

Section B: Degrees and Other Awards

2011-2012 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska

**Degrees & Other Awards Conferred
2000-2001 through 2010-2011**

Reporting Information from the Federal Integrated
Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)

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Background

- The Coordinating Commission is required by statute to report IPEDS data.
- The Commission fulfills this responsibility through the publication of the *Factual Look* and other reports, such as the *Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report*

Background

- The *Factual Look* is generally used by legislative staff, institutional researchers, and Commission staff.
- This publication provides a statewide statistical analysis.
- It does not answer the “Why?” questions.

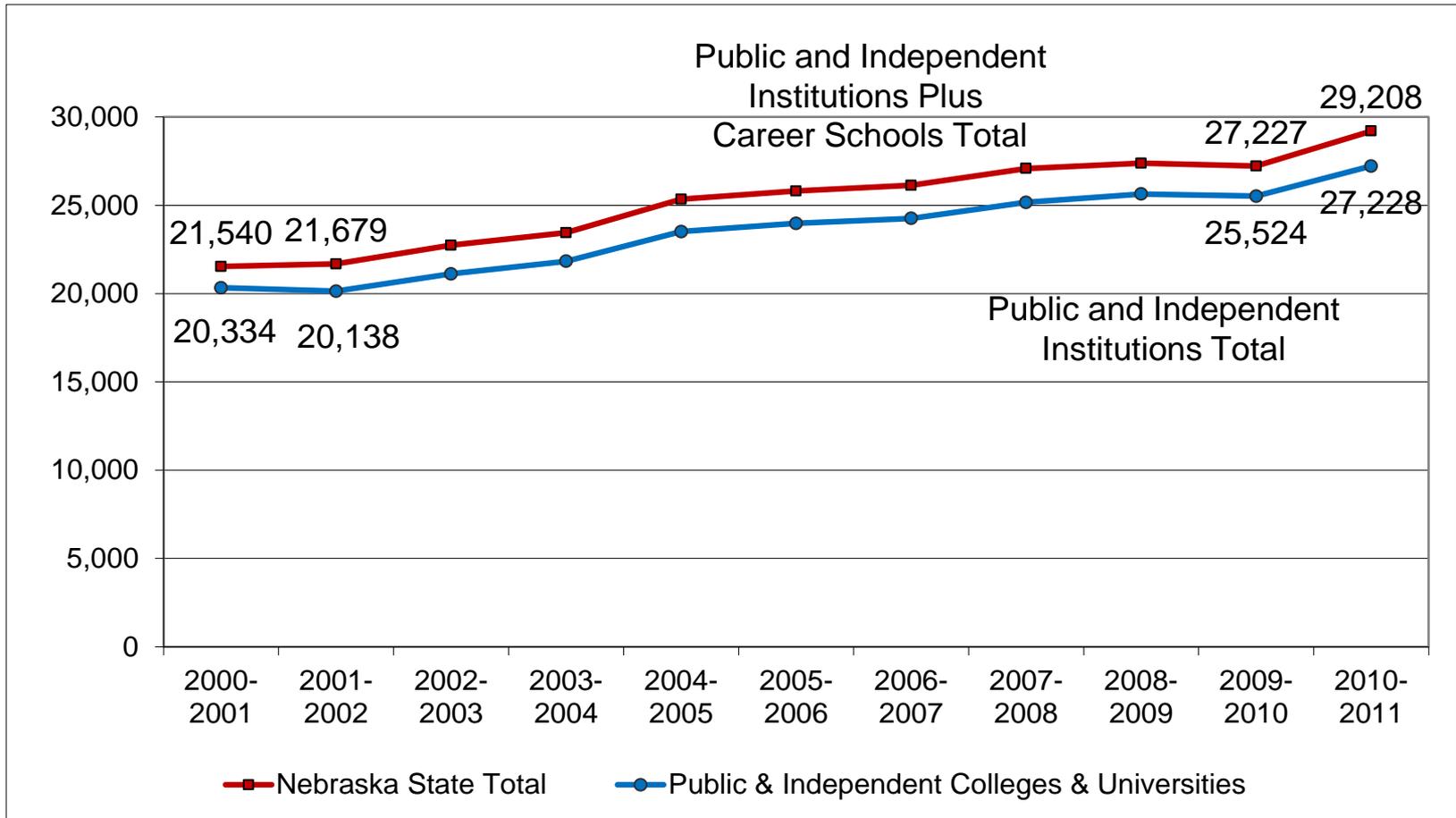
Features of the *Factual Look*

- The *Factual Look* now consists of three parts:
 - Section A: Enrollment
 - Section B: Degrees and Other Awards
 - Section C: Faculty and Salaries

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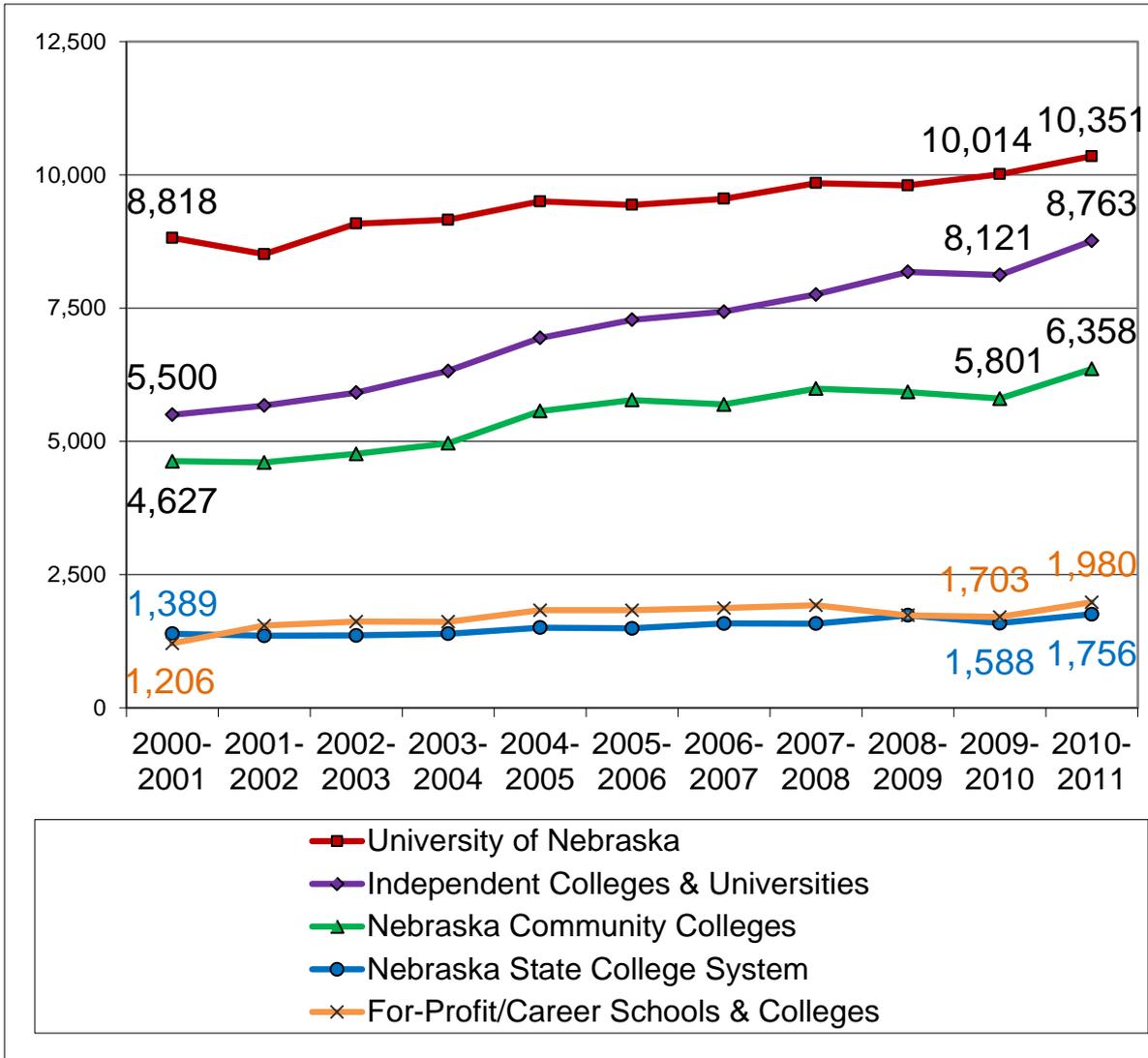
- It is now primarily an online publication.
- Data are summarized in 10-year trend charts that are colored for easier readability and interpretation.
- Excel spreadsheets of the corresponding data are available for downloading.

Total Number of Degrees, Certificates and Diplomas



Since 2000-01, the number of degrees and other awards conferred statewide has increased 35.6%. A one-year increase of 7.3% in 2010-11.

Total Number of Degrees and Other Awards by Sector



Over the past 10 years:

NU up 17.4%

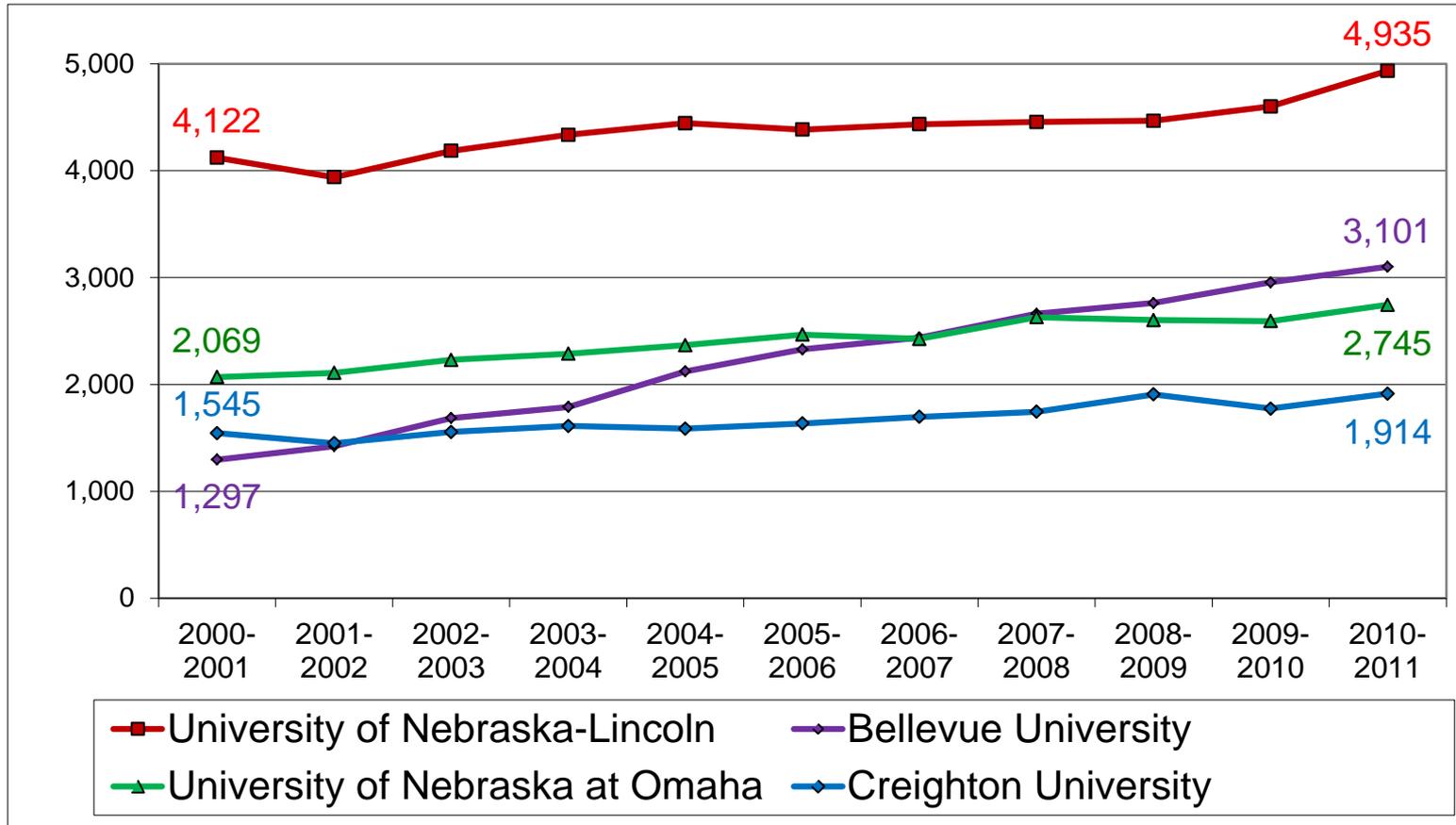
**Independents
up 59.3%**

NE CCs up 37.4%

For-Profits up 64.2%

NSCS up 26.4%

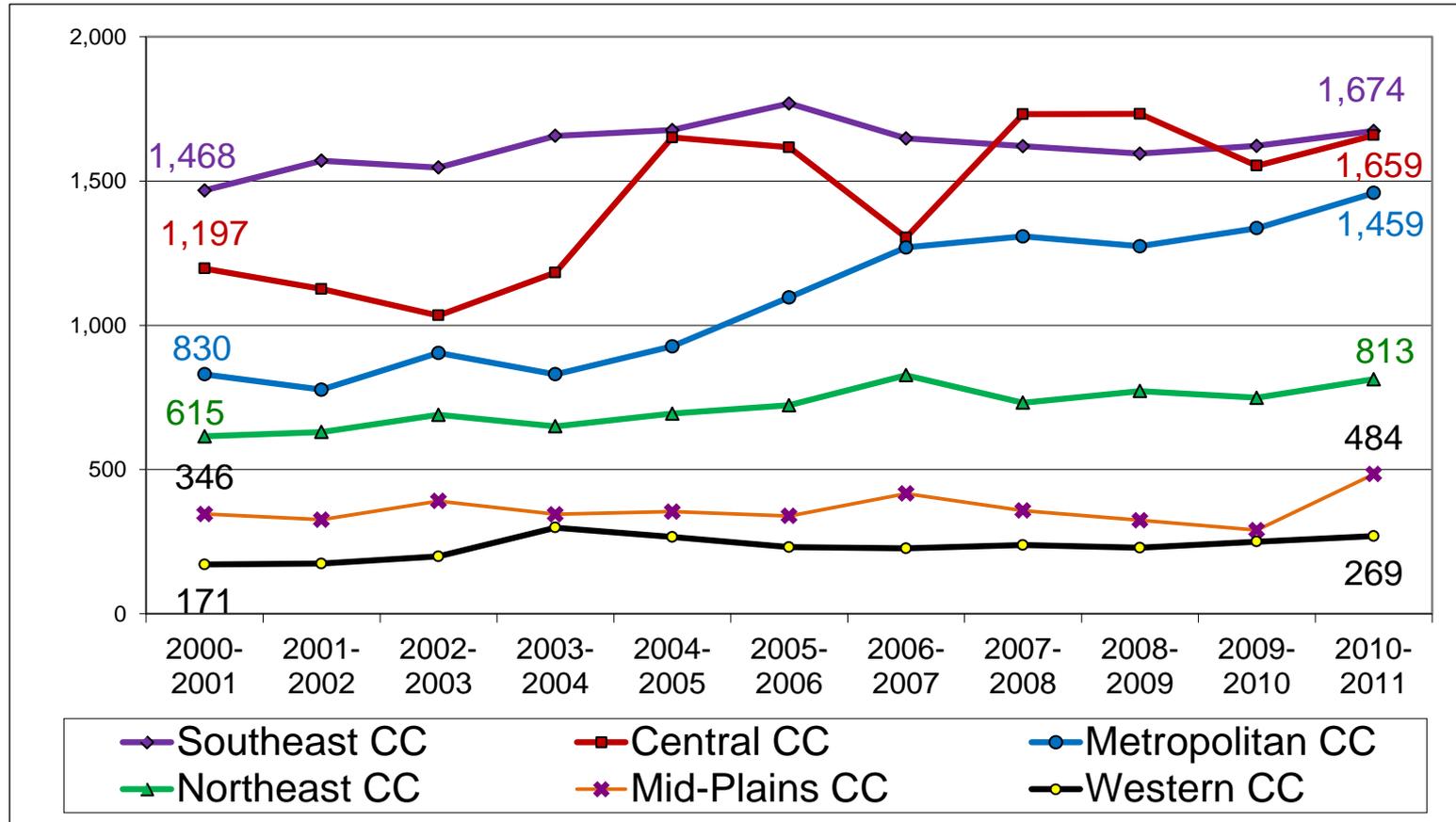
The Four Institutions Awarding the Highest Numbers of Degrees



Independent Sector: Up 59.3% over 10 years

Bellevue: Up 1,804 degrees, accounting for 55% of the sector increase

Nebraska Community Colleges Numbers of Degrees & Awards by College

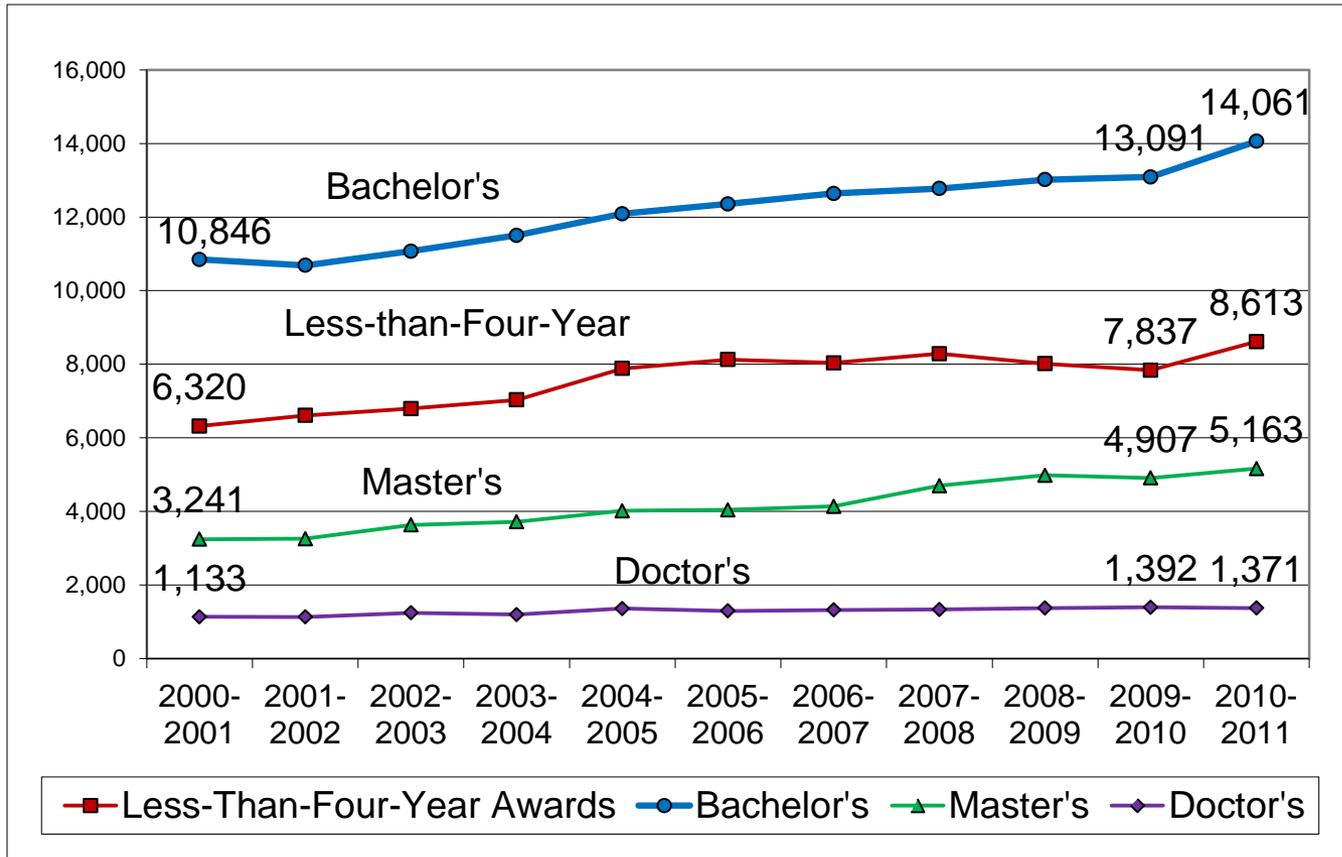


Community College Sector: Up 37% (1,731) over 10 years
Metro: Up 629 **Central: Up 462** **SECC: Up 206** **NECC: Up 198**

Nebraska Community Colleges Numbers of Degrees & Awards by College

- In 2010-11, Southeast awarded the fifth highest number of degrees and other awards in the state, and 80% of these awards were associate's degrees.
- Central conferred almost as many awards as Southeast, but 43% of the awards at Central were for programs of less than one year in length, while 35% were associate's degrees.
- Associate's degrees account for 65% of the awards at Mid-Plains, for about 80% of the awards at Metro, Southeast, and Western Nebraska, and for about 85% of the awards at Northeast.

Nebraska Total Number of Degrees and Other Awards by Level



**Up 21%
over
10 years**

Up 36%

Up 59%

Up 21%

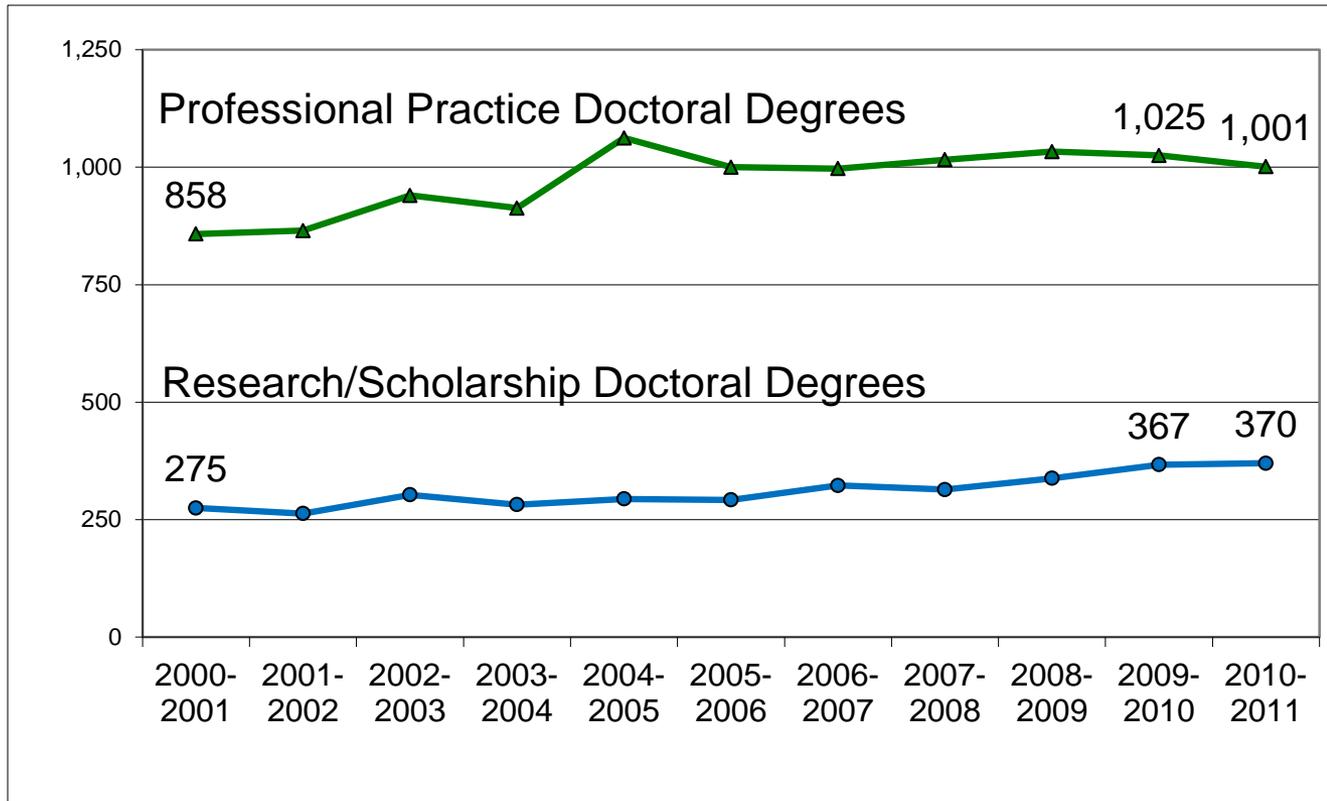
- Undergraduate degrees account for 78% of the degrees awarded in Nebraska, but the highest rate of growth has been at the master's level.

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

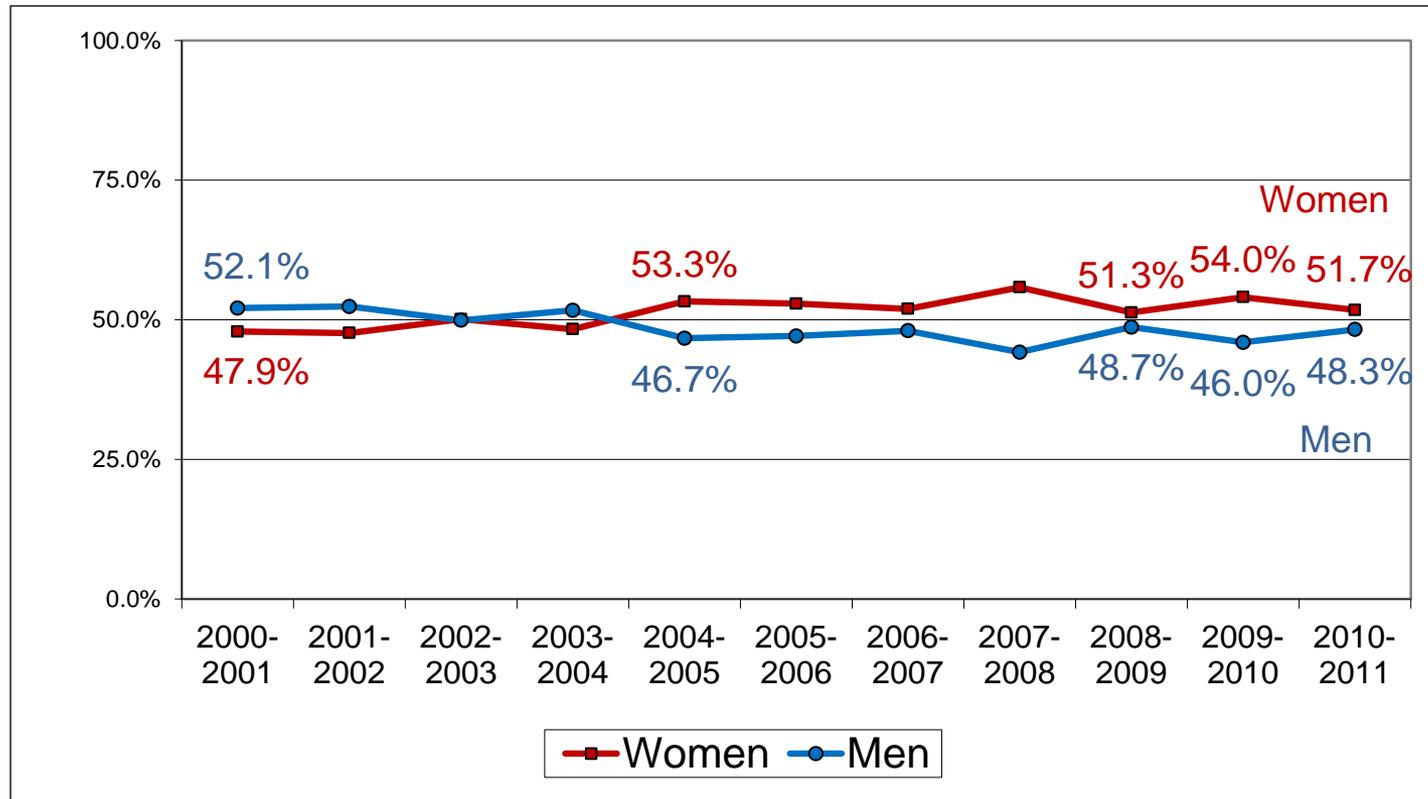
- In Nebraska, professional practice doctoral degrees are awarded in:
 - Audiology
 - Physical therapy
 - Occupational therapy
 - Dentistry
 - Medicine
 - Nursing Administration
 - Pharmacy
 - Law

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



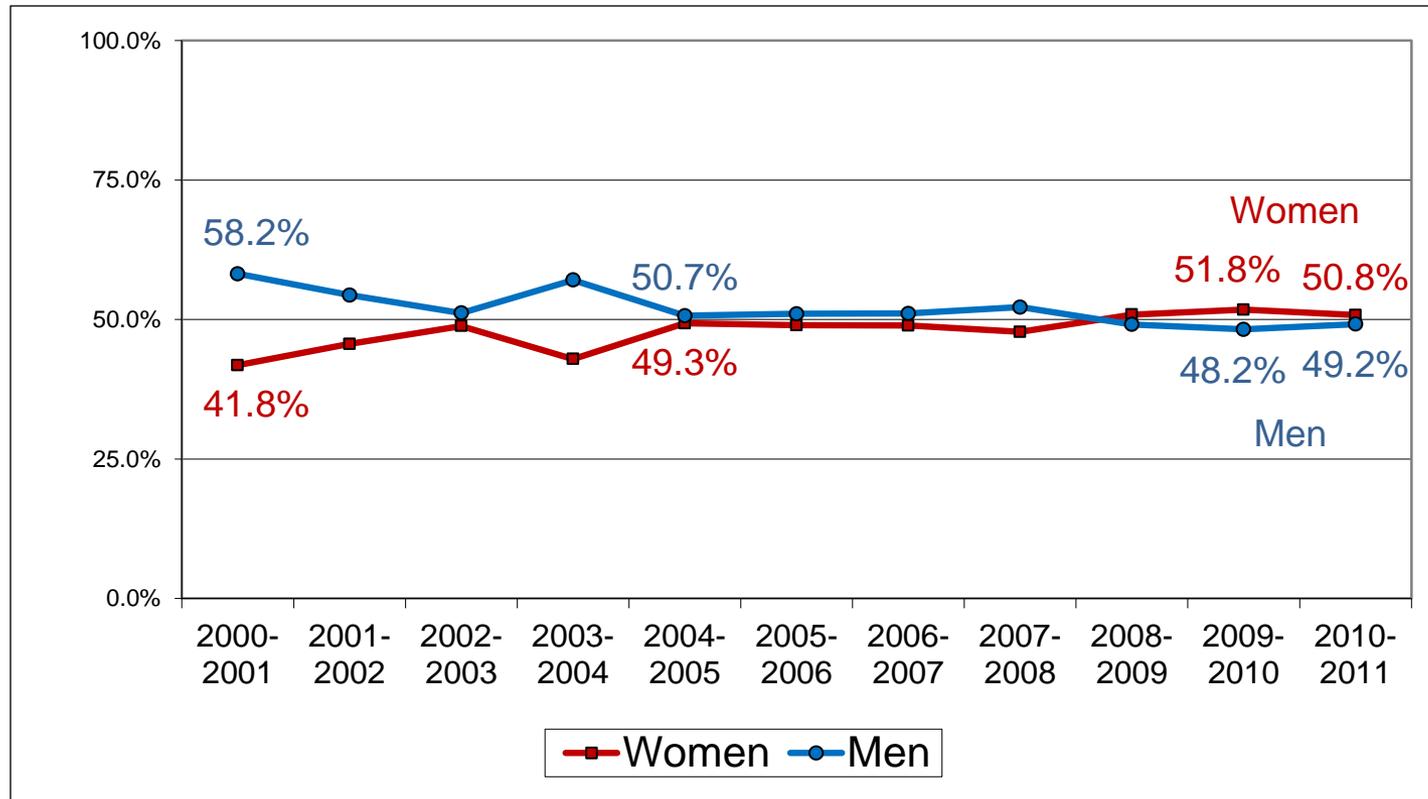
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Percentage of Professional Practice Doctoral Degrees Conferred by Nebraska Institutions, by Gender



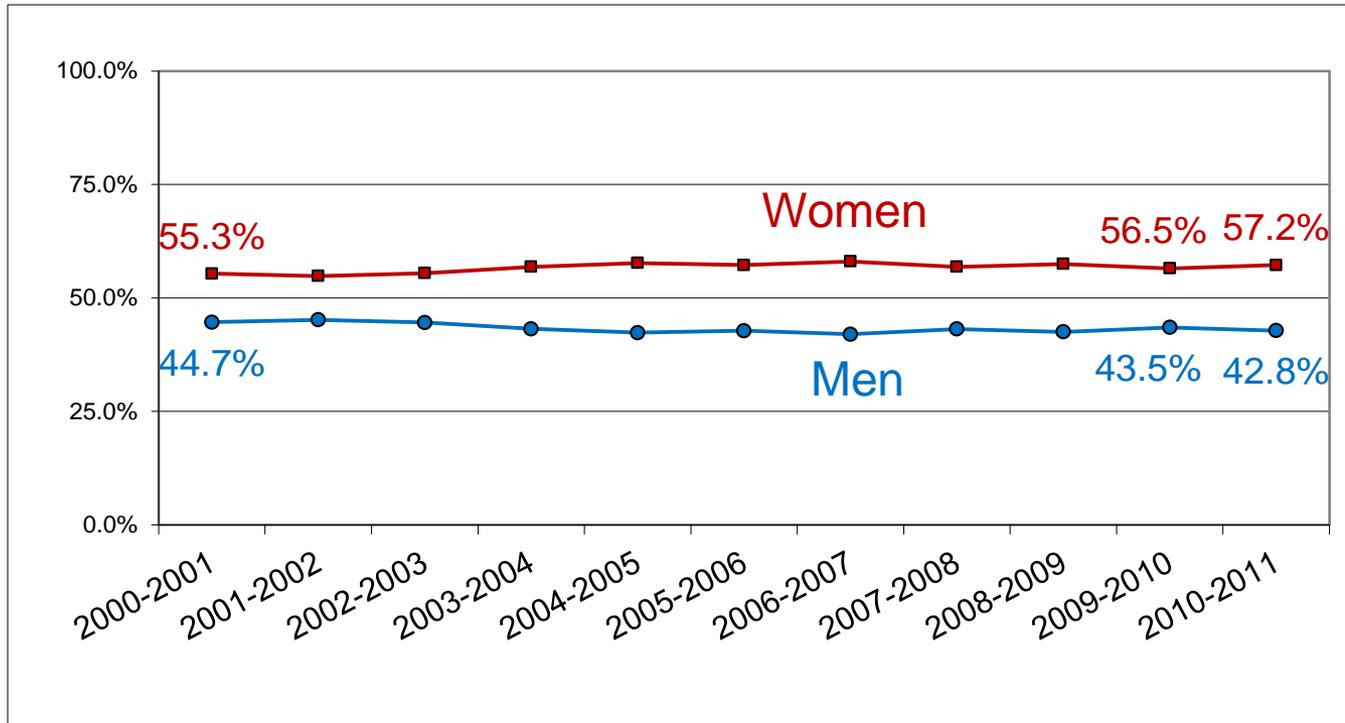
Of the 1,001 professional practice degrees conferred in 2010-11, 51.7% were earned by women.

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



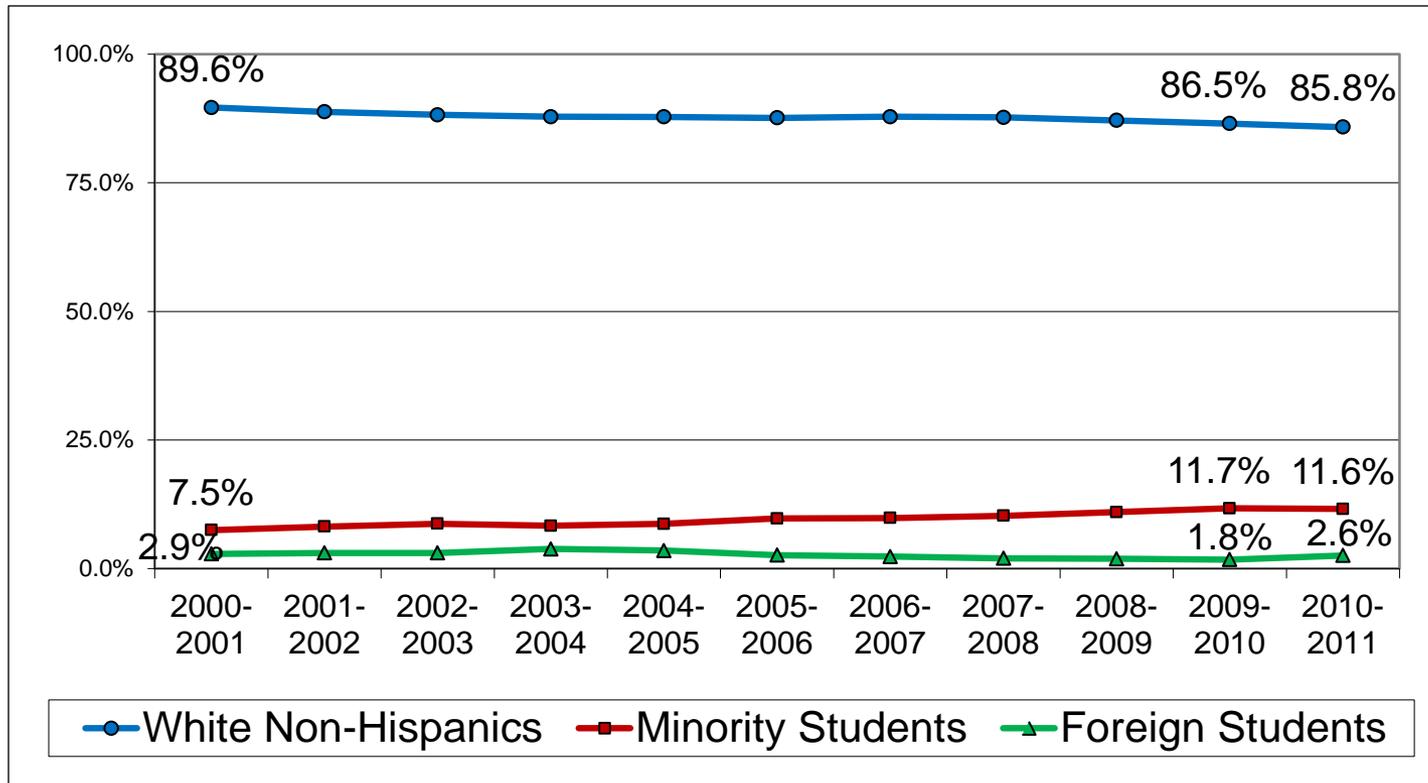
Of the 370 research/scholarship doctoral degrees conferred in 2010-11, 50.8% were earned by women.

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



Of the 29,208 degrees, certificates and other awards conferred in 2010-11, 57.2% were earned by women. The highest percentage (61.1%) was at the master's level.

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



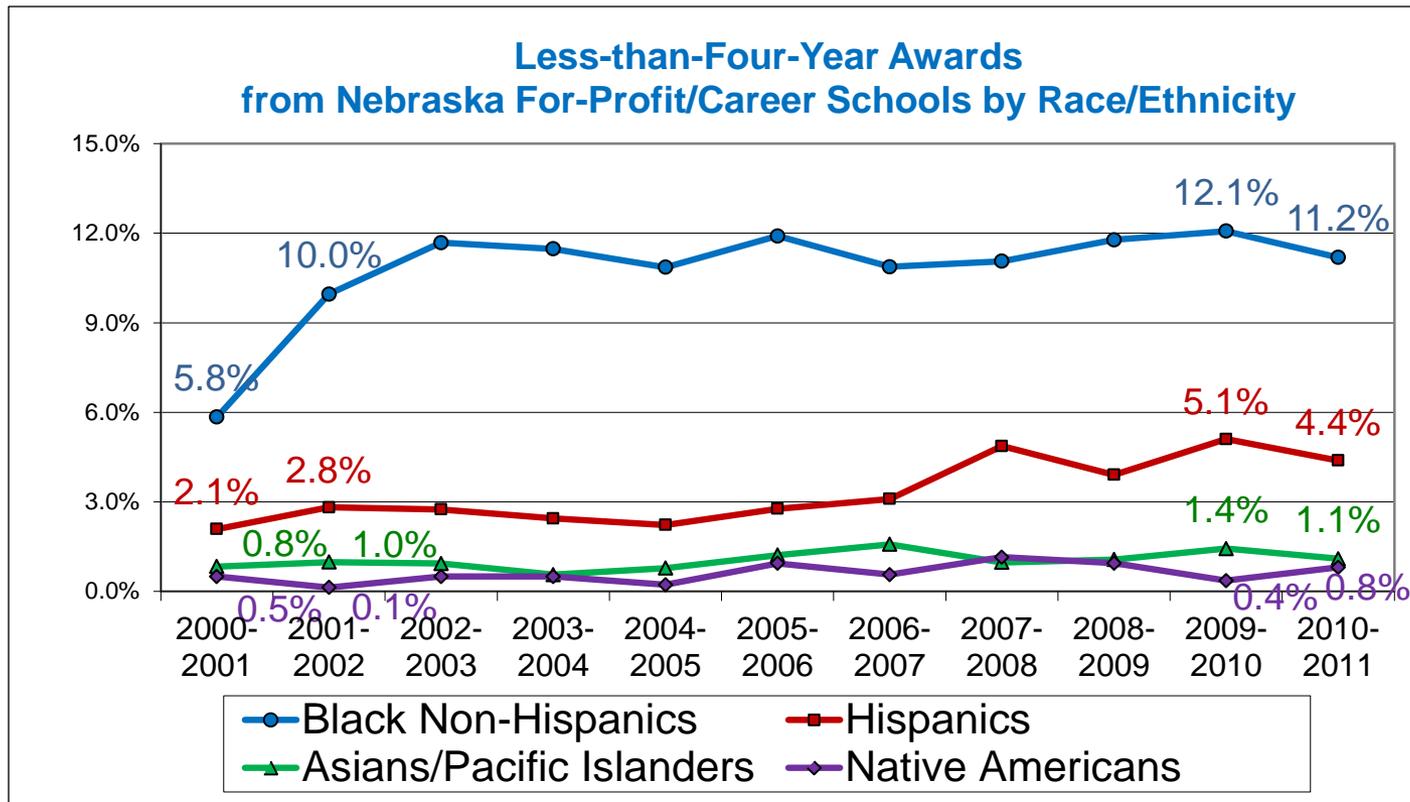
Minorities continue to account for a slowly increasing share of the degrees and other awards conferred at Nebraska institutions.

Percentage of Undergraduate Degree and Award Recipients at Nebraska Institutions Conferred in 2010-11 Compared to Fall 2010 Undergraduate Enrollment (Including For-Profit/Career Schools)

| | <u>% of Undergrad Enrollment*</u> | <u>% of Degrees Awarded</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| White non-Hispanic | 82.8% | 85.8% |
| Minority Students | 15.1% | 11.6% |
| Foreign Students | 2.1% | 2.6% |

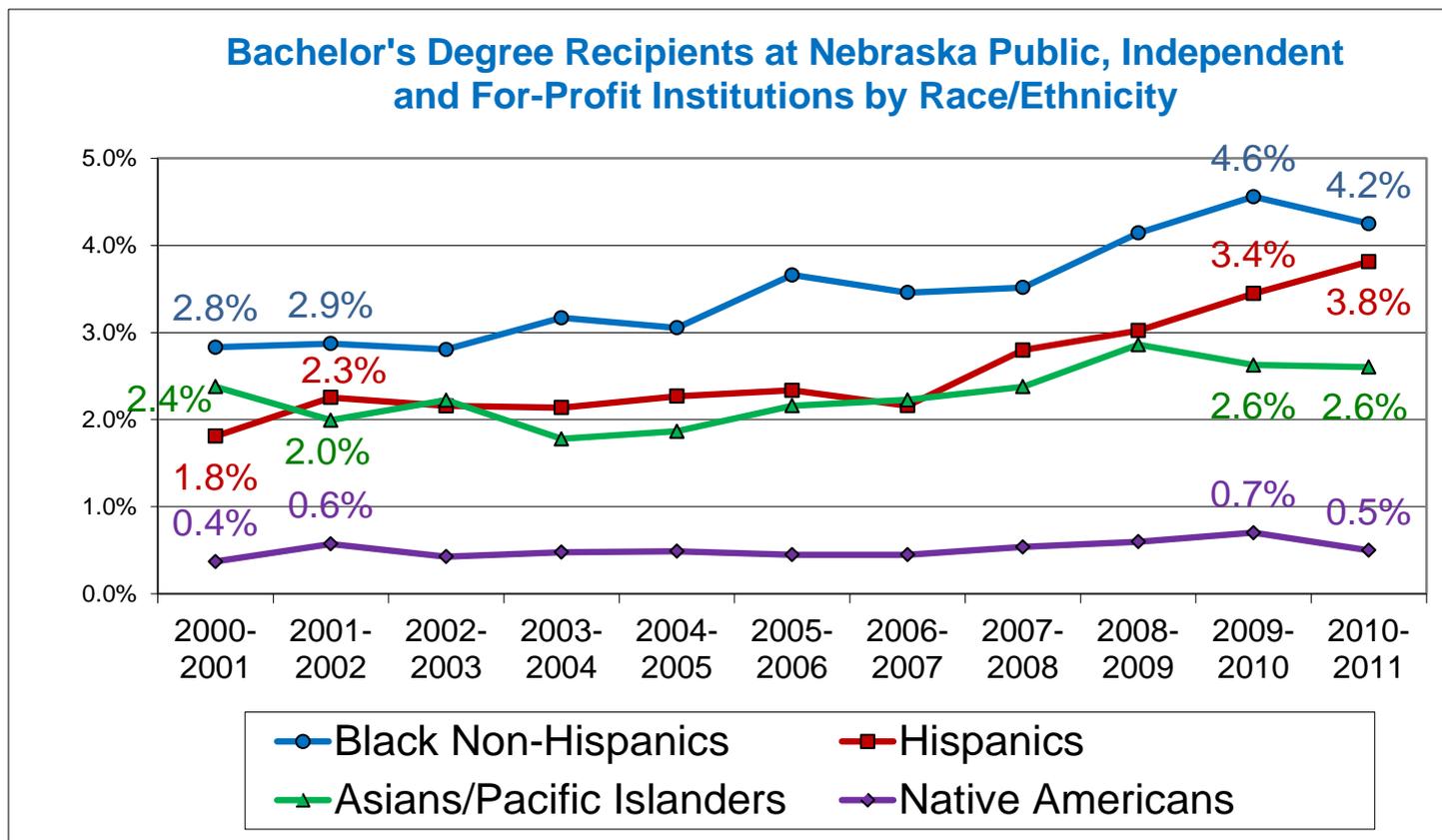
*Factual Look, Section A, August 2011, page A4.16

Within the minorities, the highest increase in the percentage of degrees awarded was for black non-Hispanics who earned less-than-four year awards from for-profit/career schools (70 or 5.8% of 1,198 degrees to 194 or 11.2% of 1,734 degrees; up 5.4%).



Total Minorities--For-Profits: 2000-01 9.2% 2010-11 17.5%

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



Total Minorities—All Schools 2000-01 7.4% 2009-10 11.1%

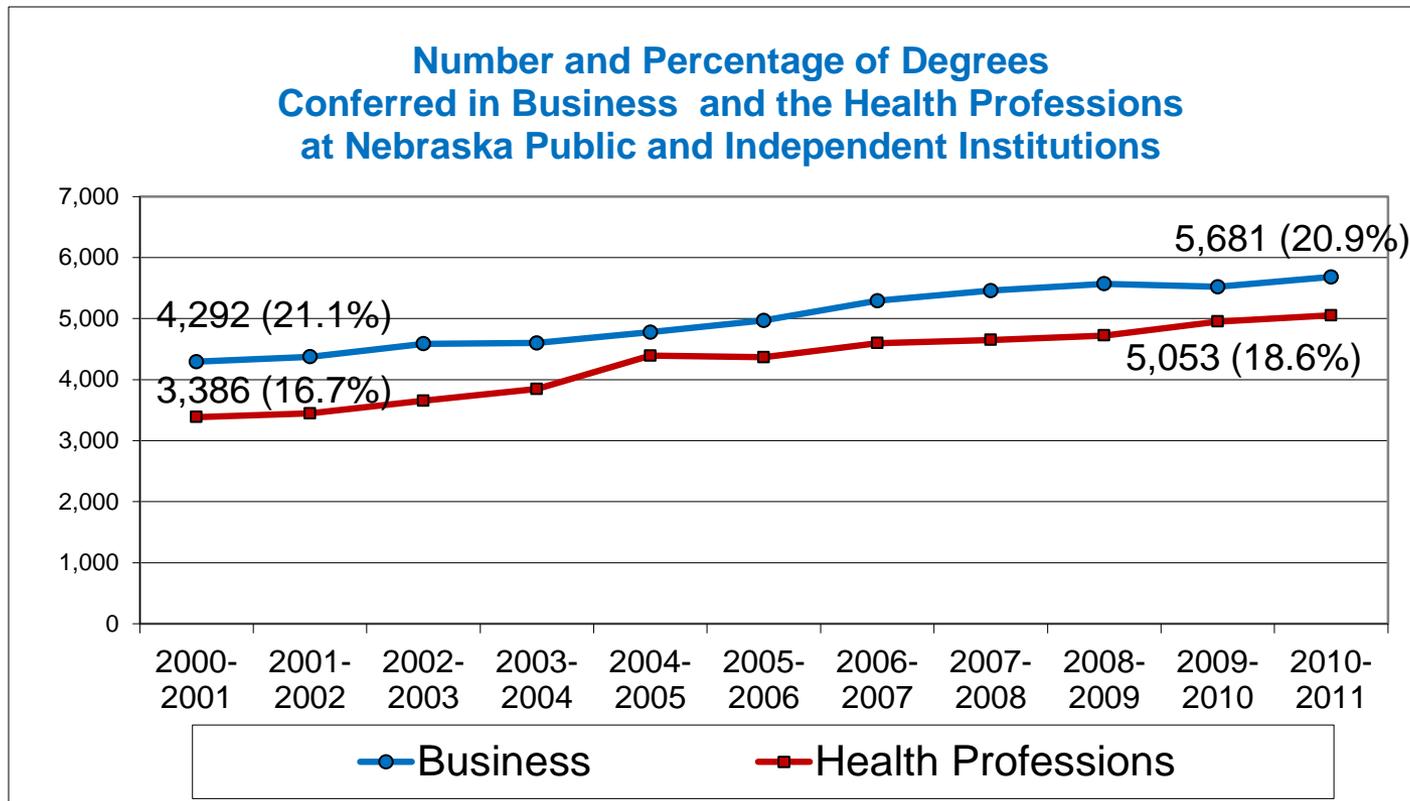
Number of Degrees and Other Awards by Race/Ethnicity All Postsecondary Institutions in Nebraska: 2010-2011

| | White | Asian/PI | Hispanic | Native | Black | Foreign | Total |
|-------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Less-than-4-Year | 7,244 | 130 | 365 | 79 | 492 | 49 | 8,359 |
| Bachelor's Degree | 11,255 | 340 | 498 | 65 | 555 | 347 | 13,060 |
| Master's Degree | 3,767 | 134 | 119 | 12 | 207 | 218 | 4,457 |
| Doctoral Degree | 1,016 | 79 | 40 | 5 | 31 | 83 | 1,254 |
| Total | 23,282 | 683 | 1,022 | 161 | 1,285 | 697 | 27,130 |

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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.



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