



Central Community College PIN Updates:

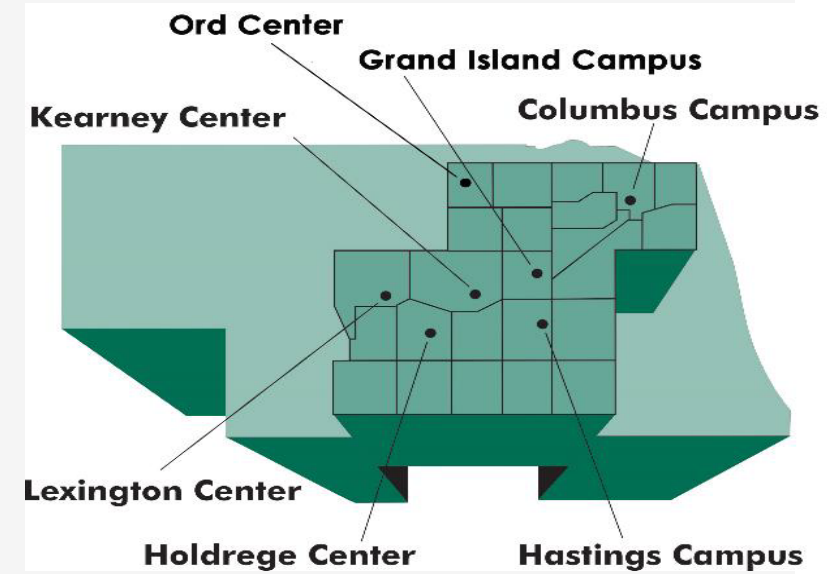
Institutional Identity,
Graduation,
Partnerships/Community Impact,
Innovation

Matt Gotschall, College President
September 2025





- 3 Campuses
- 4 Learning Centers
- 25 counties in central Nebraska
- 14,000 square mile service area
- 200 miles across our service territory
- Population 300,000
- Serving 71 High Schools
50.7% less than 25 students per class.



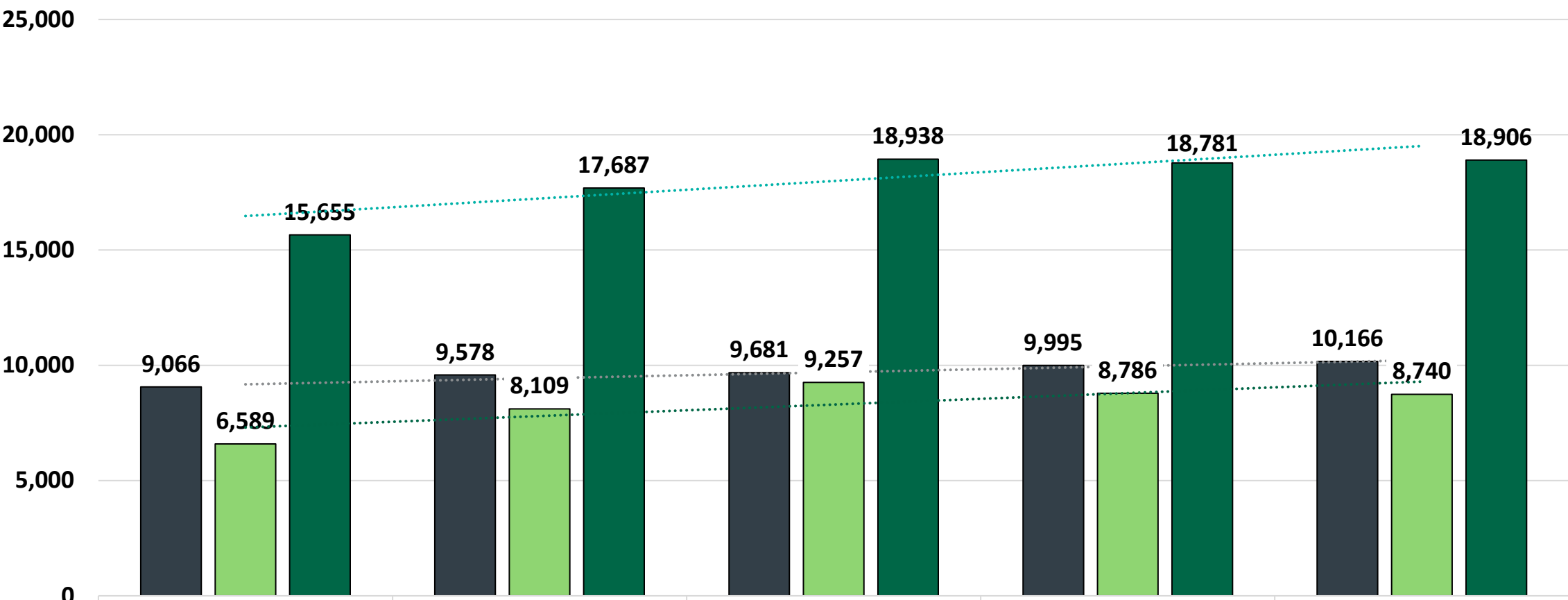
A short list of Fall 24-25 successes

- US Dept of Education Top 100 Community Colleges for Postsecondary Success Recognition,
- Aspen Institute's Top 150 Community Colleges in Nation (over 1000 in US),
- 2024 #1 Best for Vets Community College in Nebraska by *Military Times*,
- 2024 #2 Best for Vets Community College in the United States by *Military Times*,
- 2024 #1 Associate College in Energy category and #2 Community College in the United States for our overall AASHE Top Performer category by Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE),
- National Science Foundation grant to provide English Language Learning materials to students in Advanced Manufacturing/Molding & National Center for Excellence in Manufacturing NSF partner,
- Heavy Equipment Operator 2024 alumni received recognition at the Commissions Excellence ceremony at the Nebraska State Capital for placing in national Skills USA contest,
- Several national grants continue with American Association of Community Colleges and corporate partners including: Microsoft, Google and Metallica,
- Several Nebraska-based scholarship/scholar programs including: Aksarben, Walter Scott Jr Career Scholars, JBS Scholars, Peter Kiewit Scholars, Susan T Buffett Scholars, Nebraska Career Scholarships, Nebraska Opportunity Scholarships, and Nebraska Gap Tuition Assistance,

A short list of Fall 2024 successes (continued)

- 2024 Partner of the Year recognition by Proteus Farmworkers Program,
- Groundbreaking of new welding facility in Grand Island and strong fundraising toward Hastings Automotive Building,
- New shotgun sports team and national competition in women's volleyball, and esports,
- Successful outdoor Shakespeare in the Park performances,
- Two Medical Lab Tech students won the 2024 JV Showdown Cellavision Cell Bowl,
- Ellucian international recognition on e-purchasing solution for higher ed,
- Open Houses at new Albion and Red Cloud Educational Hubs,
- Second annual Nebraska Apprenticeship Conference,
- Numerous 20, 25, 30, 35, and even a 50-year employee service award,
- Record number of graduates and increasing "credit" students.

Five-Year Unduplicated Headcount

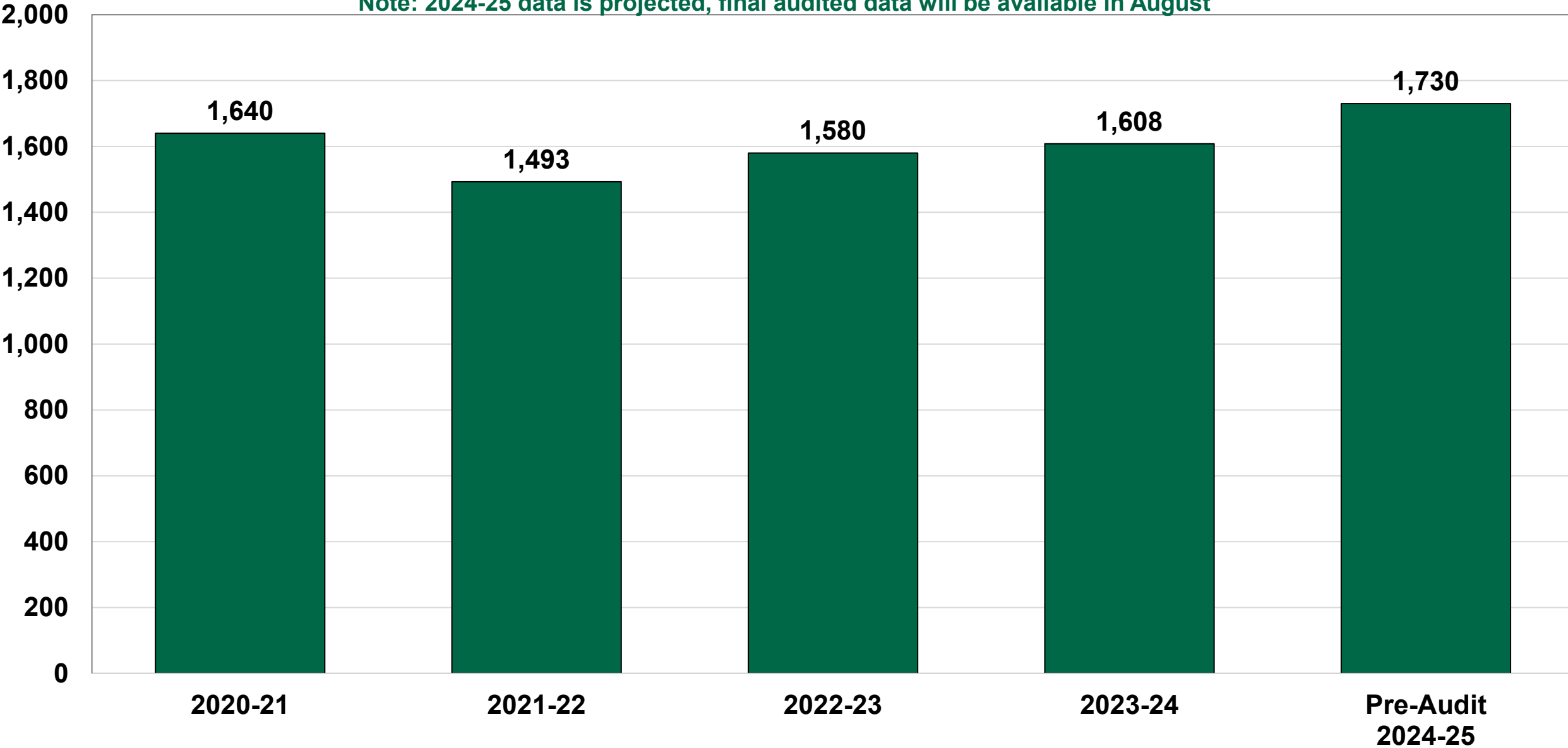


Credit Students
Non-Credit Students
Total (Dupl.)

2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
9,066	9,578	9,681	9,995	10,166
6,589	8,109	9,257	8,786	8,740
15,655	17,687	18,938	18,781	18,906

Total Unduplicated Graduates

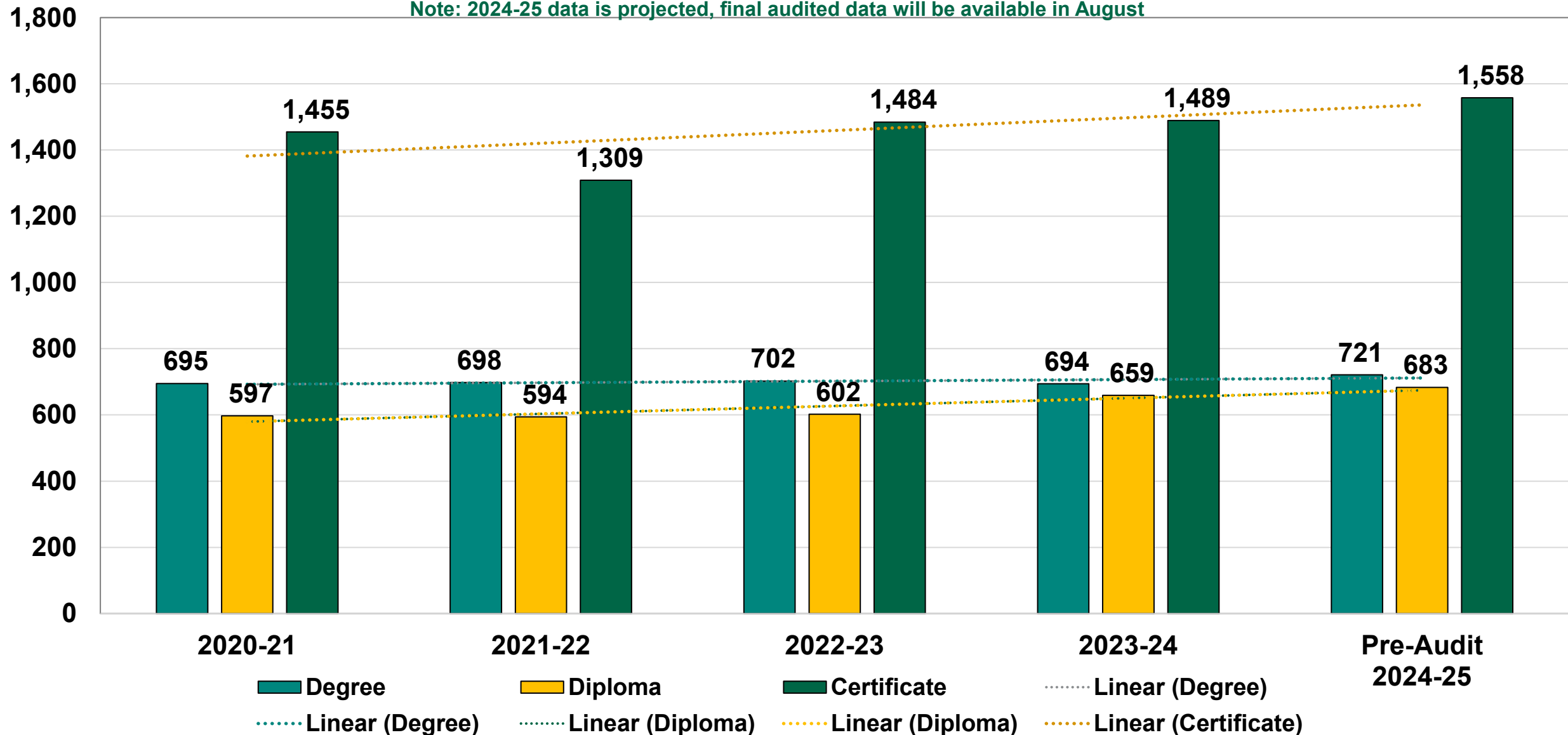
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Total Number of Awards College-wide

Students may be duplicated across award levels

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Nebraska Graduation Trends

Nebraska Community Colleges Conferring the Highest Number of Degrees and Other Awards (22-23)

Rank	Institution	Number	1 Year (+/-)
1	Central Community College	2,788	+ 7.2 %
2	Metropolitan Community College	2,022	+10.9 %
3	Southeast Community College	1,398	+ 4.0 %
4	Northeast Community College	1,025	+ 9.3 %
5	Mid Plains Community College	379	- 4.8 %
6	<u>Western NE Community College</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>- 57.0 %</u>
	Total	7,847	+ 2.6 %

Nebraska Graduation Trends

Nebraska Institutions Conferring the Highest Number of Degrees and Other Awards (over 41 NE institutions public & private)

Rank	Institution	2022-2023	10-Year % change
1	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	5,841	15.7%
2	University of Nebraska at Omaha	3,460	13.5%
3	Bellevue University	2,809	- 8.1%
4	Central Community College	2,788	24.9%
5	Creighton University	2,423	15.2%
6	Metropolitan Community College	2,022	- 1.7%

CCPE 2024 Factual Look: Degrees and Other Awards (Nebraska Coordinating Commission)

CCC Graduate Outcomes

General facts:

As per the recent Graduate Outcomes Report:

- 88% of graduates were employed full time or continuing education
- 91% of graduates working full-time remained in the CCC Service area
- 96% Satisfied/Very Satisfied employers with preparation of CCC graduates
- 48% of graduates were female and 52% male
- 27% of graduates were Hispanic/Latino
- The oldest graduate was age 72; youngest age 16
(2024-2025 Graduate Outcomes Report for 2022-23 grads)



2020-2025 Impactful Initiatives:

Work-based Learning/Apprenticeships: Expand work-based learning or apprenticeships across multiple divisions and disciplines while strengthening employer partnerships, scholarships and support for high demand, high skill and high wage careers in central Nebraska.

Open for Business: Educational programs for part-time adult students that may include evenings, weekends, multiple start points and a mix of online and in person delivery throughout our service area.

Success Coach Program: Provide each full-time and part-time degree, diploma and certificate seeking student access to a success coach.



Impactful Initiatives – Brief results

- Student Success Coaching involved over 70 CCC employees volunteering to “coach” 432 students through past several semesters. Additionally, initiative impacted creation of Academic Recovery Teams, Area Retention Team and an enhanced Director of Retention Services position (formerly Director of Student Success Coaching).
- Apprenticeships has grown from 0 businesses/0 apprentices to 16 apprentices earning a certificate, diploma or degree this past year and businesses waiting for apprenticeship matches. \$4 million grant.
- Open for Business – expanded programming, largest “credit” headcount numbers since 2013, largest FTE since 2017-18, perhaps largest unduplicated graduation numbers ever.



Apprenticeships

Central Community College became the FIRST Nebraska community college to become US Dept of Labor approved to award Adult Registered Apprenticeships (RAP). Active agreements include:

- Angus Burger/K/Hospitality & Culinary Arts
- Brown Construction/K/Construction
- Camaco/C/Mechatronics
- McCains/GI,K/Mechatronics
- Central Community College/A/IT Support & Admin Assistant
- Chief Fabrication/GI/Welding
- Chief Drafting/GI/Drafting
- Standard Iron/GI/Welding
- Colfax County Court/C/Office Manager
- Columbus Police Dept/C/Police Officer
- Columbus Hydraulics/C/Welding
- Gary Michaels Clothiers/H/Bookkeeper
- Mars/H/Mechatronics
- CNH Industrial/GI/Welding
- Distar/C/Welding
- Lindsay/C/Welding
- Valmont/C/Welding
- Flowserve/H/Welding
- Joy's Table/K/Hospitality & Culinary Arts
- Lavendar's Body Shop/Holdrege/Autobody & Auto
- Tom Dinsdale Automotive/H/Auto Mechanic
- Family Suite Learning Center/K/Early Childhood
- Krieger Electric/H/Electrician
- Thermo King /H/Welding
- Cruise & Associates/C/Bookkeeper
- Walter's Electric/K/Electrician

Comprehensive Facility Plan Updates

- Grand Island – Welding Building Opens in 2026
- Hastings – Automotive/Autobody Building, began in 2025
- Kearney – UNMC/UNK Rural Health Complex opens Fall 2026
- Columbus – Expanded Cafeteria & Physical Education Building Planning Fall 2025
- Holdrege relocation by January 2026
- Hastings – Phelps Building remodel
- Student housing at CCC-GI campus planning
- Red Cloud & Albion Ed Hubs continue



CCC still has local property tax funding (2 cent levy) for buildings and facilities. Estimated \$13.7 million for 25-26.



2025-26 Planned Initiatives (Proposed)

- Update 2025-2030 Strategic Plan
- Engage Additional Learning Center Opportunities
- Explore Additional Micro-credentials and Badges
- Implement Data Governance Initiative
- Continued Education & Implementation of Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Updated CCC Website & Electronic Accessibility
- Develop Plans Implementing Impactful Initiatives:
 - Career Aligned Transfer Readiness
 - Outreach to Adult Learners
 - Telling Our Story



2025-2030 Impactful Initiatives:

Career Aligned Transfer Readiness:

Boost student completion of degrees by aligning our degrees with career paths and the updated general education standards of Nebraska's four-year universities and state colleges. The initiative includes reviewing and revising general education requirements and introducing career-aligned transfer degrees. New offerings such as a 30-credit Academic Transfer Diploma and focused transfer degrees aim to improve degree completion and position CCC as a leader in student-centered, transfer-ready education. Advising and student-focused communication are critical as students plan for completion of their award and ease of transfer.



2025-2030 Impactful Initiatives:

Outreach for Adult Learners:

Advancing the education of the population that we serve through convenient access to educational programs and support services. By utilizing existing diploma programs and tailoring the delivery of such programs to the needs of adult learners, this population will have expanded opportunities to complete educational courses, programs and industry-recognized credentials. Courses may be offered in short-term, accelerated sessions and at times outside of regular working hours, with support services integrated to assist with cohort completion.



2025-2030 Impactful Initiatives:

Telling Our Story:

Develop personal connections that foster ownership in CCC, driving enrollment and investment. Our stories capture the grit, generosity, and growth that define our students, employees, and communities. By capitalizing on intentional communication, both internal and external partners will share personally compelling narratives that invite others to join our mission of maximizing students and community success.



Thank you

