

### 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 foreign 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.

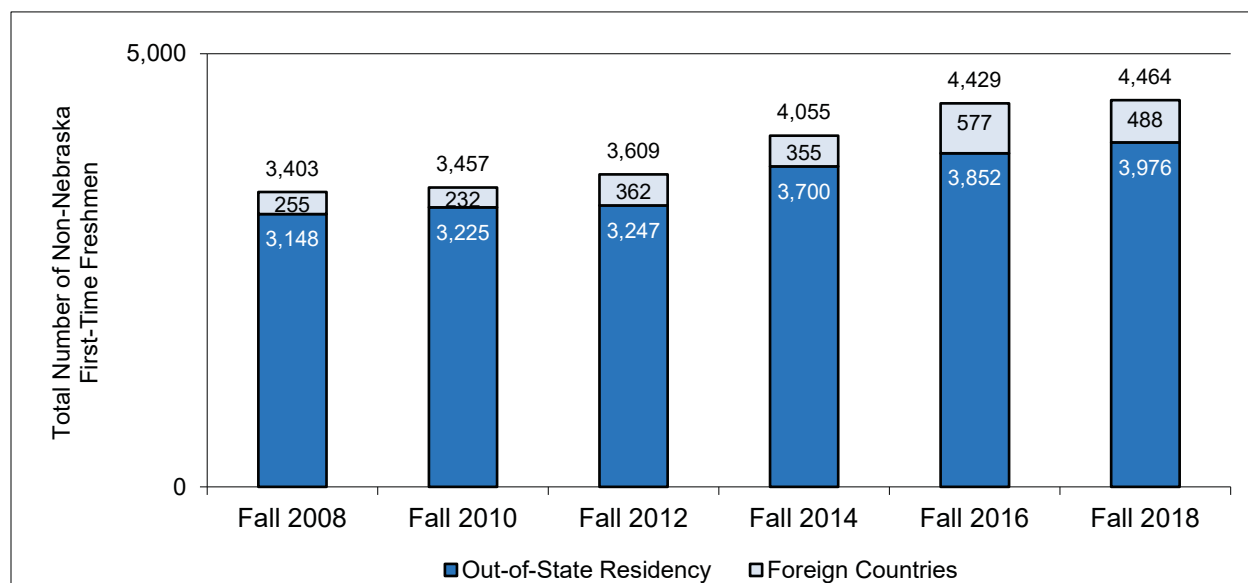
In this section, the latest available data, which are for fall 2018, are compared to the data for fall 2008, fall 2010, fall 2012, fall 2014, and fall 2016. Emphasis is primarily on the comparison of the findings for fall 2018 to those for fall 2008.

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

- As shown in [Figure 1.3.1](#), Nebraska’s postsecondary institutions attracted 1,061, or 31.2%, more non-Nebraska, first-time freshmen in fall 2018 than in fall 2008.
- While the number of first-time freshmen with out-of-state residency increased 26.3%, the number of first-time freshmen from foreign countries increased 91.4%.

**Figure 1.3.1**

**Total Number of Non-Nebraska, First-Time Freshmen Enrolled at Nebraska Postsecondary Institutions Fall 2008 through Fall 2018**



*Note.* Includes full-time and part-time students as well as students from foreign countries. Does not include students with reported unknown states of residence and students for whom no residence information was reported. See [Table A6.5](#) and [Table 6.6](#) in [Appendix 6](#) for supporting data. Data source: National Center for Education Statistics, IPEDS fall 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018 surveys.

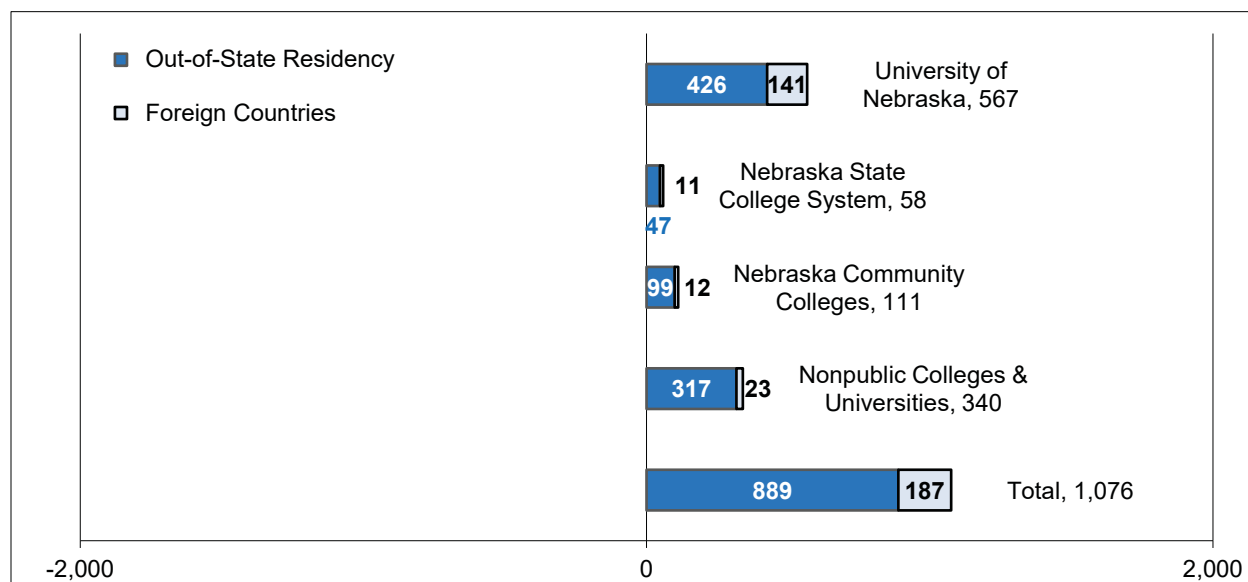
- The University of Nebraska-Lincoln enrolled 1,426 (31.9%) of the non-Nebraska, first-time freshmen in fall 2018, up from 851 (25.0%) in fall 2008. Creighton University enrolled 904 (20.3%) of the non-Nebraska, first-time freshmen in fall 2018, up from 671 (19.7%) in fall 2008. Together, these two institutions accounted for 808, or 76.2%, of the additional 1,061 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 2008 and fall 2018, 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 foreign 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 foreign students at Nebraska postsecondary institutions increased by 1,061 students, or 31.2%, between fall 2008 and fall 2018.

**Table 1.3.1**  
**Non-Nebraska, First-Time Freshmen**  
**Enrolled at Nebraska Postsecondary Institutions**  
**Classified by Length of Time Since High School Graduation**  
**Fall 2008 through Fall 2018**

Length of Time Since High School Graduation	Fall 2008		Fall 2010		Fall 2012		Fall 2014	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Graduated During the 12 Months Prior to College Enrollment	2,988	87.8%	2,948	85.3%	2,981	82.6%	3,488	86.0%
Graduated More than 12 Months Prior to College Enrollment	415	12.2%	509	14.7%	628	17.4%	567	14.0%
Total	3,403	100.0%	3,457	100.0%	3,609	100.0%	4,055	100.0%
Length of Time Since High School Graduation	Fall 2016		Fall 2018				Δ Since Fall 2008	
	N	%	N	%			N	%
Graduated During the 12 Months Prior to College Enrollment	3,957	89.3%	4,064	91.0%			1,076	36.0%
Graduated More than 12 Months Prior to College Enrollment	472	10.7%	400	9.0%			-15	-3.6%
Total	4,429	100.0%	4,464	100.0%			1,061	31.2%
<p><i>Note.</i> Includes full-time and part-time students as well as students from foreign countries. Does not include students with reported unknown states of residence and students for whom no residence information was reported. Δ = change. See <u>Table A6.5</u> and <u>Table A6.6</u> in <u>Appendix 6</u> for supporting data. Data source: National Center for Education Statistics, IPEDS fall 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018 surveys.</p>								

- As shown in [Figure 1.3.2](#), 52.7% of the net increase of 1,076 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 nonpublic institutions also experienced gains in the number of non-Nebraskans that they attracted.
- While the number of first-time freshmen with out-of-state residency increased 30.8%, the number of first-time freshmen from foreign countries increased 178.1%. As shown in [Figure 1.3.2](#), the University of Nebraska enrolled the majority of first-time freshmen from foreign countries
- 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 residencies who were enrolled at Nebraska’s colleges and universities *within 12 months of high school graduation* from fall 2008 through fall 2018.

**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 2018 Compared to Fall 2008**



*Note.* Includes full-time and part-time students as well as students from foreign countries. 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 2008 and fall 2018 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. Students with foreign residency are excluded from the calculation of net migration.<sup>15</sup>

- As shown in Table 1.3.2, in fall 2008, fall 2010, fall 2012, fall 2014, fall 2016, and fall 2018, 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.

<b>Table 1.3.2 Net Migration of First-Time Freshmen Who Attended Postsecondary Institutions <u>Within 12 Months of High School Graduation</u> Fall 2008 through Fall 2018</b>								
Student Residency and Where They Attended College	Fall 2008	Fall 2010	Fall 2012	Fall 2014	Fall 2016	Fall 2018	Δ Since Fall 2008	
							N	%
<b><u>In-Migration</u></b> <b>Non-Nebraska, Non-Foreign</b> Students Enrolled at <b>Nebraska</b> Colleges and Universities	2,883	2,846	2,826	3,294	3,621	3,772	889	30.8%
<b><u>Out-Migration</u></b> <b>Resident Nebraska</b> Students Enrolled at <b>Out-of-State</b> Colleges and Universities	2,665	2,421	2,800	2,692	2,725	2,753	88	3.3%
<b>Net Migration</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>1,019</b>		
<i>Note.</i> Includes full-time and part-time students. Does not include students with foreign residency, reported unknown states of residence, or students for whom no residence information was reported. Δ = change. Data source: National Center for Education Statistics, IPEDS fall 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018 surveys.								

<sup>15</sup> While IPEDS data captures the in-migration of first-time freshmen from foreign countries, it does not capture the out-migration of first-time freshmen with Nebraska residency that enrolled in college in foreign countries.