Learning Curve: Nebraska's Rising Need for Postsecondary Education

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Where We Are:

Educational Attainment in Nebraska


National Rank

Associate's+
25-34 10th
25-64 13th

Bachelor's+
25-34 14th
25-64 19th

Source: Nebraska Department of Education, National Student Clearinghouse.

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

29th Nebraska's national rank for college continuation.

National Rank

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

Source: National Student Clearinghouse.

College Continuation Rates for Nebraska Public High School Graduates

Source: Nebraska Department of Education, National Student Clearinghouse.

Where We Need to Be:

71% of Nebraska jobs will require at least some postsecondary education by 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.