

Nebraska College Pipeline Data Profile

How Prepared are Nebraska Students for Postsecondary Success?

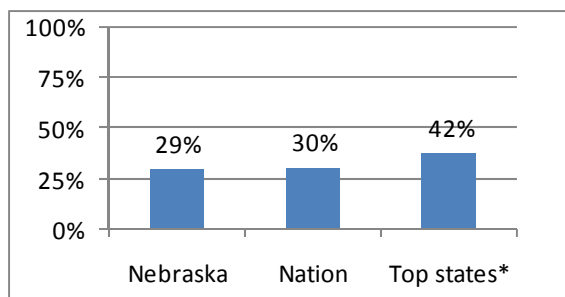
HIGH SCHOOL READINESS

National Assessment of Educational Progress performance and algebra-taking in the early years suggest how well prepared students will be for a rigorous high school curriculum.

Table 1. Percent of 8th Graders Scoring at or Above “Proficient” on NAEP

	Math 2007	Reading 2007	Science 2005
Nebraska	35	35	
Nation	31	29	27

Figure 1. 8th Graders Taking Algebra 1 (2007)



THE PATH TO COLLEGE

Table 2.1 Students’ Performance on College Entrance Exams (2007)

	Average SAT			Average ACT			
	% Takers	Math	Verb	% Takers	Math	Eng	Sci
Nebraska	6	579	585	77	22	22	22
Nation	48	515	502	42	21	21	21

Nebraska’s Progress in P-20 Alignment Policies

Alignment policy	Policy in Place
Align high school standards with college/career expectations	2005
Align high school graduation requirements with college/career expectations	NR
Administer college readiness test to all students	NR
Develop P-20 longitudinal data system	NR
Use at least one measure to hold schools accountable for graduating students college/career ready	Plan for 2011

Table 2.2 ACT/AP Takers' HS Course-Taking Patterns (2007) (i)

	% Taking min core courses			% Taking beyond min core courses			% Earning a 3 or higher on AP exam
	Math	Sci	Eng	Math	Sci	Eng	
Nebraska	17	27	65	56	27	14	11
Nation	17	31	59	54	29	19	8

COLLEGE GOING, PERSISTENCE AND GRADUATION

Figure 2. High School Freshmen Graduating on Time (2005)

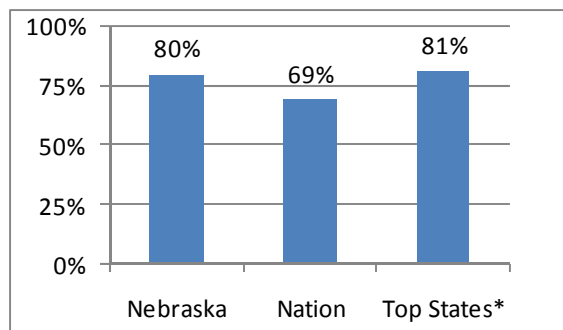


Figure 3. High School Graduates Immediately Enrolling in College (2004)

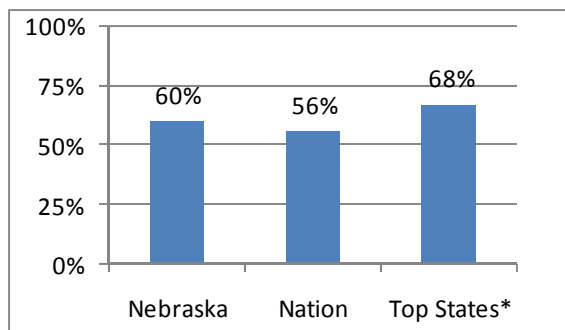


Figure 4.1 Freshmen Returning for Second Year at Two-Year Colleges (2006)

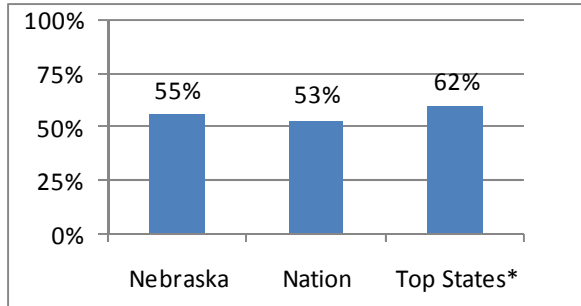


Figure 4.2 Freshmen Returning for Second Year at Four-Year Colleges (2006)

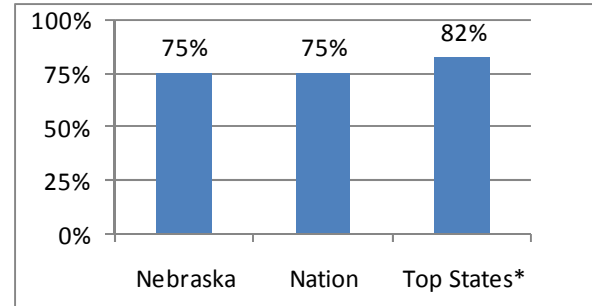


Figure 5.1 Students at Two-Year Colleges Earning Degrees in Three Years (2006)

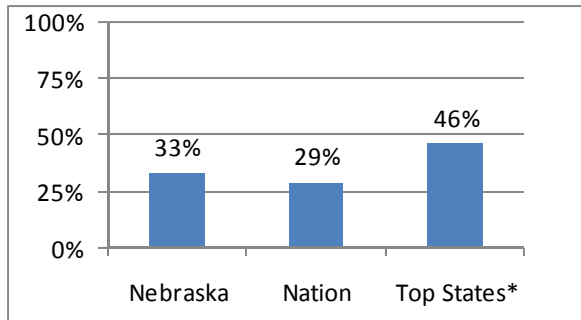
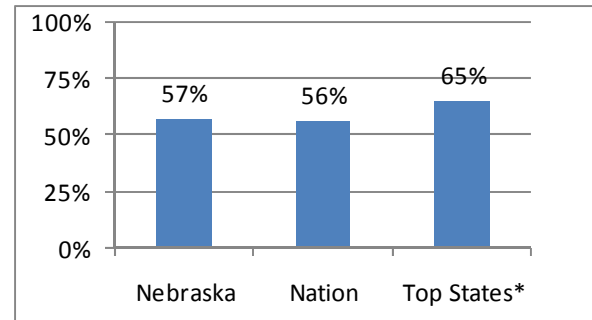


Figure 5.2 Students at Four-Year Colleges Earning Degrees in Six years (2006)



THE EDUCATION PIPELINE AND THE FUTURE OF NEBRASKA

- Assuming existing patterns of high school completion and migration continue, the number of high school graduates in Nebraska will decrease by about 6% by 2015 (ii).
- Hispanic graduates from public schools in Nebraska are projected to increase by 113% between 2004-05 and 2015. Asian/Pacific Islanders and Black non-Hispanics are also expected to see 41 and 28% growth, respectively. Meanwhile, White non-Hispanic graduates are expected to see a 15% decline. The number of American Indian/Alaska Native graduates will be basically unchanged from its 2004-05 level (ii).
- By 2014, 79% of jobs in Nebraska will require some college or training beyond high school (iii).

Data Sources (In order of appearance):
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 Figure 3 – “College-going rates of high school graduates – directly after high school”, National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, 2004
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 (i) ACT college ready minimum core curriculum: 3 years math (Alg 1, Alg 2, Geometry); 4 years English (grade 9-12); 3 years science (General, Chemistry, Biology). ACT advanced curriculum: minimum math course sequence plus advanced math course, minimum English course sequence plus other English course, minimum science course sequence plus Physics course. NOTE course-taking patterns below the minimum core not included.
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 (iii) “Forgotten Middle-Skill Jobs”, www.skills2compete.org
 * Top states refers to the median score of the top five scoring states