



NEBRASKA OPPORTUNITY GRANT 2016-17 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 2015-16 academic year, when analyzing national need-based undergraduate grant dollars per undergraduate enrollment, Nebraska ranked 34th in the country.

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 2016-17 NOG program award year:

- \$16,889,748 was awarded
- 12,928 students received a Nebraska Opportunity Grant
- \$1,306.45 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 either from 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

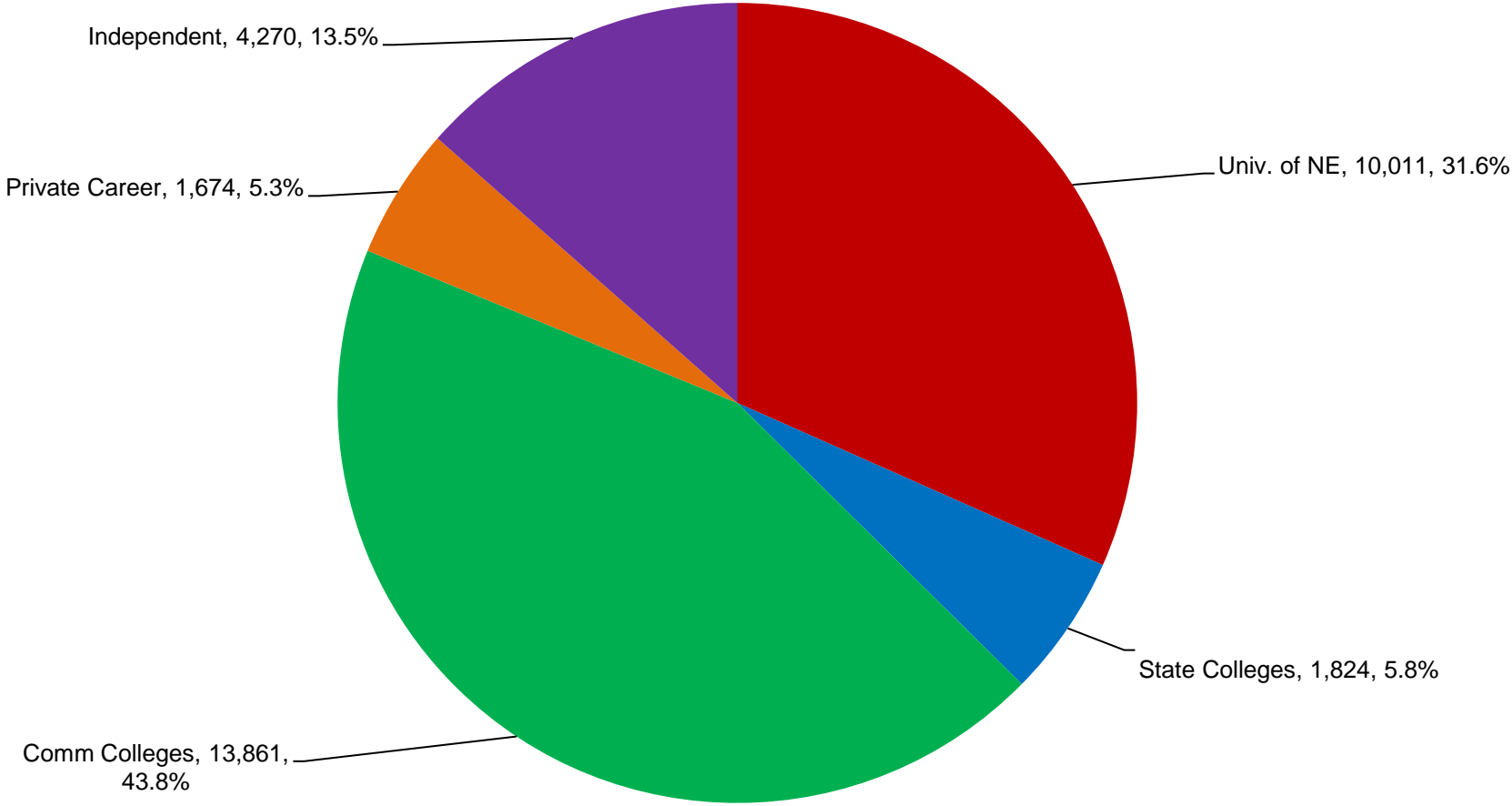
Private Career Colleges

- Capitol School of Hairstyling
- College of Hair Design
- Creative Center
- Joseph's College of Beauty
- Kaplan University (Lincoln & Omaha)
- La'James College
- National American University
- Xenon International School of Hair

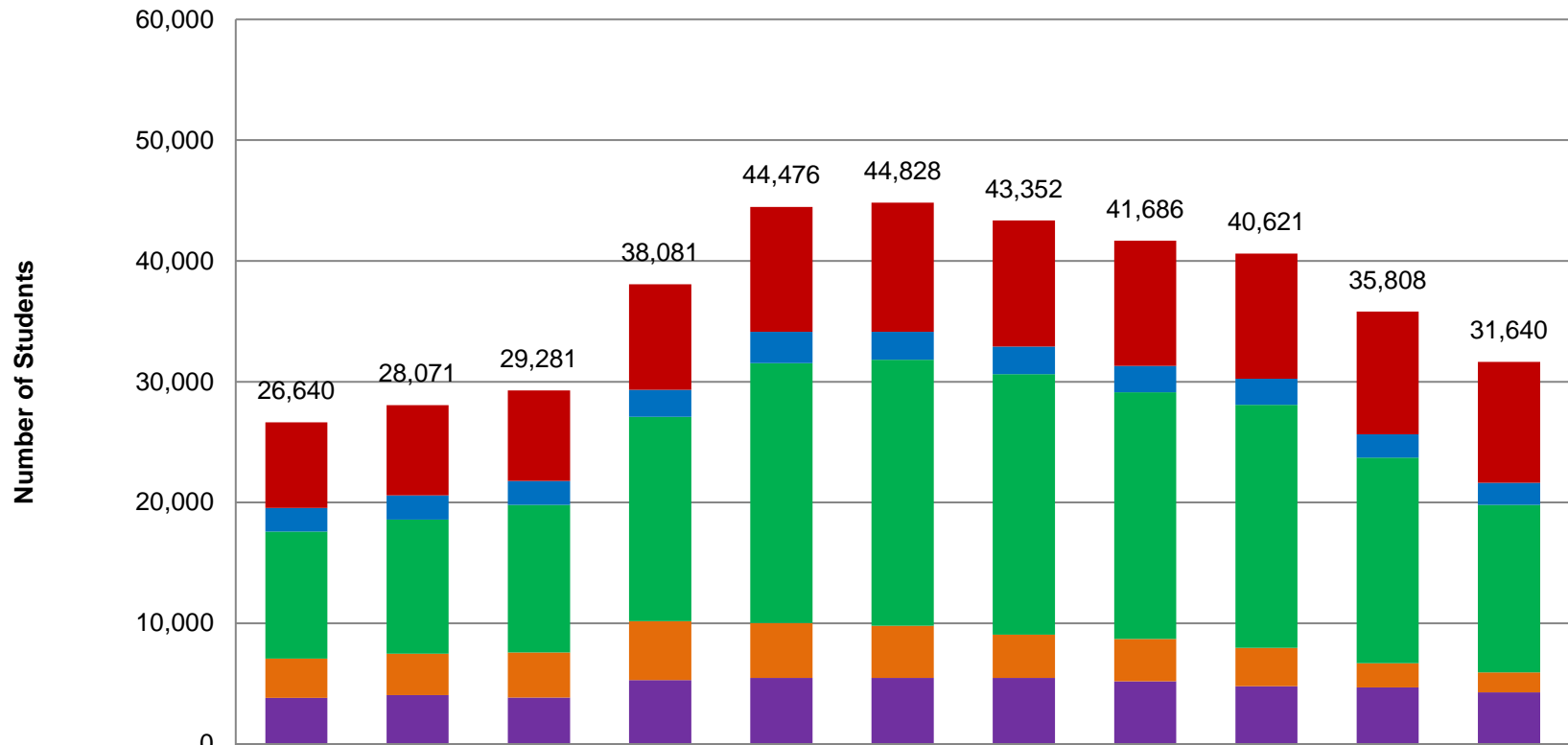
Independent Colleges & Universities

- Bellevue University
- Bryan College of Health Science
- Clarkson College
- College of Saint Mary
- Concordia University
- Creighton University
- Doane University
- Grace University
- Hastings College
- Little Priest Tribal College
- Midland University
- Nebraska Christian College
- Nebraska Methodist College
- Nebraska Wesleyan University
- Omaha School of Massage Therapy
- Union College
- York College

**2016-17 Nebraska Resident Pell Grant-Eligible Students by Sector
(percentage is of total enrollment)**

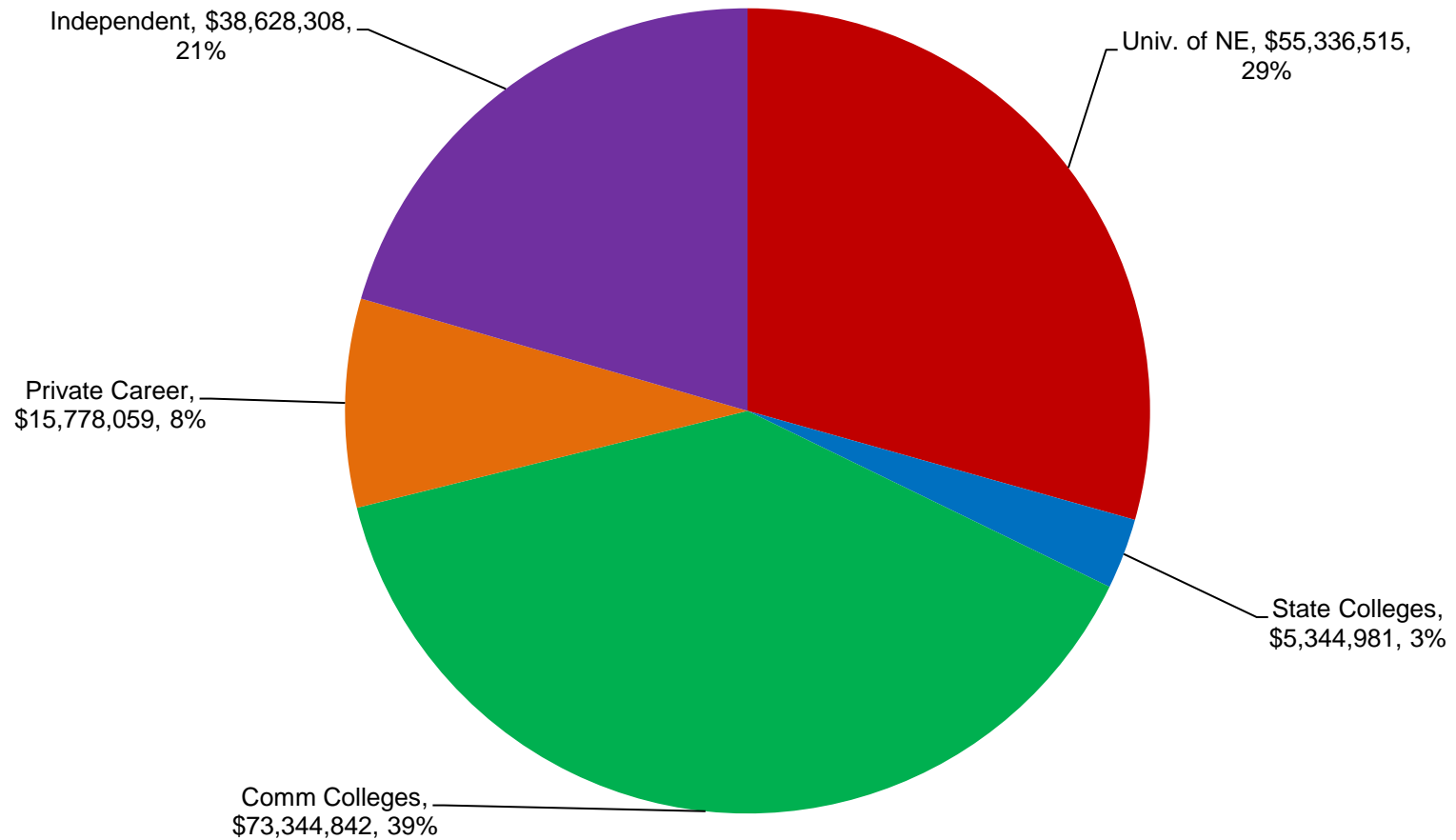


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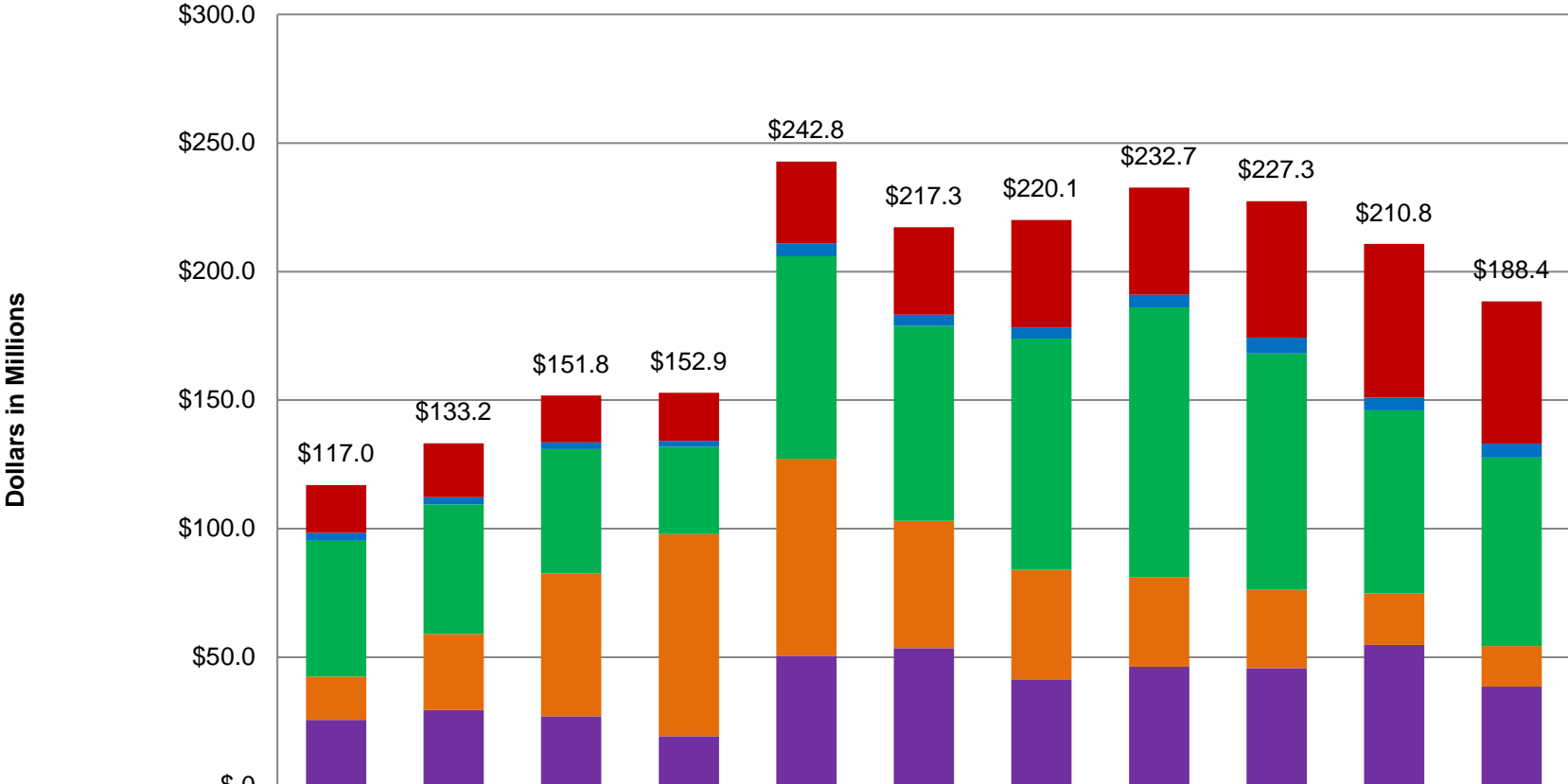


	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
■ Univ. of NE	7,084	7,487	7,499	8,750	10,353	10,694	10,437	10,378	10,387	10,155	10,011
■ State Colleges	1,971	1,994	1,966	2,246	2,580	2,304	2,296	2,177	2,135	1,944	1,824
■ Comm Colleges	10,504	11,115	12,240	16,911	21,521	22,043	21,548	20,433	20,132	17,019	13,861
■ Private Career	3,262	3,430	3,717	4,877	4,555	4,298	3,607	3,504	3,168	2,009	1,674
■ Independent	3,819	4,045	3,859	5,297	5,467	5,489	5,464	5,194	4,799	4,681	4,270
Total	26,640	28,071	29,281	38,081	44,476	44,828	43,352	41,686	40,621	35,808	31,640

**2016-17 Unmet Need of
Pell Grant-Eligible Students
(percentage is of total amount)**



Nebraska Resident Pell Grant-Eligible Unmet Need by Sector



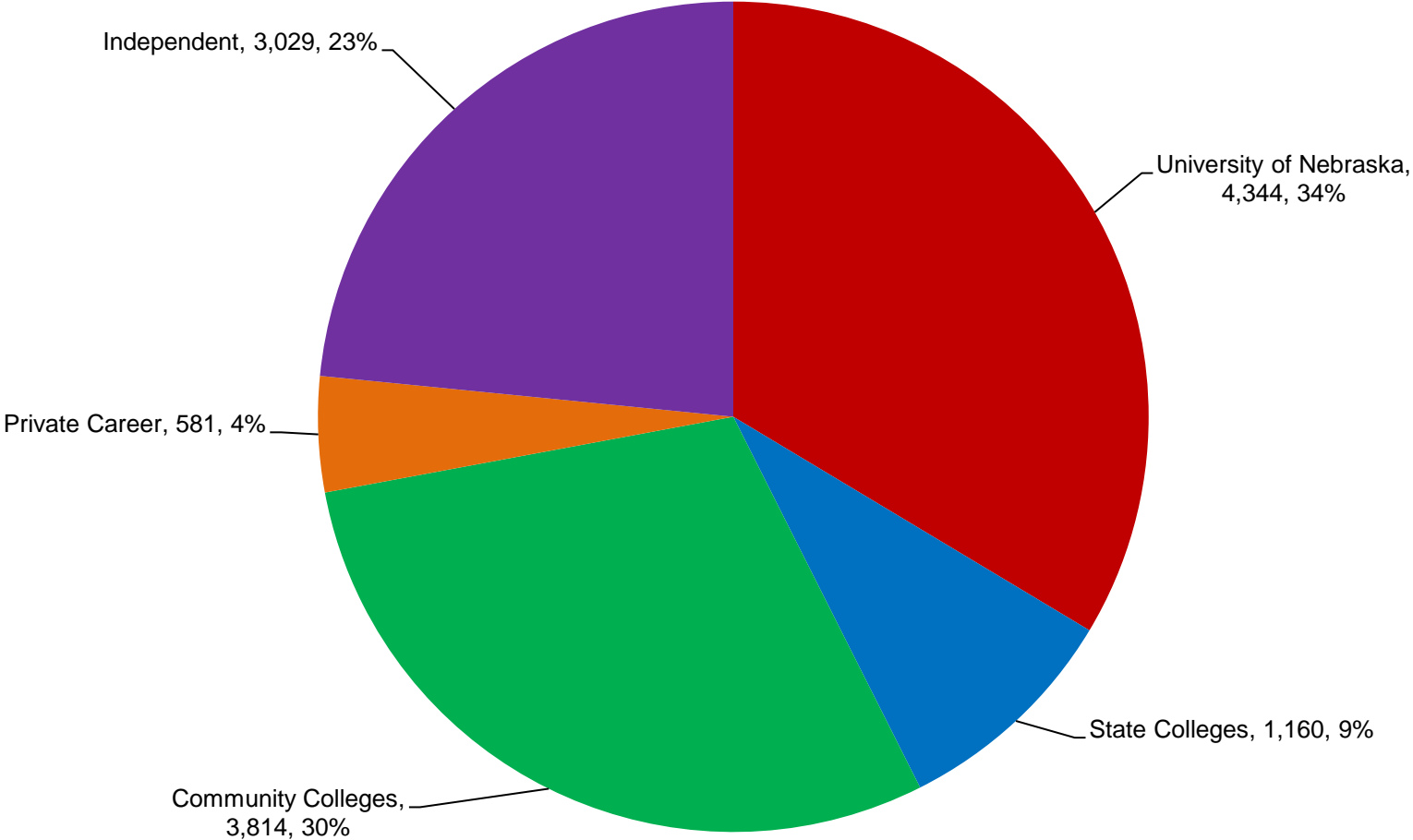
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
■ Univ. of NE	\$18.6	\$20.9	\$18.2	\$18.7	\$31.8	\$34.1	\$41.8	\$41.7	\$53.0	\$59.8	\$55.3
■ State Colleges	\$3.1	\$2.8	\$2.6	\$2.3	\$5.1	\$4.3	\$4.4	\$4.9	\$6.1	\$4.9	\$5.3
■ Community Colleges	\$52.8	\$50.4	\$48.4	\$34.0	\$78.7	\$75.8	\$89.9	\$104.9	\$92.0	\$71.2	\$73.3
■ Private Career	\$16.8	\$29.6	\$55.5	\$78.6	\$76.6	\$49.6	\$42.6	\$34.8	\$30.5	\$20.0	\$15.8
■ Independent	\$25.7	\$29.5	\$27.1	\$19.3	\$50.6	\$53.5	\$41.4	\$46.4	\$45.8	\$54.9	\$38.6
Total	\$117.0	\$133.2	\$151.8	\$152.9	\$242.8	\$217.3	\$220.1	\$232.7	\$227.3	\$210.8	\$188.4

NOG Yearly Process

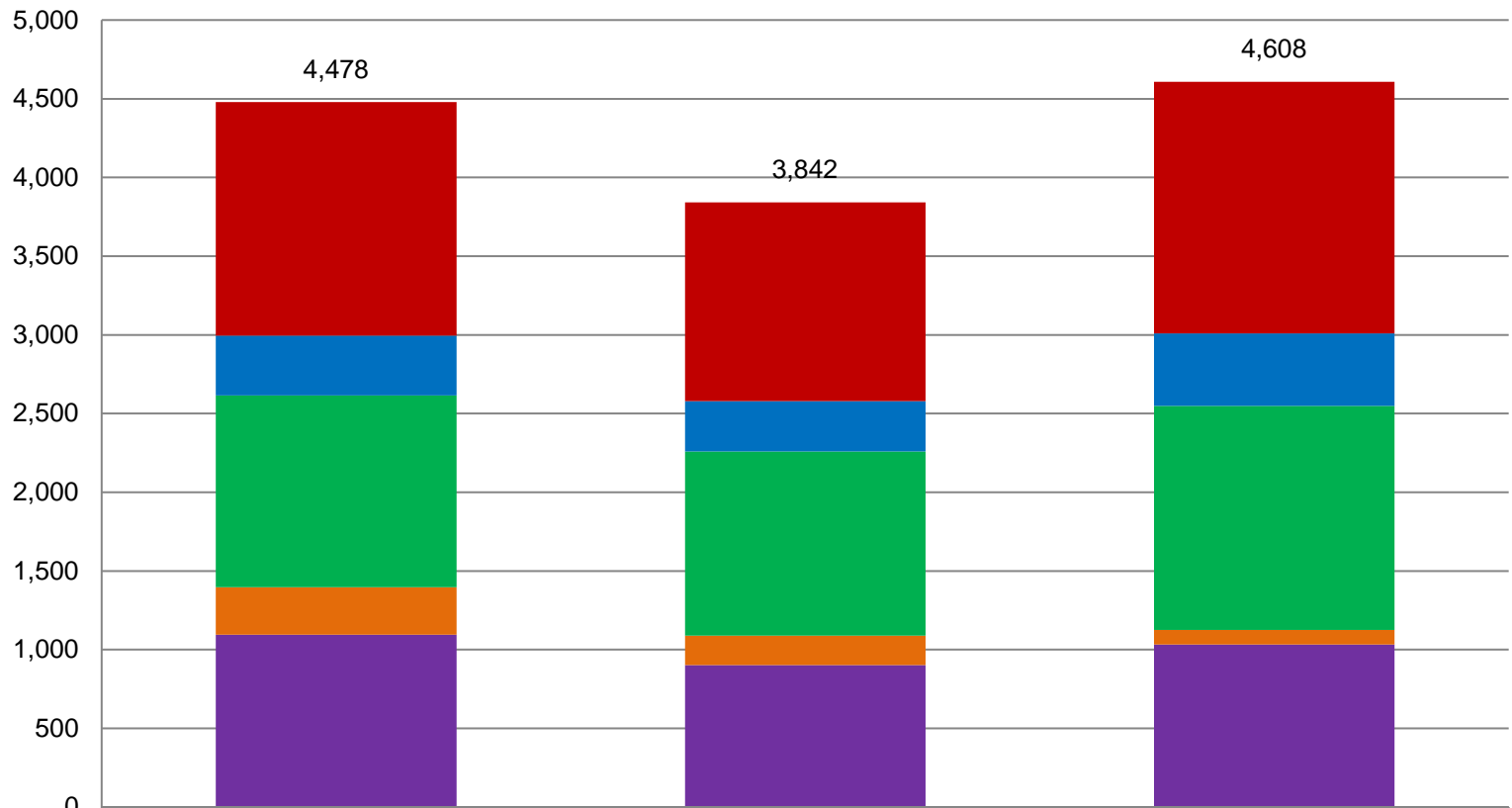
Each year the Commission allocates NOG funding that has been appropriated by the Legislature to participating institutions. In order to provide these institutions timely information, funding estimates are used until a final appropriation bill is approved in late spring. Allocations are calculated using 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

2016-17 NOG Recipients by Sector

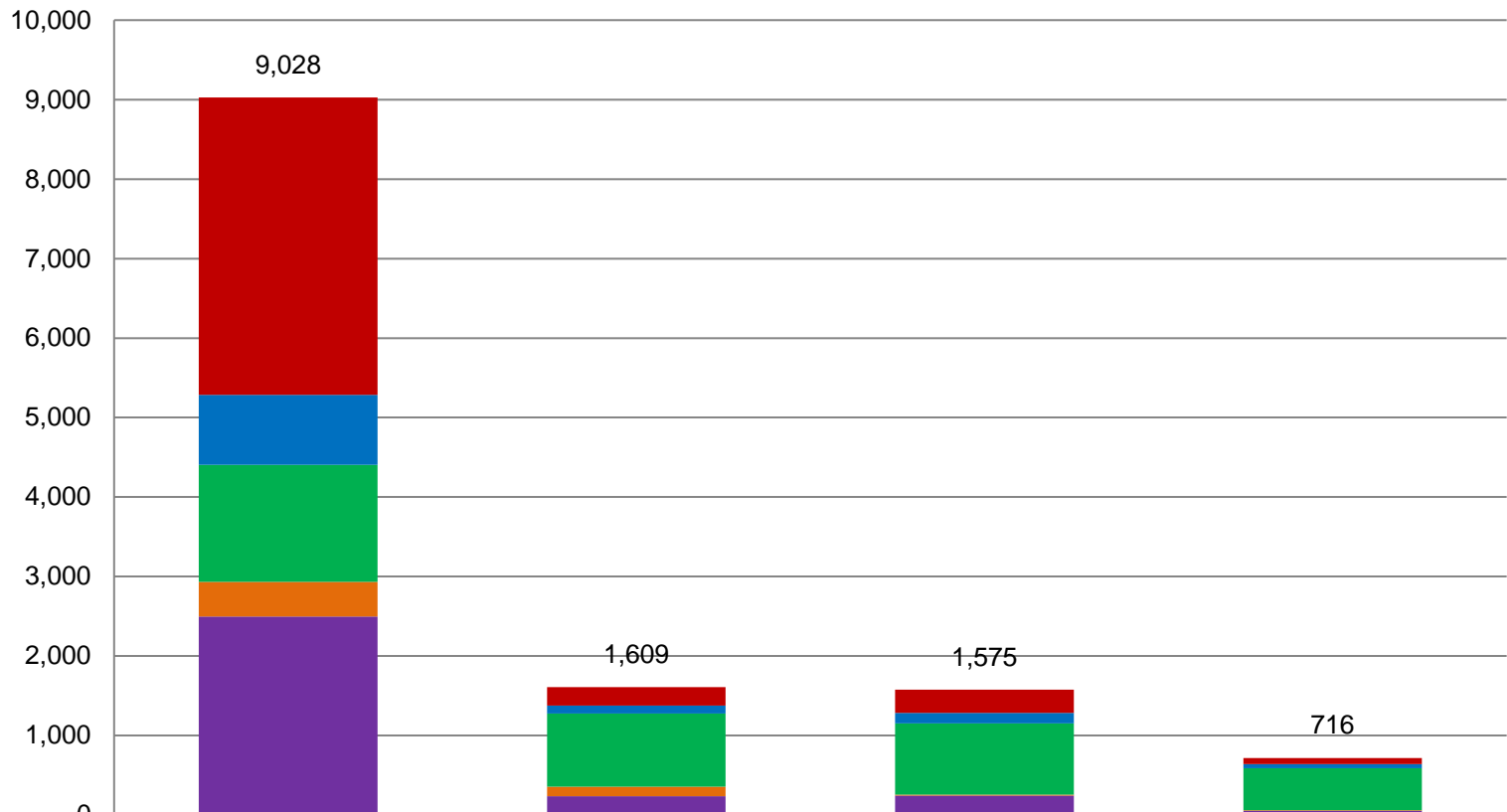


2016-17 NOG Recipients by Family Income



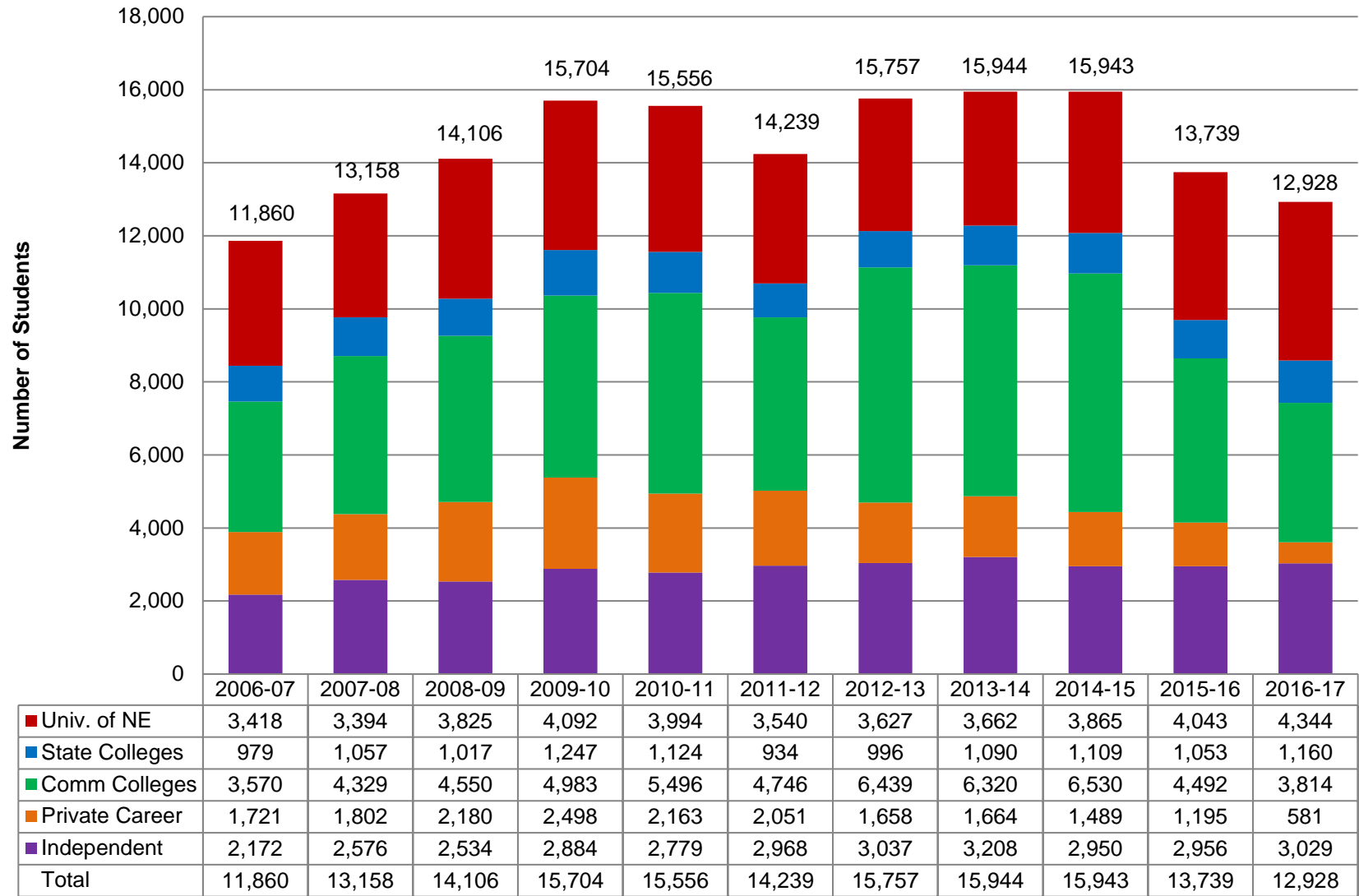
	0-\$19,999	\$20,000-\$39,999	\$40,000+
■ Univ. of NE	1,482	1,264	1,598
■ State Colleges	381	318	461
■ Comm Colleges	1,218	1,172	1,424
■ Private Career	303	186	92
■ Independent	1,094	902	1,033
Total	4,478	3,842	4,608

2016-17 Recipients by Sector by Enrollment

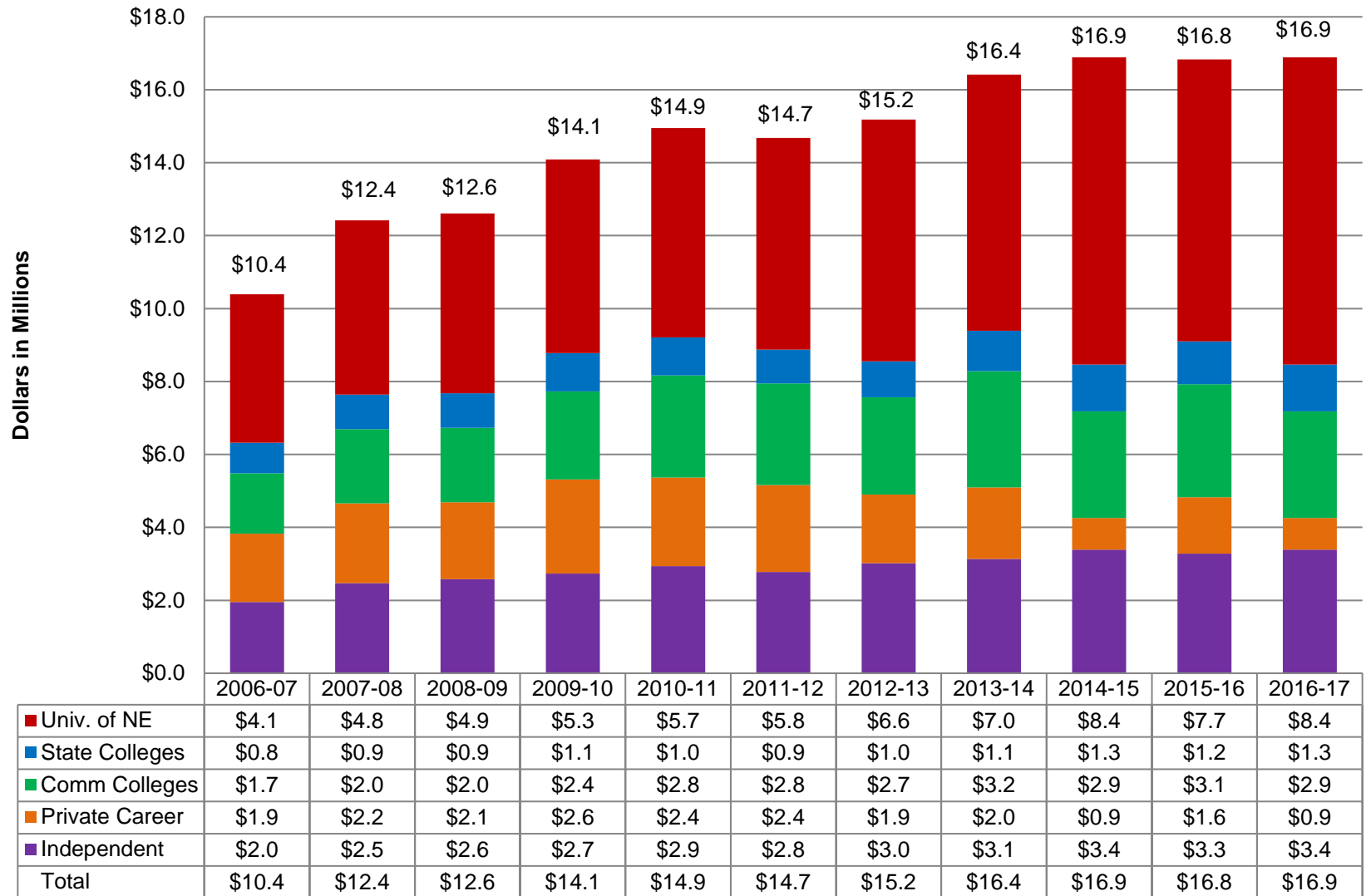


	Full-Time	3/4 Time	1/2 Time	Less Than 1/2 Time
■ Univ. of NE	3,744	234	290	76
■ State Colleges	877	97	134	52
■ Comm Colleges	1,473	920	893	528
■ Private Career	438	121	15	7
■ Independent	2,496	237	243	53
Total	9,028	1,609	1,575	716

NOG Recipients by Sector



NOG Amount Awarded by Sector



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)	11,652	4,344	37.3%	\$8,424,993	\$1,939.45
	33.1%	33.6%		49.9%	
State Colleges (3)	2,076	1,160	55.9%	\$1,278,525	\$1,102.18
	5.9%	9.0%		7.6%	
Community Colleges (6)	14,717	3,814	25.9%	\$2,928,628	\$767.86
	41.8%	29.5%		17.3%	
Private Career Schools (9)	1,762	581	33.0%	\$866,711	\$1,491.76
	5.0%	4.5%		5.1%	
Independent Colleges & Universities (17)	4,971	3,029	60.9%	\$3,390,892	\$1,119.48
	14.1%	23.4%		20.1%	
Total	35,178	12,928	36.8%	\$16,889,748	\$1,306.45
	100.0%	100.0%		100.0%	

NOG Funding by Source

