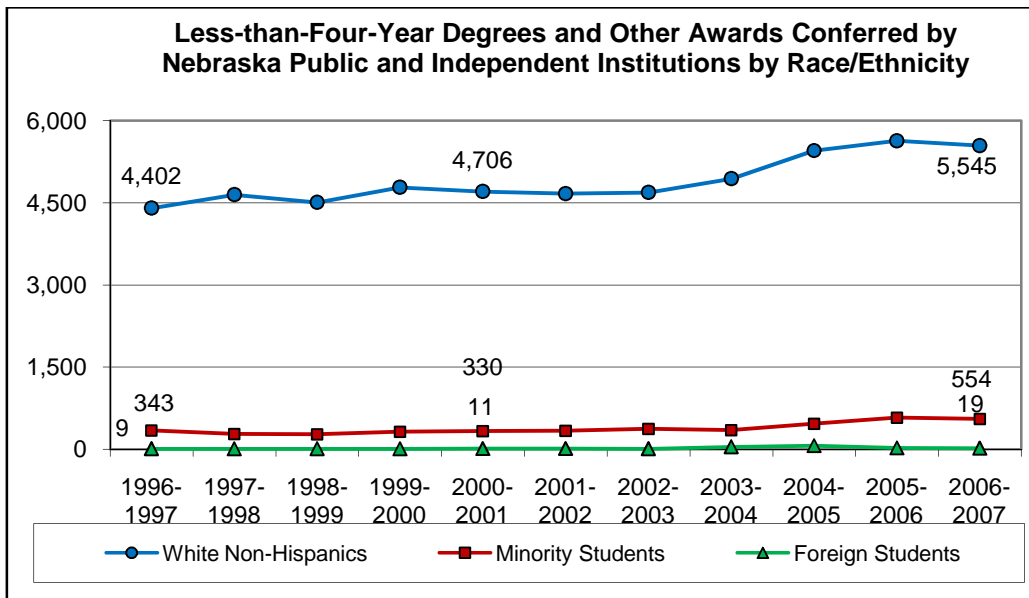
- As shown on the chart on the bottom left, white non-Hispanics accounted for 87.8% of all degree recipients in 2006-07, down from 89.6% in 2000-01.
- Minority students earned 9.8% of the degrees conferred in 2006-07, up from 7.5% in 2000-01, while foreign students were awarded 2.3% of the degrees in 2006-07 compared to 2.9% six years earlier.
- As shown in the following section, the percentages of degrees earned by minority and foreign students vary, depending on degree level.

<sup>1</sup>Minorities consist of black non-Hispanics, Hispanics, Asians/Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans.

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**.

Section B.4.1  
Degrees and Other Awards  
by Level and by Race/Ethnicity

**LESS-THAN-FOUR-YEAR DEGREES AND OTHER AWARDS by RACE/ETHNICITY: 1997-2007**  
 Public and Independent Institutions (Excluding students of unknown race/ethnicity)



- Between 1996-97 and 2006-07, the number of less-than-four-year degrees and awards conferred by public and independent institutions increased or decreased as follows:

White non-Hispanics	26.0%
(from 4,402 to 5,545)	
Minority students <sup>1</sup>	61.5 %
(from 343 to 554)	
Foreign students	111.1%
(from 9 to 19)	

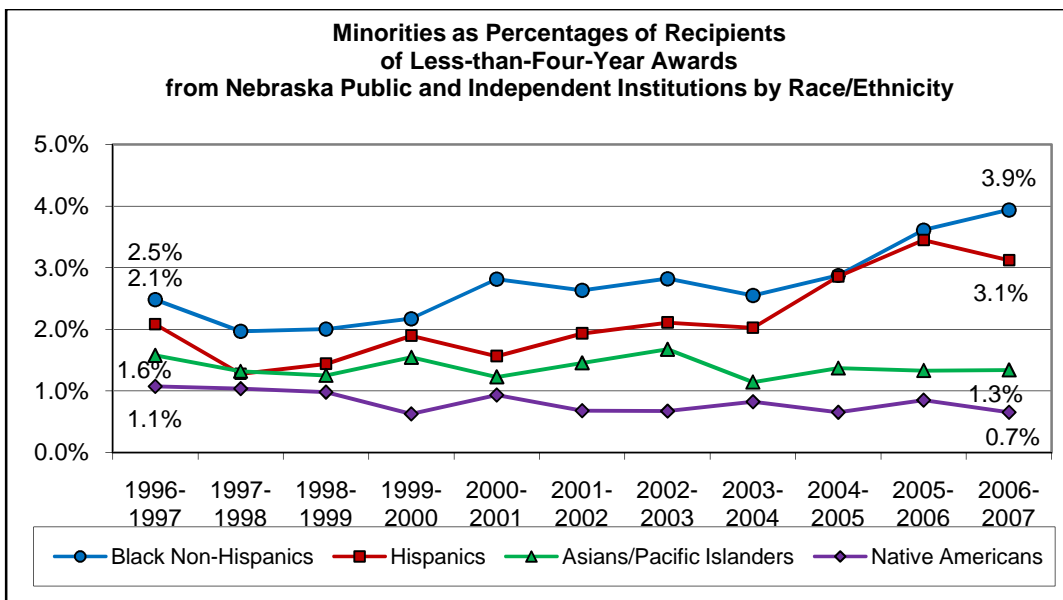
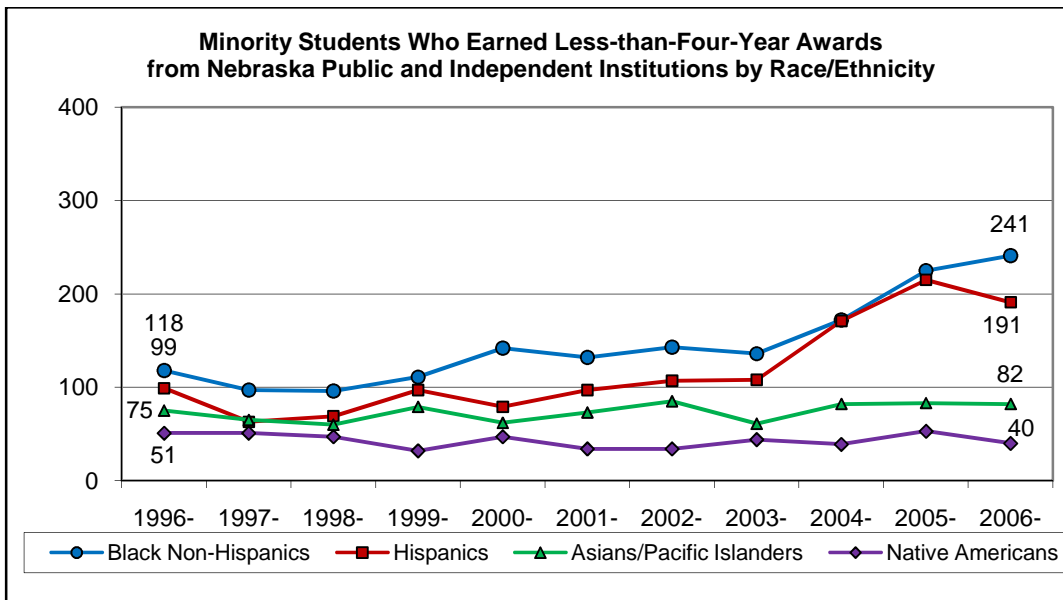
- From the beginning to the end of the 10-year period, the change in the percentage of all degrees earned by each group at the less-than-four-year level was as follows:

White non-Hispanics	down 2.0%
(from 92.6% to 90.6%)	
Minority students	up 1.9%
(from 7.2% to 9.1%)	
Foreign students	up 0.1%
(from 0.2% to 0.3%)	

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<sup>1</sup>Minorities consist of black non-Hispanics, Hispanics, Asians/Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans.

**LESS-THAN-FOUR-YEAR DEGREES AND OTHER AWARDS by RACE/ETHNICITY: 1997-2007** (Continued)  
**Public and Independent Institutions** (Excluding students of unknown race/ethnicity)



- Between 1996-97 and 2006-07, the number of less-than-four-year degrees and awards earned by minority students at public and independent institutions increased or decreased as follows:

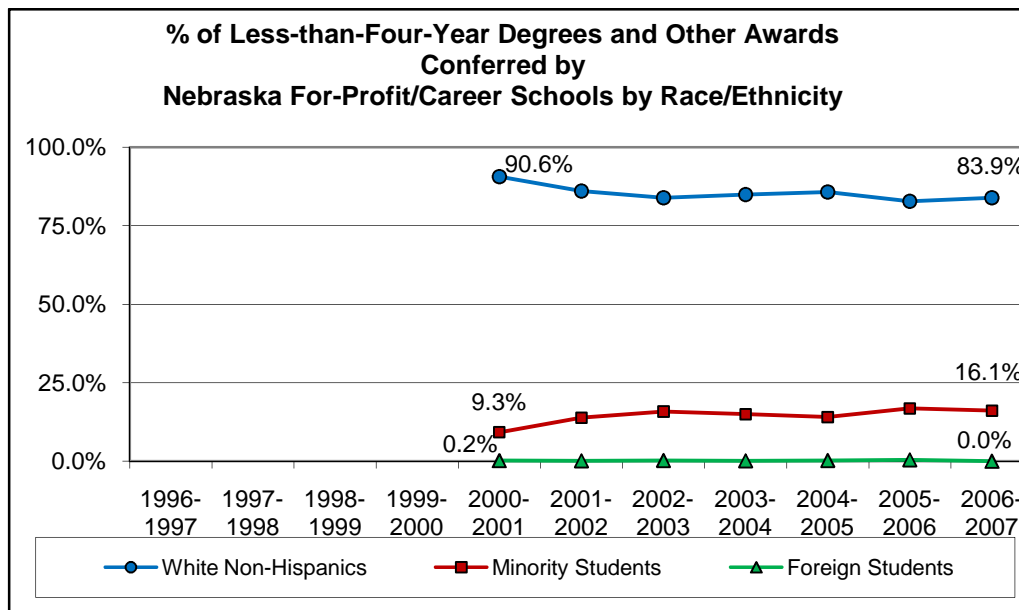
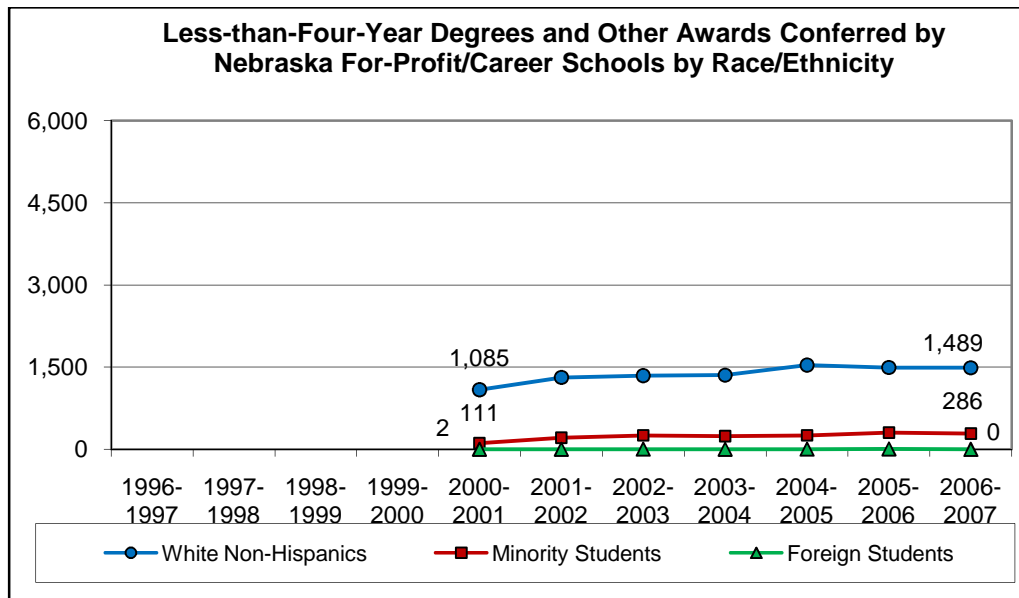
Black non-Hispanics	104.2%
(from 118 to 241)	
Hispanics	92.9%
(from 99 to 191)	
Asians/Pacific Islanders	9.3%
(from 75 to 82)	
Native Americans	- 21.6%
(from 51 to 40)	

- From the beginning to the end of the 10-year period, changes in the percentage of all degrees earned by each racial/ethnic group at the less-than-four-year level were as follows:

Black non-Hispanics	up 1.4%
(from 2.5% to 3.9%)	
Hispanics	up 1.0%
(from 2.1% to 3.1%)	
Asians/Pacific Islanders	down 0.3%
(from 1.6% to 1.3%)	
Native Americans	down 0.4%
(from 1.1% to 0.7%)	

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**.

**LESS-THAN-FOUR-YEAR DEGREES AND OTHER AWARDS by RACE/ETHNICITY: 2001-2007**  
**For-Profit/Career Schools (Excluding students of unknown race/ethnicity)**



- Between 2000-01 and 2005-06, the number of less-than-four-year degrees and awards conferred by private for-profit/career schools increased as follows:

White non-Hispanics	37.2%
(from 1,085 to 1,489)	
Minority students <sup>1</sup>	157.7%
(from 111 to 286)	
Foreign students (from 2 to 8 in '05-'06 to 0 in '06-'07)	

- From the beginning to the end of the six-year period, changes in the percentage of all degrees earned by each group of graduates at the less-than-four-year level were as follows:<sup>2</sup>

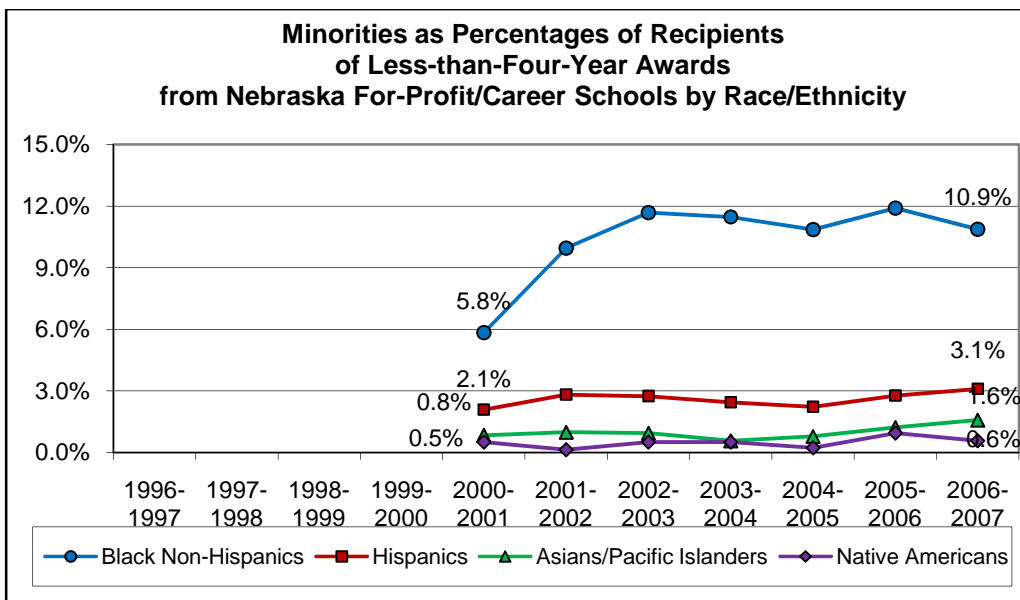
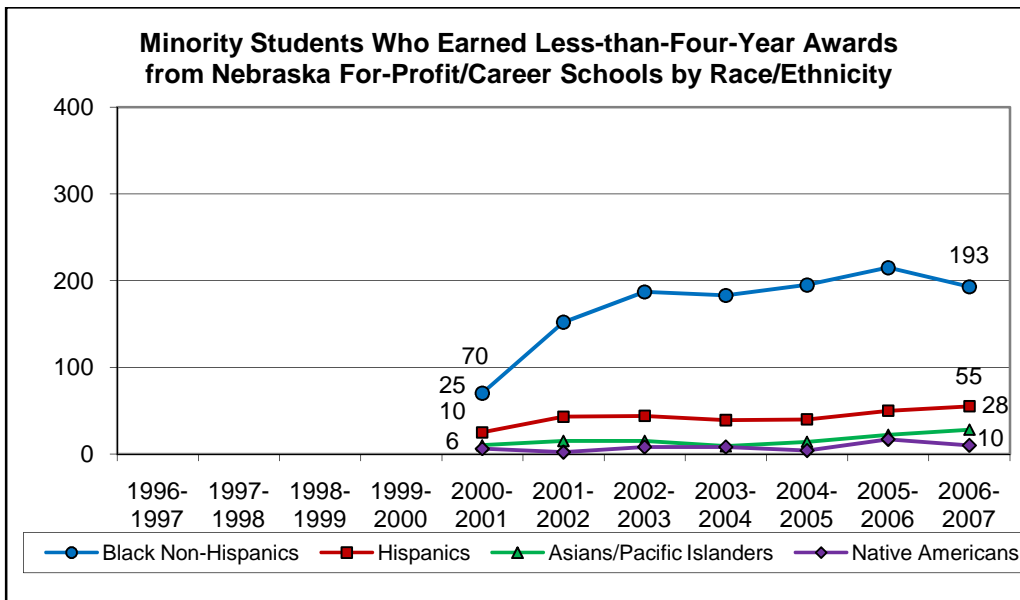
White non-Hispanics	down 6.7%
(from 90.6% to 83.9%)	
Minority students	up 6.8%
(from 9.3% to 16.1%)	
Foreign students	down 0.2%
(from 0.2% to 0.4%)	

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**.

<sup>1</sup>Minorities consist of black non-Hispanics, Hispanics, Asians/Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans.

<sup>2</sup>Due to rounding, the gain of 6.8% is not exactly offset by the decreases of 6.9%.

**LESS-THAN-FOUR-YEAR DEGREES AND OTHER AWARDS by RACE/ETHNICITY: 2001-2007** (Continued)  
**For-Profit/Career Schools** (Excluding students of unknown race/ethnicity)



- Between 2000-01 and 2006-07, the number of less-than-four-year degrees and awards earned by minority students at private for-profit/career schools increased as follows:

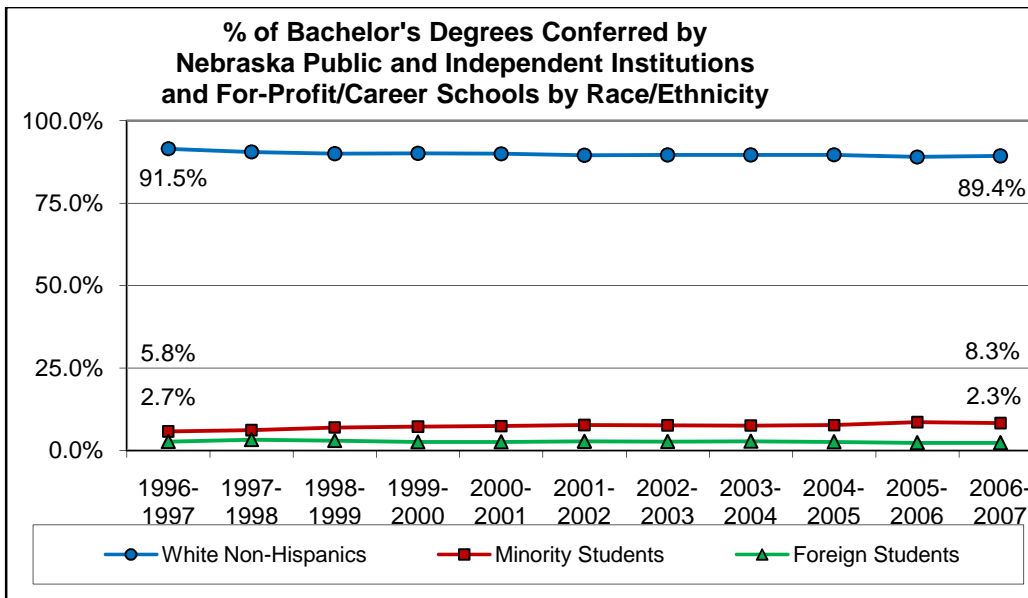
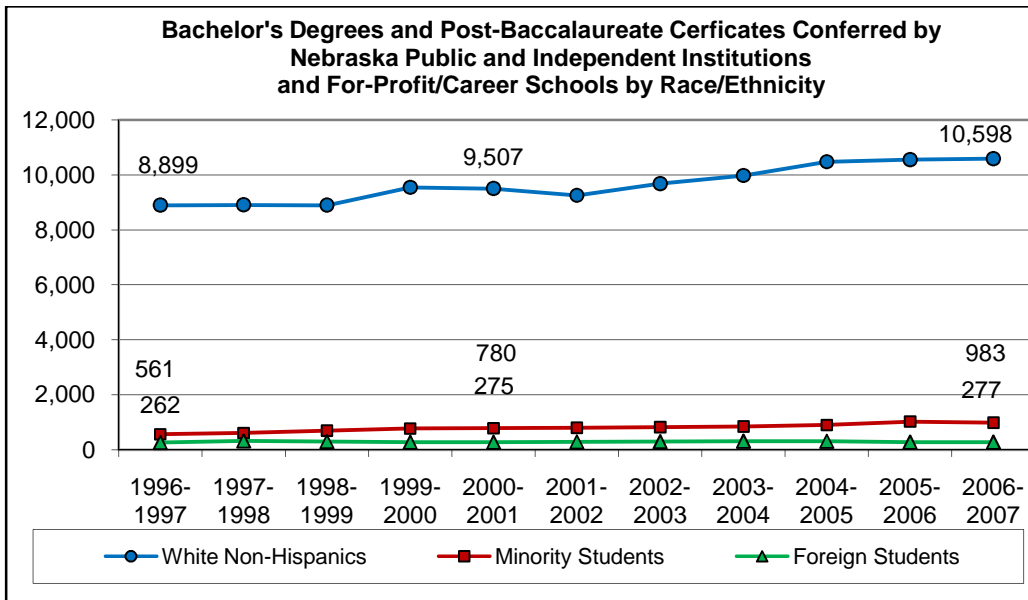
Black non-Hispanics	175.7%
(from 70 to 193)	
Hispanics	120.0%
(from 25 to 55)	
Asians/Pacific Islanders	180.0%
(from 10 to 28)	
Native Americans	66.7%
(from 6 to 10)	

- From the beginning to the end of the six-year period, changes in the percentage of all degrees earned by each racial/ethnic group at the less-than-four year level was as follows:

Black non-Hispanics	up 5.1%
(from 5.8% to 10.9%)	
Hispanics	up 1.0%
(from 2.1% to 3.1%)	
Asians/Pacific Islanders	up 0.8%
(from 0.8% to 1.6%)	
Native Americans	up 0.1%
(from 0.5% to 0.6%)	

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**BACHELOR'S DEGREES AND POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATES by RACE/ETHNICITY: 1997-2007**  
 Public and Independent Institutions and For-Profit/Career Schools (Excluding students of unknown race/ethnicity)



- Between 1996-97 and 2006-07, the number of bachelor's degrees and post-baccalaureate certificates increased or decreased as follows:

White non-Hispanics	19.1%
(from 8,899 to 10,598)	
Minority students <sup>1</sup>	75.2%
(from 561 to 983)	
Foreign students	5.7%
(from 262 to 277)	

- From the beginning to the end of the 10-year period, changes in the percentage of all bachelor's degrees earned by each group were as follows:<sup>2</sup>

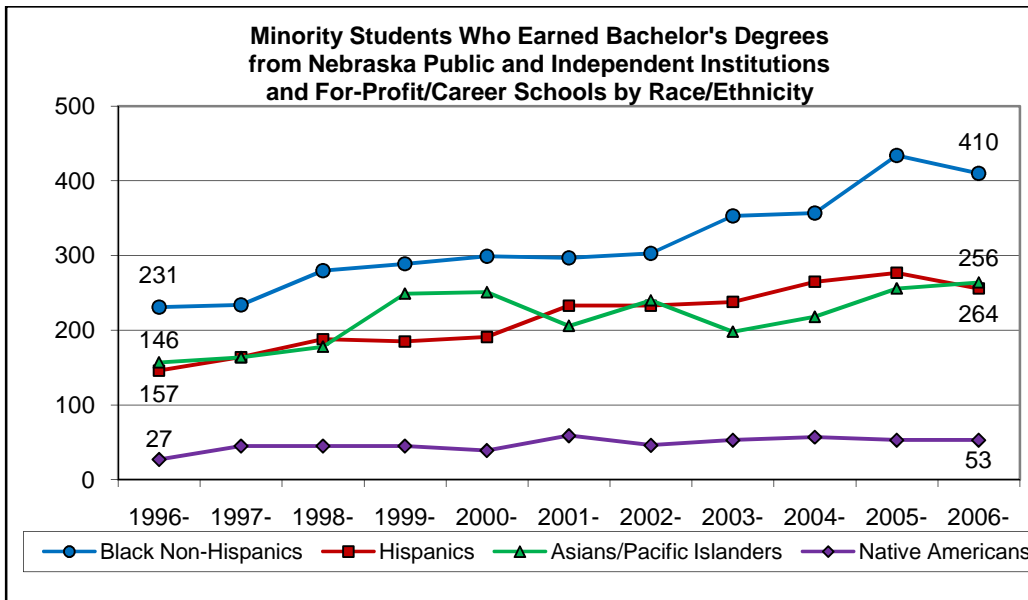
White non-Hispanics	down 2.2%
(from 91.5% to 89.4%)	
Minority students	up 2.5%
(from 5.8% to 8.3%)	
Foreign students	down 0.4%
(from 2.7% to 2.3%)	

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<sup>2</sup>Due to rounding, the gain of 2.5% is not exactly offset by decreases.

**BACHELOR'S DEGREES AND POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATES by RACE/ETHNICITY: 1997-2007**  
 Public and Independent Institutions and For-Profit/Career Schools (Excluding students of unknown race/ethnicity)

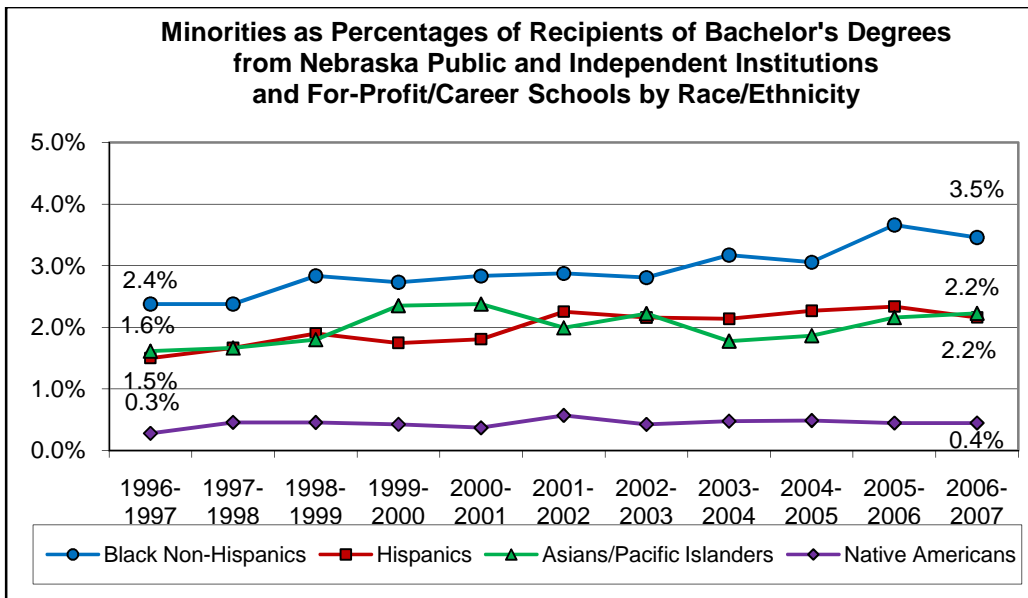


- Between 1996-97 and 2006-07, the number of bachelor's degrees and post-baccalaureate certificates earned by minority students increased as follows:

Black non-Hispanics	77.5%
(from 231 to 410)	
Hispanics	75.3%
(from 146 to 256)	
Asians/Pacific Islanders	68.2%
(from 157 to 264)	
Native Americans	96.3%
(from 27 to 53)	

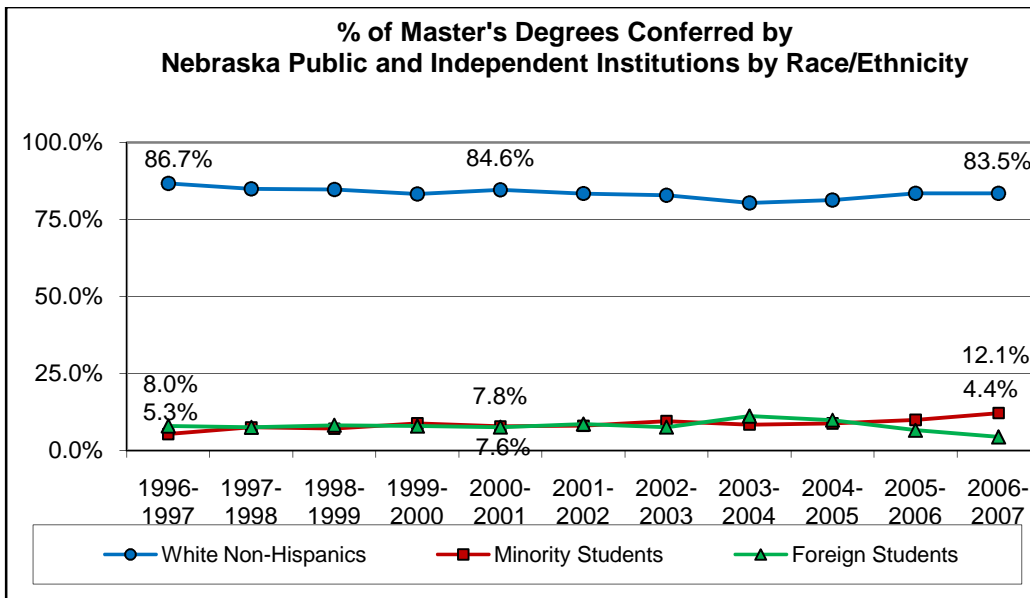
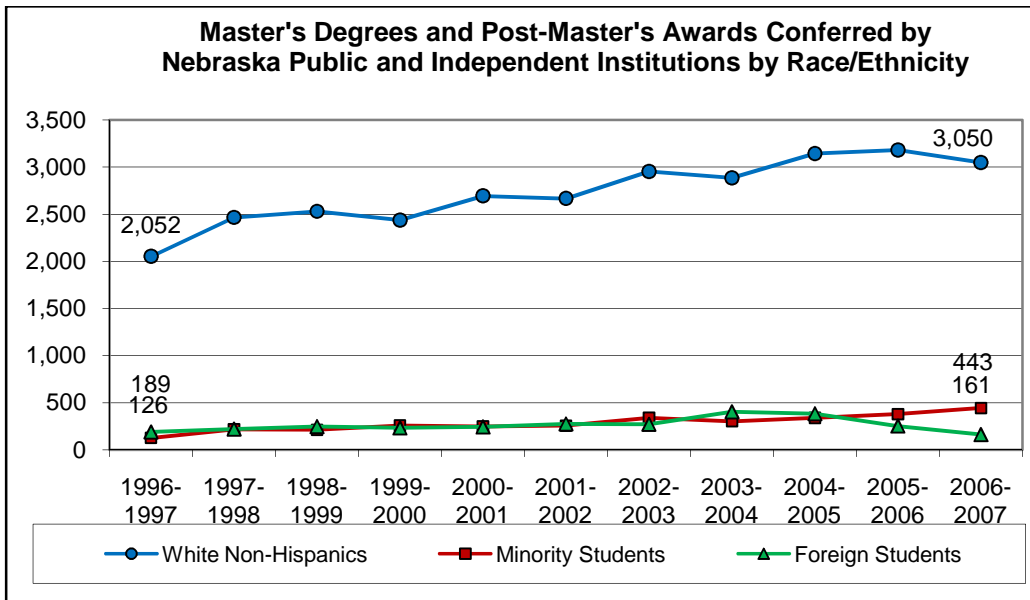
- From the beginning to the end of the 10-year period, changes in the percentages of total degrees earned by each racial/ethnic group at the bachelor's level was as follows:

Black non-Hispanics	up 1.1%
(from 2.4% to 3.5%)	
Hispanics	up 0.7%
(from 1.5% to 2.2%)	
Asians/Pacific Islanders	up 0.7%
(from 1.6% to 2.2%)	
Native Americans	up 0.1%
(from 0.3% to 0.4%)	



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**MASTER'S DEGREES AND POST-MASTER'S DEGREE AWARDS by RACE/ETHNICITY: 1997-2007**  
 (Excluding students of unknown race/ethnicity)



- Between 1996-97 and 2006-07, the number of master's degrees and post-master's degree awards increased as follows:

White non-Hispanics	48.6%
(from 2,052 to 3,050)	
Minority students <sup>1</sup>	251.6%
(from 126 to 443)	
Foreign students	- 14.8%
(from 189 to 161)	

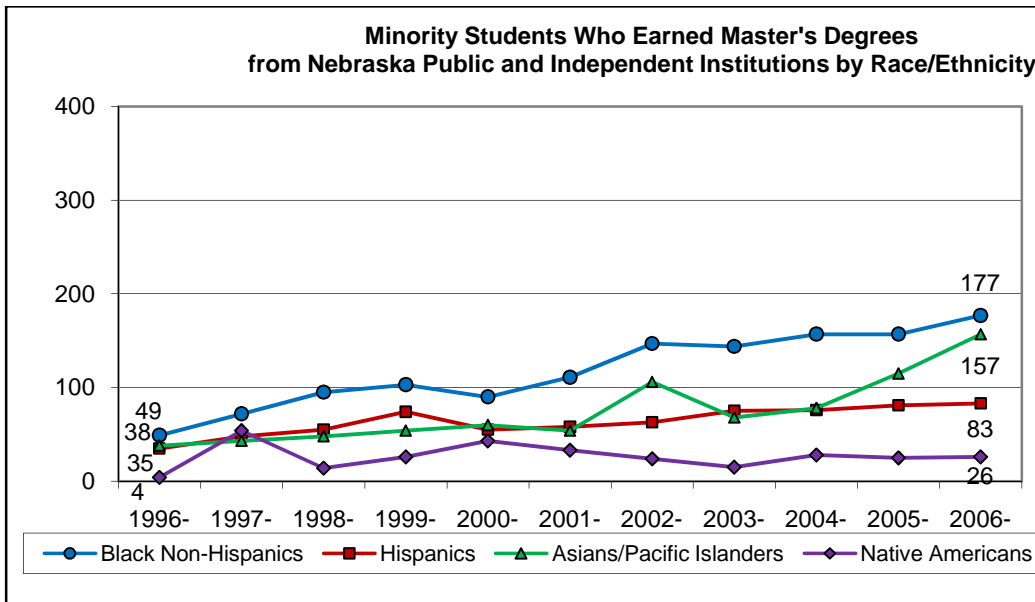
- From the beginning to the end of the 10-year period, changes in the percentage of all master's degrees earned by each group were as follows:

White non-Hispanics	down 3.2%
(from 86.7% to 83.5%)	
Minority students	up 6.8%
(from 5.3% to 12.1%)	
Foreign students	down 3.6%
(from 8.0% to 4.4%)	

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<sup>1</sup>Minorities consist of black non-Hispanics, Hispanics, Asians/Pacific Islanders and Native Americans.

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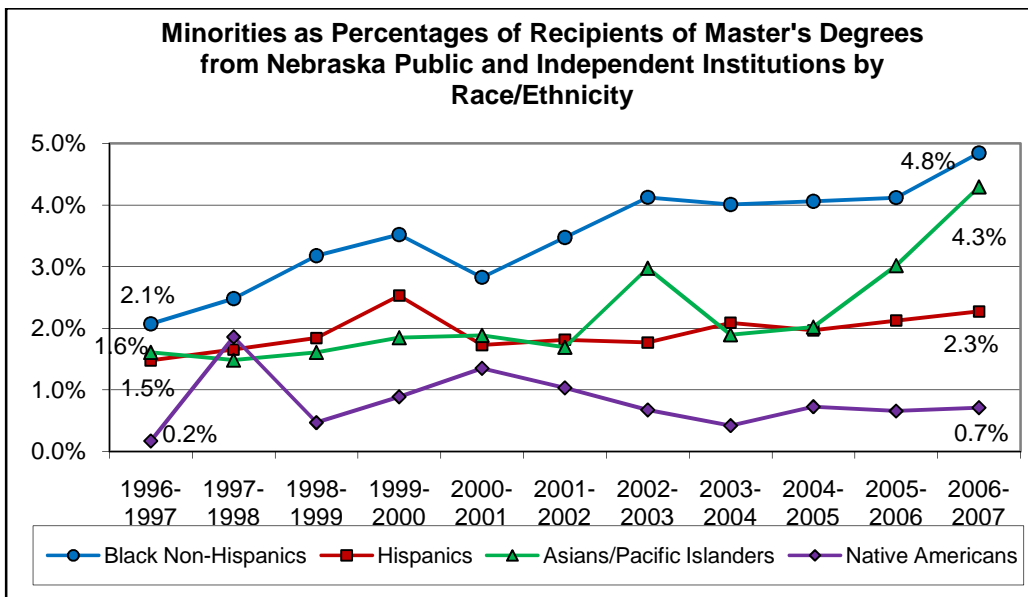


- Between 1996-97 and 2006-07, the number of master's degrees and post-master's degree awards earned by minority students increased as follows:

Black non-Hispanics (from 49 to 177)	261.2%
Hispanics (from 35 to 83)	137.1%
Asians/Pacific Islanders (from 38 to 157)	313.2%
Native Americans (from 4 to 26)	550.0%

- From the beginning to the end of the 10-year period, changes in the percentages of total degrees earned by each racial/ethnic group at the master's level was:

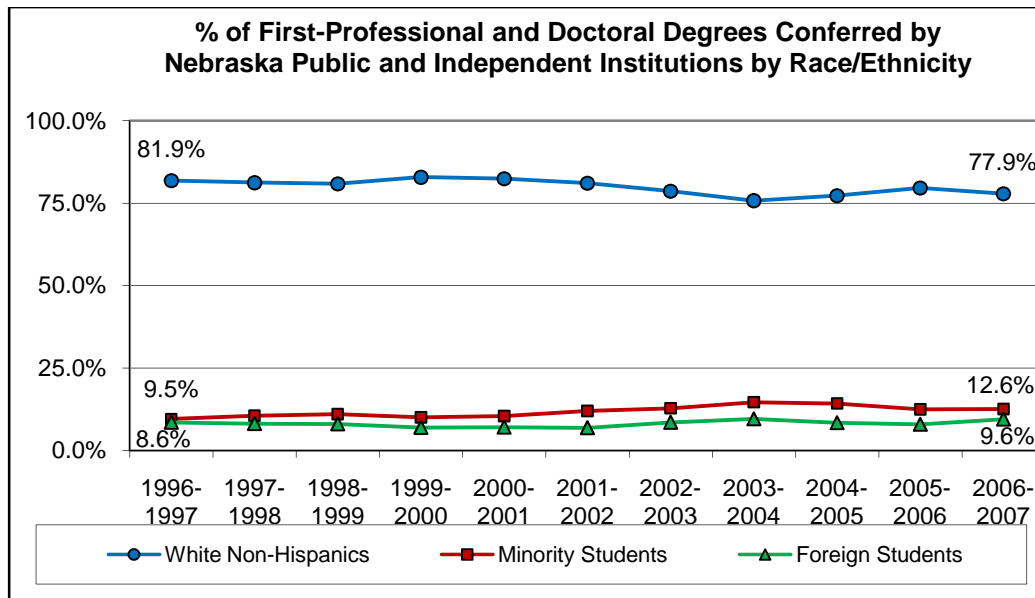
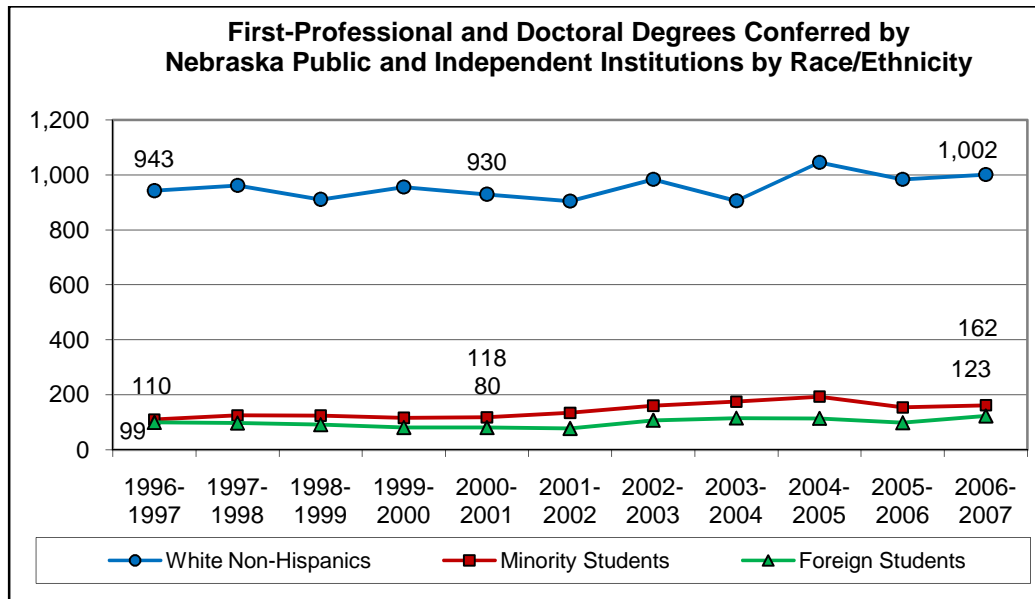
Black non-Hispanics (from 2.1% to 4.8%)	up 2.7%
Hispanics (from 1.5% to 2.3%)	up 0.8%
Asians/Pacific Islanders (from 1.6% to 4.3%)	up 2.7%
Native Americans (from 0.2% to 0.7%)	up 0.5%



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## FIRST-PROFESSIONAL AND DOCTORAL DEGREES by RACE/ETHNICITY: 1997-2007

(Excluding students of unknown race/ethnicity)



- Between 1996-97 and 2006-07, the number of first-professional<sup>1</sup> and doctoral degrees increased as follows:

White non-Hispanics	6.3%
(from 943 to 1,002)	
Minority students <sup>2</sup>	47.3%
(from 110 to 162)	
Foreign students	24.2%
(from 99 to 123)	

- From the beginning to the end of the 10-year period, changes in the percentage of all first-professional and doctoral degrees earned by each group were as follows:<sup>3</sup>

White non-Hispanics	down 4.0%
(from 81.9% to 77.9%)	
Minority students	up 3.1%
(from 9.5% to 12.6%)	
Foreign students	up 1.0
(from 8.6% to 9.6%)	

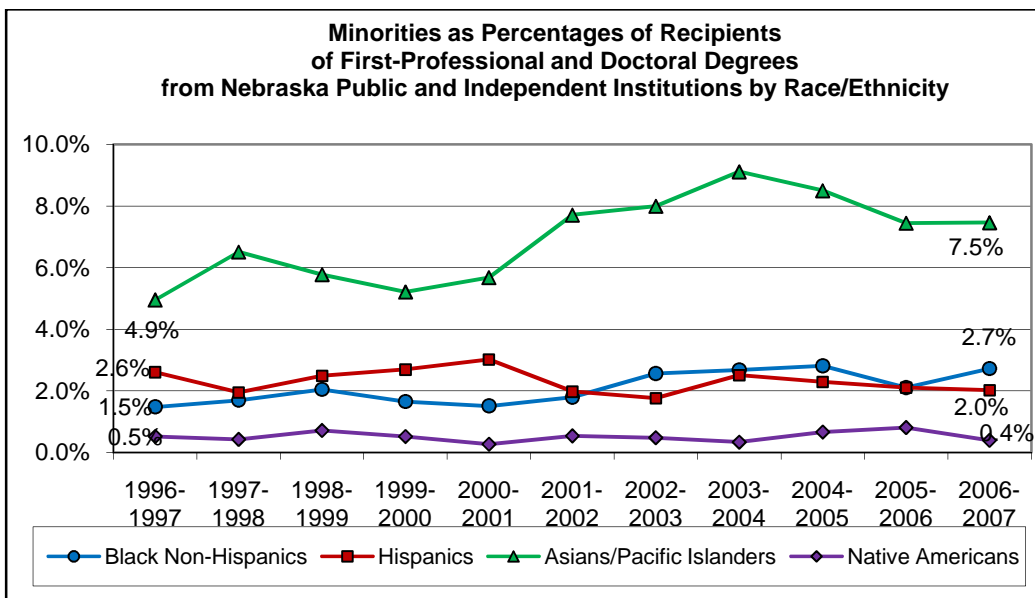
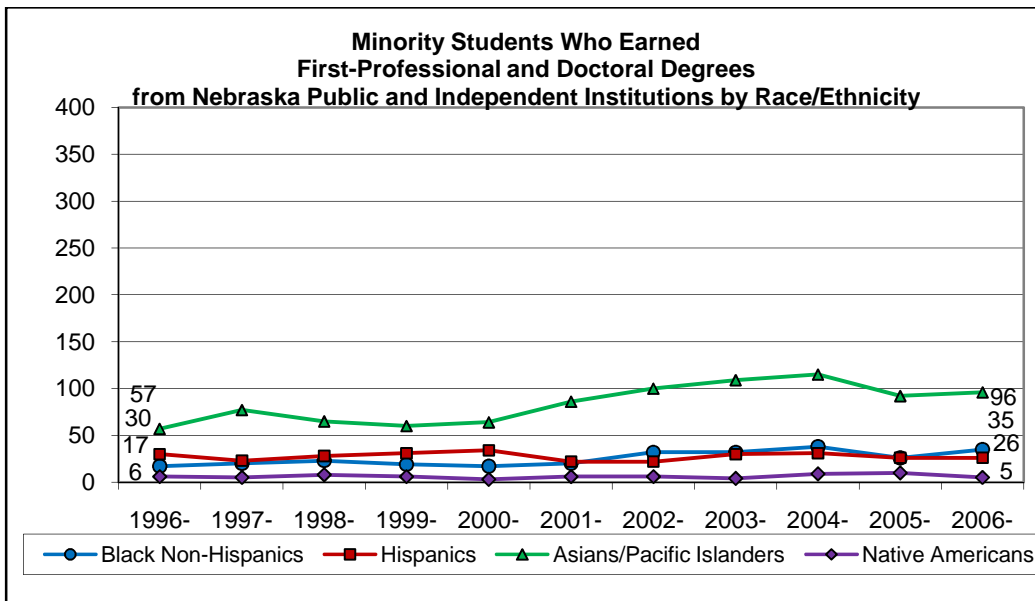
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<sup>1</sup>In Nebraska, there are first-professional programs in dentistry, medicine, pharmacy and law.

<sup>2</sup>Minorities consist of black non-Hispanics, Hispanics, Asians/Pacific Islanders and Native Americans.

<sup>3</sup>Due to rounding, the decrease of 4.0% is not exactly offset by the increases of 3.1% and 1.0%.

**FIRST-PROFESSIONAL AND DOCTORAL DEGREES by RACE/ETHNICITY: 1997-2007** (Continued)  
 (Excluding students of unknown race/ethnicity)



- Between 1996-97 and 2006-07, the number of first-professional and doctoral degrees earned by minority students increased or decreased as follows:
 

Black non-Hispanics	105.9%
(from 17 to 35)	
Hispanics	- 13.3%
(from 30 to 26)	
Asians/Pacific Islanders	68.4%
(from 57 to 96)	
Native Americans	
(from 6 to 5)	
- From the beginning to the end of the 10-year period, changes in the percentages of total degrees earned by each racial/ethnic group at the first-professional and doctoral levels were as follows:
 

Black non-Hispanics	up 1.2%
(from 1.5% to 2.7%)	
Hispanics	down 0.6%
(from 2.6% to 2.0%)	
Asians/Pacific Islanders	up 2.6%
(from 4.9% to 7.5%)	
Native Americans	down 0.1%
(from 0.5% to 0.4%)	

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