Learning Curve: Nebraska’s Rising Need for Postsecondary Education

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Where We Are:

Educational Attainment in Nebraska

![Educational Attainment Graph]


National Rank

- Associate’s+: 25-34 - 11th
- 25-64 - 13th

Bachelor’s+

- 25-34 - 15th
- 25-64 - 19th

25th

Nebraska’s national rank for college continuation (fall 2018)

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.

National Rank

- 18th Completion rate 2-year publics
- 17th Completion rate 4-year publics

College Continuation Rates for Nebraska Public High School Graduates

![College Continuation Rates Graph]

Source: Nebraska Department of Education, National Student Clearinghouse.

Where We Need to Be:

71% of Nebraska jobs will require at least some postsecondary education in 2020, according to a 2013 study by the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce. This includes everything from a vocational certificate through graduate and professional degrees.

Source: National Student Clearinghouse.