

Section B.1

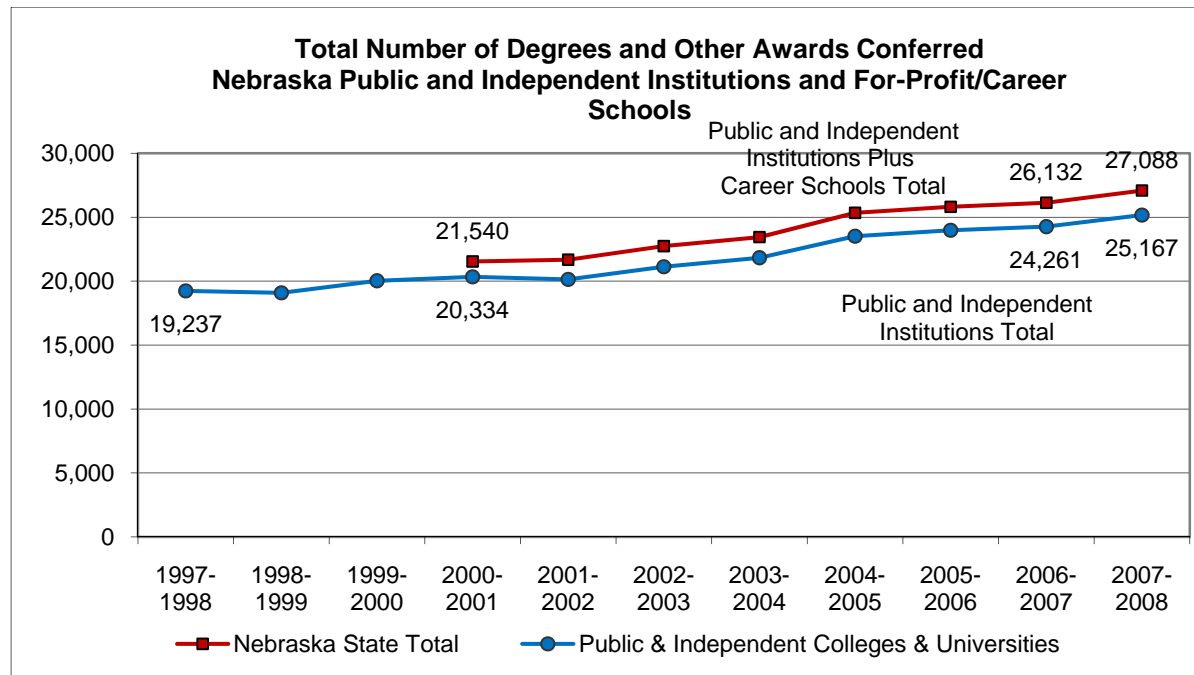
Total Degrees and Other Awards by Sector and by Institution

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 eight 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: 1998-2008

- Nebraska's public and independent colleges and universities conferred a total of 25,167 degrees, diplomas and certificates during the one-year period from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, an increase of 906 awards, or 3.7% more than one year earlier.
- Over the 10-year period from 1997-98 to 2007-08, the total number of degrees and awards conferred by Nebraska's public and independent institutions increased 30.8%. The 3.7% increase in 2007-08 was the ninth consecutive increase in the number of awards conferred since 1998-99, when the number of awards decreased three-quarters of a percent.
- Each year, between 2000-01 and 2007-08, for-profit/career schools in Nebraska conferred 1,206 to 1,921 degrees, diplomas and certificates, increasing the total number of awards granted by public, independent and for-profit institutions from 21,540 in 2000-01 to 27,088 in 2007-08. Including the for-profit/career schools, the number of degrees, diplomas and certificates awarded by Nebraska institutions increased 25.8% from 2000-01 to 2007-08. Between 2006-07 and 2007-08, the number of awards increased by 956 or 3.7%.



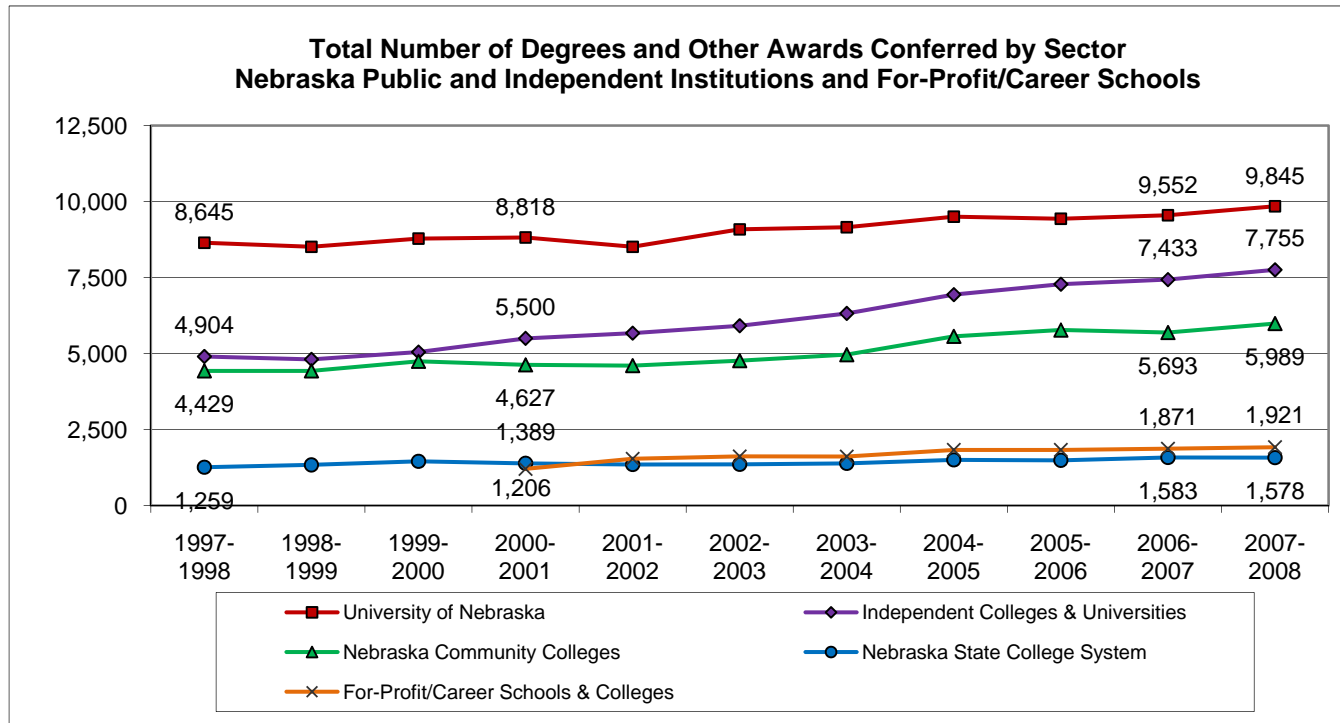
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TOTAL DEGREES AND OTHER AWARDS CONFERRED by SECTOR: 1998-2008

- Between 1997-98 and 2007-08, the number of degrees and other awards conferred by the public, independent and for-profit sectors of higher education in Nebraska increased or decreased as follows:

	1998-2008 <u>10-Year Increase</u>	2001-2008 <u>7-Year Increase¹</u>	2007-08 <u>1-Year Increase</u>
University of Nebraska	13.9%	11.6%	3.1%
Nebraska State College System	25.3%	13.6%	- 0.3%
Nebraska community colleges	35.2%	29.4%	5.2%
Independent colleges and universities	58.1%	41.0%	4.3%
For-profit/career schools	Insufficient data	59.3%	2.7%

¹2000-01 is used as a baseline because it was the first year that comparable data were available for the for-profit/career schools.

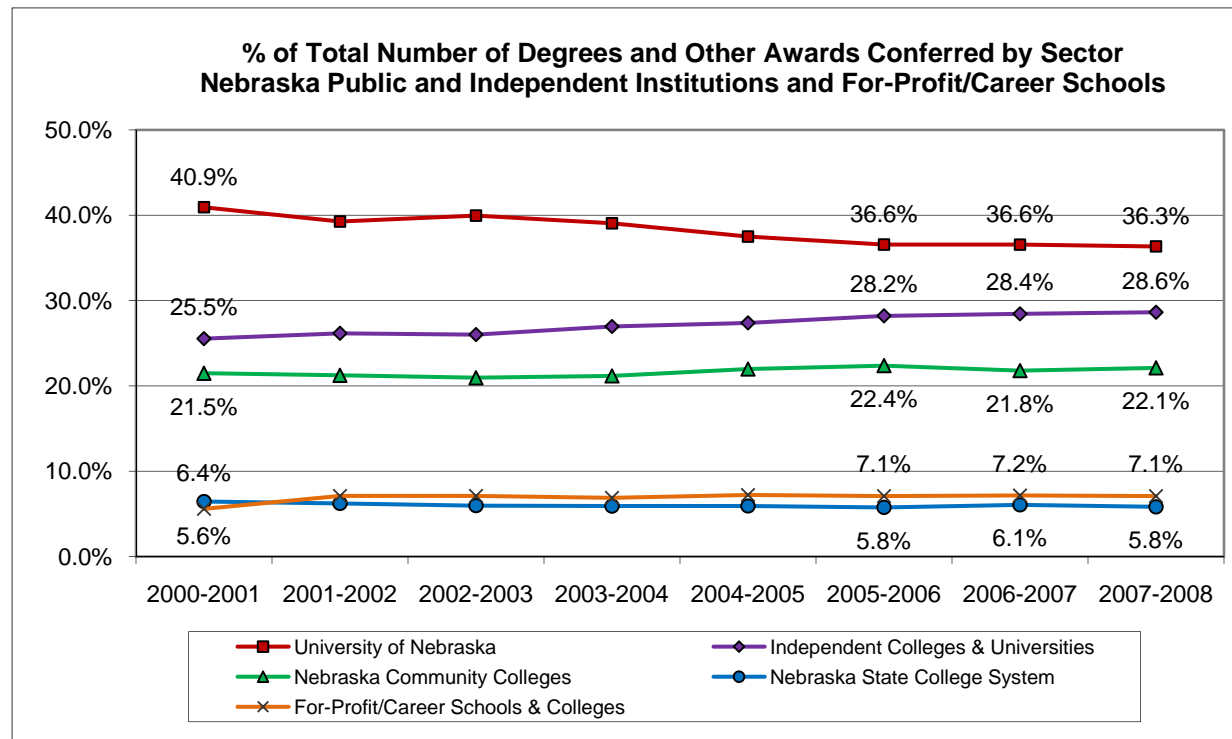


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Percentage of TOTAL DEGREES AND OTHER AWARDS CONFERRED by SECTOR: 2001-2008

Seven-Year Trends for Nebraska Postsecondary Institutions

- The following chart shows the trends in the percentages of degrees and other awards conferred by Nebraska's postsecondary institutions since 2000-01, the first year that comparable data were available for the for-profit/career schools.¹
- As a result of the significant increase in the total number of degrees and other awards conferred within the independent sector and a slight increase in the total conferred by for-profit/career schools, the public sectors conferred about the same or lower percentages of the total number of degrees, diplomas and certificates awarded in 2007-08 than in 2000-01.

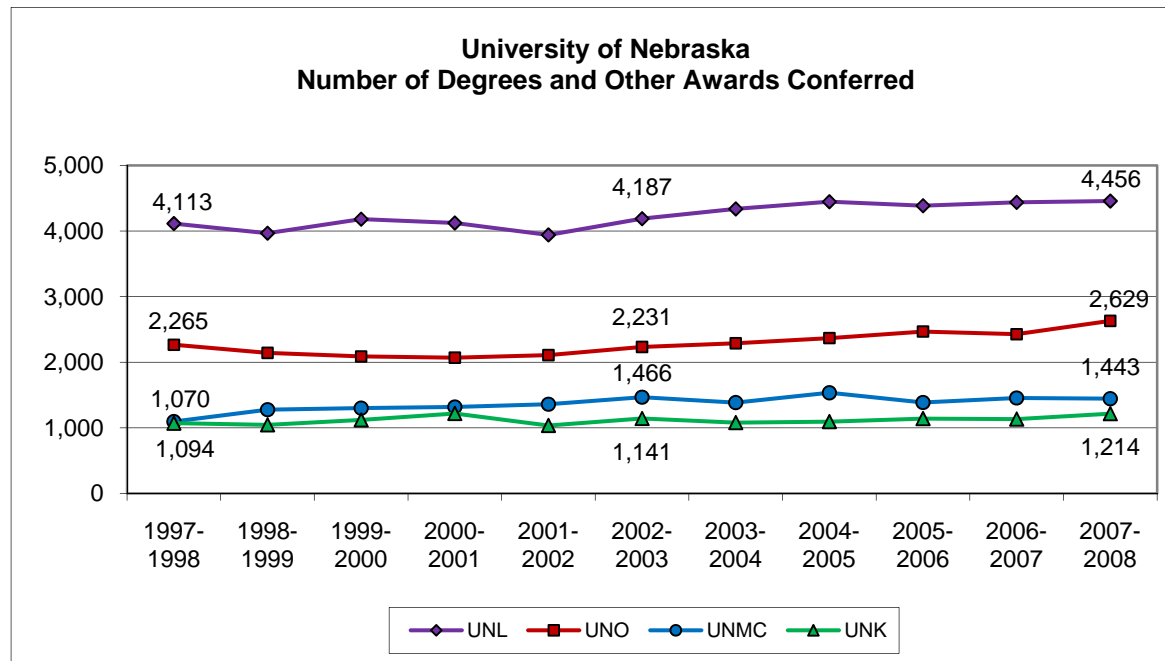


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TOTAL DEGREES AND OTHER AWARDS CONFERRED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA: 1998-2008

- Throughout the 10-year period from 1997-98 to 2007-08, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) conferred the highest number of degrees in the state. The University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) awarded the second-highest number of degrees until 2006-07, when Bellevue University in the independent sector conferred a slightly higher number of academic awards.
- The institution within the University of Nebraska system that had the highest growth rate in the number of degrees conferred between 2002-03 and 2007-08 was the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO). Between 2002-03 and 2007-08, the number of degrees awarded by UNO increased 17.8%. During this 5-year period, the number of degrees conferred by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) and the University Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) each increased 6.4%, while the number awarded by the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) decreased 1.6%. Between 1997-98 and 2007-08, there was no change in the number of degrees awarded by the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA). (See the note below the chart.) (UNK joined the University of Nebraska system on July 1, 1999.)

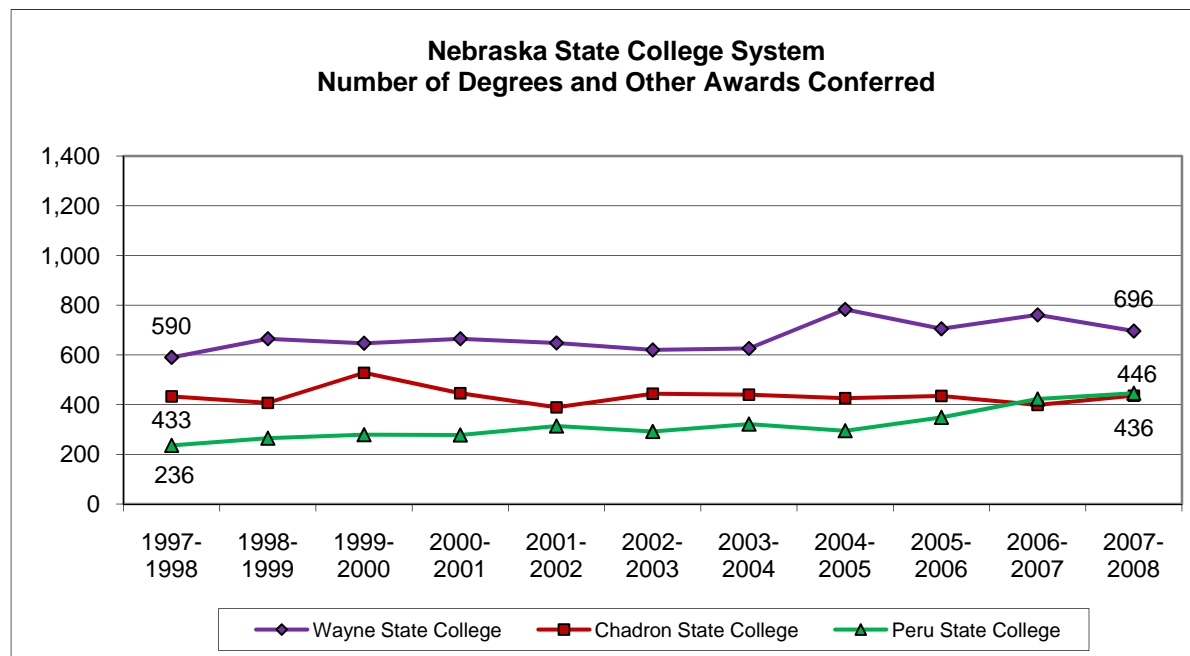


Note: The number of awards conferred by the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture was 103 in 1997-98 and 103 in 2007-08.

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TOTAL DEGREES AND OTHER AWARDS CONFERRED BY NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM: 1998-2008

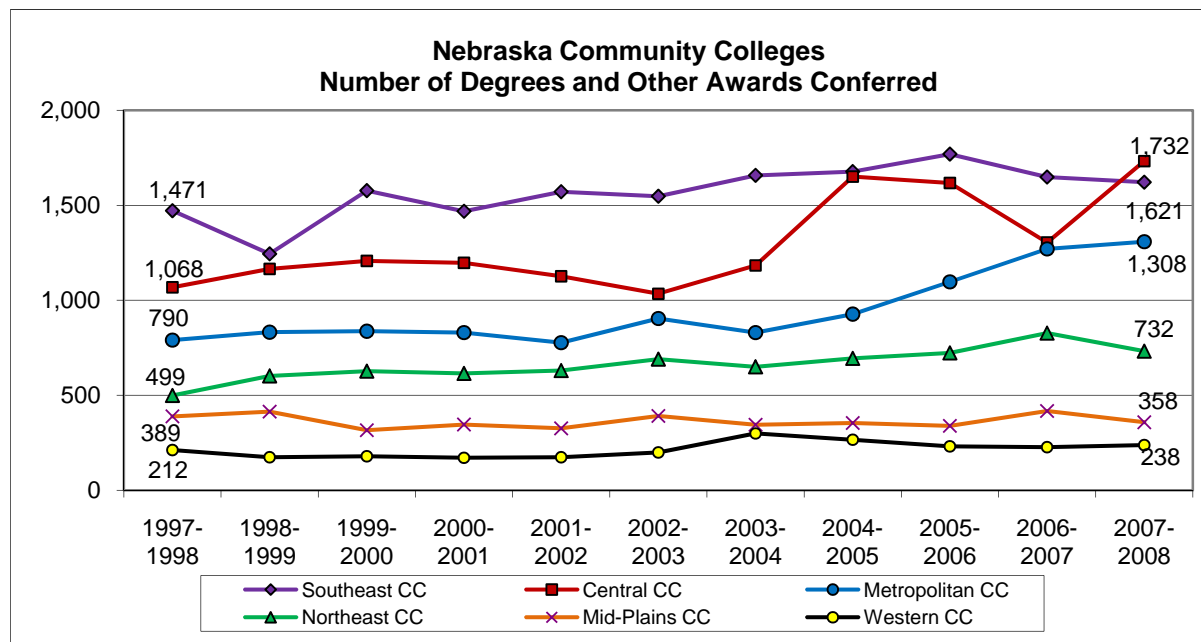
- Wayne State College awarded the highest number of degrees within the Nebraska State College System between 1997-98 and 2007-08, and the college experienced a 18.0% increase in the number of degrees conferred during the 10-year period. The significant increase in the number of degrees awarded by Wayne State College that occurred in 2004-05 was due primarily to offering courses in education at outreach sites, including Blair and South Sioux City, and the subsequent increase in the number of master's degrees awarded to teachers.
- The number of degrees awarded by Chadron State College increased 0.7% from 1997-98 to 2007-08. The surge in the number of degrees awarded in 1999-2000 was due primarily to a backlog of students graduating that year, rather than a year or two earlier.
- In terms of degrees granted, Peru State College had the highest growth rate among the state colleges. Between 1997-98 and 2007-08, the number of degrees conferred by Peru State College increased from 236 to 446, or 89.0%, primarily as a result of expanding online course offerings and increasing graduate enrollment. In comparison, the numbers of degree conferred at Wayne State College and Chadron State college increased 18.0% and 0.7%, respectively.



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TOTAL DEGREES AND OTHER AWARDS CONFERRED BY NEBRASKA COMMUNITY COLLEGES: 1998-2008

- The number of degrees and other awards conferred by three of Nebraska's community colleges—Central, Metropolitan and Northeast—increased significantly from 1997-98 to 2007-08. In comparison, the number of awards conferred by Southeast and Western Nebraska Community College also increased but at lower rates. During the same period, the number of degrees and awards granted at Mid-Plains decreased.
- Southeast Community College awarded the third highest number of degrees and other awards conferred by postsecondary institutions in Nebraska until 2002-03, when Bellevue University in the independent sector started to award more degrees than Southeast.
- Between 2003-04 and 2007-08, there was a significant four-year increase of 57.6% in the number of degrees and other awards conferred by Metropolitan Community College. The highest one-year increases in the number of degrees conferred were evidenced at Central Community College, where the number of degrees and other awards increased 40% in 2004-05 and 33% in 2007-08. According to the college, these surges were primarily the result of follow-up and advising campaigns that encouraged students to complete their degree programs and/or apply for awards for which they were qualified. In 2007-08, the majority of the increase was in the awards for completing programs of less than one year in length.



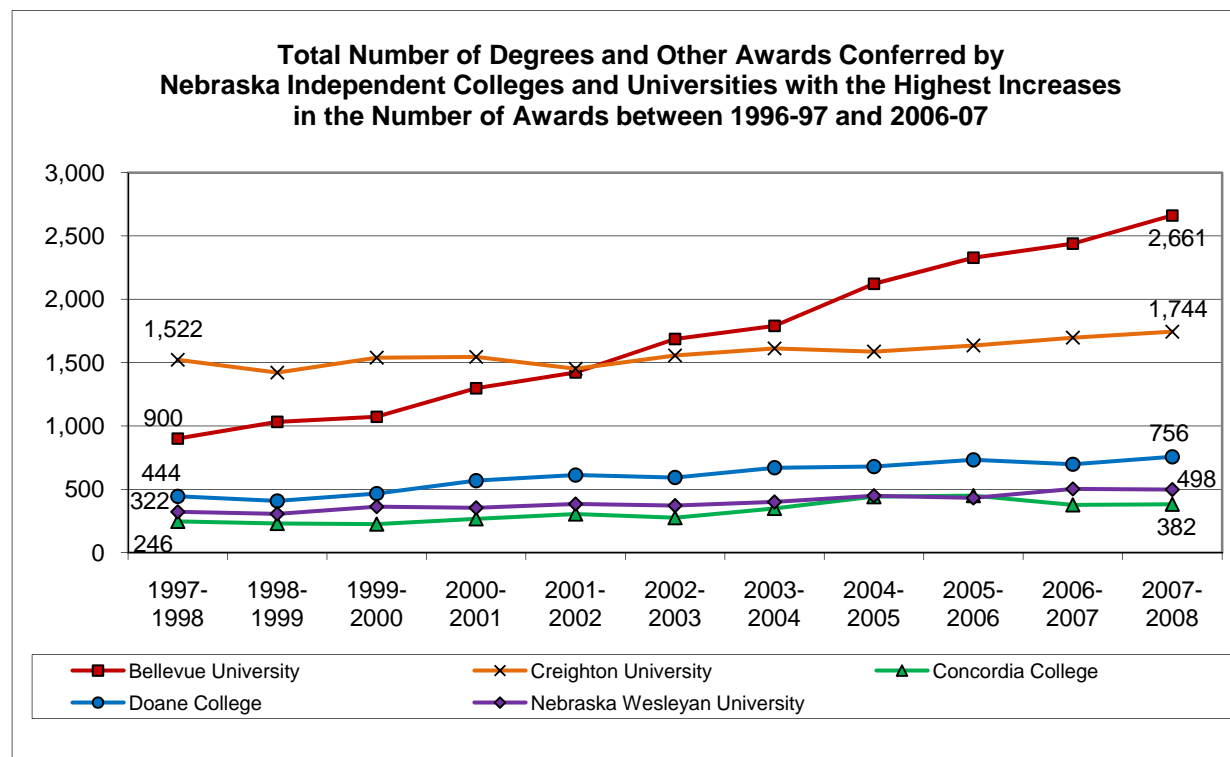
10-Year Percentage Increase or Decrease:

Southeast CC	10.2%
Central CC	62.2%
Metropolitan CC	65.6%
Northeast CC	46.7%
Mid-Plains CC	- 8.0%
NE Western CC	12.3%

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INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS with the Highest Increases in the Number of Degrees Awarded: 1998-2008

- Institutions in the independent sector conferred 2,851 more degrees and other awards in 2007-08 than in 1997-98, an increase of 58.1% over the 10-year period. (Refer to page B.1.3 for the sector's 10-year trend.)
- Bellevue University alone accounted for 62% of the sector increase. In 2007-08, Bellevue University awarded 1,761 more degrees than the institution conferred in 1997-98.
- Four other colleges and universities accounted for another 30% of the increased number of degrees conferred within the independent sector between 1997-98 and 2007-08: Concordia College, Creighton University, Doane College and Nebraska Wesleyan University.



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TOTAL DEGREES AND OTHER AWARDS CONFERRED BY FOR-PROFIT/CAREER SCHOOLS: 2001-2008

- The following table summarizes the total number of degrees, diplomas and certificates awarded by for-profit/career schools in Nebraska in 2000-01 and the most recent five years for which data are available.¹

	Baseline	Most Recent Five Years				
	2000-01	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
TOTAL: For-Profit/Career Schools & Colleges	1,206	1,615	1,831	1,831	1,871	1,921
Degree-Granting For-Profit/Career Schools Total	691	974	1,057	1,094	1,178	1,139
Alegent Health School of Radiologic Technology	6	14	13	14	14	13
ITT Technical Institute-Omaha	104	119	110	104	124	135
Kaplan University-Lincoln Campus	150	110	170	208	271	248
Kaplan University-Omaha Campus	189	244	279	359	349	284
Myotherapy Institute	0	68	58	45	43	38
The Creative Center	41	65	40	45	44	52
Universal College of Healing Arts	0	0	0	37	38	33
University of Phoenix-Omaha Campus	0	0	0	0	4	20
Vatterott College	131	172	172	99	0	0
Vatterott College-Spring Valley Campus	70	182	215	183	291	316
Non-Degree-Granting For-Profit/Career Schools Total	515	641	774	737	693	782
Capitol School of Hairstyling	64	99	155	93	113	98
College of Hair Design	74	107	98	92	110	143
Fullen School of Hair Design	0	12	17	14	12	9
Josephs College of Beauty-Lincoln	117	145	183	194	143	142
La'James International College	59	83	73	119	51	49
Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital School of Radiologic Technology	0	6	6	7	9	11
Omaha School of Massage Therapy	116	55	90	85	86	150
Regional West Medical Center School of Radiologic Technology	4	5	5	5	6	7
Xenon International School of Hair Design II Inc	81	129	147	128	163	173

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Note: All of the for-profit/career schools in Nebraska are operated for profit except for the three schools of radiologic technology.

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