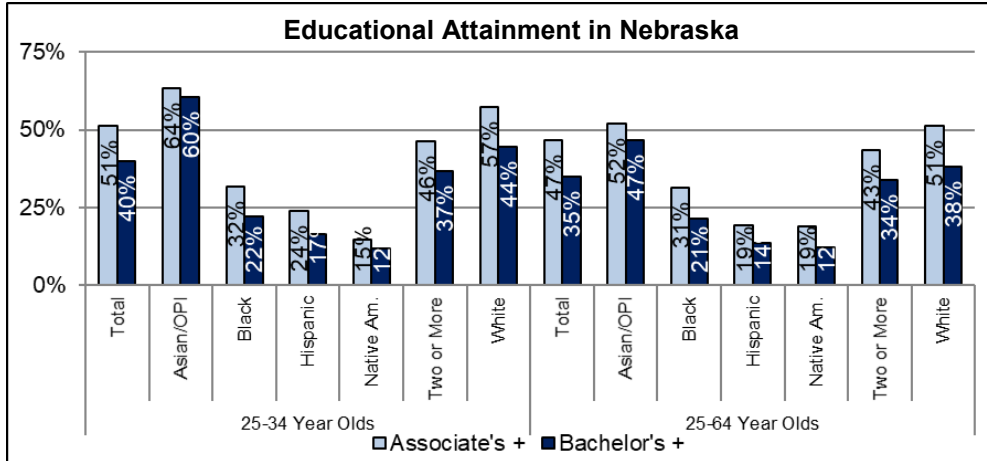


# Learning Curve: Nebraska's Rising Need for Postsecondary Education

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## Where We Are:



Source: American Community Survey (2016-2020).

## National Rank

Associate's+

25-34                      **12th**

25-64                      **14th**

Bachelor's+

25-34                      **15th**

25-64                      **19th**

**12th**

Nebraska's national rank for college continuation (fall 2020)

Source: NCHEMS's analysis of data from WICHE (projections of high school graduates) and IPEDS (first-time freshmen). Includes public and private high school graduates.

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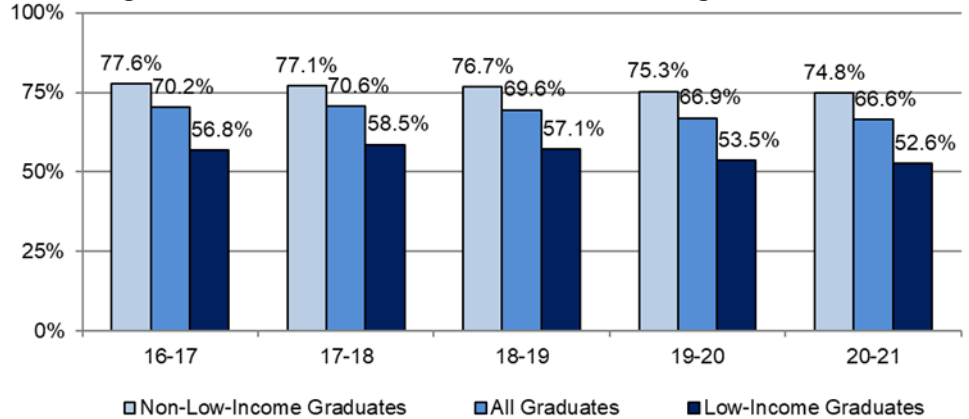
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Completion rate 2-year publics

**24th**

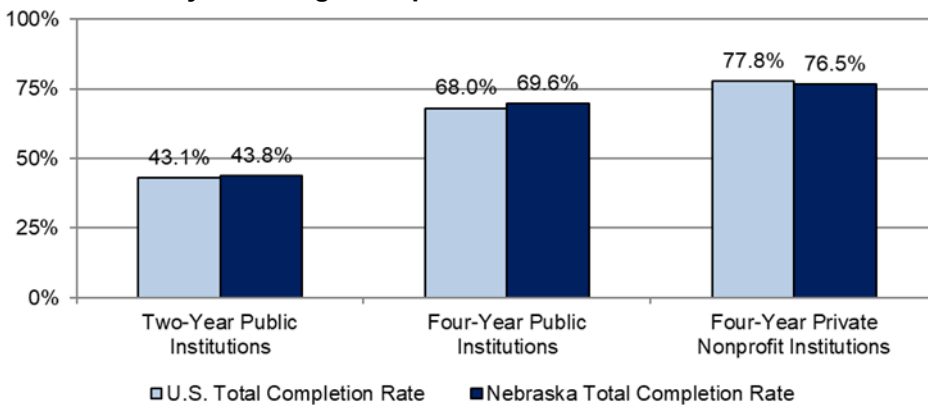
Completion rate 4-year publics

## College Continuation Rates for Nebraska Public High School Graduates



Source: Nebraska Department of Education, National Student Clearinghouse.

## 6-year College Completion Rates - Fall 2016 Cohort



Source: National Student Clearinghouse.

## Where We Are:

**59%** of Nebraskans aged 25 to 34 have a degree, certificate, diploma, or other credential with economic value as of 2021.

## Where We Need to Be:

**70%** Nebraska's LR335 established a goal that at least 70% of 25 to 34 year-old Nebraskans will have a post-secondary credential by 2030.

Source: Lumina Foundation (2023).