

Appendix 8

Financial Aid Programs

**Explanatory Note A8.1
Definitions of Income Groups
for Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship Recipients**

The following definitions are used for Tables A8.5 and A8.6:

- **Low-income students:** Students approved to receive free or reduced-price school lunches (FRL). Effective with the 2021-2022 cohort, students are also classified as low income if they graduate from a school that participates in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).
- **Non-low-income students:** Students who are not approved for free or reduced-price school lunches. The non-low-income students include students in low-income households that have not applied for free or reduced-price school lunches. Conversely, the low-income students in this study include at least some students who graduated from schools that participate in the CEP but were from non-low-income households.
- **Other low-income graduates:** Students approved to receive free or reduced-price school lunches that did not receive an ACE scholarship.

**Table A8.1
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Completion Rates by State
High School Seniors in the Class of 2018 through Class of 2025**

State	Class of 2018		Class of 2019		Class of 2020		Class of 2021	
	% Complete	Rank	% Complete	Rank	% Complete	Rank	% Complete	Rank
Alabama	54.7%	30	52.1%	28	48.7%	33	45.8%	33
Alaska	37.1%	49	34.5%	49	31.2%	50	28.7%	50
Arizona	43.0%	48	40.1%	48	39.7%	48	35.8%	48
Arkansas	58.6%	20	55.3%	18	51.2%	26	47.3%	31
California	56.0%	29	52.6%	24	54.1%	14	49.0%	25
Colorado	47.0%	46	44.0%	45	43.5%	45	40.3%	44
Connecticut	64.2%	8	58.2%	11	59.6%	6	56.1%	8
Delaware	68.6%	3	66.0%	3	62.3%	3	58.8%	4
Florida	53.4%	35	45.3%	43	43.4%	46	41.5%	41
Georgia	58.3%	21	50.4%	31	52.2%	22	51.5%	13
Hawaii	59.1%	17	57.8%	12	55.5%	13	53.8%	11
Idaho	49.5%	43	47.1%	40	44.4%	43	40.2%	45
Illinois	64.1%	10	59.6%	8	57.9%	10	61.4%	3
Indiana	56.4%	26	49.6%	35	49.4%	32	47.9%	28
Iowa	56.3%	27	52.9%	23	53.3%	16	50.6%	14
Kansas	51.0%	37	49.3%	36	47.6%	36	44.5%	37
Kentucky	65.4%	6	60.1%	6	55.5%	12	49.4%	23
Louisiana	77.1%	1	69.4%	2	64.9%	2	64.1%	2
Maine	63.5%	12	53.2%	22	50.8%	28	47.4%	30
Maryland	60.0%	15	55.0%	19	53.4%	15	50.1%	16
Massachusetts	67.2%	4	60.3%	5	58.6%	7	55.8%	9
Michigan	56.6%	25	52.2%	26	51.9%	23	47.8%	29
Minnesota	50.2%	41	41.3%	47	44.3%	44	41.8%	39
Mississippi	63.6%	11	61.5%	4	57.6%	11	55.4%	10
Missouri	56.3%	28	52.2%	25	49.9%	30	45.7%	34
Montana	53.9%	34	50.0%	32	45.6%	38	41.5%	40
Nebraska	54.6%	31	51.2%	30	52.7%	19	49.8%	17
Nevada	49.3%	44	45.1%	44	45.0%	40	40.6%	42
New Hampshire	57.5%	23	55.6%	17	51.3%	25	49.3%	24

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State	Class of 2018		Class of 2019		Class of 2020		Class of 2021	
	% Complete	Rank	% Complete	Rank	% Complete	Rank	% Complete	Rank
New Jersey	67.1%	5	58.3%	10	59.7%	5	56.6%	7
New Mexico	50.6%	40	46.1%	42	45.2%	39	40.4%	43
New York	64.1%	9	58.6%	9	58.6%	8	57.2%	5
North Carolina	58.7%	19	52.1%	27	52.3%	21	49.7%	19
North Dakota	49.7%	42	47.7%	39	48.3%	34	46.8%	32
Ohio	62.2%	13	56.4%	14	52.9%	18	50.1%	15
Oklahoma	50.6%	39	47.7%	38	44.4%	42	38.7%	46
Oregon	50.8%	38	49.6%	33	47.4%	37	42.1%	38
Pennsylvania	59.0%	18	55.9%	16	52.7%	20	49.7%	20
Rhode Island	64.3%	7	56.8%	13	60.0%	4	56.9%	6
South Carolina	59.2%	16	54.2%	20	51.0%	27	49.6%	21
South Dakota	57.8%	22	56.4%	15	50.2%	29	48.9%	26
Tennessee	76.6%	2	71.7%	1	70.5%	1	65.8%	1
Texas	54.5%	32	49.6%	34	51.9%	24	49.4%	22
Utah	35.5%	50	33.5%	50	35.9%	49	32.8%	49
Vermont	53.3%	36	54.2%	21	49.6%	31	48.5%	27
Virginia	57.0%	24	49.0%	37	53.2%	17	49.8%	18
Washington	46.1%	47	42.8%	46	41.6%	47	38.1%	47
West Virginia	60.7%	14	59.8%	7	58.0%	9	52.3%	12
Wisconsin	54.0%	33	51.8%	29	48.3%	35	44.6%	36
Wyoming	48.0%	45	47.0%	41	45.0%	41	45.4%	35
Nation (50 States + D.C.)	54.0%		53.8%		52.0%		49.9%	

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State	Class of 2022		Class of 2023		Class of 2024		Class of 2025	
	% Complete	Rank	% Complete	Rank	% Complete	Rank	% Complete	Rank
Alabama	58.9%	8	58.5%	9	47.1%	13	54.4%	15
Alaska	28.3%	50	29.4%	50	24.4%	50	28.0%	50
Arizona	37.6%	48	39.4%	48	32.8%	48	38.8%	48
Arkansas	49.2%	26	49.5%	27	42.8%	29	48.2%	32
California	53.0%	14	58.0%	11	50.4%	10	60.9%	5
Colorado	41.7%	43	42.4%	43	36.7%	42	42.6%	42
Connecticut	57.6%	9	59.3%	7	52.6%	6	55.9%	10
Delaware	61.6%	5	62.4%	4	53.3%	5	55.1%	12
Florida	41.9%	42	42.3%	44	34.5%	46	44.4%	38
Georgia	52.9%	15	54.3%	16	46.6%	16	51.5%	23
Hawaii	52.1%	20	53.3%	17	44.2%	25	54.6%	14
Idaho	40.2%	46	40.6%	47	35.2%	45	40.6%	47
Illinois	62.7%	3	62.8%	3	55.5%	3	65.0%	3
Indiana	46.3%	34	46.9%	32	45.4%	20	54.6%	13
Iowa	52.1%	18	51.8%	23	44.3%	22	49.1%	30
Kansas	46.0%	36	46.7%	33	39.7%	38	45.3%	37
Kentucky	52.1%	19	55.1%	15	46.6%	15	53.7%	16
Louisiana	66.5%	1	67.3%	2	56.6%	2	53.3%	17
Maine	47.4%	30	51.7%	24	44.3%	24	49.6%	28
Maryland	51.1%	23	52.3%	21	44.2%	26	52.2%	21
Massachusetts	56.1%	12	56.3%	13	49.2%	12	58.7%	8
Michigan	47.3%	31	49.5%	28	43.4%	28	52.8%	20
Minnesota	44.0%	40	44.9%	40	40.5%	36	46.5%	35
Mississippi	59.3%	6	60.3%	6	49.8%	11	60.2%	7
Missouri	47.2%	32	48.6%	31	42.2%	31	50.6%	25
Montana	44.3%	38	45.6%	36	37.2%	41	42.4%	43
Nebraska	49.1%	28	49.4%	29	42.1%	32	56.9%	9
Nevada	40.9%	45	41.6%	45	34.4%	47	43.6%	40
New Hampshire	49.3%	25	51.2%	26	45.9%	19	44.1%	39

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State	Class of 2022		Class of 2023		Class of 2024		Class of 2025	
	% Complete	Rank	% Complete	Rank	% Complete	Rank	% Complete	Rank
New Jersey	57.4%	10	58.3%	10	51.4%	7	65.5%	2
New Mexico	44.0%	41	45.3%	38	38.3%	39	42.3%	44
New York	59.0%	7	58.9%	8	50.4%	9	60.3%	6
North Carolina	51.8%	22	51.3%	25	43.7%	27	51.8%	22
North Dakota	46.8%	33	45.1%	39	40.7%	33	43.4%	41
Ohio	52.5%	17	53.3%	18	47.0%	14	48.1%	33
Oklahoma	41.0%	44	44.3%	41	35.9%	43	49.6%	27
Oregon	44.2%	39	45.4%	37	40.2%	37	48.7%	31
Pennsylvania	50.4%	24	51.9%	22	45.1%	21	53.1%	18
Rhode Island	56.9%	11	57.2%	12	50.7%	8	55.3%	11
South Carolina	52.7%	16	52.5%	19	44.3%	23	50.6%	26
South Dakota	49.2%	27	49.3%	30	42.5%	30	49.3%	29
Tennessee	66.4%	2	67.3%	1	58.5%	1	66.2%	1
Texas	62.6%	4	62.4%	5	54.1%	4	63.6%	4
Utah	33.9%	49	34.6%	49	29.8%	49	36.1%	49
Vermont	47.9%	29	45.9%	35	40.5%	35	47.6%	34
Virginia	51.8%	21	52.3%	20	46.1%	17	50.9%	24
Washington	38.9%	47	41.4%	46	35.3%	44	41.8%	45
West Virginia	53.9%	13	55.6%	14	46.1%	18	53.1%	19
Wisconsin	45.8%	37	46.7%	34	40.7%	34	45.8%	36
Wyoming	46.0%	35	42.5%	42	37.3%	40	40.6%	46
Nation (50 States + D.C.)	52.1%		53.4%		46.0%		53.9%	

Note. Includes students who completed the FAFSA between October 1 and June 30 for each high school class. Includes students from public and private high schools. Data source: National College Attainment Network, FAFSA Completion, January 2026.

**Table A8.2
Nebraska Opportunity Grants (NOG) Awarded by Sector
2024-2025 Compared to 2014-2015**

	2014-2015	2024-2025	% Change
Nebraska Public Institutions			
Number of NOG-Eligible Students	37,543	26,688	-28.9%
Number of Students Awarded a NOG	11,504	10,612	-7.8%
Percent of Eligible Students Awarded a NOG	30.6%	39.8%	29.8%
Total Amount Awarded	\$11,505,016	\$19,605,965	70.4%
Average Amount Award	\$1,000	\$1,848	84.7%
Nonpublic Colleges & Universities			
Number of NOG-Eligible Students	9,112	4,497	-50.6%
Number of Students Awarded a NOG	4,439	2,774	-37.5%
Percent of Eligible Students Awarded a NOG	48.7%	61.7%	26.6%
Total Amount Awarded	\$4,950,256	\$4,799,819	-3.0%
Average Amount Award	\$1,115	\$1,730	55.2%
Total Nebraska Opportunity Grants Awarded			
Number of NOG-Eligible Students	46,655	31,185	-33.2%
Number of Students Awarded a NOG	15,943	13,386	-16.0%
Percent of Eligible Students Awarded a NOG	34.2%	42.9%	25.6%
Total Amount Awarded	\$16,455,272	\$24,405,784	48.3%
Average Amount Award	\$1,032	\$1,823	76.6%
<p><i>Note.</i> To be eligible for a NOG, the student must be a Nebraska resident, attend a Nebraska postsecondary institution, and have a minimum Student Aid Index (SAI) as determined by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students who would otherwise qualify for a NOG but do not complete the FAFSA are not included in the number of NOG-eligible students. Data source: Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, <i>Nebraska Opportunity Grant Year-End Report</i>, 2015 and 2025.</p>			

**Table A8.3
Nebraska Opportunity Grants (NOG) Awarded by Sector and Income of Recipient
2024-2025 Compared to 2014-2015**

Income Level of NOG Recipients by Sector	2014-2015		2024-2025		% Change in # of Recipients
	# of Recipients	% of Recipients	# of Recipients	% of Recipients	
Nebraska Public Institutions					
\$0 to \$19,999	4,524	39.3%	5,335	50.3%	17.9%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	3,352	29.1%	1,611	15.2%	-51.9%
\$40,000 or Higher	3,628	31.5%	3,666	34.5%	1.0%
Total	11,504	100.0%	10,612	100.0%	-7.8%
Nonpublic Colleges & Universities					
\$0 to \$19,999	2,160	48.7%	810	29.2%	-62.5%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	1,163	26.2%	659	23.8%	-43.3%
\$40,000 or Higher	1,116	25.1%	1,305	47.0%	16.9%
Total	4,439	100.0%	2,774	100.0%	-37.5%
Total Nebraska Opportunity Grants Awarded					
\$0 to \$19,999	6,684	41.9%	6,145	45.9%	-8.1%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	4,515	28.3%	2,270	17.0%	-49.7%
\$40,000 or Higher	4,744	29.8%	4,971	37.1%	4.8%
Total	15,943	100.0%	13,386	100.0%	-16.0%
Data source: Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, <i>Nebraska Opportunity Grant Year-End Report</i> , 2015 and 2025.					

**Table A8.4
Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship Program Funding and Awards
2014-2015 to 2024-2025**

Academic Year	NE State Funding	Federal Funding	Total Available Funding	\$ Amount of Scholarships Awarded
2014-2015	\$685,000	\$271,890	\$956,890	\$953,596
2015-2016	\$735,000	\$92,082	\$827,082	\$814,910
2016-2017	\$951,414	\$0	\$951,414	\$947,076
2017-2018	\$965,300	\$0	\$965,300	\$914,907
2018-2019	\$945,600	\$0	\$945,600	\$995,417
2019-2020	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$1,100,000	\$1,098,008
2020-2021	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$1,100,000	\$989,327
2021-2022	\$1,250,000	\$0	\$1,250,000	\$1,061,486
2022-2023	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,082,449
2023-2024	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,110,315
2024-2025	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,178,803
Academic Year	# of Student Recipients	# of Scholarships Awarded	Average Scholarship	Average Received per Student
2014-2015	1,919	4,082	\$234	\$497
2015-2016	1,894	3,575	\$228	\$430
2016-2017	2,156	4,036	\$235	\$439
2017-2018	2,456	3,723	\$246	\$373
2018-2019	2,309	4,057	\$245	\$431
2019-2020	2,473	4,420	\$248	\$444
2020-2021	2,433	4,518	\$219	\$407
2021-2022	2,683	5,152	\$206	\$396
2022-2023	2,635	5,950	\$182	\$411
2023-2024	2,627	5,584	\$199	\$423
2024-2025	2,727	5,919	\$199	\$432
Academic Year	# of Dual Enrollment Courses	# of Credit Hours	# of NE High Schools Represented	# of NE Colleges & Universities Where Students Took Courses
2014-2015	4,082	13,785	211	18
2015-2016	3,575	12,195	204	17
2016-2017	4,036	13,977	209	18
2017-2018	3,723	12,512	224	18
2018-2019	4,057	13,652	223	17
2019-2020	4,420	14,973	231	19
2020-2021	4,518	15,472	231	19
2021-2022	5,152	17,189	222	19
2022-2023	5,950	18,574	214	18
2023-2024	5,584	17,746	192	19
2024-2025	5,919	19,051	196	19
Data source: Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, December 2025.				

**Table A8.5.a
College Continuation Rates of
2013-2014 Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship Recipients**

Part 1: College Continuation Rates of ACE Recipients by Sex and Type of High School Attended

Type of High School Attended	# HS Seniors Who Received ACE Scholarships	# of Senior ACE Recipients Who Enrolled in College	College Continuation Rate
Males			
Public	394	301	76.4%
Nonpublic (Private)	10	10	100.0%
Home-Schooled	1	1	100.0%
Total	405	312	77.0%
Females			
Public	657	561	85.4%
Nonpublic (Private)	28	23	82.1%
Home-Schooled	3	3	100.0%
Total	688	587	85.3%
Total			
Public	1,051	862	82.0%
Nonpublic (Private)	38	33	86.8%
Home-Schooled	4	4	100.0%
Total	1,093	899	82.3%

Part 2: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Recipients of ACE Scholarships and Other Public High School Graduates by Sex and Student Income Status

Student Category	# HS Grads	# of Grads Enrolled in College	College Continuation Rate
Males			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	394	301	76.4%
Other Low-Income Graduates	2,730	1,345	49.3%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	6,568	4,852	73.9%
Total	9,692	6,498	67.0%
Females			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	657	561	85.4%
Other Low-Income Graduates	2,780	1,608	57.8%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	6,400	5,303	82.9%
Total	9,837	7,472	76.0%
Total			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	1,051	862	82.0%
Other Low-Income Graduates	5,510	2,953	53.6%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	12,968	10,155	78.3%
Total	19,529	13,970	71.5%

Note. The college continuation rate is the number 2013-14 high school graduates who enrolled in college on or before April 16, 2015, divided by the total number of students who graduated from Nebraska high schools in 2013-14. National Student Clearinghouse records do not include students who enrolled in small private not-for-profit colleges or for-profit colleges and career schools that do not submit enrollment records to the Clearinghouse. Data sources: Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (numbers of ACE recipients), August 2015; National Student Clearinghouse (college continuation data), April 2015; and Nebraska Department of Education (numbers of low-income and non-low-income graduates), April 2015.

**Table A8.5.b
College Continuation Rates of
2014-2015 Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship Recipients**

Part 1: College Continuation Rates of ACE Recipients by Sex and Type of High School Attended			
Type of High School Attended	# HS Seniors Who Received ACE Scholarships	# of Senior ACE Recipients Who Enrolled in College	College Continuation Rate
Males			
Public	426	336	78.9%
Nonpublic (Private)	18	17	94.4%
Home-Schooled	0	0	
Total	444	353	79.5%
Females			
Public	669	558	83.4%
Nonpublic (Private)	14	11	78.6%
Home-Schooled	4	4	100.0%
Total	687	573	83.4%
Total			
Public	1,095	894	81.6%
Nonpublic (Private)	32	28	87.5%
Home-Schooled	4	4	100.0%
Total	1,131	926	81.9%
Part 2: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Recipients of ACE Scholarships and Other Public High School Graduates by Sex and Student Income Status			
Student Category	# HS Grads	# of Grads Enrolled in College	College Continuation Rate
Males			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	426	336	78.9%
Other Low-Income Graduates	2,780	1,328	47.8%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	6,549	4,806	73.4%
Total	9,755	6,470	66.3%
Females			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	669	558	83.4%
Other Low-Income Graduates	2,767	1,534	55.4%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	6,445	5,379	83.5%
Total	9,881	7,471	75.6%
Total			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	1,095	894	81.6%
Other Low-Income Graduates	5,547	2,862	51.6%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	12,994	10,185	78.4%
Total	19,636	13,941	71.0%
<p><i>Note.</i> The college continuation rate is the number 2014-15 high school graduates who enrolled in college on or before April 13, 2016, divided by the total number of students who graduated from Nebraska high schools in 2014-15. National Student Clearinghouse records do not include students who enrolled in small private not-for-profit colleges or for-profit colleges and career schools that do not submit enrollment records to the Clearinghouse. Data sources: Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (numbers of ACE recipients), May 2016; National Student Clearinghouse (college continuation data), April 2016; and Nebraska Department of Education (numbers of low-income and non-low-income graduates), April 2016.</p>			

**Table A8.5.c
College Continuation Rates of
2015-2016 Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship Recipients**

Part 1: College Continuation Rates of ACE Recipients by Sex and Type of High School Attended

Type of High School Attended	# HS Seniors Who Received ACE Scholarships	# of Senior ACE Recipients Who Enrolled in College	College Continuation Rate
Males			
Public	379	292	77.0%
Nonpublic (Private)	8	7	87.5%
Home-Schooled	0	0	
Total	387	299	77.3%
Females			
Public	656	546	83.2%
Nonpublic (Private)	20	20	100.0%
Home-Schooled	2	0	0.0%
Total	678	566	83.5%
Total			
Public	1,035	838	81.0%
Nonpublic (Private)	28	27	96.4%
Home-Schooled	2	0	0.0%
Total	1,065	865	81.2%

Part 2: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Recipients of ACE Scholarships and Other Public High School Graduates by Sex and Student Income Status

Student Category	# HS Grads	# of Grads Enrolled in College	College Continuation Rate
Males			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	379	292	77.0%
Other Low-Income Graduates	2,911	1,448	49.7%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	6,662	4,878	73.2%
Total	9,952	6,618	66.5%
Females			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	656	546	83.2%
Other Low-Income Graduates	2,740	1,556	56.8%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	6,484	5,353	82.6%
Total	9,880	7,455	75.5%
Total			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	1,035	838	81.0%
Other Low-Income Graduates	5,651	3,004	53.2%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	13,146	10,231	77.8%
Total	19,832	14,073	71.0%

Note. The college continuation rate is the number 2015-16 high school graduates who enrolled in college on or before May 31, 2017, divided by the total number of students who graduated from Nebraska high schools in 2015-16. National Student Clearinghouse records do not include students who enrolled in small private not-for-profit colleges or for-profit colleges and career schools that do not submit enrollment records to the Clearinghouse. Data sources: Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (numbers of ACE recipients), May 2017; National Student Clearinghouse (college continuation data), September 2017; and Nebraska Department of Education (numbers of low-income and non-low-income graduates), September 2017.

Table A8.6.a
College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received
2016-2017 Access College Early (ACE) Scholarships by Sex

Part 1: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships by Sex

Sex	# HS Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships	# Enrolled in College	College Continuation Rate
Male	423	345	81.6%
Female	705	602	85.4%
Total	1,128	947	84.0%

Part 2: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships Compared to Other Public High School Graduates by Sex and Student Income Status

Student Category	# HS Grads	# Enrolled in College	College Continuation Rate
Males			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	423	345	81.6%
Other Low-Income Graduates	3,028	1,392	46.0%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	6,584	4,807	73.0%
Total	10,035	6,544	65.2%
Females			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	705	602	85.4%
Other Low-Income Graduates	2,984	1,737	58.2%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	6,225	5,129	82.4%
Total	9,914	7,468	75.3%
Total			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	1,128	947	84.0%
Other Low-Income Graduates	6,012	3,129	52.0%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	12,809	9,936	77.6%
Total	19,949	14,012	70.2%

Note. The college continuation rate is the number 2016-17 public high school graduates who enrolled in college on or before April 23, 2018, divided by the total number of students who graduated from Nebraska public high schools in 2016-17. National Student Clearinghouse records do not include students who enrolled in small private not-for-profit colleges or for-profit colleges and career schools that do not submit enrollment records to the Clearinghouse. Data sources: Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (ACE recipient data), May 2018; National Student Clearinghouse (college continuation data), May 2018; and Nebraska Department of Education (public high school graduate data), May 2018.

Table A8.6.b
College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received
2017-2018 Access College Early (ACE) Scholarships by Sex

Part 1: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships by Sex

Sex	# HS Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships	# Enrolled in College	College Continuation Rate
Male	460	371	80.7%
Female	784	662	84.4%
Total	1,244	1,033	83.0%

Part 2: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships Compared to Other Public High School Graduates by Sex and Student Income Status

Student Category	# HS Grads	# Enrolled in College	College Continuation Rate
Males			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	460	371	80.7%
Other Low-Income Graduates	2,938	1,405	47.8%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	6,724	4,843	72.0%
Total	10,122	6,619	65.4%
Females			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	784	662	84.4%
Other Low-Income Graduates	2,918	1,739	59.6%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	6,351	5,225	82.3%
Total	10,053	7,626	75.9%
Total			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	1,244	1,033	83.0%
Other Low-Income Graduates	5,856	3,144	53.7%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	13,075	10,068	77.0%
Total	20,175	14,245	70.6%

Note. The college continuation rate is the number 2017-18 public high school graduates who enrolled in college on or before April 15, 2019, divided by the total number of students who graduated from Nebraska public high schools in 2017-18. National Student Clearinghouse records do not include students who enrolled in small private not-for-profit colleges or for-profit colleges and career schools that do not submit enrollment records to the Clearinghouse. Data sources: Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (ACE recipient data), May 2019; National Student Clearinghouse (college continuation data), May 2019; and Nebraska Department of Education (public high school graduate data), May 2019.

Table A8.6.c
College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received
2018-2019 Access College Early (ACE) Scholarships by Sex

Part 1: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships by Sex

Sex	# HS Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships	# Enrolled in College	College Continuation Rate
Male	389	313	80.5%
Female	796	683	85.8%
Total	1,185	996	84.1%

Part 2: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships Compared to Other Public High School Graduates by Sex and Student Income Status

Student Category	# HS Grads	# Enrolled in College	College Continuation Rate
Males			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	389	313	80.5%
Other Low-Income Graduates	3,206	1,498	46.7%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	6,564	4,701	71.6%
Total	10,159	6,512	64.1%
Females			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	796	683	85.8%
Other Low-Income Graduates	3,165	1,829	57.8%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	6,442	5,278	81.9%
Total	10,403	7,790	74.9%
Total			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	1,185	996	84.1%
Other Low-Income Graduates	6,371	3,327	52.2%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	13,006	9,979	76.7%
Total	20,562	14,302	69.6%

Note. The college continuation rate is the number 2018-19 public high school graduates who enrolled in college on or before April 27, 2020, divided by the total number of students who graduated from Nebraska public high schools in 2018-19. National Student Clearinghouse records do not include students who enrolled in small private not-for-profit colleges or for-profit colleges and career schools that do not submit enrollment records to the Clearinghouse. Data sources: Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (ACE recipient data), May 2020; National Student Clearinghouse (college continuation data), May 2020; and Nebraska Department of Education (public high school graduate data), May 2020.

Table A8.6.d
College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received
2019-2020 Access College Early (ACE) Scholarships by Sex

Part 1: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships by Sex

Sex	# HS Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships	# Enrolled in College	College Continuation Rate
Male	475	367	77.3%
Female	856	735	85.9%
Total	1,331	1,102	82.8%

Part 2: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships Compared to Other Public High School Graduates by Sex and Student Income Status

Student Category	# HS Grads	# Enrolled in College	College Continuation Rate
Males			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	475	367	77.3%
Other Low-Income Graduates	3,400	1,416	41.6%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	6,526	4,554	69.8%
Total	10,401	6,337	60.9%
Females			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	856	735	85.9%
Other Low-Income Graduates	3,390	1,864	55.0%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	6,319	5,100	80.7%
Total	10,565	7,699	72.9%
Total			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	1,331	1,102	82.8%
Other Low-Income Graduates	6,790	3,280	48.3%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	12,845	9,654	75.2%
Total	20,966	14,036	66.9%

Note. The college continuation rate is the number 2019-20 public high school graduates who enrolled in college on or before May 31, 2021, divided by the total number of students who graduated from Nebraska public high schools in 2019-20. National Student Clearinghouse records do not include students who enrolled in small private not-for-profit colleges or for-profit colleges and career schools that do not submit enrollment records to the Clearinghouse. Data sources: Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (ACE recipient data), May 2021; National Student Clearinghouse (college continuation data), October 2021; and Nebraska Department of Education (public high school graduate data), October 2021.

Table A8.6.e
College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received
2020-2021 Access College Early (ACE) Scholarships by Sex

Part 1: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships by Sex

Sex	# HS Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships	# Enrolled in College	College Continuation Rate
Male	476	392	82.4%
Female	770	641	83.2%
Total	1,246	1,033	82.9%

Part 2: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships Compared to Other Public High School Graduates by Sex and Student Income Status

Student Category	# HS Grads	# Enrolled in College	College Continuation Rate
Males			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	476	392	82.4%
Other Low-Income Graduates	3,434	1,456	42.4%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	6,785	4,722	69.6%
Total	10,695	6,570	61.4%
Females			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	770	641	83.2%
Other Low-Income Graduates	3,353	1,775	52.9%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	6,385	5,125	80.3%
Total	10,508	7,541	71.8%
Total			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	1,246	1,033	82.9%
Other Low-Income Graduates	6,787	3,231	47.6%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	13,170	9,847	74.8%
Total	21,203	14,111	66.6%

Note. The college continuation rate is the number 2020-21 public high school graduates who enrolled in college on or before May 26, 2022, divided by the total number of students who graduated from Nebraska public high schools in 2020-21. National Student Clearinghouse records do not include students who enrolled in small private not-for-profit colleges or for-profit colleges and career schools that do not submit enrollment records to the Clearinghouse. Data sources: Nebraska’s Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (ACE recipient data), May 2022; National Student Clearinghouse (college continuation data), May 2022; and Nebraska Department of Education (public high school graduate data), May 2022.

**Table A8.6.f
College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received
2021-2022 Access College Early (ACE) Scholarships by Sex**

Part 1: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships by Sex

Sex	# HS Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships	# Enrolled in College	College Continuation Rate
Male	487	372	76.4%
Female	845	708	83.8%
Total	1,332	1,080	81.1%

Part 2: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships Compared to Other Public High School Graduates by Sex and Student Income Status

Student Category	# HS Grads	# Enrolled in College	College Continuation Rate
Males			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	487	372	76.4%
Other Low-Income Graduates	3,970	1,742	43.9%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	6,290	4,413	70.2%
Total	10,747	6,527	60.7%
Females			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	845	708	83.8%
Other Low-Income Graduates	4,029	2,134	53.0%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	5,883	4,651	79.1%
Total	10,757	7,493	69.7%
Total			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	1,332	1,080	81.1%
Other Low-Income Graduates	7,999	3,876	48.5%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	12,173	9,064	74.5%
Total	21,504	14,020	65.2%

Note. The college continuation rate is the number 2021-22 public high school graduates who enrolled in college on or before May 31, 2023, divided by the total number of students who graduated from Nebraska public high schools in 2021-22. National Student Clearinghouse records do not include students who enrolled in small private not-for-profit colleges or for-profit colleges and career schools that do not submit enrollment records to the Clearinghouse. Data sources: Nebraska’s Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (ACE recipient data), October 2023; National Student Clearinghouse (college continuation data), October 2023; and Nebraska Department of Education (public high school graduate data), October 2023.

Table A8.6.g
College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received
2022-2023 Access College Early (ACE) Scholarships by Sex

Part 1: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships by Sex

Sex	# HS Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships	# Enrolled in College	College Continuation Rate
Male	471	369	78.3%
Female	762	649	85.2%
Total	1,233	1,018	82.6%

Part 2: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships Compared to Other Public High School Graduates by Sex and Student Income Status

Student Category	# HS Grads	# Enrolled in College	College Continuation Rate
Males			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	471	369	78.3%
Other Low-Income Graduates	4,235	1,832	43.3%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	6,195	4,257	68.7%
Total	10,901	6,458	59.2%
Females			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	762	649	85.2%
Other Low-Income Graduates	4,187	2,302	55.0%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	5,761	4,624	80.3%
Total	10,710	7,575	70.7%
Total			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	1,233	1,018	82.6%
Other Low-Income Graduates	8,422	4,134	49.1%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	11,956	8,881	74.3%
Total	21,611	14,033	64.9%

Note. The college continuation rate is the number 2022-23 public high school graduates who enrolled in college on or before May 8, 2024, divided by the total number of students who graduated from Nebraska public high schools in 2022-23. National Student Clearinghouse records do not include students who enrolled in small private not-for-profit colleges or for-profit colleges and career schools that do not submit enrollment records to the Clearinghouse. Metropolitan Community College did not participate in ACE during the 2022-23 academic year. High school students taking coursework through the college were not charged tuition and fees during the 2022-23 year. Data sources: Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (ACE recipient data), August 2024; National Student Clearinghouse (college continuation data), May 2024; and Nebraska Department of Education (public high school graduate data), May 2024.

Table A8.6.h
College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received
2023-2024 Access College Early (ACE) Scholarships by Sex

Part 1: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships by Sex

Sex	# HS Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships	# Enrolled in College	College Continuation Rate
Male	406	301	74.1%
Female	718	616	85.8%
Total	1,124	917	81.6%

Part 2: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Graduates Who Received ACE Scholarships Compared to Other Public High School Graduates by Sex and Student Income Status

Student Category	# HS Grads	# Enrolled in College	College Continuation Rate
Males			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	406	301	74.1%
Other Low-Income Graduates	4,459	1,903	42.7%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	5,991	4,178	69.7%
Total	10,856	6,382	58.8%
Females			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	718	616	85.8%
Other Low-Income Graduates	4,452	2,362	53.1%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	5,604	4,369	78.0%
Total	10,774	7,347	68.2%
Total			
ACE Scholarship Recipients	1,124	917	81.6%
Other Low-Income Graduates	8,911	4,265	47.9%
Non-Low-Income Graduates	11,595	8,547	73.7%
Total	21,630	13,729	63.5%

Note. The college continuation rate is the number 2023-24 public high school graduates who enrolled in college on or before May 31, 2025, divided by the total number of students who graduated from Nebraska public high schools in 2023-24. National Student Clearinghouse records do not include students who enrolled in small private not-for-profit colleges or for-profit colleges and career schools that do not submit enrollment records to the Clearinghouse. Metropolitan Community College and Northeast Community College did not participate in ACE during the 2023-24 academic year. High school students taking coursework through the colleges were not charged tuition and fees during the 2023-24 year. Data sources: Nebraska’s Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (ACE recipient data), July 2025; National Student Clearinghouse (college continuation data), June 2025; and Nebraska Department of Education (public high school graduate data), July 2025.