

Appendix 2

Actual and Projected Numbers of Nebraska High School Graduates

Table A2.1 Numbers of Nebraska High School Graduates 2012-2013 through 2022-2023					
School Year	Type of School/Agency			Total Number of Graduates	One-Year % Change
	Public Schools	Nonpublic Schools	ESU & SO		
12-13	20,326	2,197	118	22,641	-0.2%
13-14	20,359	2,557	88	23,004	1.6%
14-15	20,281	2,544	87	22,912	-0.4%
15-16	20,562	2,173	210	22,945	0.1%
16-17	20,730	2,537	118	23,385	1.9%
17-18	20,844	2,786	117	23,747	1.5%
18-19	21,311	2,314	138	23,763	0.1%
19-20	21,506	2,569	150	24,225	1.9%
20-21	21,771	2,856	72	24,699	2.0%
21-22	22,170	2,698	88	24,956	1.0%
22-23	22,224	2,442	124	24,790	-0.7%

Note. Graduates do not include GED recipients or completers who did not receive regular diplomas. ESU = Educational service units; SO = State-operated schools. Data source: Nebraska Department of Education, January 2014 (2012-13 data), January 2015 (2013-14 data), January 2016 (2014-15 data), December 2016 (2015-16 data), December 2017 (2016-17 data), December 2018 (2017-18 data), December 2019 (2018-19 data), December 2020 (2019-20 data), February 2022 (2020-21 data), January 2023 (2021-22 data), and December 2023 (2022-23 data).

Table A2.2
Actual and Projected Numbers of Nebraska High School Graduates
2012-2013 through 2032-2033

Academic Year	Public by Race/Ethnicity							Public Total	Non Public Total	Total
	White non-Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Native American	Black non-Hispanic	Two or More Races	Race/Ethnicity Total			
Actual										
12-13	15,268	408	2,654	227	1,233	536	20,326	20,326	2,197	22,523
13-14	14,964	507	2,907	211	1,179	591	20,359	20,359	2,557	22,916
14-15	14,817	503	3,026	228	1,112	595	20,281	20,281	2,544	22,825
15-16	15,007	484	3,082	211	1,206	562	20,562	20,562	2,173	22,735
16-17	14,770	573	3,334	240	1,187	626	20,730	20,730	2,537	23,267
17-18	14,854	520	3,486	233	1,157	594	20,844	20,844	2,786	23,630
18-19	14,937	591	3,644	246	1,302	591	21,311	21,311	2,314	23,625
19-20	14,967	603	3,867	210	1,203	656	21,506	21,506	2,569	24,075
20-21	15,036	629	3,909	255	1,252	690	21,771	21,771	2,856	24,627
21-22	15,098	666	4,096	247	1,286	777	22,170	22,170	2,698	24,868
22-23	14,962	684	4,179	233	1,339	827	22,224	22,224	2,442	24,666
Projected										
22-23	15,170	730	4,350	220	1,420	800	22,690	22,700	2,940	25,640
23-24	15,230	750	4,570	230	1,470	830	23,080	23,100	2,790	25,890
24-25	14,570	730	4,400	220	1,350	860	22,130	22,130	2,750	24,880
25-26	15,500	850	4,820	220	1,500	970	23,860	23,830	2,870	26,710
26-27	15,440	850	5,030	230	1,430	1,020	24,000	23,960	2,710	26,660
27-28	15,150	870	4,860	210	1,400	1,010	23,500	23,460	2,740	26,200
28-29	14,820	950	4,680	180	1,320	1,030	22,980	22,890	2,980	25,860
29-30	14,890	1,020	4,710	220	1,360	1,110	23,310	23,230	2,830	26,050
30-31	14,970	1,030	4,730	220	1,410	1,120	23,480	23,310	2,820	26,130
31-32	15,150	1,190	5,070	220	1,460	1,150	24,240	23,960	2,890	26,850
32-33	14,940	1,270	5,240	210	1,470	1,180	24,310	23,880	2,910	26,790

Note. Graduates do not include GED recipients or completers who did not receive regular diplomas. The actual and projected public totals do not include graduates from education service units or state-operated schools. The projected race/ethnicity total may not equal the projected total number of public school graduates because graduates for each race/ethnicity were projected independently from the total public projections. The sum of the projected public and nonpublic graduates may not equal the total graduates, and the sum of the projected races may not equal the race/ethnicity total. For 2022-2023, the actual number of public school graduates (22,224) was 2.1% lower than WICHE predicted (22,700). Data sources: For actual numbers of graduates: Nebraska Department of Education, January 2014 (2012-13 data), January 2015 (2013-14 data), January 2016 (2014-15 data), December 2016 (2015-16 data), December 2017 (2016-17 data), December 2018 (2017-18 data), December 2019 (2018-19 data), December 2020 (2019-20 data), February 2022 (2020-21 data), January 2022 (2021-22 data), and December 2023 (2022-23 data). For projected numbers of graduates: Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, *Knocking at the College Door: Projections of High School Graduates, 2020*.

Table A2.3
Actual and Projected Changes in the Numbers and Percentages of
Nebraska Public High School Graduates by Race/Ethnicity:
2012-2013, 2022-23, and 2032-2033

Race/Ethnicity	2012-2013		2022-2023		Actual % Change 12-13 to 22-23	2032-2033		Projected % Change 22-23 to 32-33
	Actual No. of Grads	% of Actual Grads	Actual No. of Grads	% of Actual Grads		Projected No. of Grads	% of Projected Grads	
White non-Hispanic	15,268	75.1%	14,962	67.3%	-2.0%	14,940	61.5%	-0.1%
Asian/ Pacific Islander	408	2.0%	684	3.1%	67.6%	1,270	5.2%	85.7%
Hispanic	2,654	13.1%	4,179	18.8%	57.5%	5,240	21.6%	25.4%
Native American	227	1.1%	233	1.0%	2.6%	210	0.9%	-9.9%
Black non-Hispanic	1,233	6.1%	1,339	6.0%	8.6%	1,470	6.0%	9.8%
Two or More Races	536	2.6%	827	3.7%	54.3%	1,180	4.9%	42.7%
Total for Public High Schools	20,326		22,224		9.3%	24,310 ^a		9.4%

Note. Graduates do not include GED recipients or completers who did not receive regular diplomas. Actual counts and projections do not include graduates of educational service units or state-operated schools.

Data source: For actual numbers of graduates: Nebraska Department of Education, January 2014 and December 2023. For projected numbers of graduates: Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, *Knocking at the College Door: Projections of High School Graduates, 2020*.

^a Because projections were made independently for the various race/ethnic groups, the projected race/ethnicity total may not equal the projected total number of public school graduates. WICHE projects a total of 23,880 individuals will graduate from Nebraska's public schools in 2032-33. This is a projected increase of 7.5% between 2022-23 and 2032-33.