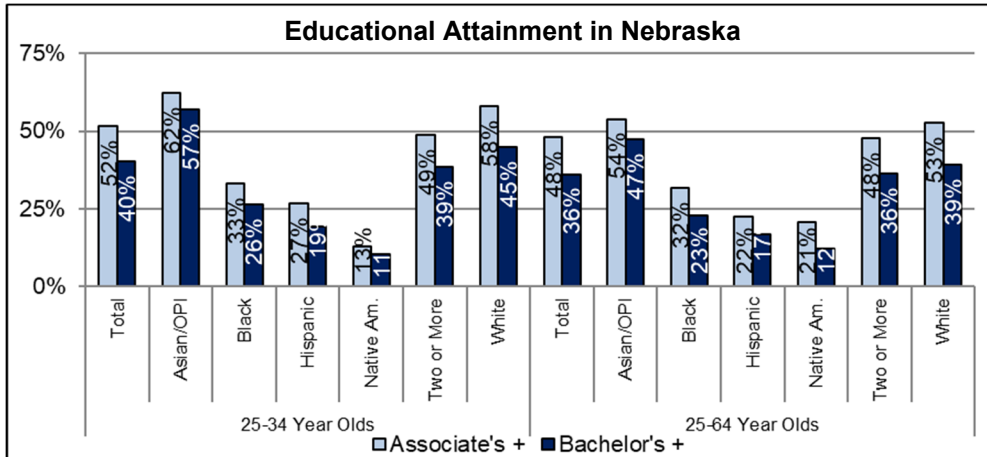


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Where We Are:



Source: American Community Survey (2018-2022 PUMS file (by race/ethnicity) and Table B15001 (national rankings)).

National Rank

Associate's+

25-34 **15th**

25-64 **14th**

Bachelor's+

25-34 **16th**

25-64 **19th**

10th

Nebraska's national rank for college continuation (fall 2022)

Source: NCHEMS's analysis of data from WICHE (projections of high school graduates) and IPEDS (first-time freshmen). Includes public and private high school graduates.

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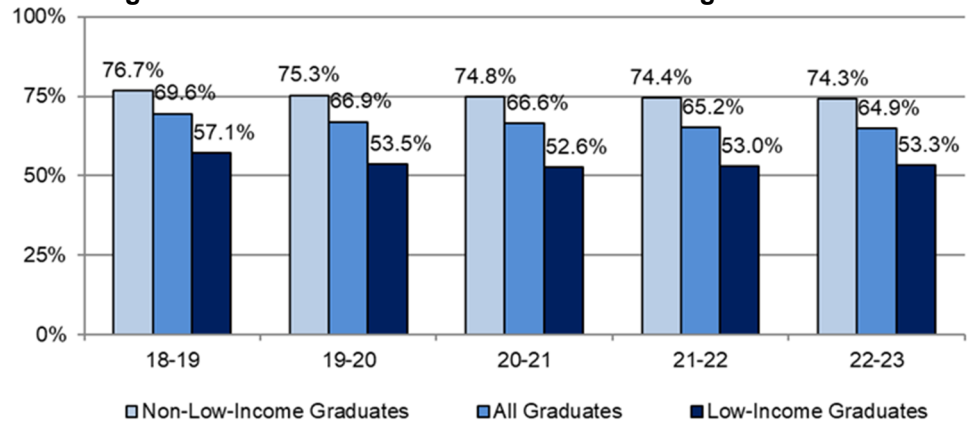
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Completion rate 2-year publics

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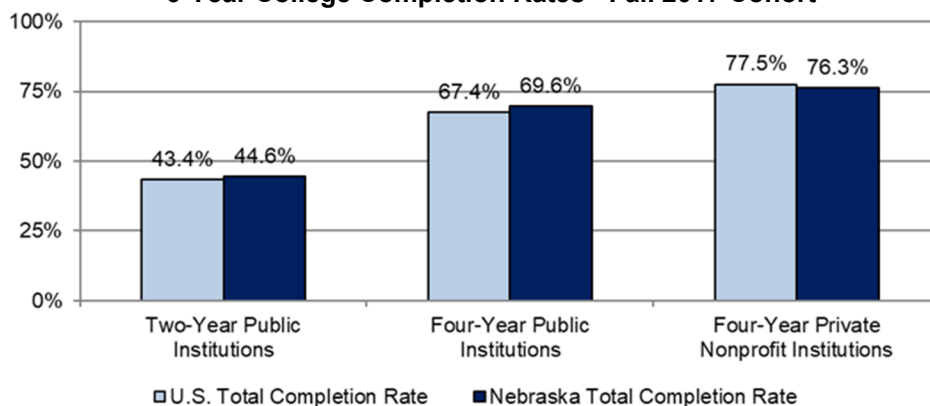
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College Continuation Rates for Nebraska Public High School Graduates



Source: Nebraska Department of Education, National Student Clearinghouse.

6-Year College Completion Rates - Fall 2017 Cohort



Source: National Student Clearinghouse.

Where We Are:

57% of Nebraskans aged 25 to 34 have a degree, certificate, diploma, or other credential with economic value as of 2022.

Where We Need to Be:

70% Nebraska's LR335 established a goal that at least 70% of 25 to 34 year-old Nebraskans will have a post-secondary credential by 2030.

Source: Lumina Foundation (2024).