



NEBRASKA OPPORTUNITY GRANT 2019-20 YEAR-END REPORT

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NEBRASKA OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

The Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) program provides financial aid to students who are residents of Nebraska; have not earned a bachelor's, graduate, or professional degree; have high financial need (defined as having an expected family contribution equal to or less than 110% of the maximum family contribution that qualifies students for a federal Pell Grant); and who are attending eligible Nebraska colleges and universities to earn a degree or credential. The NOG program uses information from the federal Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as the basis for determining eligibility; there is no separate application.

NOG is the State of Nebraska's only need-based financial aid program for postsecondary students and is funded through General fund appropriations and lottery funds. As of the 2017-18 academic year, when analyzing national need-based undergraduate grant dollars per undergraduate enrollment, Nebraska ranked 35th in the country, the same ranking as in 2016-17.

The NOG program is a decentralized financial aid program. The commission allocates state funding to participating institutions based on a statutory formula that takes into account the proportion of all eligible students attending each institution and their tuition and fees (capped at tuition and fees at the University of Nebraska Lincoln) and verifies student eligibility but does not determine individual student award amounts or dictate how many eligible students receive NOG grants. Participating institutions award NOG grants to eligible students subject to eligibility criteria, maximum award limits, and available allocations.

For the 2019-20 NOG program award year:

- \$18,740,356 was awarded
- 12,956 students received a Nebraska Opportunity Grant
- \$1,446.46 was the average grant award

Pages 3-6 include charts showing the number of Nebraska students who received a federal Pell grant and the unmet financial need of these students as reported by the institutions. The US Department of Education defines financial need as the difference between how much college costs and how much a student and the student's family can pay towards those costs. The difference between financial need and the amount of financial aid offered by the college to the student to cover the financial need is considered unmet financial need. Students must cover their unmet need from either private loans or out-of-pocket funds.

The remainder of the report reflects various details specifically related to the NOG program, broken out by sector. Of particular interest is the table on page 13 showing the percentage of eligible students that received a NOG award by sector. The table demonstrates both that the NOG program is an important part of the overall financial aid strategy of postsecondary institutions and that many eligible students are not served by the NOG program due to lack of funding.

NOG Program Participating Institutions

University of Nebraska

- University of Nebraska at Kearney
- University of Nebraska –Lincoln
- University of Nebraska Medical Center
- University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

State Colleges

- Chadron State College
- Peru State College
- Wayne State College

Community Colleges

- Central Community College
- Metropolitan Community College
- Mid-Plains Community College
- Northeast Community College
- Southeast Community College
- Western Nebraska Community College

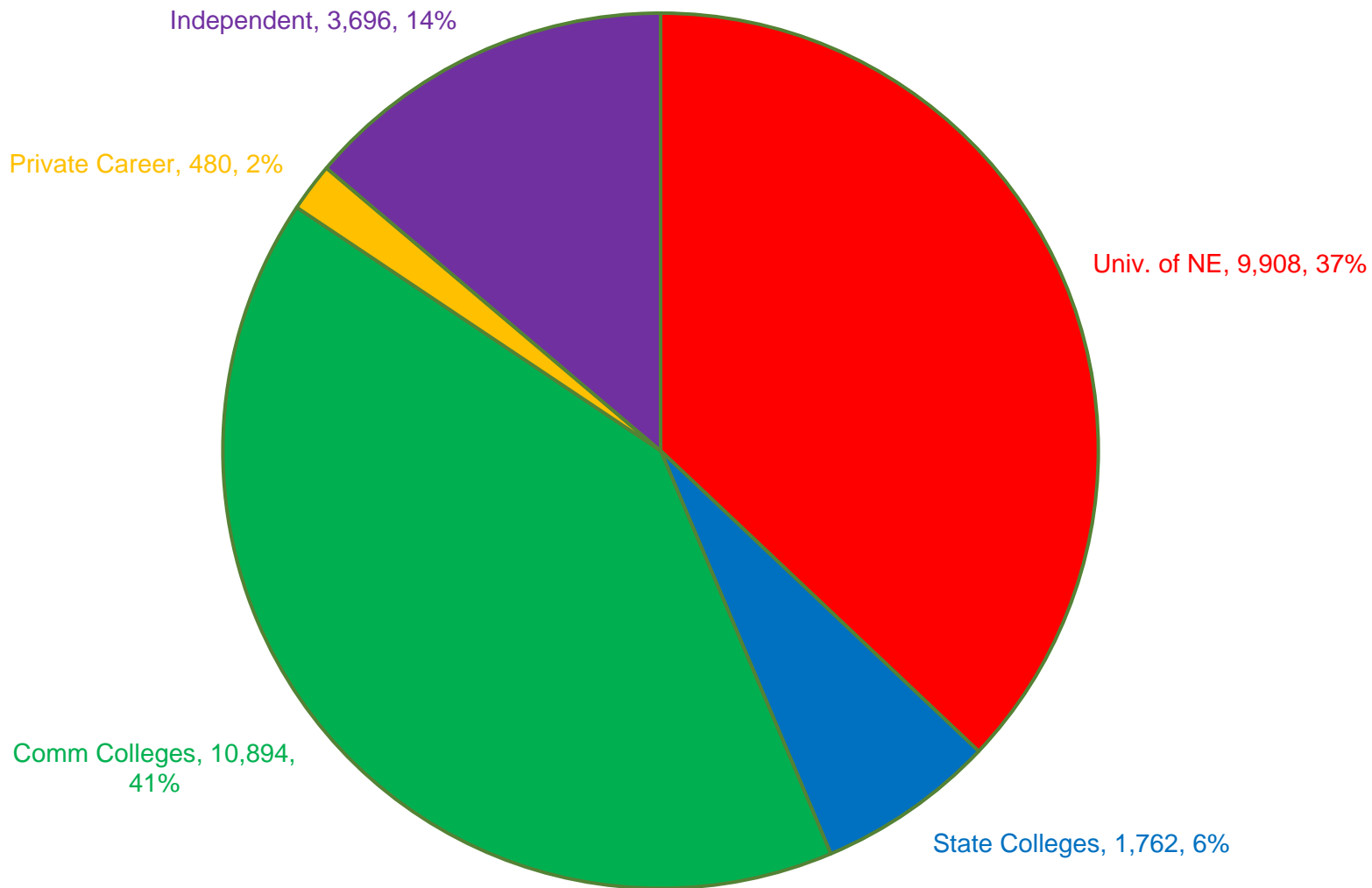
Private Career Colleges

- Capitol School of Hairstyling
- College of Hair Design
- Creative Center
- Joseph's College of Beauty
- Xenon International School of Hair

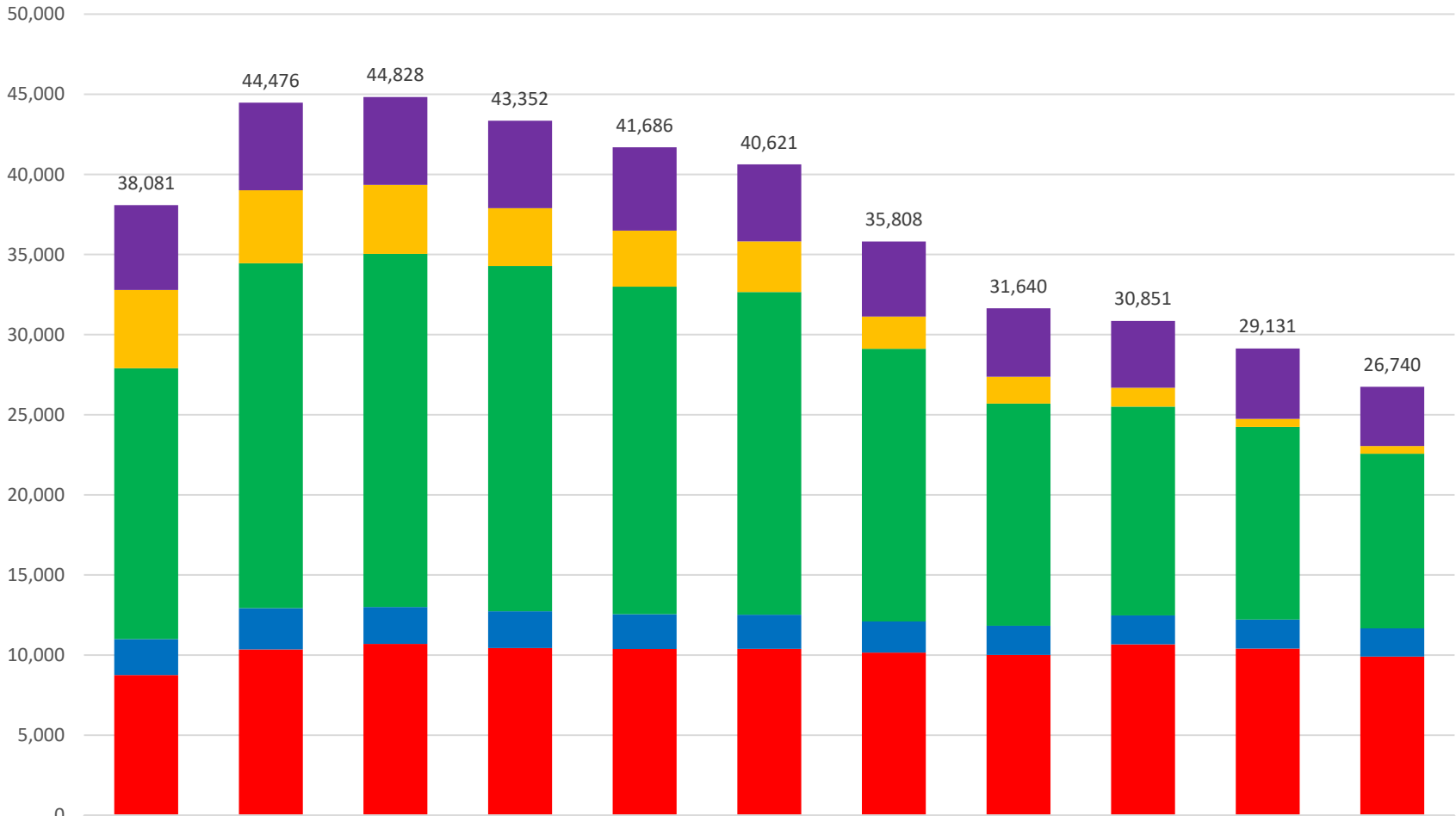
Independent Colleges & Universities

- Bellevue University
- Bryan College of Health Science
- Clarkson College
- College of Saint Mary
- Concordia University
- Creighton University
- Doane University
- Hastings College
- Little Priest Tribal College
- Midland University
- Nebraska Christian College
- Nebraska Indian Community College
- Nebraska Methodist College
- Nebraska Wesleyan University
- Purdue University Global
- Union College
- York College

2019-20 Nebraska Resident Pell Grant-Eligible Students by Sector
(percentage is of total enrollment)

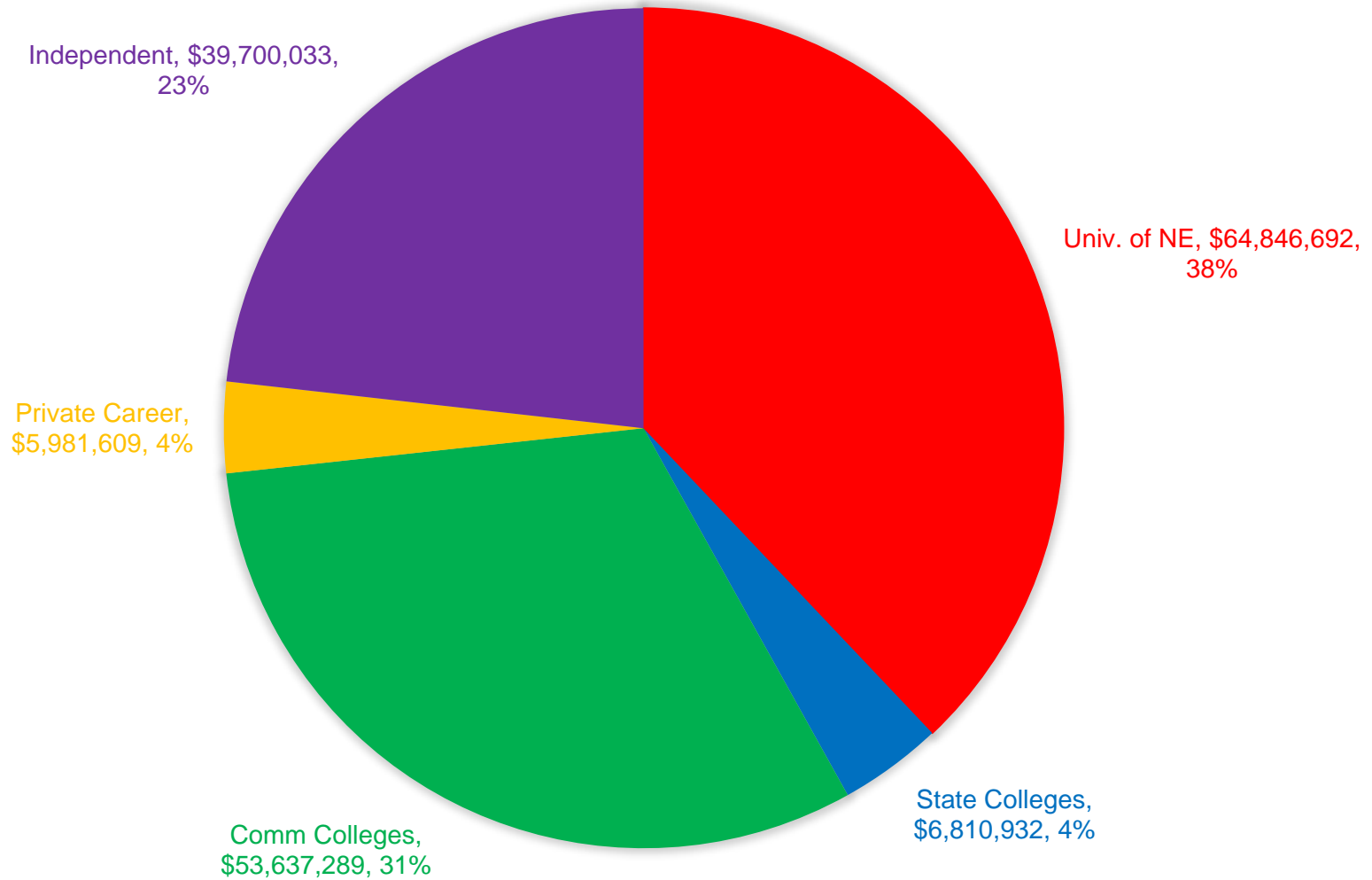


Nebraska Resident Pell Grant-Eligible Students by Sector

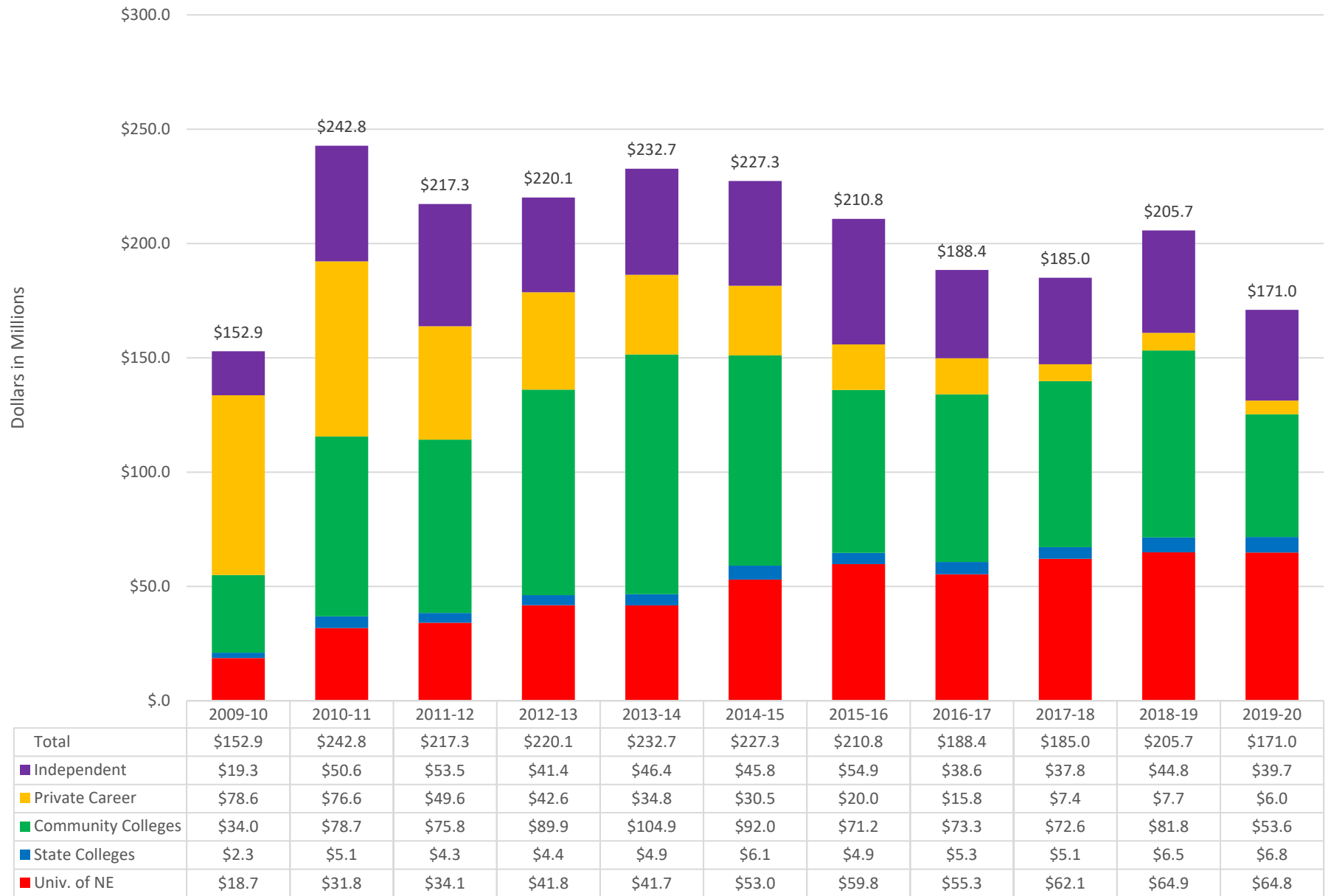


	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Total	38,081	44,476	44,828	43,352	41,686	40,621	35,808	31,640	30,851	29,131	26,740
Independent	5,297	5,467	5,489	5,464	5,194	4,799	4,681	4,270	4,170	4,390	3,696
Private Career	4,877	4,555	4,298	3,607	3,504	3,168	2,009	1,674	1,174	499	480
Comm Colleges	16,911	21,521	22,043	21,548	20,433	20,132	17,019	13,861	13,032	12,021	10,894
State Colleges	2,246	2,580	2,304	2,296	2,177	2,135	1,944	1,824	1,805	1,815	1,762
Univ. of NE	8,750	10,353	10,694	10,437	10,378	10,387	10,155	10,011	10,670	10,406	9,908

**2019-20 UNMET NEED OF PELL GRANT-ELIGIBLE STUDENTS
(PERCENTAGE IS OF TOTAL AMOUNT)**



Nebraska Resident Pell Grant-Eligible Unmet Need by Sector

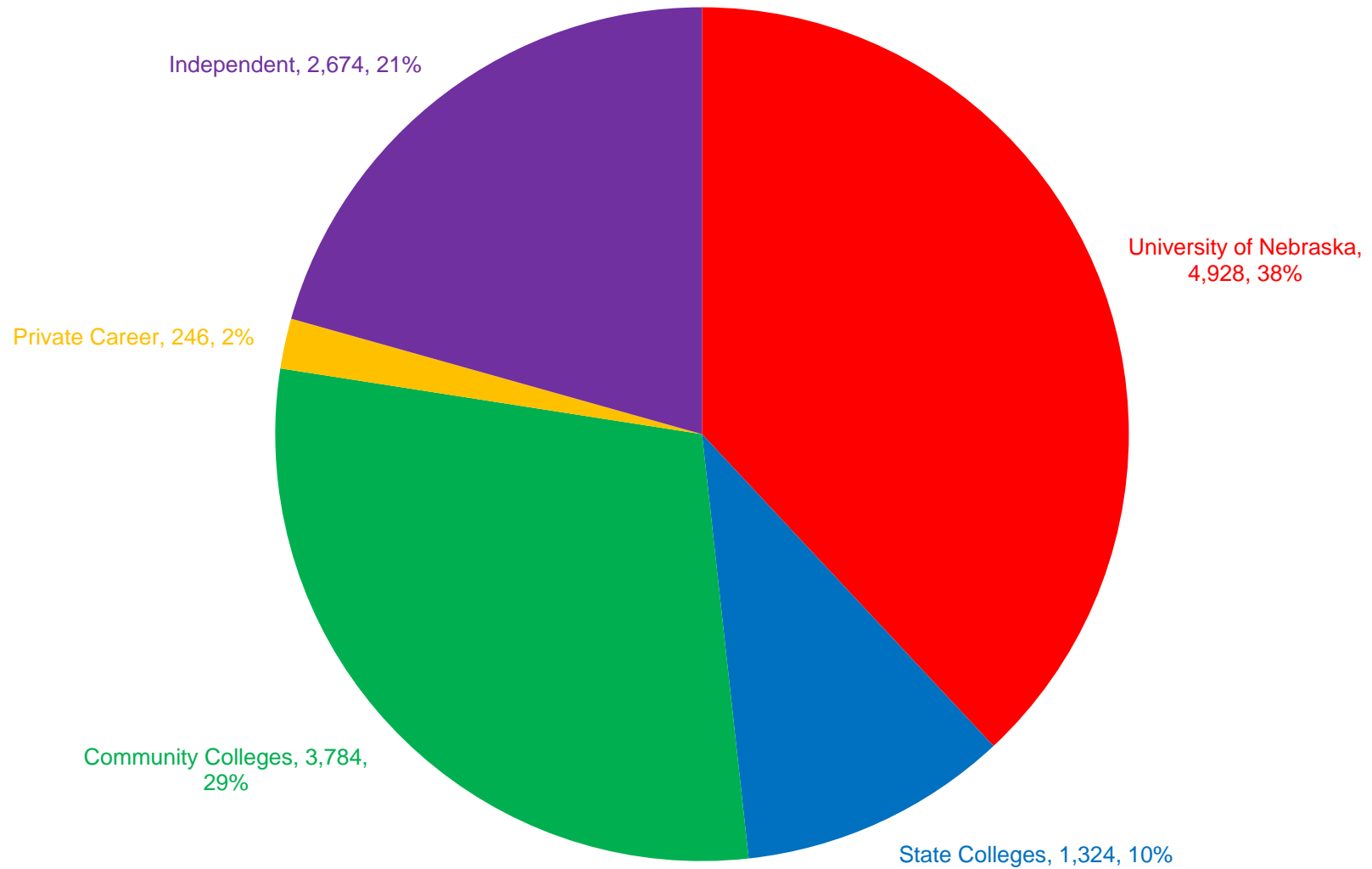


NOG Yearly Process

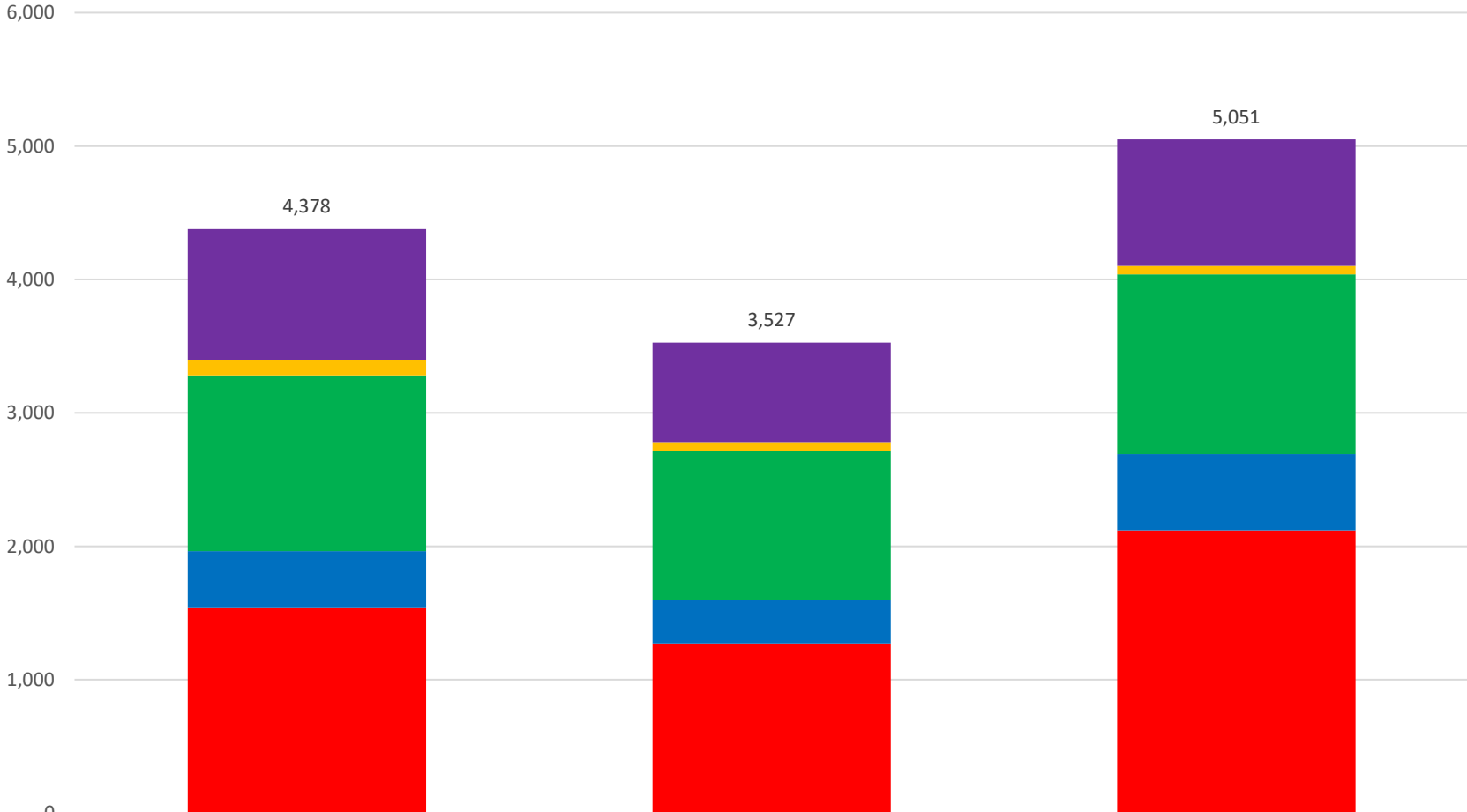
Each year the Commission allocates NOG funding that has been appropriated by the Legislature to participating institutions. In order to provide these institutions timely information, funding estimates are used until a final appropriation bill is approved in late spring. Allocations are calculated using the formula found in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 85-1912. Below are key events of the NOG process:

- Tentative allocation using estimated state General and lottery funds is sent out to institutions in January for the next academic year
- NOG applications to participate are sent to institutions and returned to the Commission in June
- Data from the applications, including the calculation of full-time-equivalent eligible students and tuition and fees charged, are used in the allocation formula
- Final lottery distribution received by the Commission in June
- Final allocation notice sent to institutions in July
- Institutions submit a list of recommended students for Commission approval
 - Must be done prior to disbursement to student
 - Send in multiple lists throughout the year
 - Funds sent at least twice a year based on approved list of students
 - Final submission must be submitted by May 31st of the academic year
- Commission performs audits of student eligibility at each participating institution every fall

2019-20 NOG Recipients by Sector

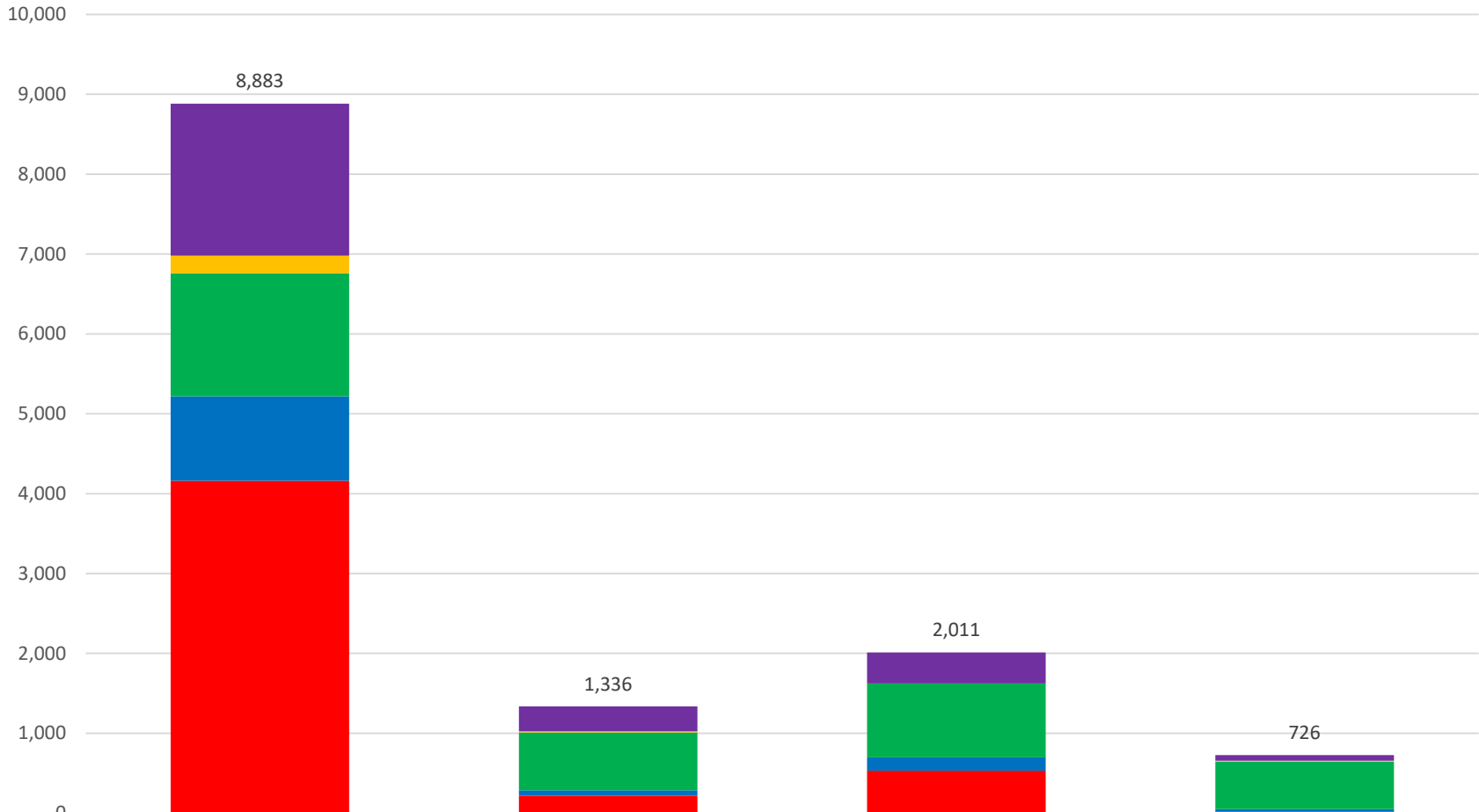


2019-20 NOG Recipients by Family Income



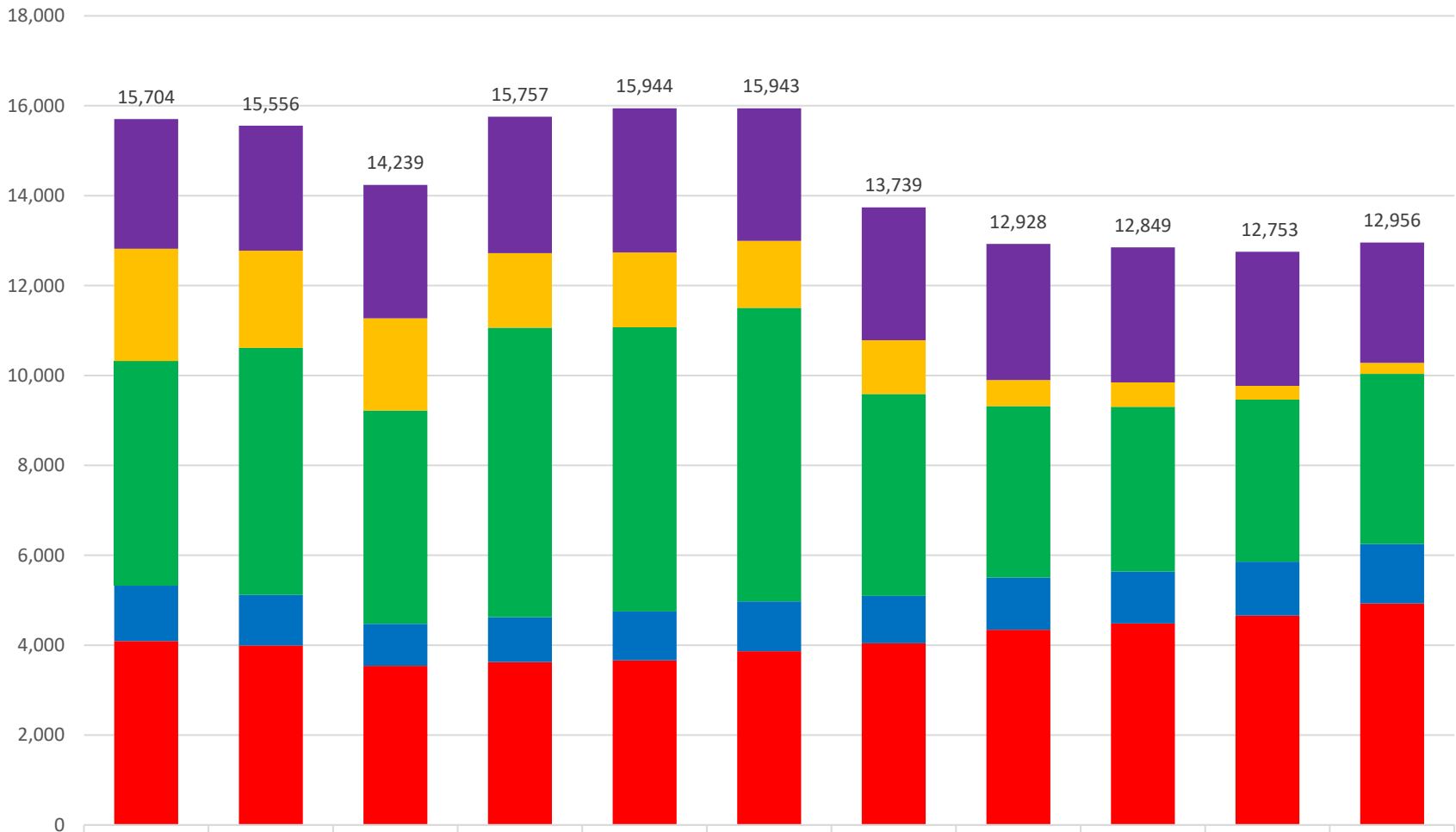
	0-\$19,999	\$20,000-\$39,999	\$40,000+
Total	4,378	3,527	5,051
Independent	979	746	949
Private Career	118	65	63
Comm Colleges	1,317	1,119	1,348
State Colleges	427	325	572
Univ. of NE	1,537	1,272	2,119

2019-20 Recipients by Sector by Enrollment



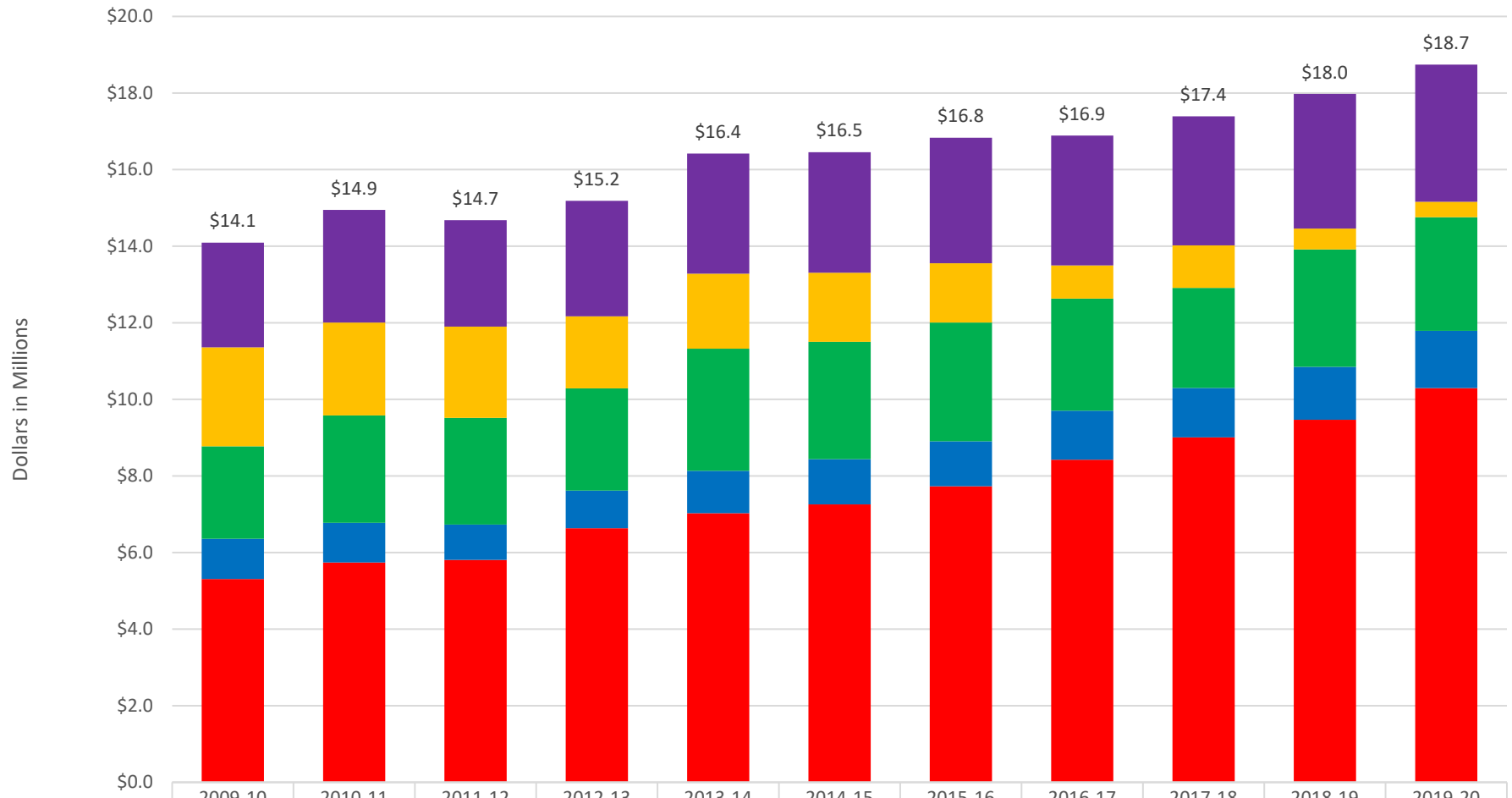
	Full-Time	3/4 Time	1/2 Time	Less Than 1/2 Time
Total	8,883	1,336	2,011	726
Independent	1,904	312	388	70
Private Career	220	13	0	13
Comm Colleges	1,540	725	925	594
State Colleges	1,057	68	167	32
Univ. of NE	4,162	218	531	17

NOG Recipients by Sector



	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Total	15,704	15,556	14,239	15,757	15,944	15,943	13,739	12,928	12,849	12,753	12,956
Independent	2,884	2,779	2,968	3,037	3,208	2,950	2,956	3,029	3,003	2,985	2,674
Private Career	2,498	2,163	2,051	1,658	1,664	1,489	1,195	581	542	305	246
Comm Colleges	4,983	5,496	4,746	6,439	6,320	6,530	4,492	3,814	3,663	3,607	3,784
State Colleges	1,247	1,124	934	996	1,090	1,109	1,053	1,160	1,156	1,198	1,324
Univ. of NE	4,092	3,994	3,540	3,627	3,662	3,865	4,043	4,344	4,485	4,658	4,928

NOG Amount Awarded by Sector



	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Total	\$14.1	\$14.9	\$14.7	\$15.2	\$16.4	\$16.5	\$16.8	\$16.9	\$17.4	\$18.0	\$18.7
Independent	\$2.7	\$2.9	\$2.8	\$3.0	\$3.1	\$3.1	\$3.3	\$3.4	\$3.4	\$3.5	\$3.6
Private Career	\$2.6	\$2.4	\$2.4	\$1.9	\$2.0	\$1.8	\$1.6	\$0.9	\$1.1	\$0.5	\$0.4
Comm Colleges	\$2.4	\$2.8	\$2.8	\$2.7	\$3.2	\$3.1	\$3.1	\$2.9	\$2.6	\$3.1	\$3.0
State Colleges	\$1.1	\$1.0	\$0.9	\$1.0	\$1.1	\$1.2	\$1.2	\$1.3	\$1.3	\$1.4	\$1.5
Univ. of NE	\$5.3	\$5.7	\$5.8	\$6.6	\$7.0	\$7.3	\$7.7	\$8.4	\$9.0	\$9.5	\$10.3

Sector	# and % of Eligible Students	# and % of NOG Recipients	% of Elig who Received NOG	\$ and % of NOG Awarded	Average NOG Award
University of Nebraska (5)	11,178	4,928	44.1%	\$10,294,910	\$2,089.06
	35.8%	38.0%		54.9%	
State Colleges (3)	1,982	1,324	66.8%	\$1,494,400	\$1,128.70
	6.4%	10.2%		8.0%	
Community Colleges (6)	13,378	3,784	28.3%	\$2,966,386	\$783.93
	42.9%	29.2%		15.8%	
Private Career Schools (5)	453	246	54.3%	\$404,093	\$1,642.66
	1.5%	1.9%		2.2%	
Independent Colleges & Universities (17)	4,197	2,674	63.7%	\$3,580,566	\$1,339.03
	13.5%	20.6%		19.1%	
Total	31,188	12,956	41.5%	\$18,740,356	\$1,446.46
	100.0%	100.0%		100.0%	

The National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) is a not-for-profit organization that serves as a central repository of postsecondary student enrollment, degree, and diploma data voluntarily submitted by more than 3,700 colleges and universities. These institutions enroll an estimated 97.0% of the college students in the United States that attend Title IV, degree-granting institutions. In Nebraska, all institutions except three private career schools report to NSC.

The cumulative graduation rates tables include only first-time students that also received a NOG scholarship beginning in their first year. Graduation rates were calculated for the student's initial enrollment institution regardless of the type of institution of the subsequent graduation.

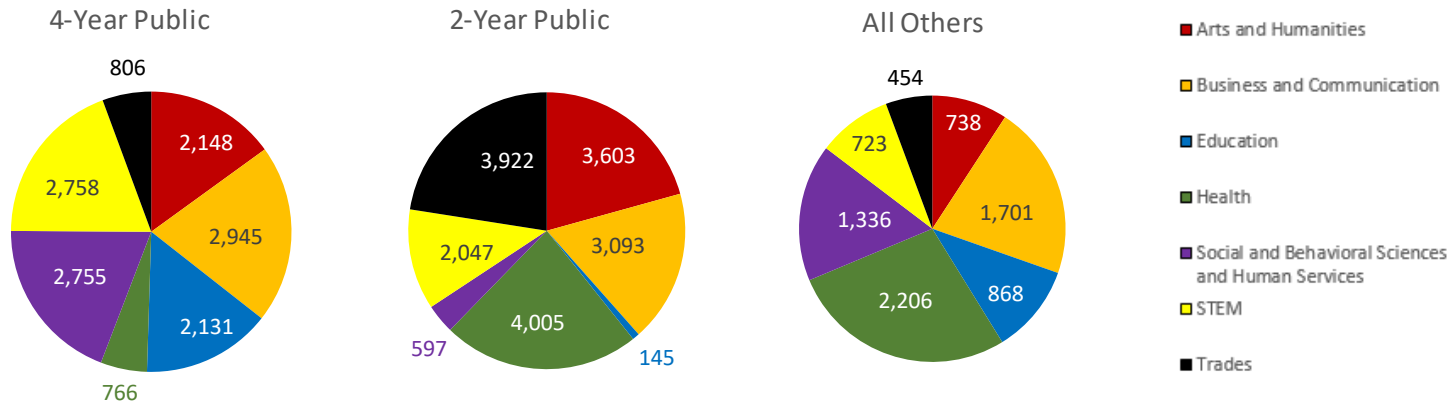
Cumulative Graduation Rates by Year: First-time Students Initially Enrolled in a 2-Year Institution and Received NOG Beginning with Their First Academic Year									
Academic Year First Received NOG	n	Years to Graduate							
		1 or less	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2010-11	803	1.5%	21.4%	34.2%	40.6%	45.2%	48.3%	50.2%	51.9%
2011-12	713	1.1%	22.9%	34.2%	41.5%	46.6%	49.5%	52.2%	53.6%
2012-13	1,055	0.6%	15.4%	25.5%	30.4%	35.2%	37.9%	39.1%	
2013-14	1,098	3.8%	19.0%	29.5%	36.2%	41.1%	44.4%		
2014-15	903	4.4%	22.7%	33.1%	37.5%	41.6%			
2015-16	796	7.5%	27.3%	37.4%	44.2%				

Cumulative Graduation Rates by Year: First-time Students Initially Enrolled in a 4-Year Institution and Received NOG Beginning with Their First Academic Year									
Academic Year First Received NOG Scholarship	n	Years to Graduate							
		1 or less	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2010-11	929	0.3%	3.4%	6.6%	29.0%	49.1%	58.4%	61.9%	63.4%
2011-12	702	2.6%	5.4%	9.3%	29.5%	49.7%	56.3%	59.3%	61.1%
2012-13	722	0.6%	3.2%	5.0%	23.3%	45.4%	54.0%	58.2%	
2013-14	846	0.6%	1.7%	4.4%	24.6%	44.9%	52.6%		
2014-15	952	1.4%	4.8%	7.6%	27.4%	47.4%			
2015-16	946	1.1%	3.8%	6.4%	22.5%				

By the Numbers: 2010-11 through 2018-19

Unique students awarded a NOG scholarship	73,445	Majors conferred to NOG recipients after receiving a NOG scholarship	39,747
Unique NOG recipients that earned a degree, diploma, or certificate after receiving a NOG (Does not include students currently attending an institution that have not earned a first award.)	37,489	Number of first-time freshman awarded a NOG scholarship in their freshman year	13,671

Majors Conferred to NOG Recipients after Receiving a NOG Scholarship, by Discipline Cluster



All degree majors earned after a student received a NOG scholarship are included in the above charts. NSC data provides discipline information at the degree major level only. Not all institutions report the degree earned or degree major.