
2025 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska

Degrees and Other Awards Conferred 2013-2014 through 2023-2024

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Background

- Coordinating Commission is required by statute to report IPEDS data
 - Responsibility is fulfilled through the publication of the *Factual Look* and other reports, such as the *Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report*
- *Factual Look* is generally used by legislative staff, institutional researchers, and Commission staff
- Provides a statewide statistical analysis
 - Focuses on 10-year trends
 - Does not answer “why”

Background

- Consists of two parts:
 - Degrees and Other Awards
 - Enrollment
- Executive Director approves sections of the *Factual Look* as they are completed after consultation with the Planning and Consumer Information Committee
 - Ensures timely dissemination of data
- *Factual Look* is primarily an online publication
 - Data is available for download from the Commission's website: <https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/factual-look-higher-education-nebraska-2025>
 - Degree data dashboard: <https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/degrees-and-other-awards-dashboard>
 - 6-digit CIP dashboard: <https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/degrees-and-other-awards-cip-code-dashboard>

Important Technical Notes

- Adjustments are occasionally made to improve data accuracy. Therefore, it is generally advisable to reference the most recent edition of this report.
- Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100.0% for data summarized in this report.
- For each figure in this presentation, you'll see a graphic like this in the lower left side of the screen. The page number of the report that coincides with the figure is in the magnifying glass.



What's New for 2025

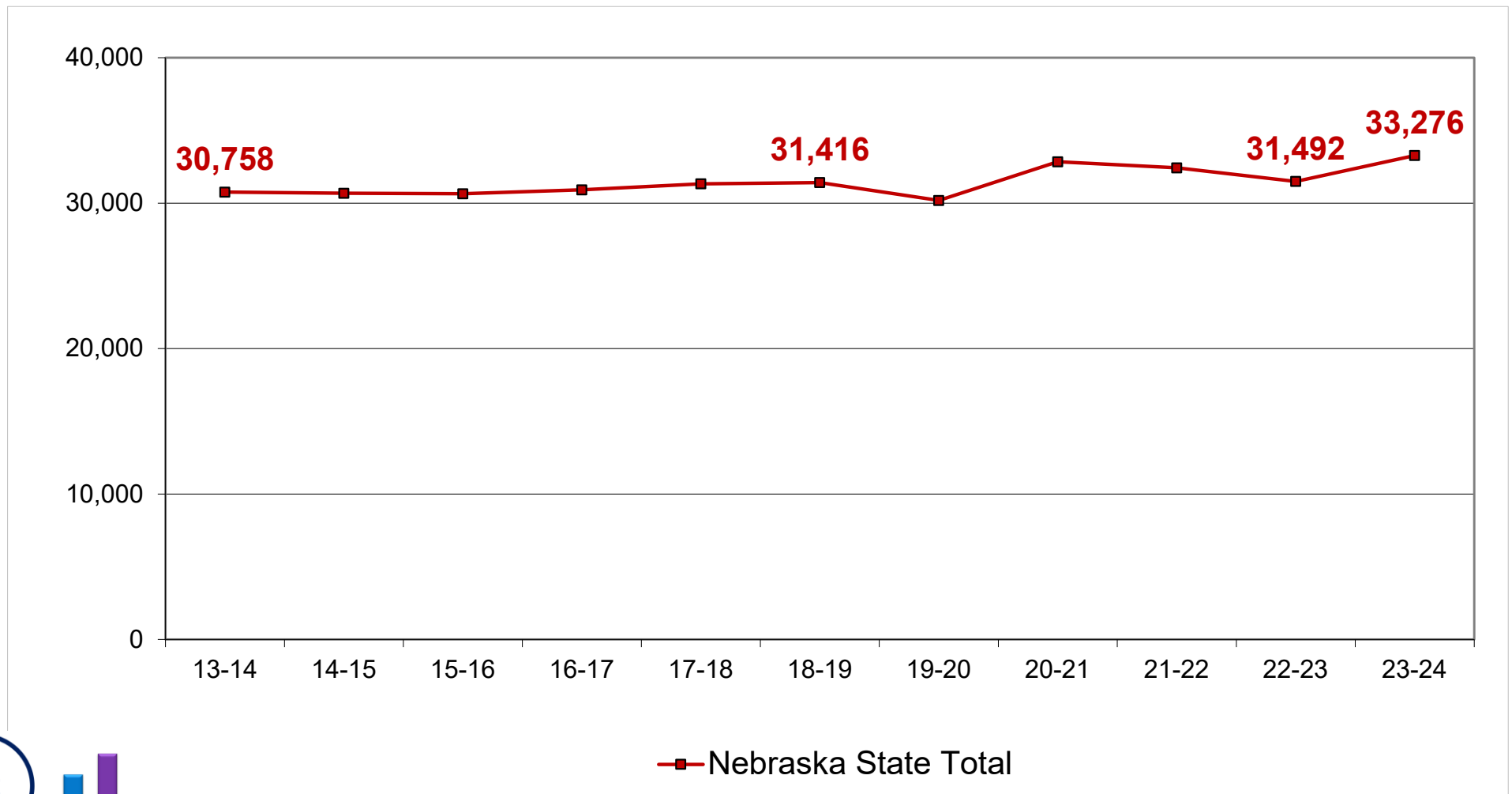
- Institution change
 - University of Phoenix-Omaha Campus was removed from the institutional listing as they do not have data for 2013-14 through 2023-24 awards
 - (Ricketts Great Books was not added to this year's listing because they opened in Fall 2024 and the most recently reported data period goes through June 30, 2024)

Degrees and Other Awards by Sector

SECTION 1

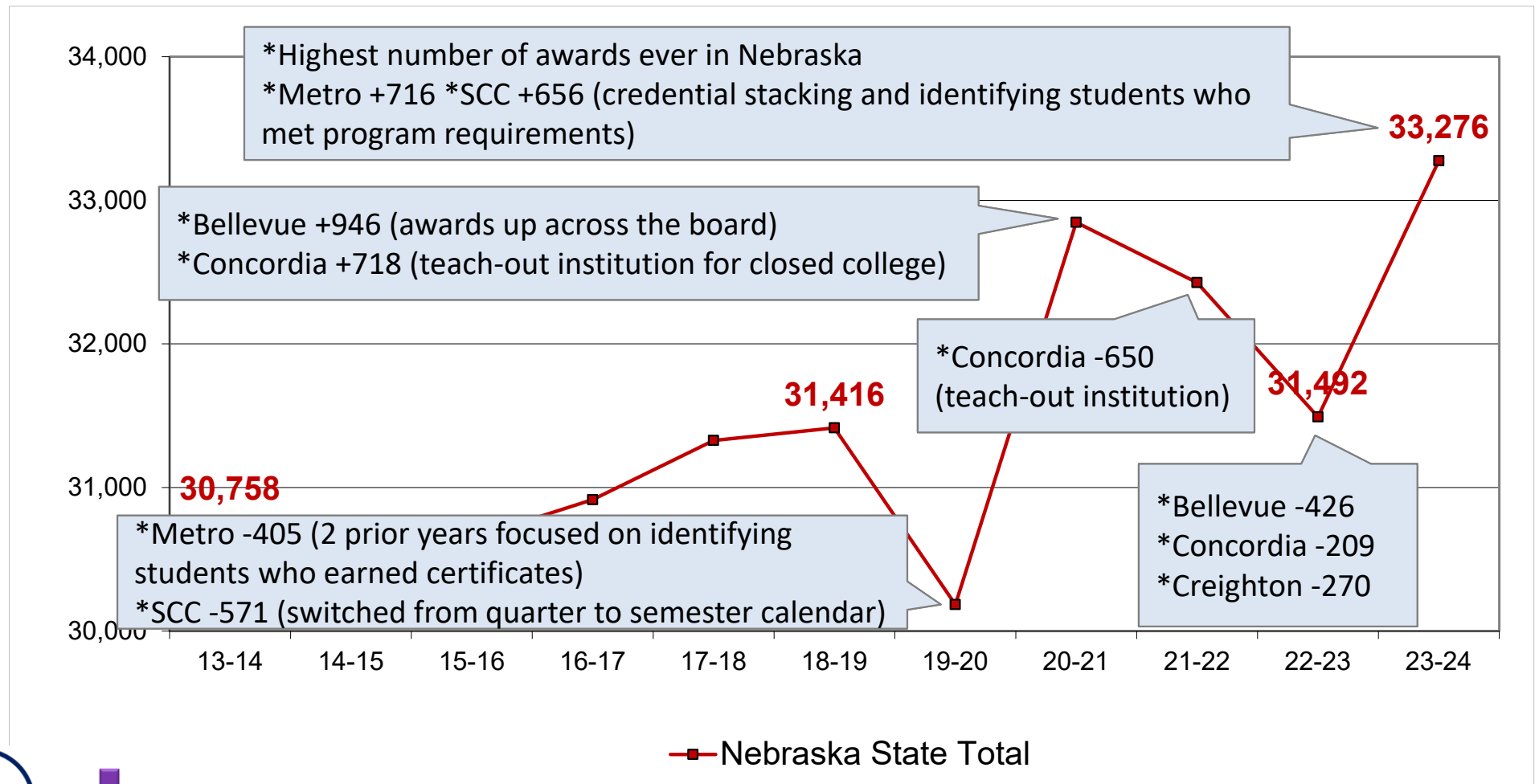
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SECTOR	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
■ Nebraska State Total	5.7%	8.2%



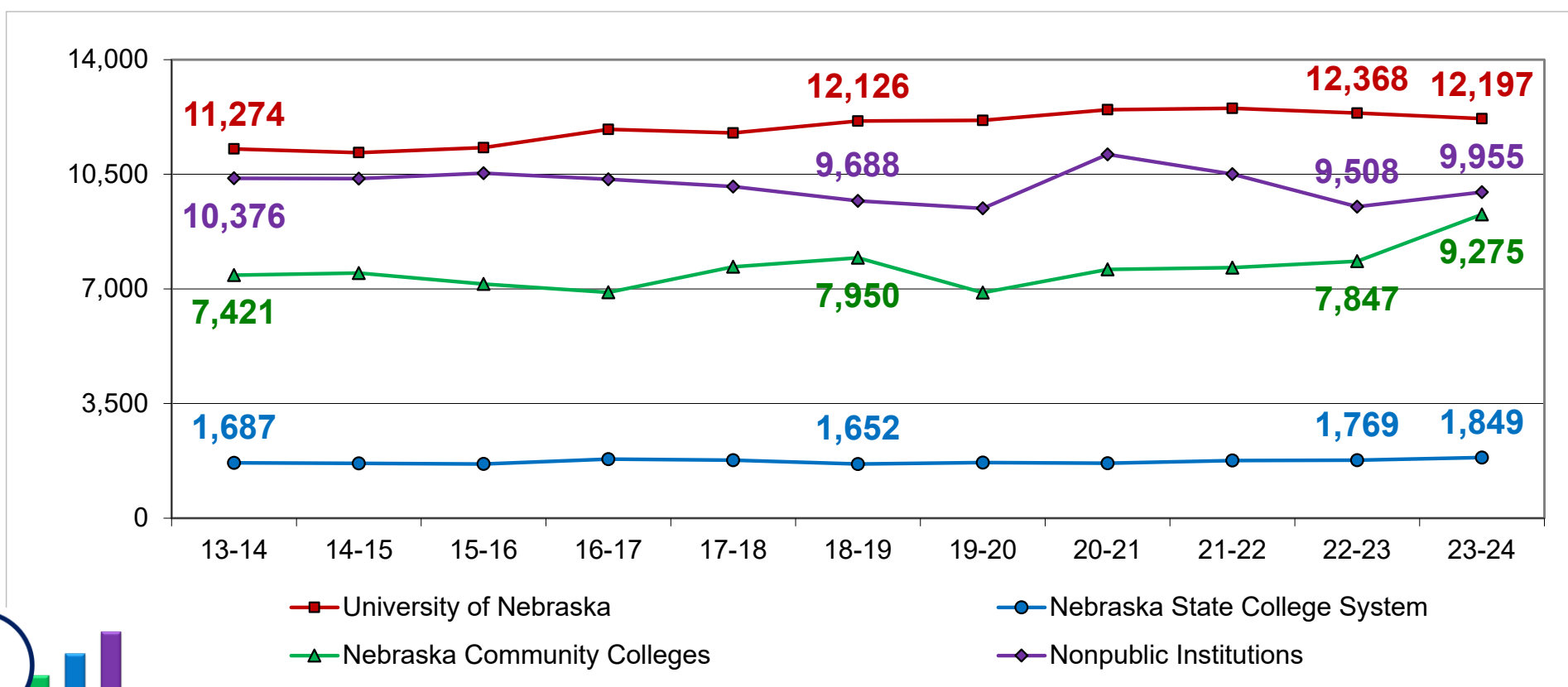
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Total Degrees and Other Awards Conferred by Sector

SECTOR	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
■ University of Nebraska	-1.4%	8.2%
● Nebraska State College System	4.5%	9.6%
▲ Nebraska Community Colleges	18.2%	25.0%
◆ Nonpublic Institutions	4.7%	-4.1%



University of Nebraska

Total Degrees and Other Awards by College

10-Year Change: 8.2%

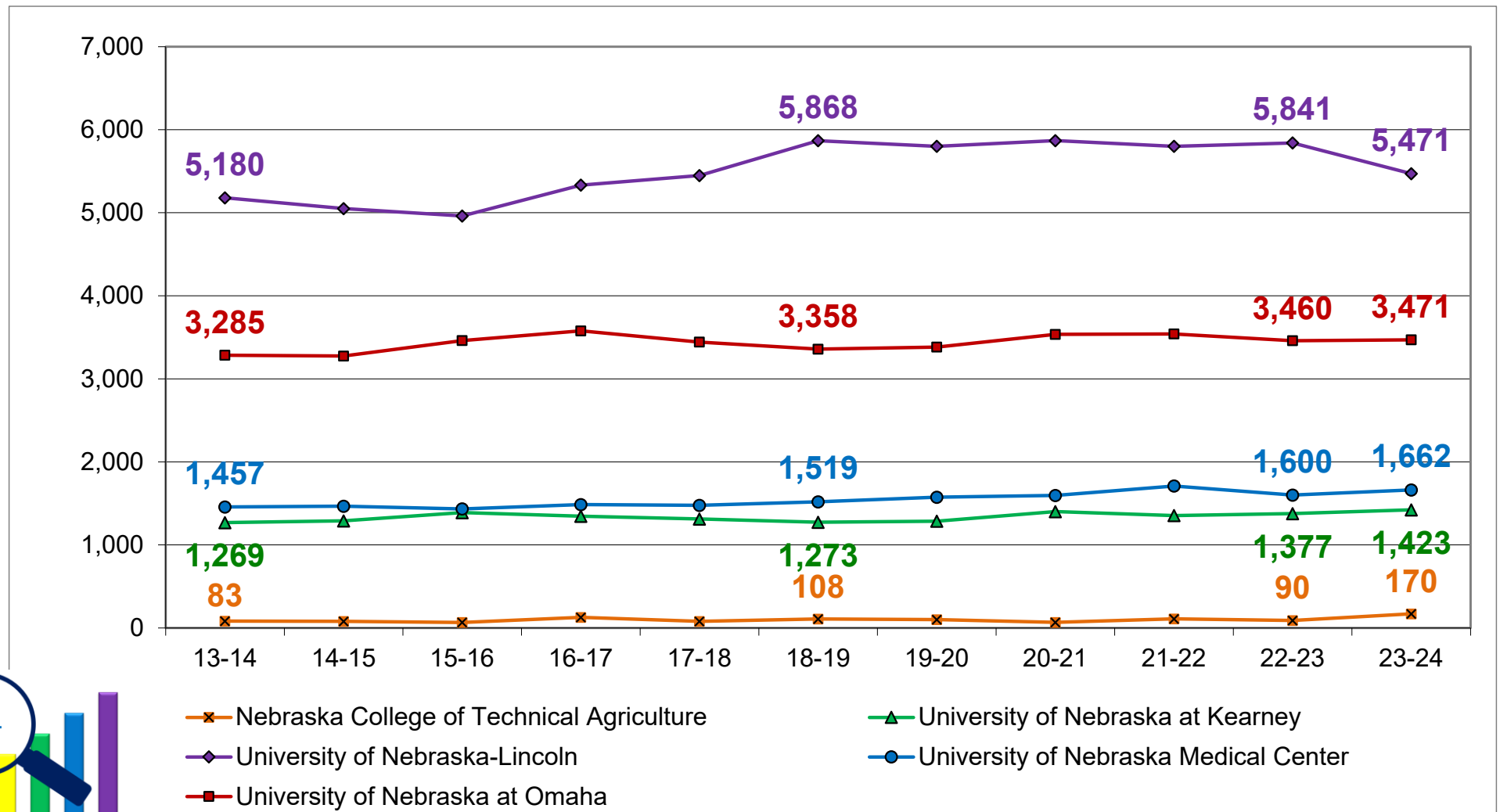
✕ NCTA: 104.8%

▲ UNK: 12.1%

◆ UNL: 5.6%

● UNMC: 14.1%

■ UNO: 5.7%



Nebraska State College System

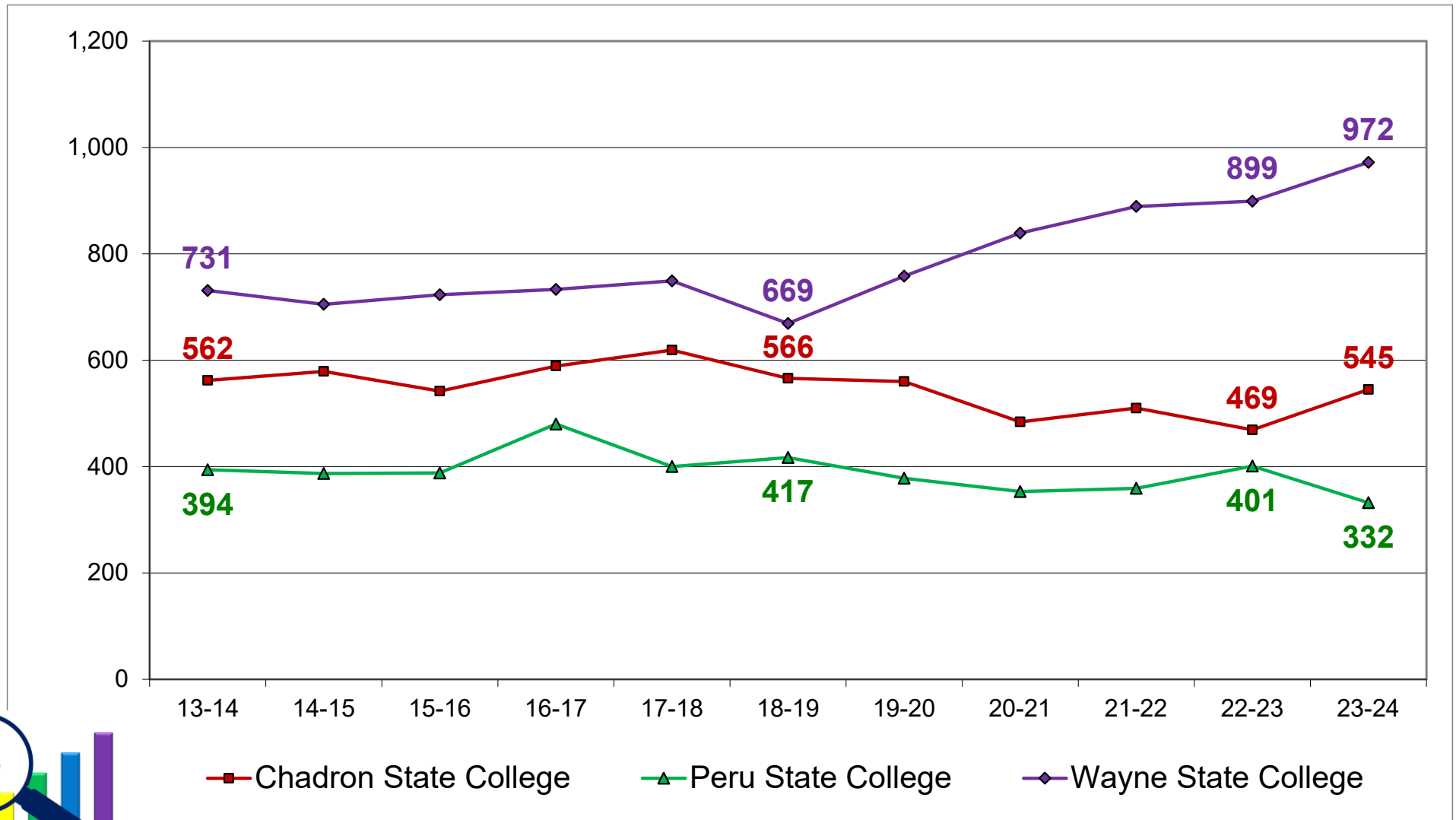
Total Degrees and Other Awards by College

10-Year Change: 9.6%

■ Chadron: -3.0%

▲ Peru: -15.7%

◆ Wayne: 33.0%

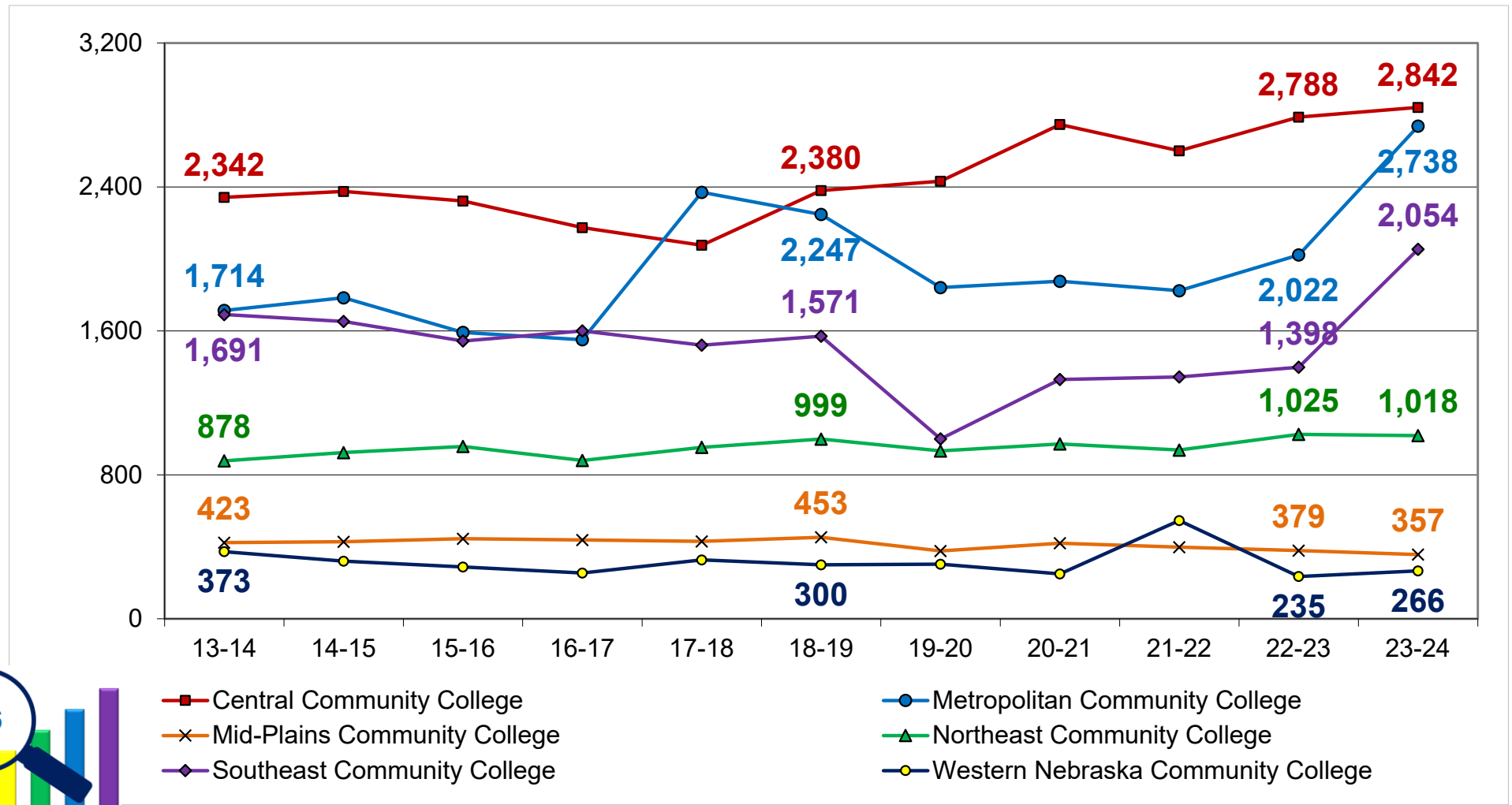


Nebraska Community Colleges

Total Degrees and Other Awards by College

10-Year Change: 25.0%

■ Central: 21.3% ● Metro: 59.7% x Mid-Plains: -15.6%
 ▲ Northeast: 15.9% ◆ Southeast: 21.5% ● Western: -28.7%

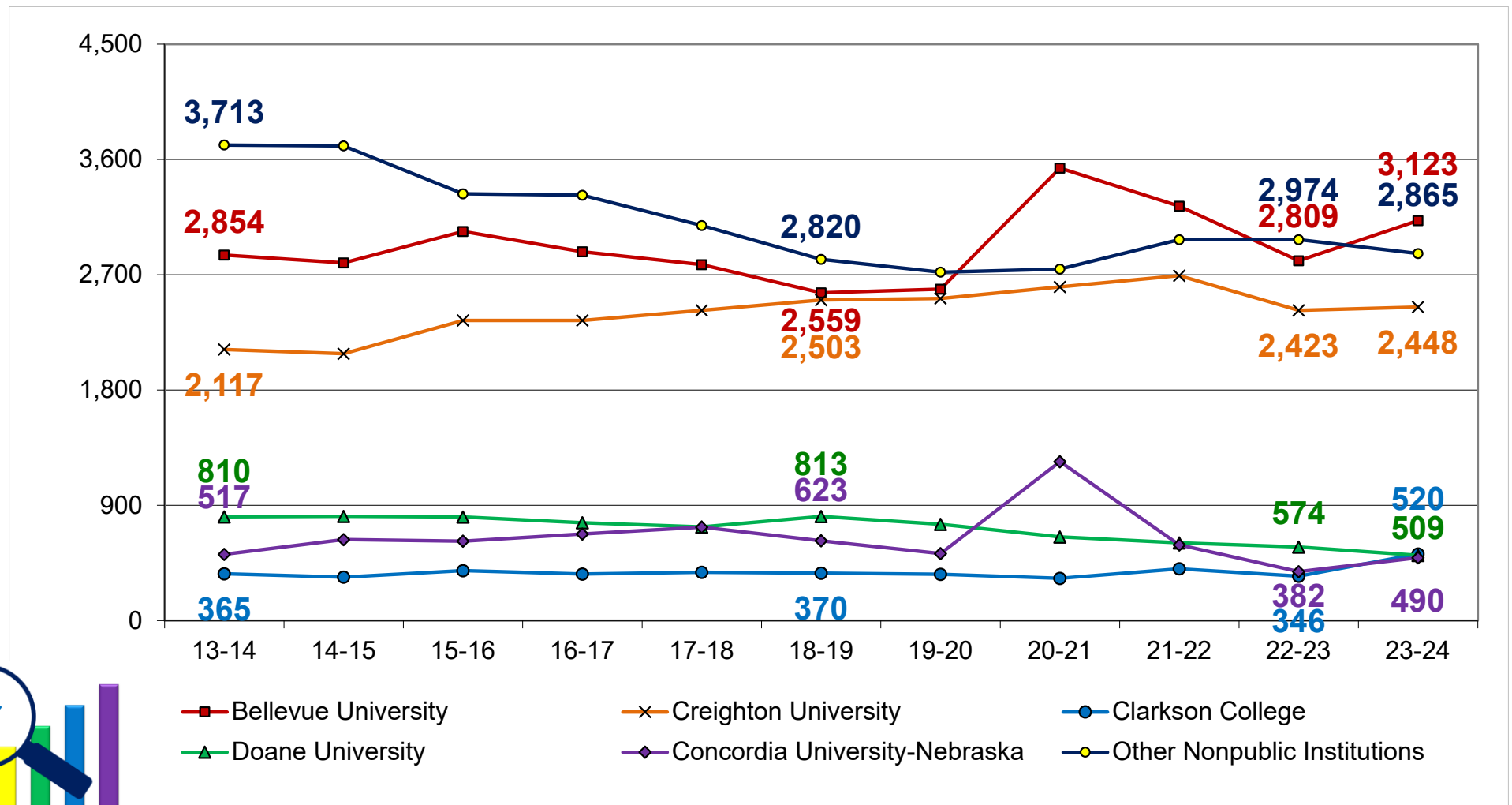


Nebraska Nonpublic Institutions

Total Degrees and Other Awards by College

10-Year Change: -4.1%

■ Bellevue: 9.4%	✕ Creighton: 15.6%	● Clarkson: 42.5%
▲ Doane: -37.2%	◆ Concordia: -5.2%	● Other Nonpublic: -22.8%

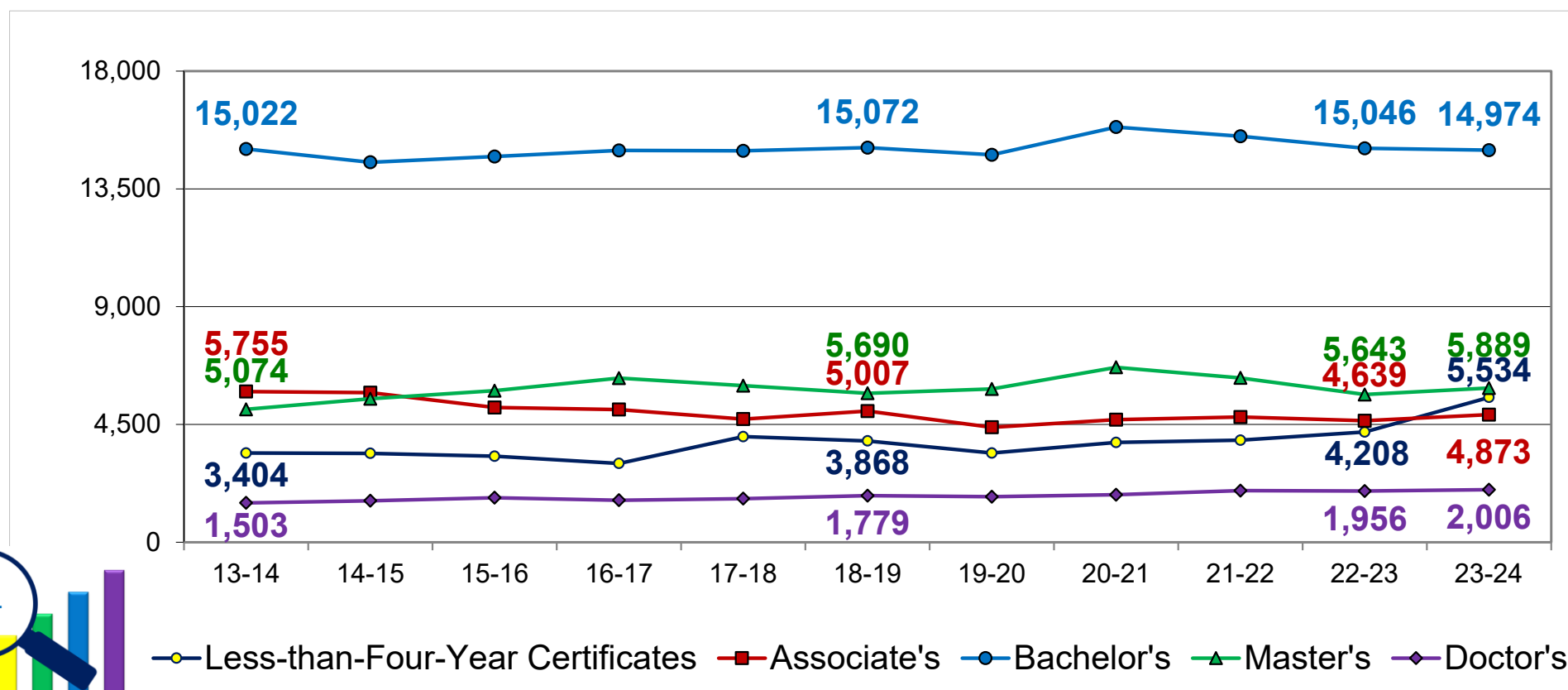


Degrees and Other Awards by Award Level

SECTION 2

Total Degrees and Other Awards Conferred by Award Level

AWARD LEVEL	1-YR CHANGE	10-YR CHANGE
● Less-than-Four-Year Certificates	31.5%	62.6%
■ Associate's Degrees	5.0%	-15.3%
● Bachelor's Degrees and Post-Baccalaureate Certificates	-0.5%	-0.3%
▲ Master's Degrees and Post-Master's Certificates	4.4%	16.1%
◆ Doctor's Degrees	2.6%	33.5%



2023-24 Degrees and Other Awards by Level and by Sector

AWARD LEVEL	UNIV. NE	NSCS	NE CCs	NONPUBLIC	TOTAL
● < 4-Year Certificates	95	3	4,730	706	5,534
10-Yr Change	9400%	N/A	87%	-19%	63%
■ Associate's	100	-	4,545	228	4,873
10-Yr Change	15%	-	-7%	-71%	-15%
● Bachelor's	8,208	1,292	-	5,474	14,974
10-Yr Change	1%	3%	-	-4%	0%
▲ Master's	2,872	554	-	2,463	5,889
10-Yr Change	25%	27%	-	5%	16%
◆ Doctor's	922	-	-	1,084	2,006
10-Yr Change	16%	-	-	53%	33%

Note. Associate's degrees were not conferred by Nebraska's state colleges. The bachelor's degree category includes postbaccalaureate certificates. Bachelor's degrees were not conferred by Nebraska's community colleges. The master's degree category includes post-master's certificates. Master's degrees were not conferred by Nebraska's community colleges. Doctor's degrees were not conferred by Nebraska's community colleges or state colleges.

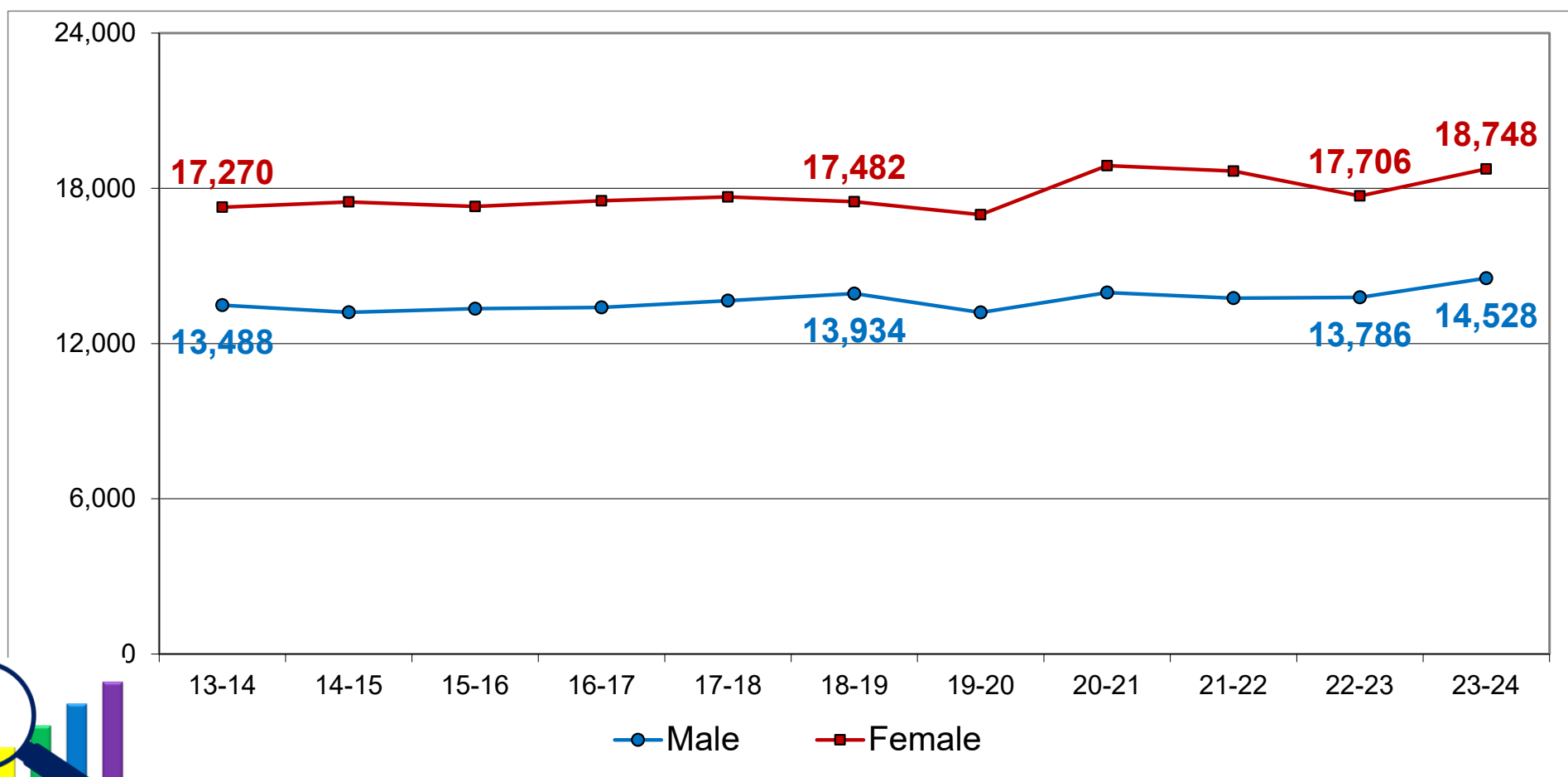


Degrees and Other Awards by Sex

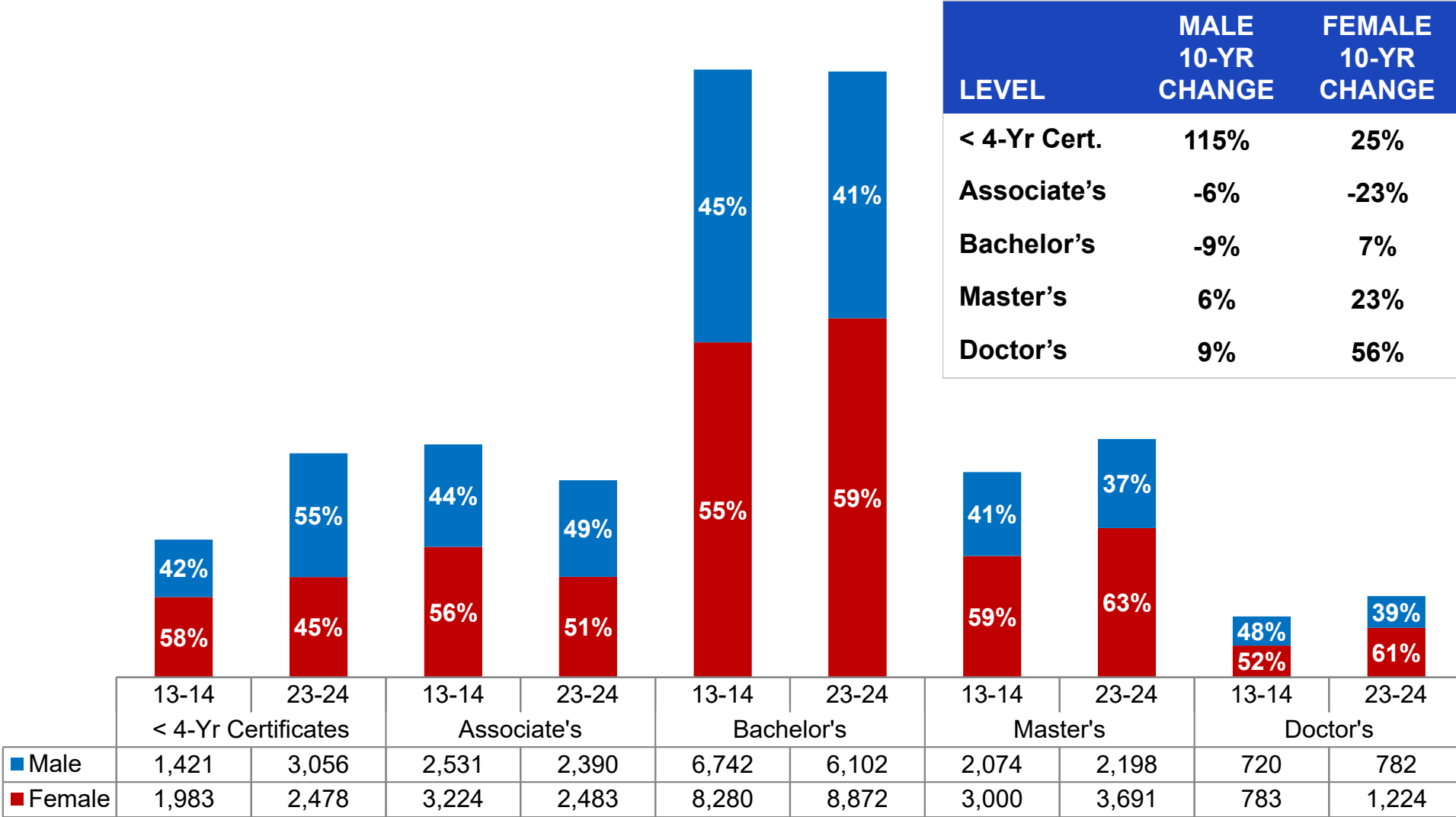
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Total Degrees and Other Awards Conferred by Sex

SEX	% OF AWARDS		1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
	2013-14	2023-24		
● Male	43.9%	43.7%	5.4%	7.7%
■ Female	56.1%	56.3%	5.9%	8.6%



Total Degrees and Other Awards Conferred by Level by Sex



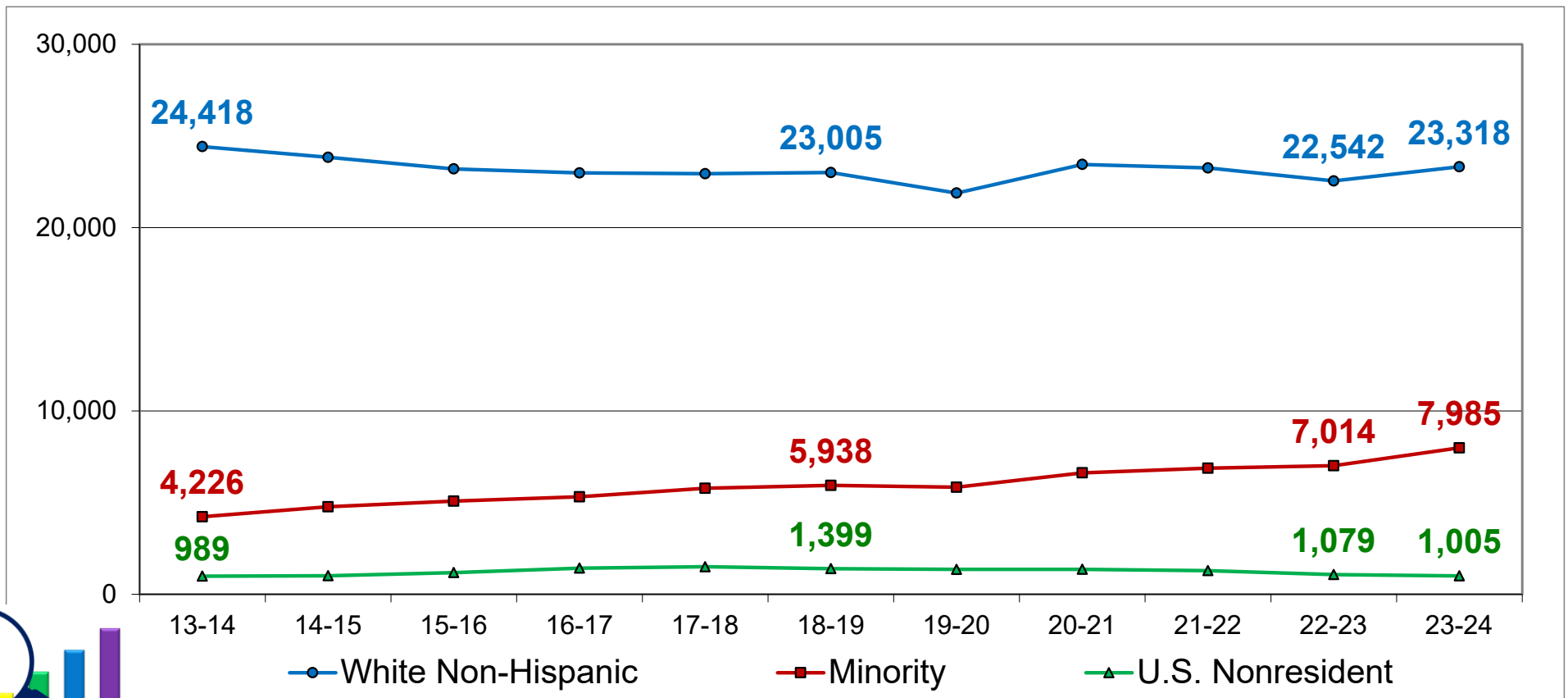
Note. The bachelor's degree category includes postbaccalaureate certificates. The master's degree category includes post-master's certificates.

Degrees and Other Awards by Race/Ethnicity

SECTION 4

Degrees and Other Awards Conferred by Race/Ethnicity

RACE/ETHNICITY	% OF AWARDS		1-YR CHANGE	10-YR CHANGE
	2013-14	2023-24		
● White Non-Hispanic	82.4%	72.2%	3.4%	-4.5%
■ Minority	14.3%	24.7%	13.8%	88.9%
▲ U.S. Nonresident	3.3%	3.1%	-6.9%	1.6%

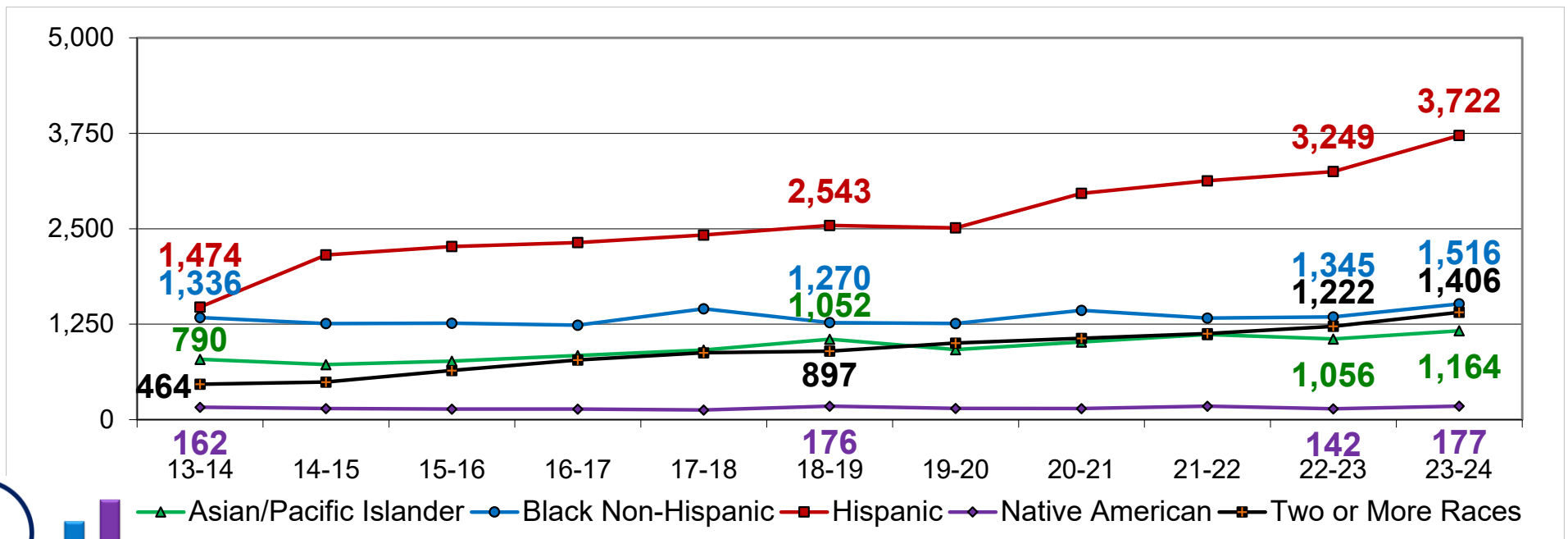


Note. Excludes awards conferred to students of unknown race/ethnicity (N = 1,125 in 2013-14, N = 968 in 2023-24).



Degrees and Other Awards Conferred by Race/Ethnicity

RACE/ETHNICITY	% OF AWARDS		1-YR CHANGE	10-YR CHANGE
	2013-14	2023-24		
▲ Asian/Pacific Islander	2.7%	3.6%	10.2%	47.3%
● Black (non-Hispanic)	4.5%	4.7%	12.7%	13.5%
■ Hispanic	5.0%	11.5%	14.6%	152.5%
◆ Native American	0.5%	0.5%	24.6%	9.3%
⊞ Two or More Races	1.6%	4.4%	15.1%	203.0%



2023-24 Degrees and Other Awards Conferred by Award Level by Race/Ethnicity

RACE/ETHNICITY	< 4-YR CERTIFICATES	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	MASTER'S	DOCTOR'S
▲ Asian/Pacific Islander	129	102	561	224	148
10-Yr Change	134.5%	-5.6%	39.2%	77.8%	51.0%
● Black Non-Hispanic	240	214	734	261	67
10-Yr Change	75.2%	-32.1%	24.4%	-0.4%	109.4%
■ Hispanic	1,146	695	1,346	415	120
10-Yr Change	347.7%	100.9%	100.3%	174.8%	144.9%
◆ Native American	56	57	35	26	3
10-Yr Change	229.4%	-3.4%	-47.8%	62.5%	0.0%
■ Two or More Races	165	157	771	253	60
10-Yr Change	432.3%	234.0%	153.6%	301.6%	215.8%
▲ U.S. Nonresident	25	70	470	318	122
10-Yr Change	733.3%	100.0%	-11.5%	11.2%	-9.0%
● White Non-Hispanic	3,622	3,381	10,707	4,160	1,448
10-Yr Change	26.8%	-29.0%	-9.6%	8.3%	30.2%

Note. The bachelor's degree category includes postbaccalaureate certificates. The master's degree category includes post-master's certificates.



Degrees and Other Awards by Discipline

SECTION 5

Degrees and Other Awards by Discipline Cluster

Discipline	2013-14		2023-24		10-Year % Change
	N	% of Total	N	% of Total	
■ Arts and Humanities	3,757	12.2%	3,399	10.2%	-9.5%
✕ Business and Communication	7,096	23.1%	6,966	20.9%	-1.8%
● Education	3,082	10.0%	3,274	9.8%	6.2%
▲ Health	5,852	19.0%	6,141	18.5%	4.9%
◆ Social and Behavioral Sciences and Human Services	3,171	10.3%	3,135	9.4%	-1.1%
● Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)	4,562	14.8%	5,792	17.4%	27.0%
■ Trades	3,238	10.5%	4,569	13.7%	41.1%



2023-24 Top Discipline Cluster by Award Level

Award Level	Top Discipline	N	% of Total Within Level
● Less-than-Four-Year Certificates	Trades	2,944	53.2%
■ Associate's	Arts and Humanities	1,267	26.0%
● Bachelor's	Business and Communication	3,935	26.3%
▲ Master's	Education	1,594	27.1%
◆ Doctor's	Health	1,180	58.8%

Note. The bachelor's degree category includes postbaccalaureate certificates. The master's degree category includes post-master's certificates.



Completers by Age Group

SECTION 6

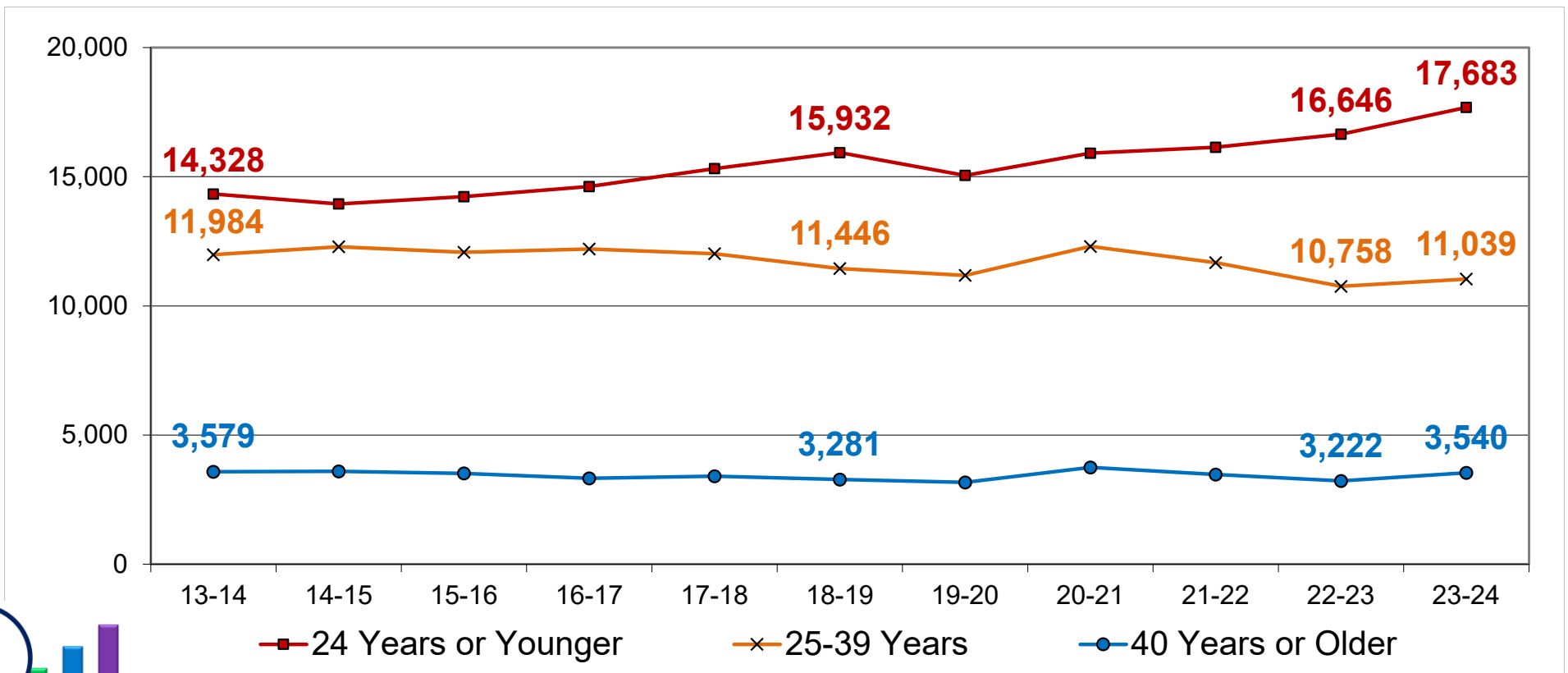
Completers by Age Group

- While Sections 1 through 5 analyze the number of awards conferred, Section 6 analyzes the number of students who earned awards
 - In Section 6, a student is counted only once per award level
 - Example 1: If a student is awarded two bachelor's degrees...
 - Completions (Sections 1-5): Two bachelor's degrees are counted.
 - Completers (Section 6): The student is counted only once at the bachelor's level.
 - Example 2: If a student is awarded an associate's degree and a bachelor's degree...
 - Completions (Sections 1-5): One associate's degree and one bachelor's degree are counted.
 - Completers (Section 6): The student is counted once at the associate's level and once at the bachelor's level.
 - Therefore, the numbers for Sections 1 through 5 will NOT match the numbers for Section 6
- In Sections 1 through 5, we combine postbaccalaureate certificates with bachelor's degrees and post-master's certificates are combined with master's degrees
 - However, since IPEDS utilizes different award level groupings for Section 6, the Commission is obligated to group postbaccalaureate and post-master's certificates into one award level category



Completers by Age Group

AGE GROUP	% OF COMPLETERS		1-YR CHANGE	10-YR CHANGE
	2013-14	2023-24		
■ 24 Years or Younger	47.9%	54.8%	6.2%	23.4%
✕ 25-39 Years	40.1%	34.2%	2.6%	-7.9%
● 40 Years or Older	12.0%	11.0%	9.9%	-1.1%

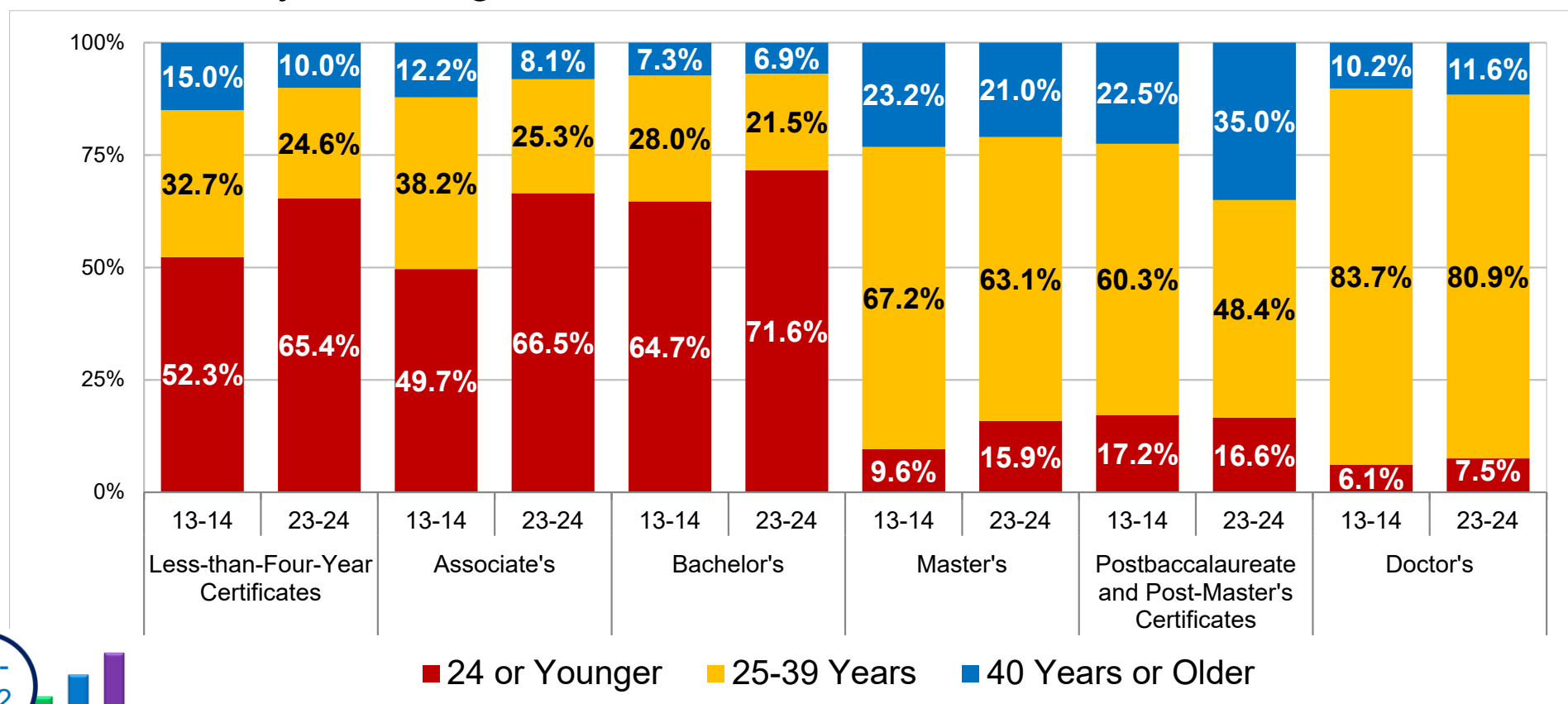


Note. Excludes awards conferred to students of unknown age (N = 38 in 2013-14, N = 2 in 2023-24).



Completers by Level by Age Group

- Undergraduate completers were most likely to be 24 years or younger, while graduate completers were most likely to be 25-39 years of age
- Majority of completers from the three public sectors were 24 years or younger, while the completers from the nonpublic sector were most likely to be 25-39 years of age



Note. The bachelor's degree category does not include postbaccalaureate certificates. The master's degree category does not include post-master's certificates.



Dashboard Demonstration – Degrees and Other Awards

- <https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/degrees-and-other-awards-dashboard>
- How much have less-than-four-year certifications changed over the last decade at Metro and SCC compared to the other four community colleges?
 - Under tab Degrees and Other Awards, click on Nebraska Community Colleges, select Keep Only
 - Select Less-than-Four-Year Certificates
 - Metro increased 280%, from 299 to 1,135
 - SCC increased 218%, from 302 to 960
 - Then click on Metro, select Exclude, and click on SCC, select Exclude
 - The other four community colleges increased 37%, from 1,931 to 2,635
 - Western decreased while the remaining three CCs increased

Dashboard Demonstration – Degrees and Other Awards

Introduction Degrees and Other Awards 2013-2014 & 2023-2024 Completers by Age Group

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Pick Award Level:

Less-than-Four-Year Certif...

Pick Sex:

(All)

Pick Race/Ethnicity:

(All)

Pick Discipline Cluster:

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Note:

Hover over circle for discipline descriptions

Degrees and Other Awards Conferred by Academic Year and 10-Year Percentage Change

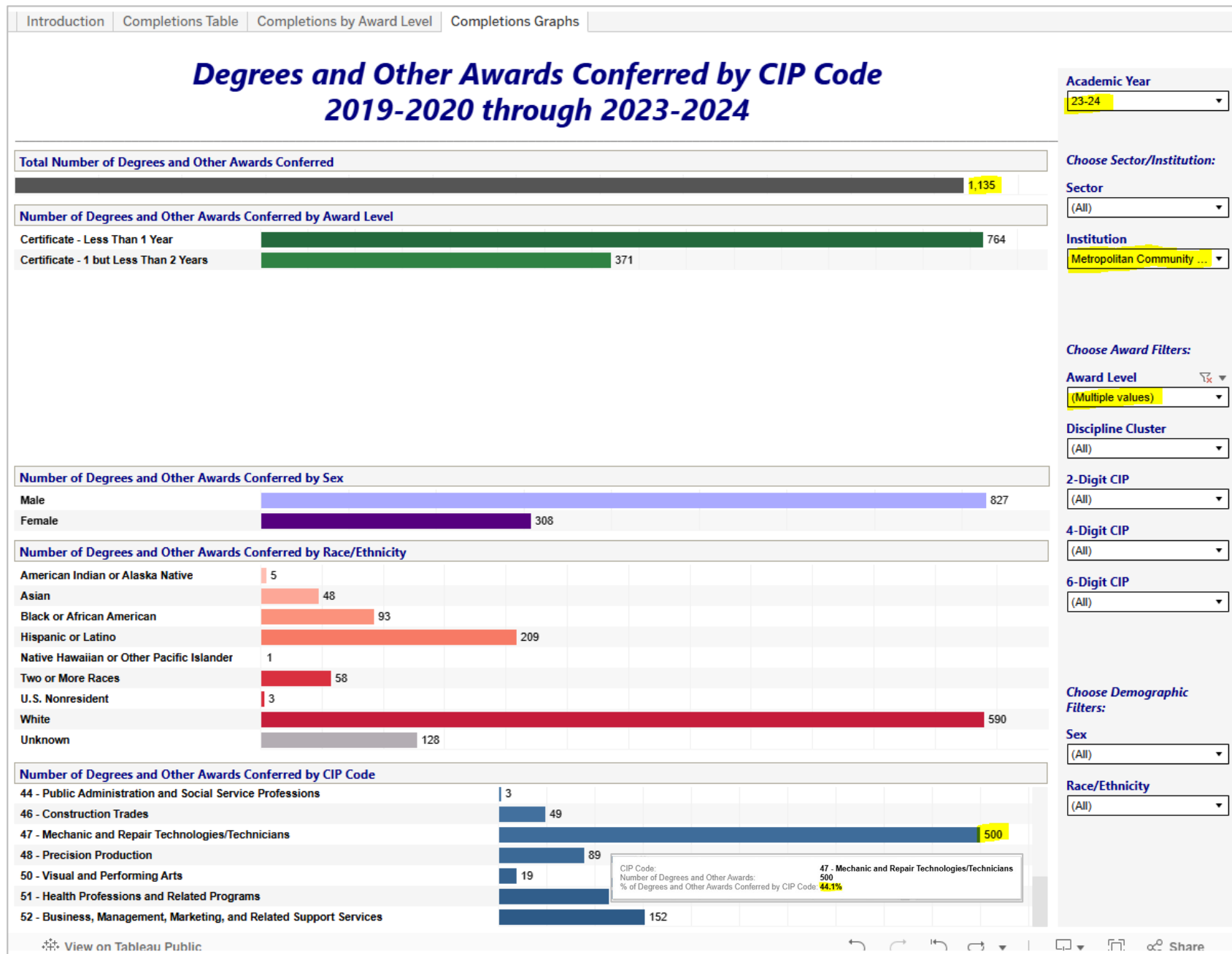
Sector	Institution	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24
Nebraska Community Colleges	Central Community College	1,590	1,613	1,655	1,464	1,455	1,723	1,726	2,052	1,903	2,086	2,148
	Metropolitan Community College	299	261	261	206	1,147	791	461	449	457	639	1,135
	Mid-Plains Community College	96	152	118	138	127	125	114	119	104	106	99
	Northeast Community College	100	131	146	152	201	194	207	217	255	270	307
	Southeast Community College	302	274	316	278	307	337	242	278	322	349	960
	Western Nebraska Community College	145	85	63	62	110	89	99	73	168	76	81
	Total	2,532	2,516	2,559	2,300	3,347	3,259	2,849	3,188	3,209	3,526	4,730
Grand Total		2,532	2,516	2,559	2,300	3,347	3,259	2,849	3,188	3,209	3,526	4,730

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	Mid-Plains Community College	96	152	118	138	127	125	114	119	104	106	99
	Northeast Community College	100	131	146	152	201	194	207	217	255	270	307
	Western Nebraska Community College	145	85	63	62	110	89	99	73	168	76	81
	Total	1,931	1,981	1,982	1,816	1,893	2,131	2,146	2,461	2,430	2,538	2,635
Grand Total		1,931	1,981	1,982	1,816	1,893	2,131	2,146	2,461	2,430	2,538	2,635

Dashboard Demonstration – CIP Code

- <https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/degrees-and-other-awards-cip-code-dashboard>
- At Metro, what is the most common program for less-than-four-year certificates?
 - Under tab Completions Graphs, select Metropolitan Community College and unselect Associate's
 - Out of 1,135 less-than-four-year awards at Metro for AY23-24, 500 awards were conferred at this level for CIP 47 (Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians), which is 44.1% of awards at this level

Dashboard Demonstration – CIP Code



Questions?

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