

1.3 Non-Nebraska, First-Time Freshmen Who Enroll at Nebraska Colleges and Net Migration

Increase the number of non-Nebraska high school graduates who pursue postsecondary education in Nebraska.

The 2003 LR 174 Higher Education Task Force recommended that Nebraska’s colleges and universities should more actively recruit high school graduates from outside the state to increase college enrollments in Nebraska. The data required to monitor the total number of out-of-state and nonresident alien students who enroll as first-time freshmen at Nebraska’s postsecondary institutions are collected every two years through the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) maintained by the National Center for Education Statistics.

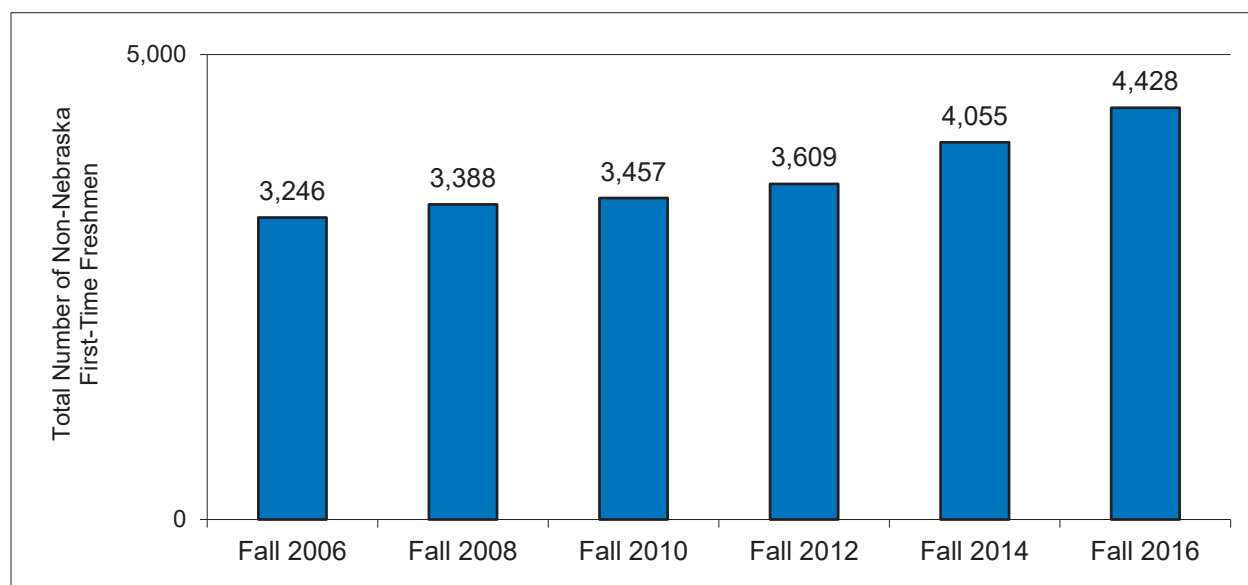
In this section, the latest available data, which are for fall 2016, are compared to the data for fall 2006, fall 2008, fall 2010, fall 2012, and fall 2014. Emphasis is primarily on the comparison of the findings for fall 2016 to those for fall 2006.

Non-Nebraska, First-Time Freshmen Who Attend Nebraska Colleges and Universities

- As shown in [Figure 1.3.1](#), Nebraska’s postsecondary institutions attracted 1,182, or 36.4%, more non-Nebraska, first-time freshmen in fall 2016 than in fall 2006.

Figure 1.3.1

Total Number of Non-Nebraska, First-Time Freshmen Enrolled at Nebraska Postsecondary Institutions Fall 2006 through Fall 2016



Note. Includes full-time and part-time students as well as nonresident alien students. Does not include students with reported unknown states of residence and students for whom no residence information was reported. Data source: National Center for Education Statistics, IPEDS fall 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, and 2016 surveys.

- The University of Nebraska-Lincoln enrolled 1,391 (31.4%) of the non-Nebraska, first-time freshmen in fall 2016, up from 767 (23.6%) in fall 2006. Creighton University enrolled 853 (19.3%) of the non-Nebraska, first-time freshmen in fall 2016, up from 610 (18.8%) in fall 2006. Together, these two institutions accounted for 867, or 73.4%, of the additional 1,182 non-Nebraska, first-time freshmen enrolled at Nebraska's postsecondary institutions. (See Table A6.8 in Appendix 6 for supporting data on total non-Nebraska, first-time freshmen by institution.)
- Between fall 2006 and fall 2016, postsecondary institutions in Nebraska attracted a noticeably higher number of non-Nebraskans who went to college within a year of high school graduation. The state attracted about the same number of out-of-state and nonresident alien students who started college more than a year after they graduated from high school. Both of these trends are evidenced in Table 1.3.1.
- As shown in Table 1.3.1, the net enrollment of out-of-state and nonresident alien students at Nebraska postsecondary institutions increased by 1,182 students, or 36.4%, between fall 2006 and fall 2016.

Table 1.3.1
Non-Nebraska, First-Time Freshmen
Enrolled at Nebraska Postsecondary Institutions
Classified by Length of Time Since High School Graduation
Fall 2006 through Fall 2016

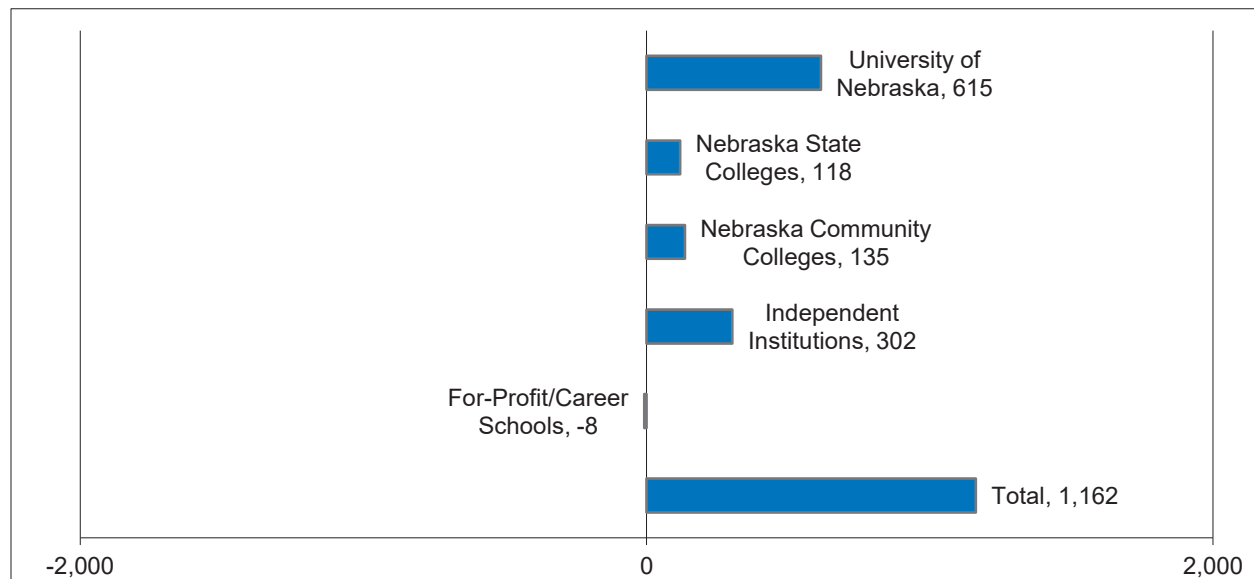
Length of Time Since High School Graduation	Fall 2006		Fall 2008		Fall 2010		Fall 2012	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Graduated During the 12 Months Prior to College Enrollment	2,794	86.1%	2,973	87.8%	2,948	85.3%	2,981	82.6%
Graduated More than 12 Months Prior to College Enrollment	452	13.9%	415	12.2%	509	14.7%	628	17.4%
Total	3,246	100.0%	3,388	100.0%	3,457	100.0%	3,609	100.0%
Length of Time Since High School Graduation	Fall 2014		Fall 2016				Δ Since Fall 2006	
	N	%	N	%			N	%
Graduated During the 12 Months Prior to College Enrollment	3,488	86.0%	3,956	89.3%			1,162	41.6%
Graduated More than 12 Months Prior to College Enrollment	567	14.0%	472	10.7%			20	4.4%
Total	4,055	100.0%	4,428	100.0%			1,182	36.4%

Note. Includes full-time and part-time students as well as nonresident alien students. Does not include students with reported unknown states of residence and students for whom no residence information was reported. Δ = change. See Table A6.5 and Table A6.6 in Appendix 6 for supporting data. Data source: National Center for Education Statistics, IPEDS fall 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, and 2016 surveys.

- As shown in [Figure 1.3.2](#), 52.9% of the net increase of 1,162 students who started college within 12 months of high school graduation is attributable to the increased number of non-Nebraskans who attended the University of Nebraska.
- The Nebraska State College System, Nebraska’s community colleges, and Nebraska’s independent institutions also experienced gains in the number of non-Nebraskans that they attracted, but the for-profit/career schools attracted eight fewer out-of-state students in fall 2016 than in fall 2006. (See [Table A6.5](#) in [Appendix 6](#) for supporting data.)
- See [Table A6.6](#) in [Appendix 6](#) for information on the enrollment of non-Nebraskan first-time freshmen who enrolled at Nebraska colleges more than a year after high school graduation.
- [Table A6.7](#) in [Appendix 6](#) provide detailed listings *by institution* of the numbers of first-time freshmen with Nebraska, out-of-state, and foreign (i.e., nonresident alien) residencies who were enrolled at Nebraska’s colleges and universities *within 12 months of high school graduation* from fall 2006 through fall 2016.

Figure 1.3.2

Changes in the Numbers of Non-Nebraska, First-Time Freshmen Enrolled at Nebraska Postsecondary Institutions Within 12 Months of Graduation from High School Fall 2016 Compared to Fall 2006



Note. Includes full-time and part-time students as well as nonresident alien students. Does not include students with reported unknown states of residence and students for whom no residence information was reported. See [Table A6.5](#) in [Appendix 6](#) for supporting data. Data source: National Center for Education Statistics, IPEDS fall 2006 and fall 2016 surveys.

Net Migration of Nebraska and Non-Nebraska, First-Time Freshmen

Data summarized in the preceding sections can be used to calculate the net migration of first-time freshmen who attended postsecondary institutions within one year of high school graduation.

- As shown in [Table 1.3.2](#), in fall 2006, fall 2008, fall 2010, fall 2012, fall 2014, and fall 2016, more first-time freshmen *came to Nebraska* to attend college within 12 months of high school graduation than *left Nebraska* to go to school out of state.
- Interestingly, between fall 2014 and fall 2016, in-migration of non-Nebraska students increased 13.4% (468 students) while out-migration of Nebraska students increased only 1.3% (34 students)

Table 1.3.2 Net Migration of First-Time Freshmen Who Attended Postsecondary Institutions <u>Within 12 Months of High School Graduation</u> Fall 2006 through Fall 2016								
Student Residency and Where They Attended College	Fall 2006	Fall 2008	Fall 2010	Fall 2012	Fall 2014	Fall 2016	Δ Since Fall 2006	
							N	%
<u>In-Migration</u> Non-Nebraska Students Enrolled at Nebraska Colleges and Universities	2,794	2,973	2,948	2,981	3,488	3,956	1,162	41.6%
<u>Out-Migration</u> Resident Nebraska Students Enrolled at Out-of-State Colleges and Universities	2,616	2,641	2,449	2,803	2,690	2,724	108	4.1%
Net Migration	178	332	499	178	798	1,232		
<i>Note.</i> Includes full-time and part-time students as well as nonresident alien students. Does not include students with reported unknown states of residence and students for whom no residence information was reported. Δ = change. Data source: National Center for Education Statistics, IPEDS fall 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, and 2016 surveys.								