

Section B: Degrees and Other Awards

2012-2013 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska

**Degrees & Other Awards Conferred
2001-2002 through 2011-2012**

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Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)

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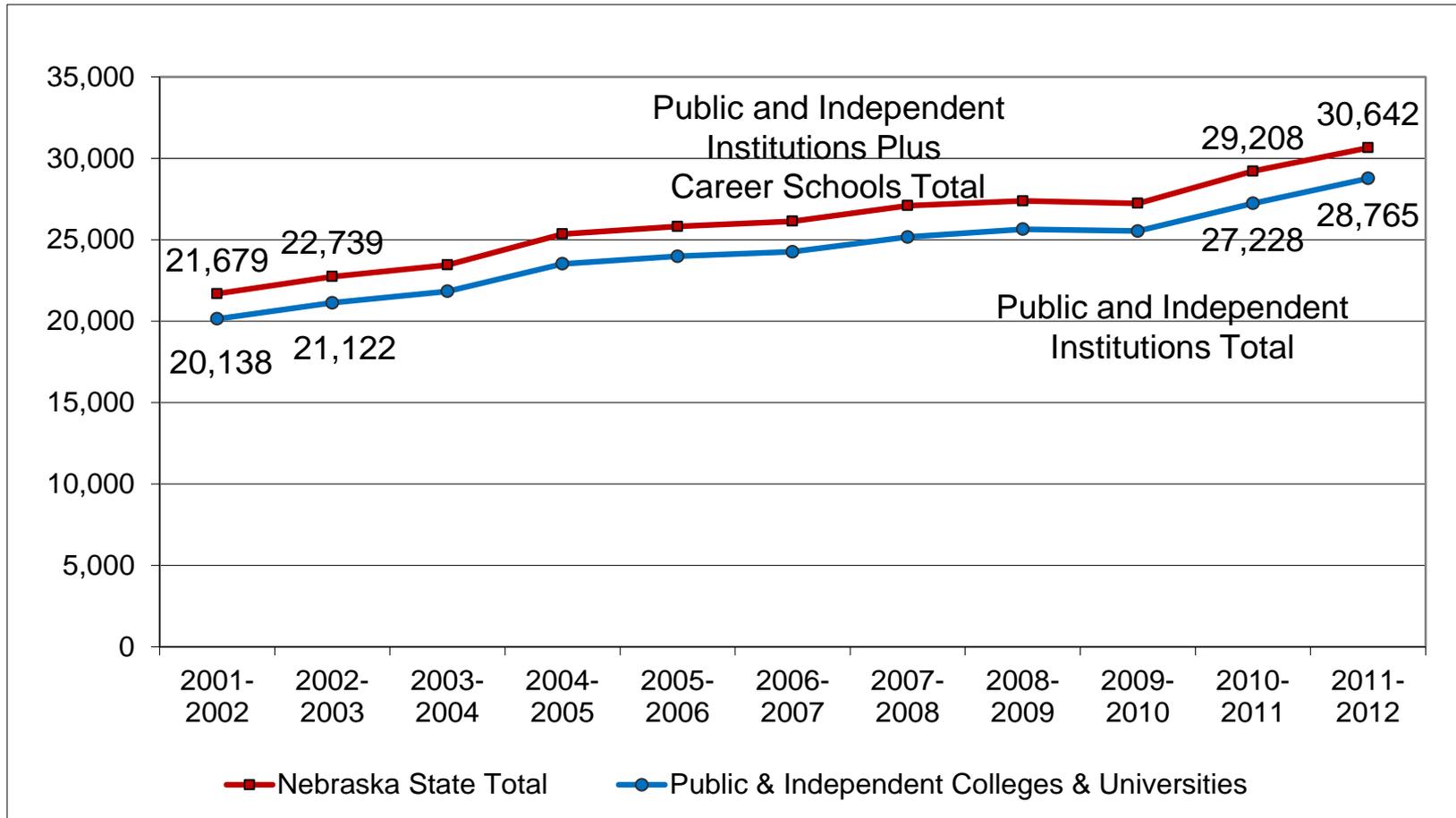


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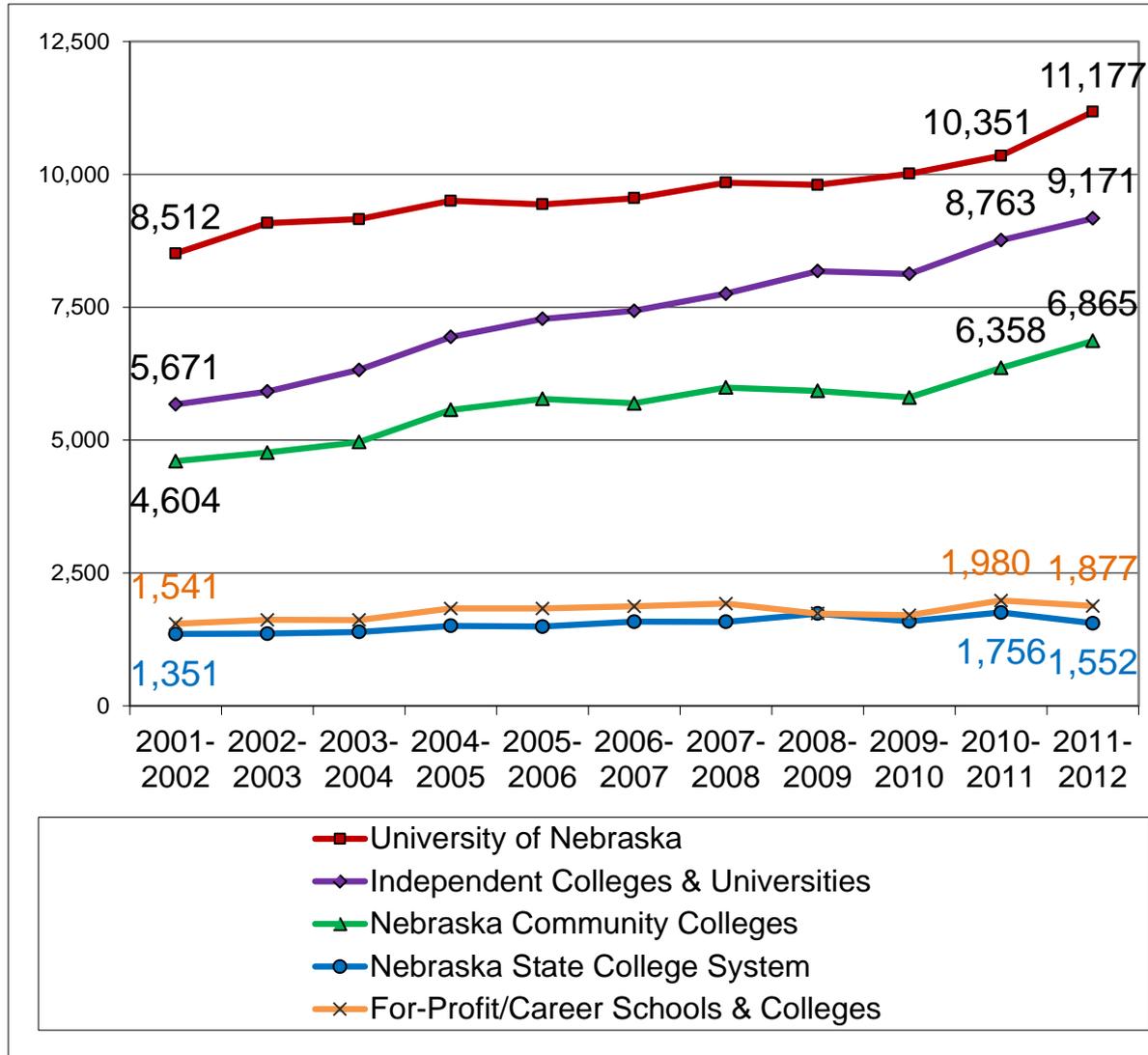
- ◆ Sector
- ◆ Level (Undergraduate and Graduate)
- ◆ Gender
- ◆ Race/ethnicity
- ◆ Discipline

Total Number of Degrees, Certificates and Diplomas



Since 2001-02, the number of degrees and other awards conferred statewide has increased 41.3%. A one-year increase of 4.9% in 2011-12.

Total Number of Degrees and Other Awards by Sector



Over the past 10 years:

NU up 31.3%

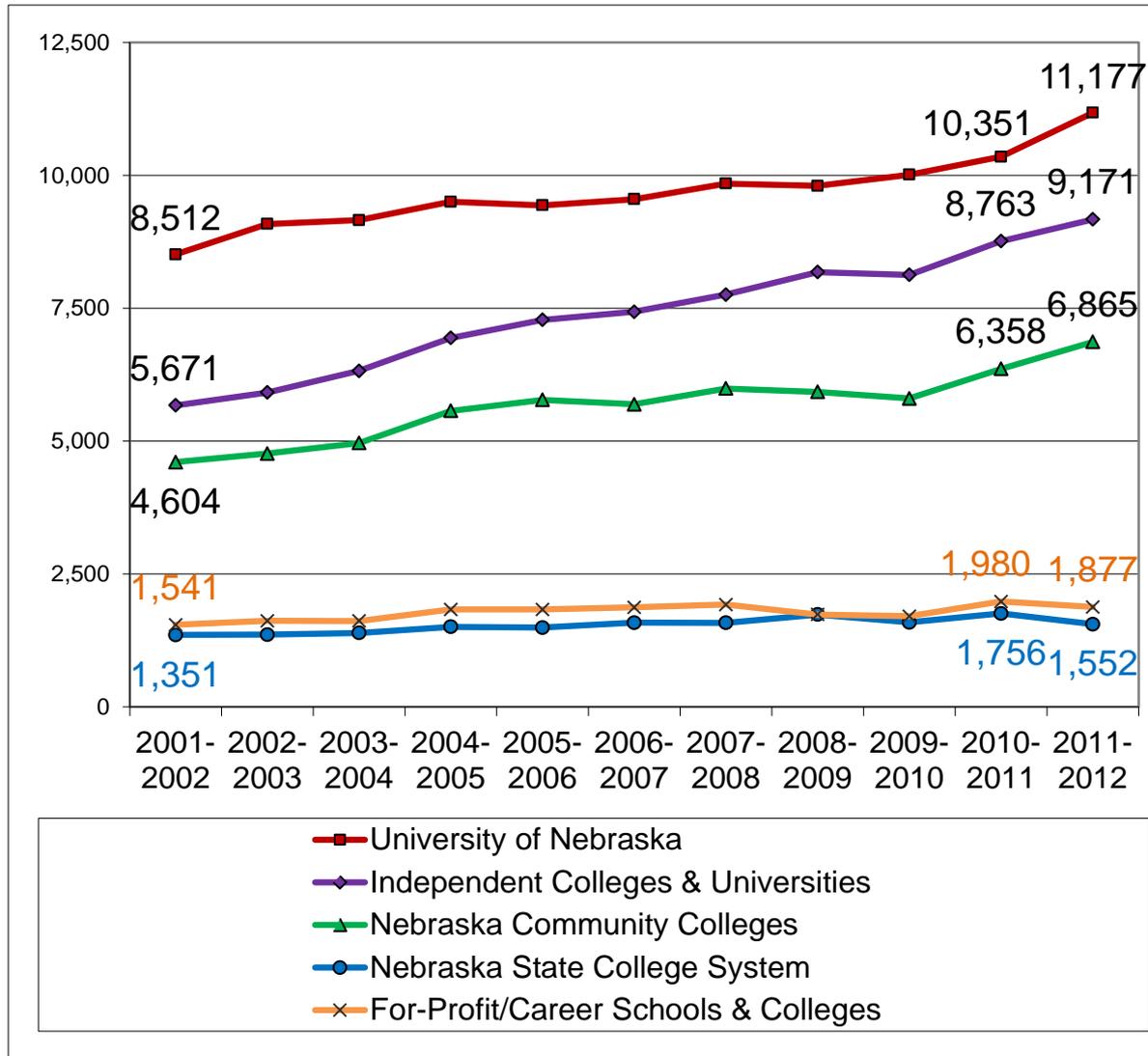
**Independents
up 61.7%**

NE CCs up 49.1%

For-Profits up 21.8%

NSCS up 14.9%

Total Number of Degrees and Other Awards by Sector



Latest one year change:

NU up 8.0%

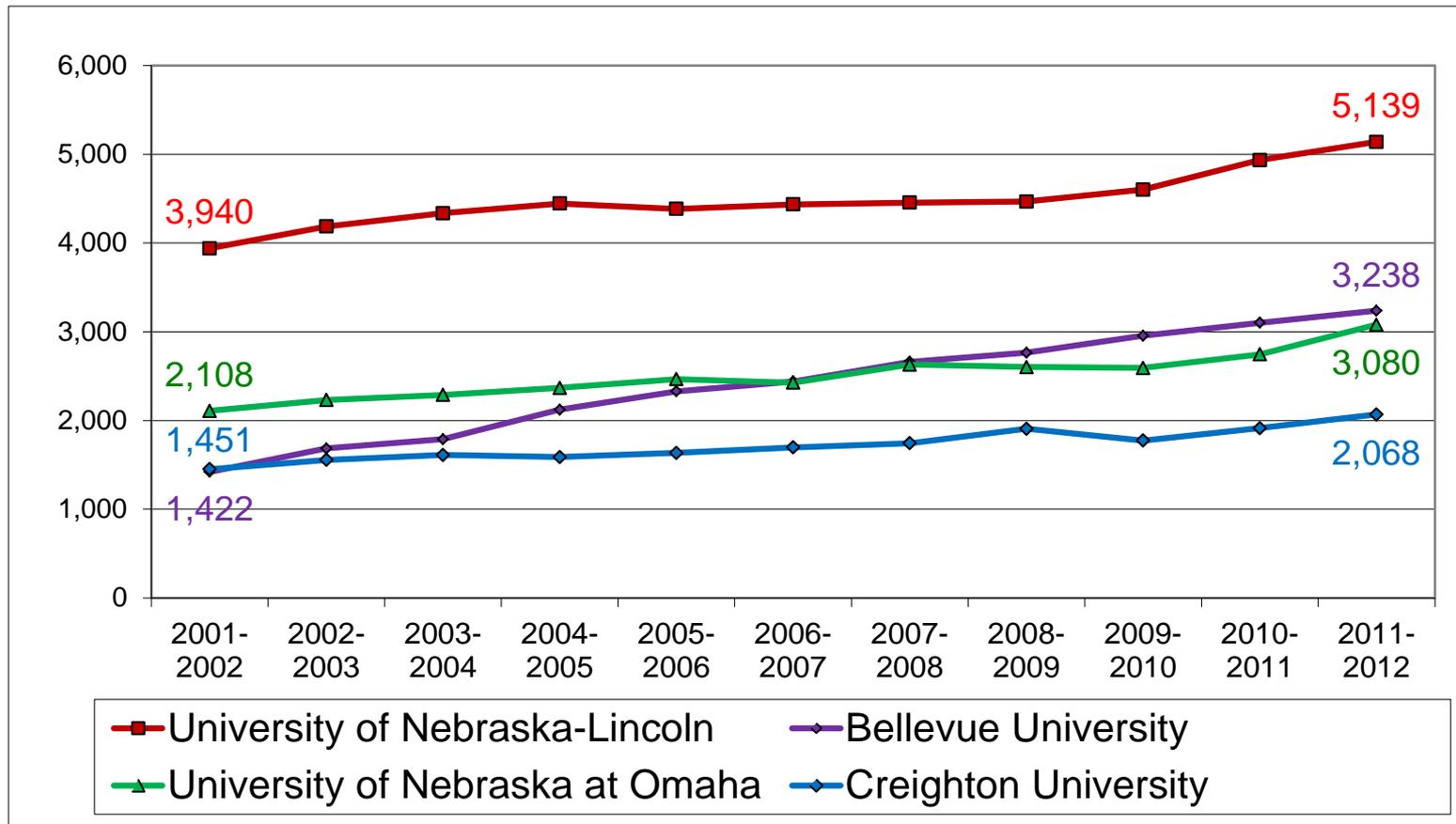
Independents up 4.7%

NE CCs up 8.0%

For-Profits down 5.2%

NSCS down 11.6%

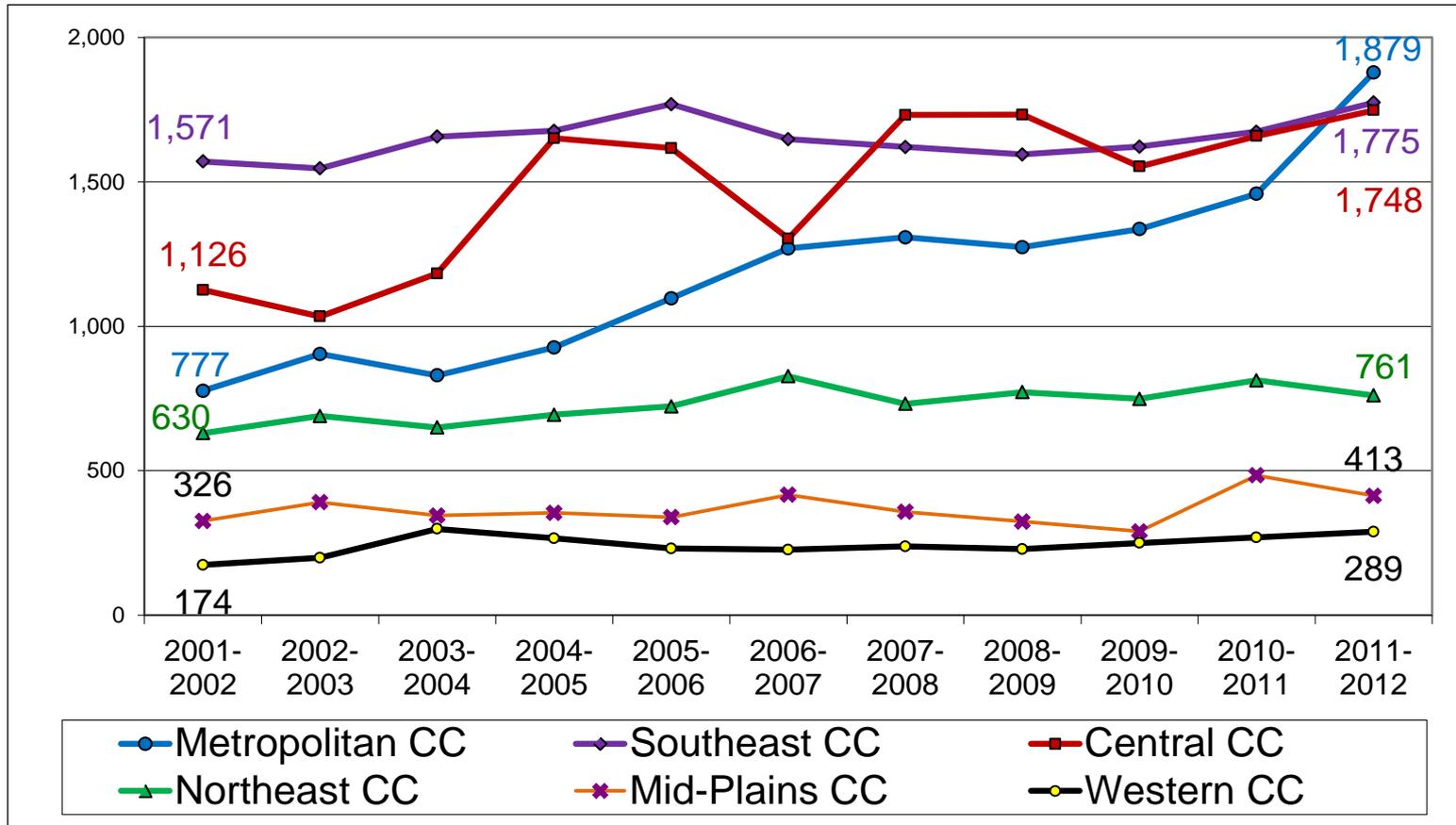
The Four Institutions Awarding the Highest Numbers of Degrees



Independent Sector: Up 61.7% over 10 years

Bellevue: Up 1,816 degrees, accounting for 52% of the sector increase

Nebraska Community Colleges Numbers of Degrees & Awards by College



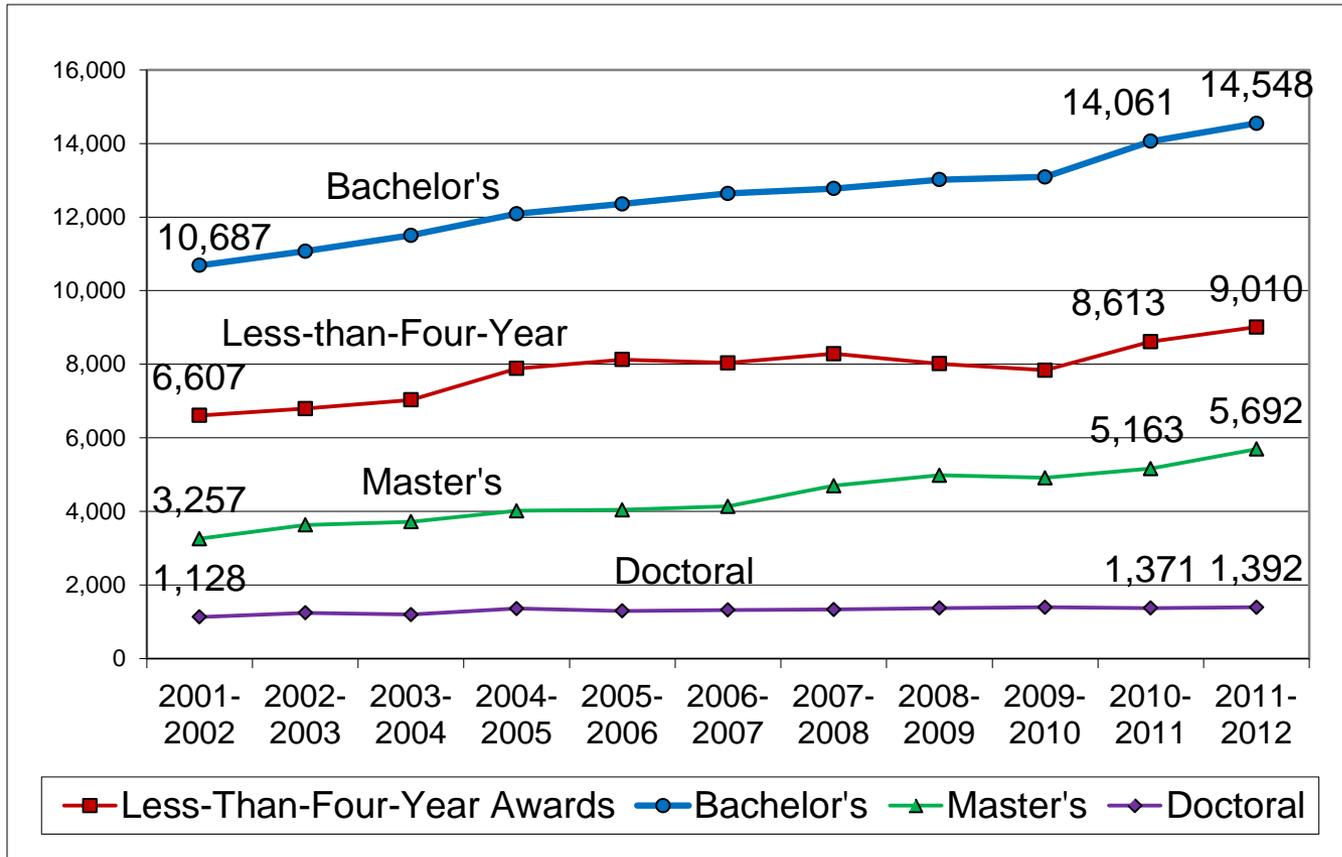
Community College Sector: Up 49% (2,261) over 10 years

Metro: Up 1,102 Central: Up 622 SECC: Up 204 NECC: Up 131

Nebraska Community Colleges Numbers of Degrees & Awards by College

- In 2011-12, Metro and Southeast awarded the fifth and sixth highest number of degrees and other awards in the state. 78% of the awards from Metro were associate's degrees, and 82% of the awards from Southeast were associate's degrees.
- Central conferred almost as many awards as Southeast, but 41% of the awards at Central were for programs of less than one year in length, while 38% were associate's degrees.
- Associate's degrees accounted for 71% of the awards at Mid-Plains, for 80% of the awards at Western Nebraska, and for 88% of the awards at Northeast.

Nebraska Total Number of Degrees and Other Awards by Level



**Up 36%
over
10 years**

Up 36%

Up 75%

Up 23%

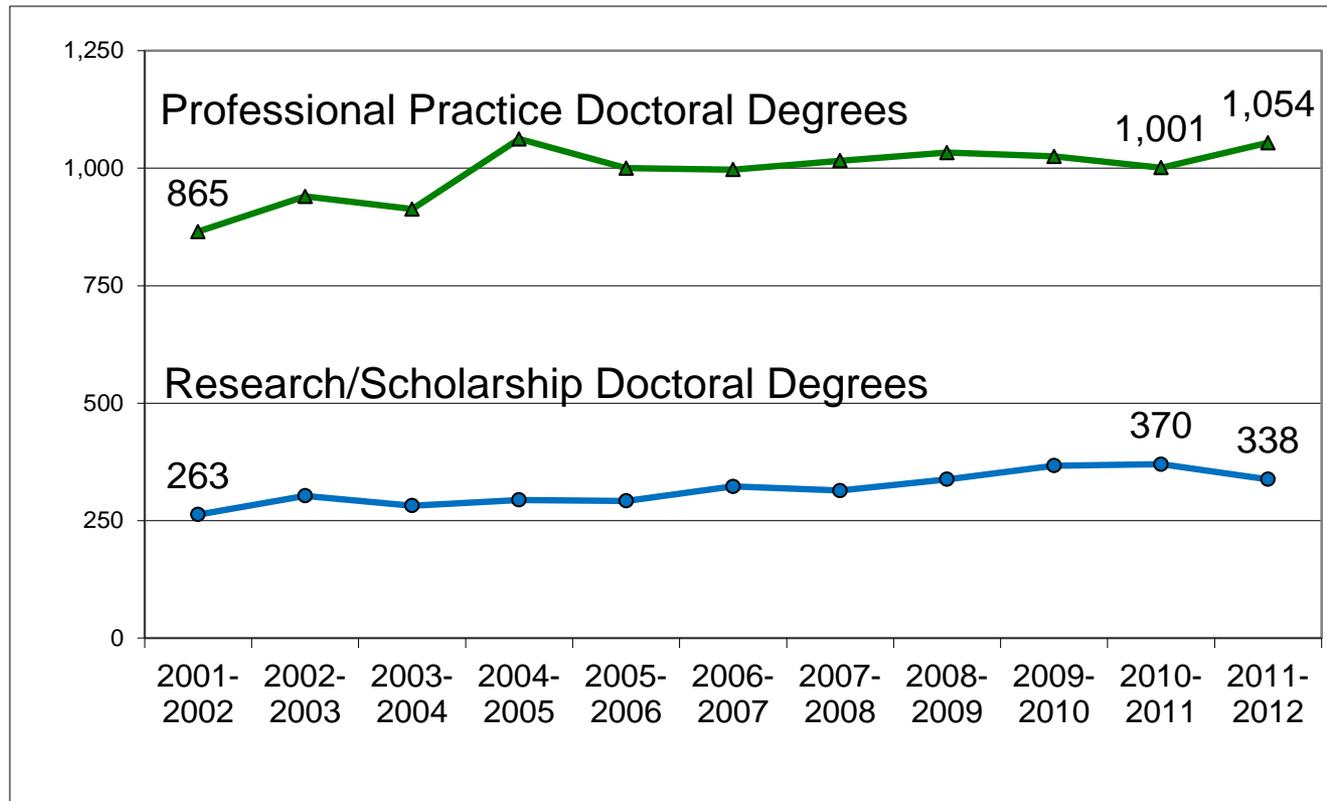
- Undergraduate degrees account for 77% of the degrees awarded in Nebraska, but the highest rate of growth has been at the master's level.

Important Changes in the Definition and Classification of Doctor's Degrees

- The NCES-IPEDS has eliminated the “first-professional degree” category.
- All doctoral degrees, including those formerly classified as “first professional,” are now classified into two categories:
 - Doctor's degree – research/scholarship
 - Doctor's degree – professional practice

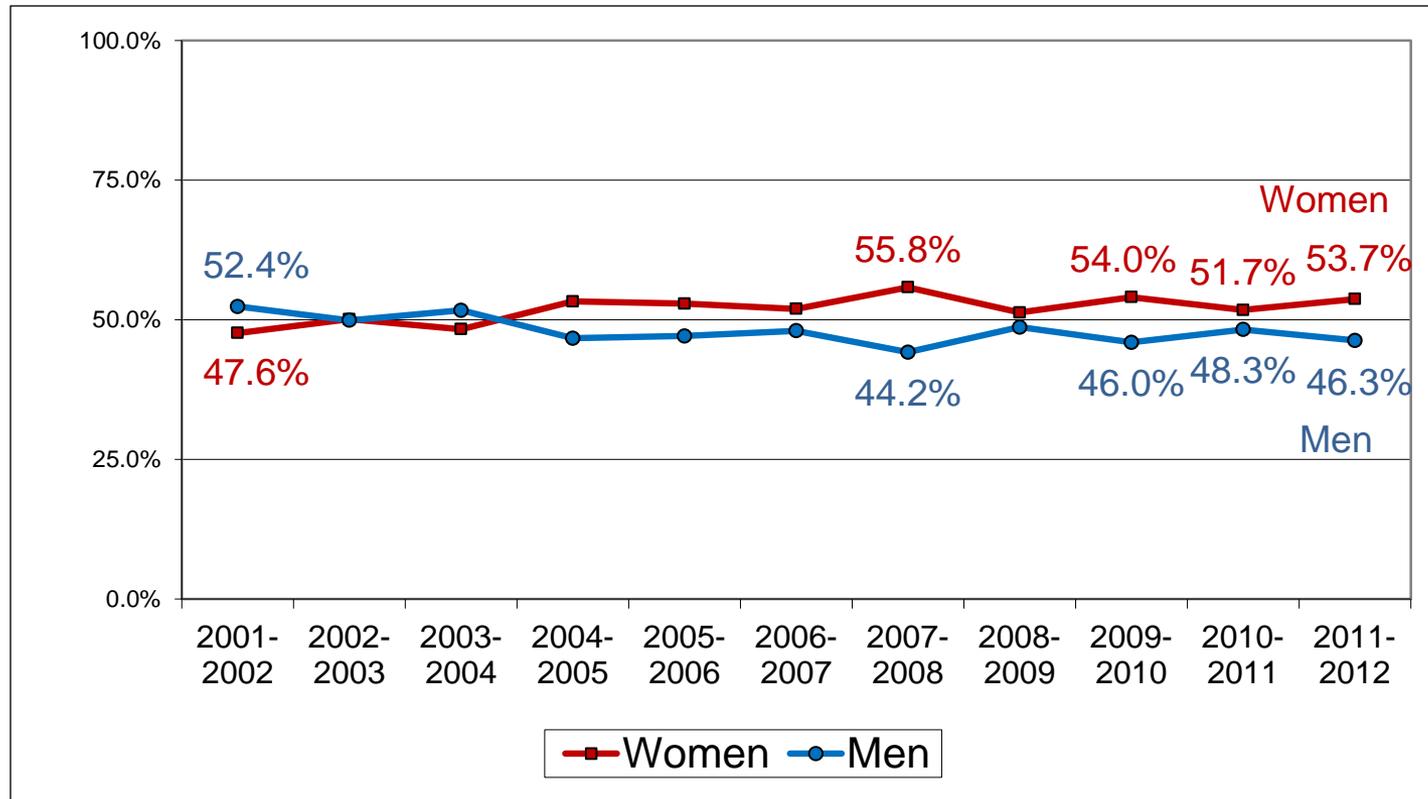
- In Nebraska, professional practice doctoral degrees are awarded in:
 - Audiology
 - Physical therapy
 - Occupational therapy
 - Dentistry
 - Medicine
 - Nursing Administration
 - Pharmacy
 - Law

Total Number of Professional Practice and Research/Scholarship Doctoral Degrees Conferred by UNL, UNMC, UNO, Creighton University and College of Saint Mary



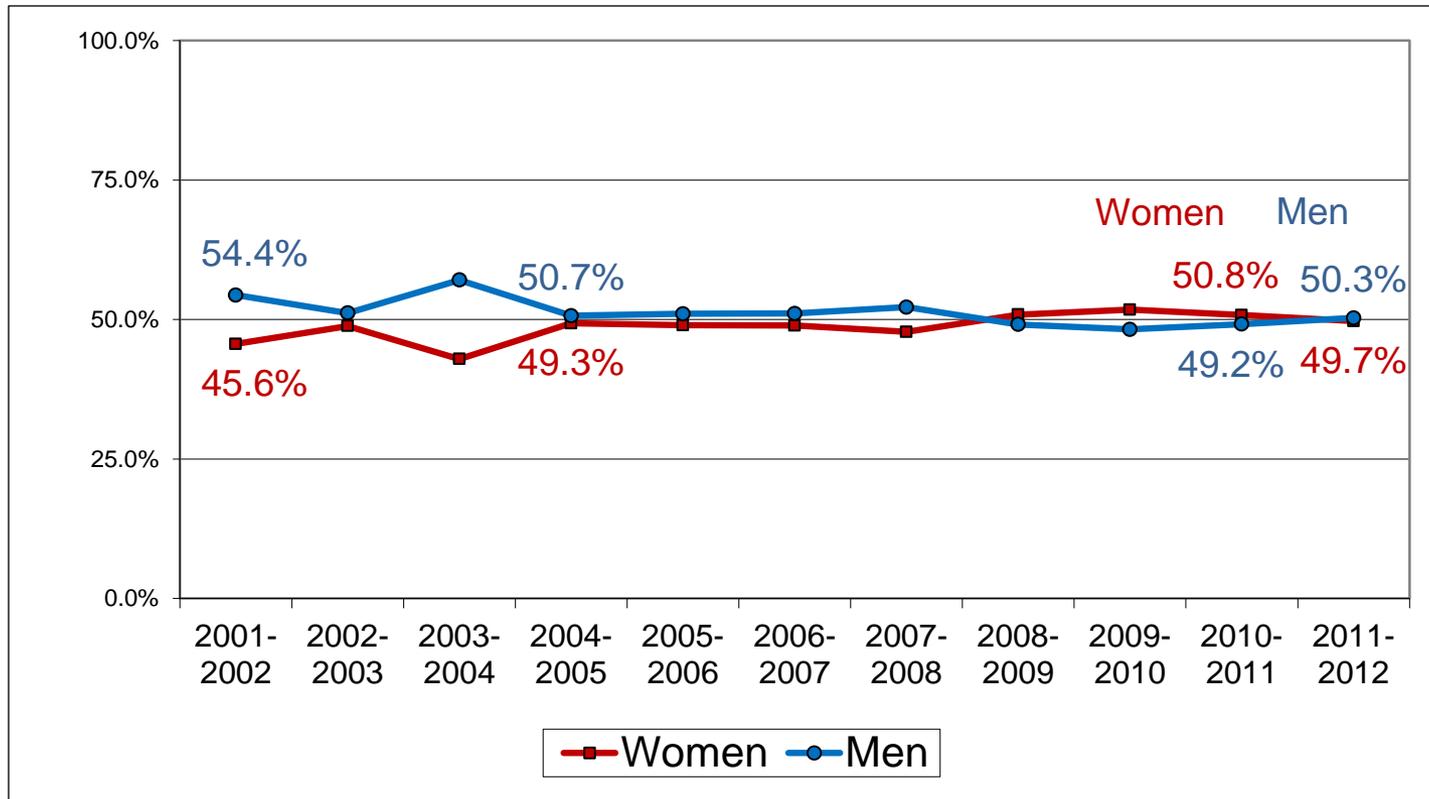
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Percentage of Professional Practice Doctoral Degrees Conferred by Nebraska Institutions, by Gender



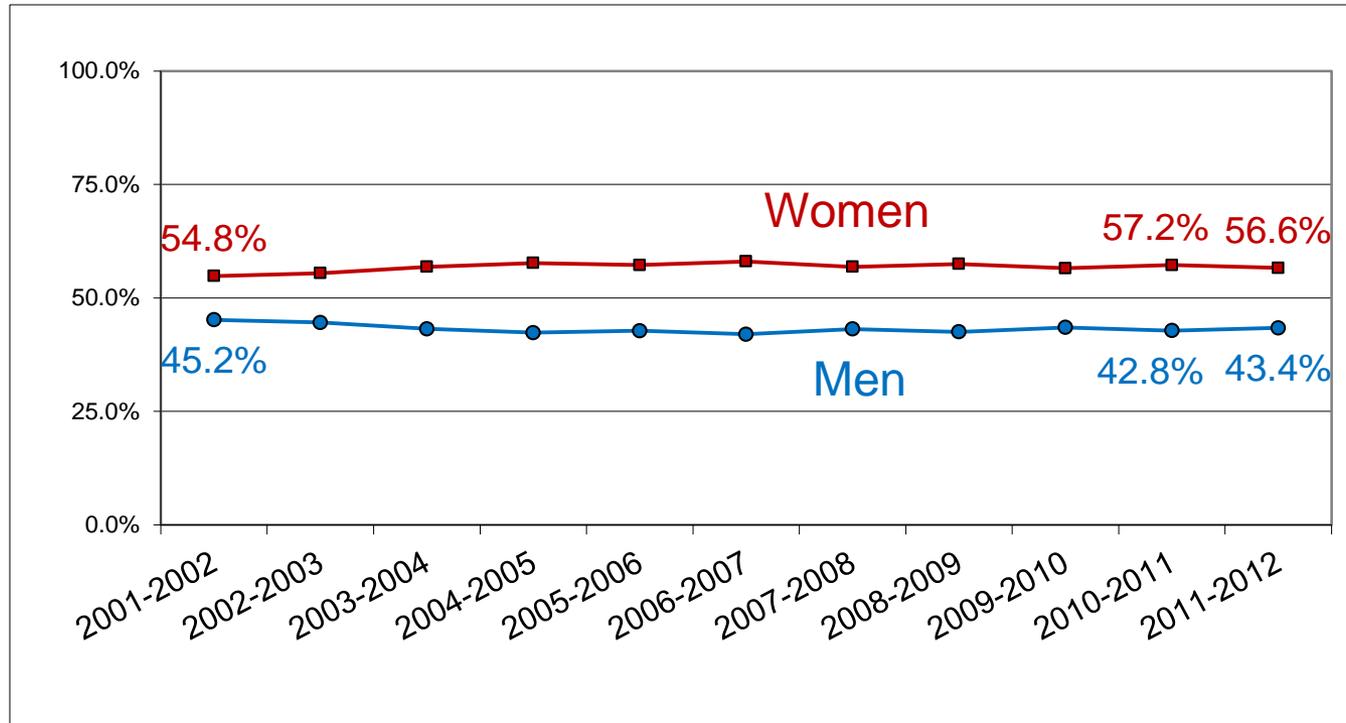
Of the 1,054 professional practice degrees conferred in 2011-12, 53.7% were earned by women.

Percentage of Research/Scholarship Doctoral Degrees Conferred by Nebraska Institutions, by Gender



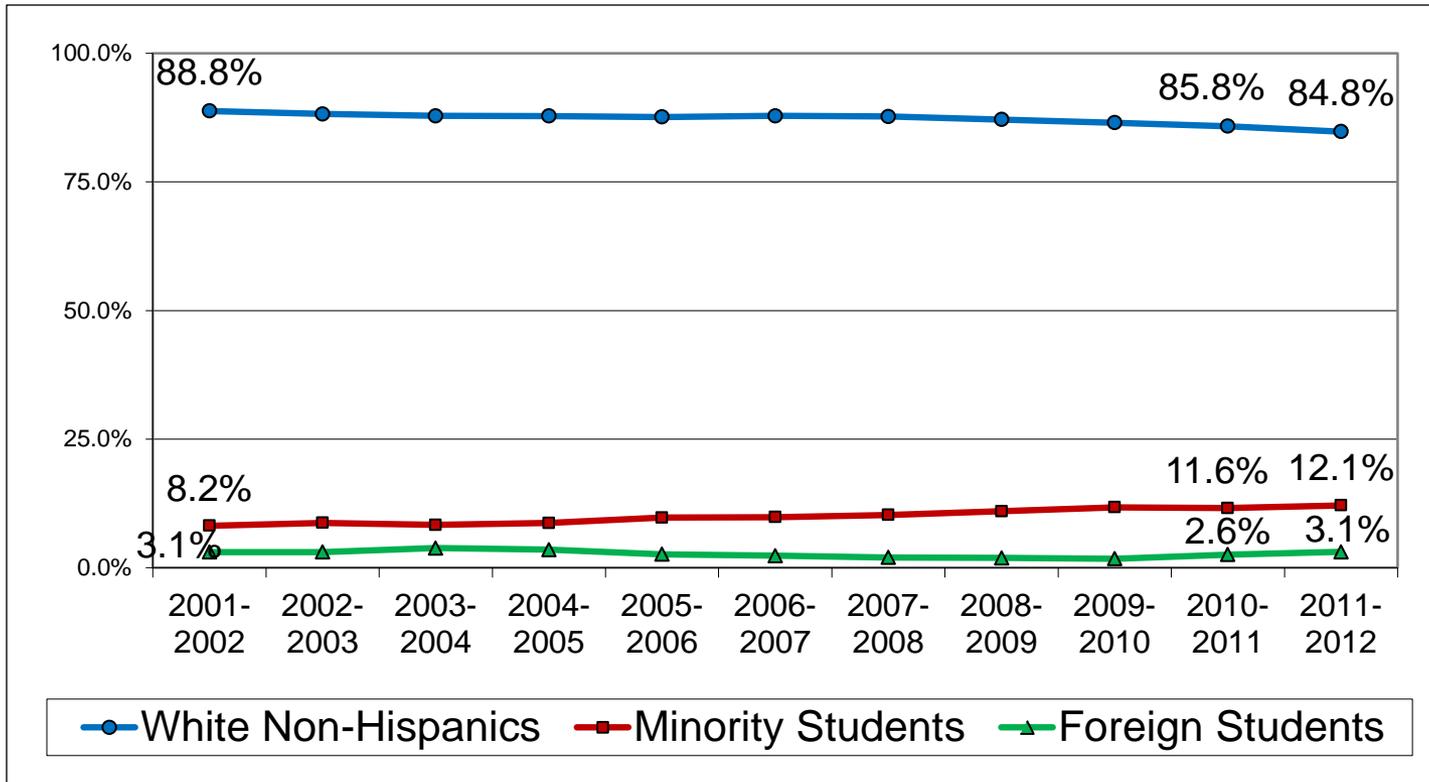
Of the 338 research/scholarship doctoral degrees conferred in 2011-12, 49.7% were earned by women.

Percentage of All Degrees Conferred by Nebraska Postsecondary Institutions, by Gender



Of the 30,642 degrees, certificates and other awards conferred in 2011-12, 56.6% were earned by women. The highest percentage (60.1%) was at the master's level.

Percentage of Total Degree and Award Recipients at Nebraska Institutions, by Race/Ethnicity (Including For-Profit/Career Schools)



Minorities continue to account for a slowly increasing share of the degrees and other awards conferred at Nebraska institutions.

Percentage of Undergraduate Degree and Award Recipients at Nebraska Institutions Conferred in 2011-12 Compared to Fall 2011 Undergraduate Enrollment (Including For-Profit/Career Schools)

	<u>% of Undergrad Enrollment*</u>	<u>% of Degrees Awarded</u>	<u>Difference</u>
White non-Hispanic	81.8%	85.5%	+ 3.7%
Minority Students	16.0%	12.6%	- 3.4%
Foreign Students	2.2%	1.9%	- 0.3%

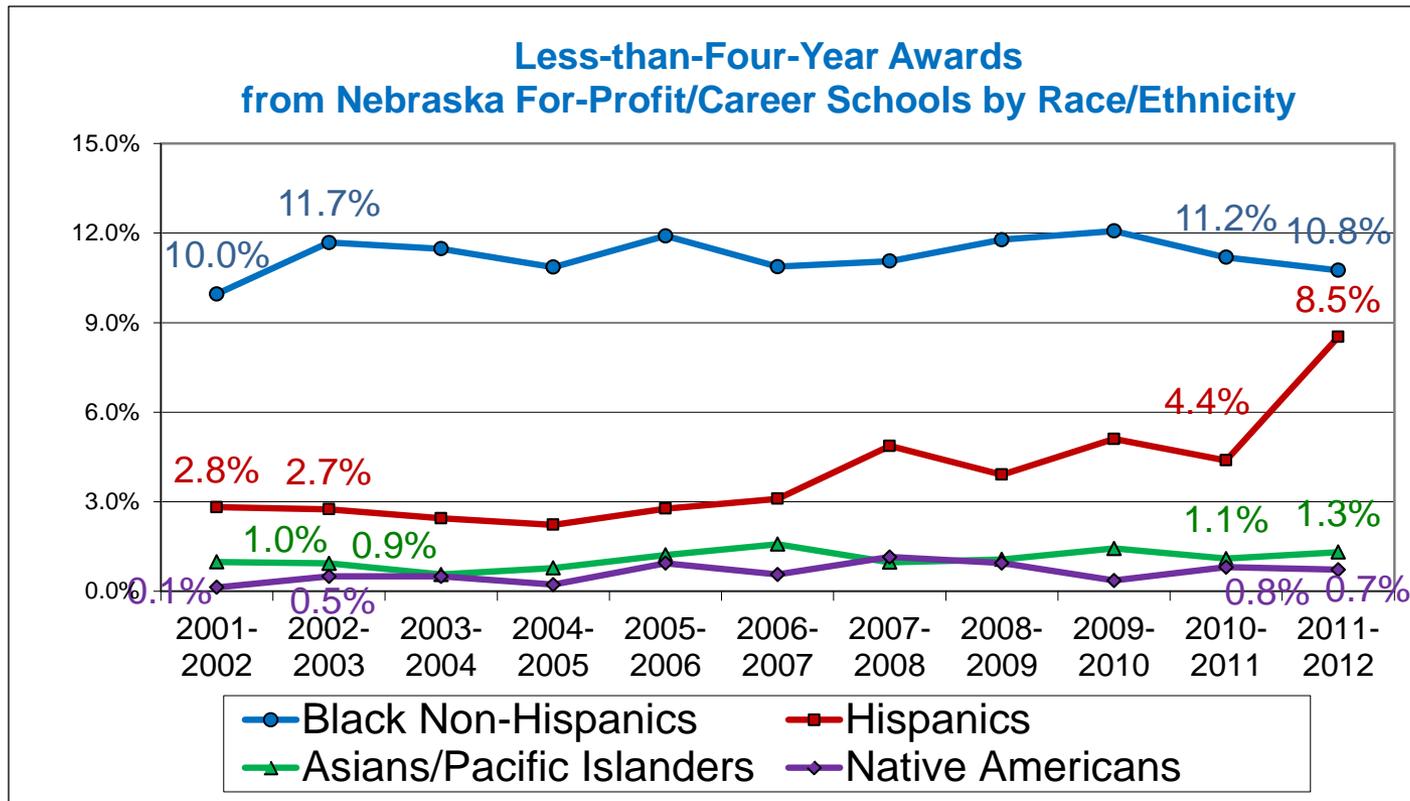
*Factual Look, Section A, July 2012, page A4.16

Percentage of Undergraduate Degree and Award Recipients at Nebraska Institutions Conferred in 2011-12 (Including For-Profit/Career Schools) Compared to 2010 Nebraska Population of 18-24 Year Olds

	<u>% of NE Population*</u>	<u>% of Degrees Awarded</u>	<u>Difference</u>
White non-Hispanic	79.3%	85.5%	+ 6.2%
Minority & Foreign	20.7%	14.5%	- 6.2%

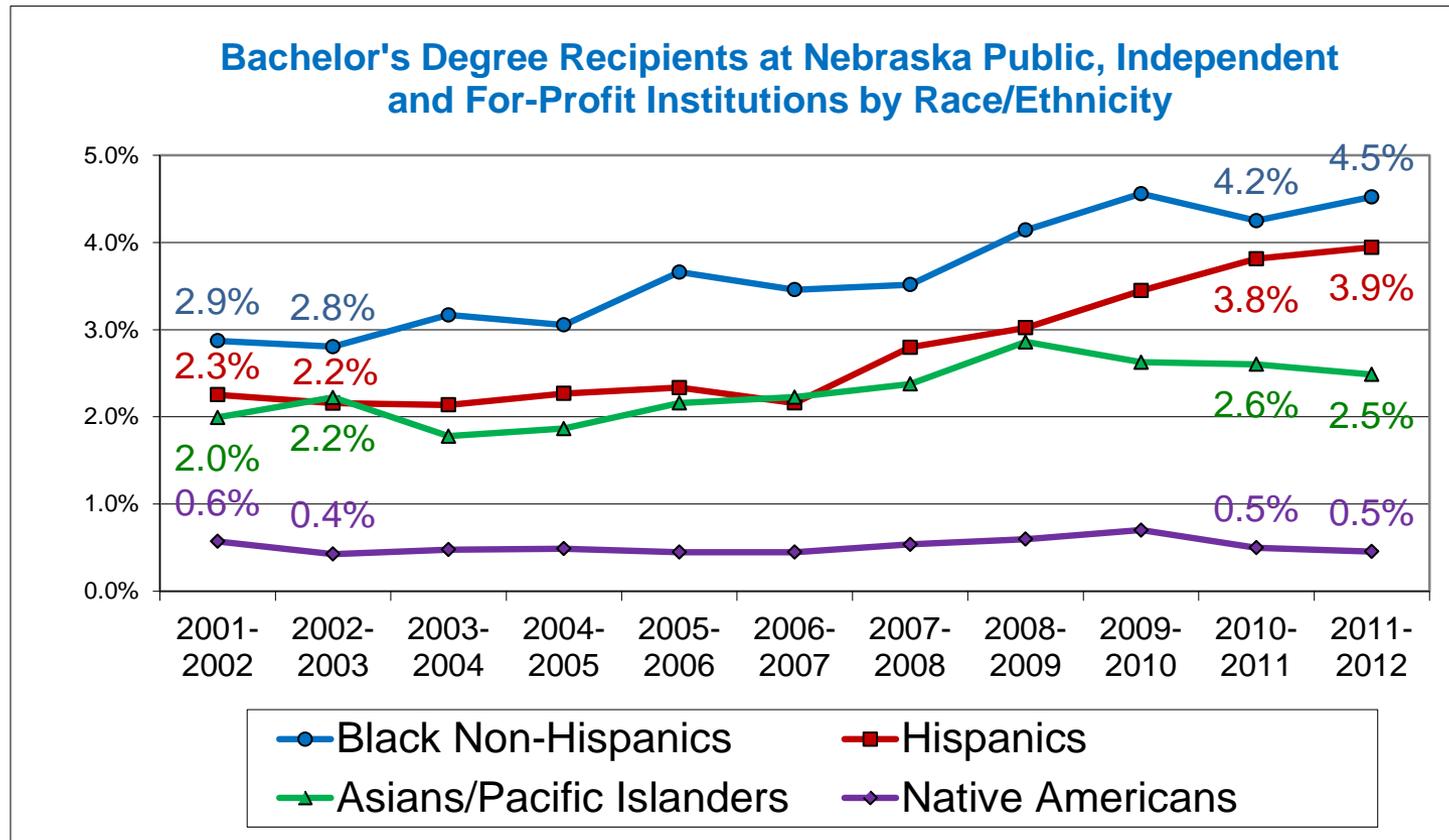
**% of population 18-24 years old. Source: 2010 U.S. Census, Summary File 1, PCT 12 series. By necessity, foreign students are assumed to be included in the minority racial/ethnic categories, even though an unknown percentage of these graduates are white non-Hispanics.

Within the minorities, the highest increase in the percentage of degrees awarded was for Hispanics who earned less-than-four year awards from for-profit/career schools (43 or 2.8% of 1,526 degrees to 130 or 8.5% of 1,525 degrees; up 5.4%).



Total Minorities--For-Profits: **2001-02 13.9%** **2011-12 21.3%**

Minority students also are accounting for increasing percentages of the bachelor's degrees awarded by Nebraska institutions.



Total Minorities—All Schools 2001-02 7.7% 2011-12 11.4%

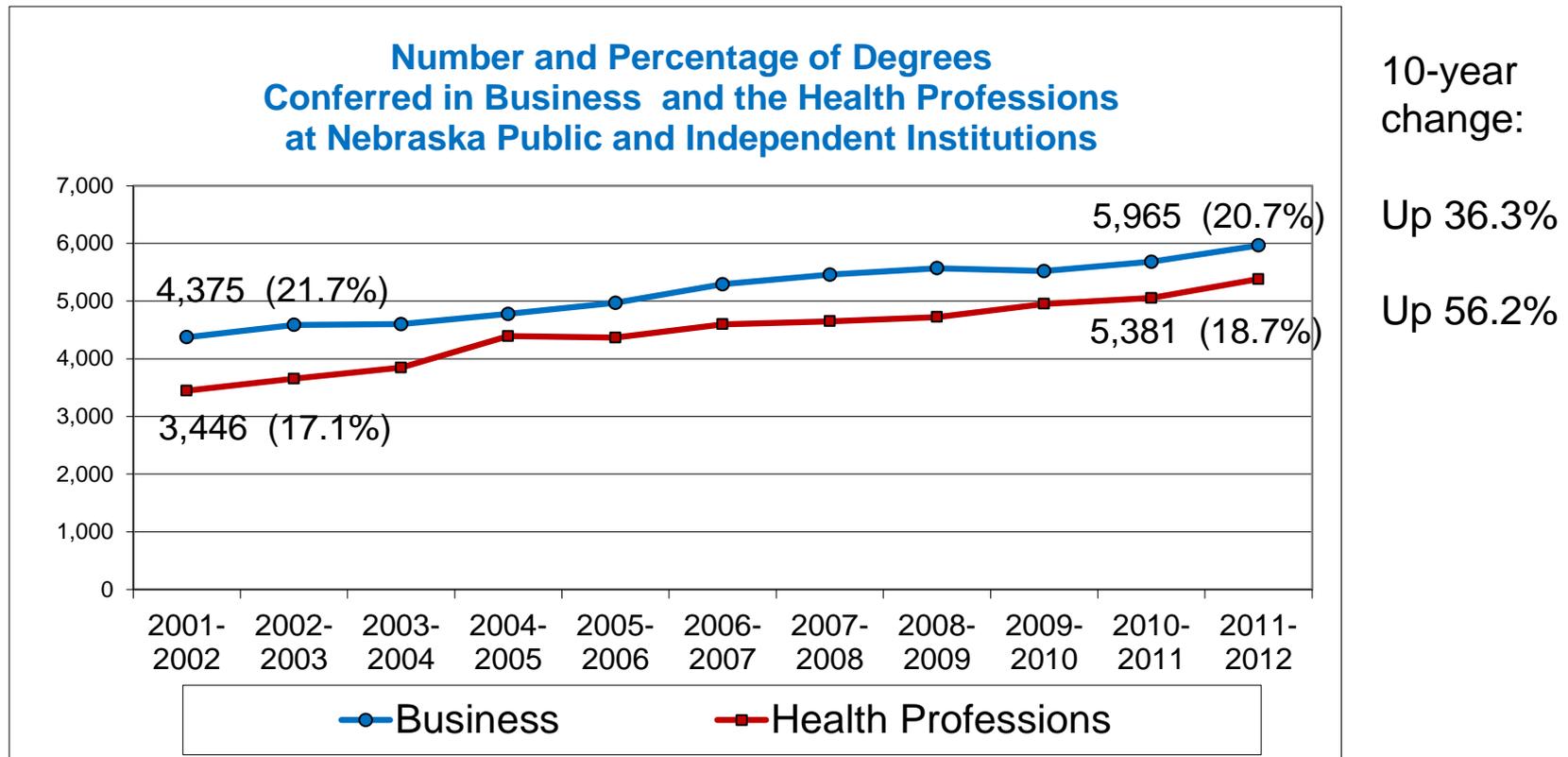
**Number of Degrees and Other Awards by Race/Ethnicity
All Postsecondary Institutions in Nebraska: 2010-2011
Excluding Graduates of Unknown Race/Ethnicity**

	White	Asian/PI	Hispanic	Native	Black	Foreign	Total
Less-than-4-Year	7,370	158	497	70	526	33	8,654
Bachelor's Degree	11,695	339	538	62	617	389	13,640
Master's Degree	4,137	132	133	23	235	349	5,009
Doctoral Degree	1,060	73	30	6	35	112	1,316
Total	24,262	702	1,198	161	1,413	883	28,619

Table data are located in WB 1.2 WS 4 LvlbyRc

Number of Degrees Conferred by Nebraska Public and Independent Institutions (Not including For-Profit/Career Schools)

- Business and the health professions continue to account for the highest shares of the degrees and other awards conferred.



Degrees in the health professions accounted for 75% of the increased number of professional practice doctor's degrees between 2001-02 and 2011-12, while law degrees accounted for 25%.

	<u>Number of Degrees</u>		<u>10-Year Change</u>
	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>in # of Degrees</u>
Dentistry	128	131	3
Medicine, M.D.	219	234	15
Pharmacy	193	223	30
Audiology	0	4	4
Occupational Therapy	6	47	41
Physical Therapy	64	103	39
Nursing Administration	0	10	10
Total Health Professions	610	752	142
Law	225	302	47

QUESTIONS?

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