## **NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **OUTCOMES & EXPECTATIONS**

Data will be reported to OSEP and will be aggregated for states to determine the effectiveness of educational programs (including transition services) in preparing students with disabilities for employment and post-secondary education after high school exit.

The ultimate purpose of Nebraska's data collection is to improve statewide services and provide feedback to school districts, which will help them improve programs and prepare students for life after school.



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# Nebraska's Post-School Outcomes Project

Measuring Outcomes for Youth with Disabilities



**ANNUAL FACT BOOK** 

**REPORTING ON THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR** 



#### **OVERVIEW**

#### **Purpose**

In 2006, the Nebraska Department of Education Office of Special Education began a new process for collecting post-school outcomes data on former students with disabilities. The data collected from this project will be used to improve transition services for students in Nebraska. The data will also be included in Nebraska's State Performance Plan (SPP) to the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

#### **Framework**

#### When is data collected?

Post-school outcomes data is collected annually on all former students with disabilities on IEPs who exited high school from July 1 to June 30 of each year. Data is collected approximately one year after high school exit, with the first post-school outcomes data being collected on students who exited high school from July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006.

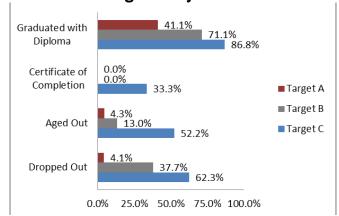
#### How is data collected?

The Nebraska Department of Education has contracted with the Bureau of Sociological Research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to contact former students, conduct phone interviews and develop reports documenting state, Educational Service Unit (ESU) and individual school district results. Attempts are made to contact and interview *all* former students on IEPs who exited by (1) graduating with a diploma, (2) completing with a certificate, (3) reaching maximum age, or (4) dropping out.

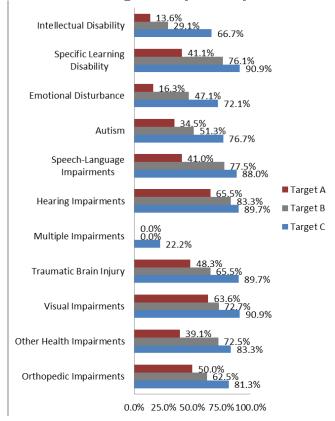
#### What data is included in this Fact Book?

Data from the most recent survey period is included although some questions include two years worth of data to help show some possible trends.

## Combined 2014-15 Targets met by exit reason



## Combined 2014-15 Targets met by disability



#### **TARGETS**

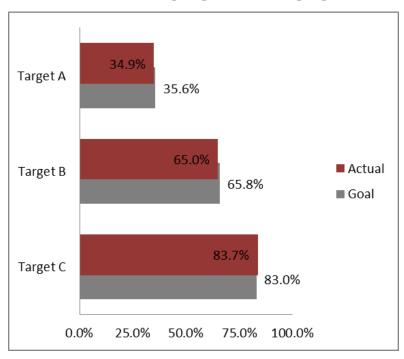
All states use the following three "targets" to report annually to OSEP. The targets are:

Target A: Percent enrolled in higher education within 1 year of exiting high school

Target B: Percent enrolled in higher education or competitively employed within 1 year of leaving high school

Target C: Percent enrolled in higher education or in some other postsecondary education or training program, or competitively employed or in some other employment within 1 year of exiting high school

#### Nebraska students meeting targets versus target goals are:



## FACTS & FIGURES

#### **ABOUT THE STUDY**

Survey period July 7, 2015 to October 26, 2015

School year surveyed 2013-14

#### **ABOUT THE POPULATION**

Each school district within the state was required to report the names and exit reasons of all special education students to the Office of Special Education in June of 2014. As part of this project, the schools were later asked to provide contact information for this same list of students.

Participating school districts Approx. 206 of 245

Students in NSSRS ("population") 2,575 Students in list ("sample") 2,171

#### ABOUT THE INTERVIEW

Total completed interviews 807

Total dialings 21,051

Average interview length 11.32 minutes

Total attempts to complete Minimum: 1 (21.8%)

Maximum: 35 Median: 3

### **EDUCATION FACTS**

Participant's High School Exit Standing

(From completed interviews)

Received diploma	89.7%
Certificate of completion	1.0%
Aged out	1.9%
Dropped out	7.4%

Those students who indicated dropping out of high school were asked the following question:

What is the main reason why you dropped out of high school?

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Other-Something Else	35.5%
Didn't Like School, It Wasn't Relevant	18.7%
Medical Problems/Physical or Mental Health	16.4%
Wasn't Getting Enough Help/Support	10.1%
Wasn't Getting Along With Other Students	5.5%
Got Behind in Classes & Had Poor Grades	4.6%
Childcare or Pregnancy	4.3%
Was in Trouble in School for Misbehavior	2.4%
Wanted to Work & Make Money	2.4%

Those students who indicated that they were enrolled in post-secondary education were asked the following:

In what type of post-secondary education are you currently enrolled?

### At Time of Survey

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2-year college	59.9%
4-year college or university	24.7%
Vocational/Technical school	5.0%
HS completion program	4.1%
Other	3.5%
Short-term training program	1.5%
Military	0.8%
<b>Enrolled while incarcerated</b>	0.5%

### **TRENDS**

## **Trends in Postsecondary Education**

Percent of students enrolled in an education program since leaving high school:

2015 survey period (2013-14 school year)	57.5%
2014 survey period (2012-13 school year)	60.2%
2013 survey period (2011-12 school year)	60.9%
2012 survey period (2010-11 school year)	62.6%
2011 survey period (2009-10 school year)	60.2%
2010 survey period (2008-09 school year)	61.8%



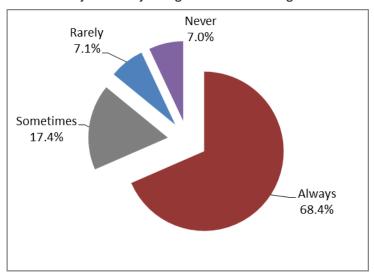
### Trends in Work

 $Percent \ of \ students \ who \ had \ ever worked \ since \ high \ school:$ 

2015 survey period (2013-14 school year)	84.3%
2014 survey period (2012-13 school year)	85.0%
2013 survey period (2011-12 school year)	83.9%
2012 survey period (2010-11 school year)	80.9%
2011 survey period (2009-10 school year)	79.5%
2010 survey period (2008-09 school year)	85.5%

## HIGH SCHOOL IEP & CURRENT LIFESTYLE

### How often did you attend your high school IEP meetings?





How often do you currently participate in social activities?

Once a Month or Less	25.6%
Two or Three Times a Month	25.6%
Four or More Times a Month	48.8%

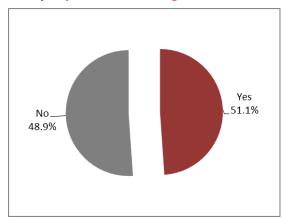


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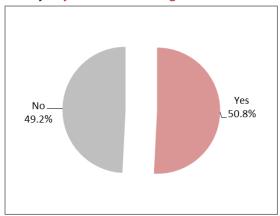
With Parents	64.5%
With Another Family Member	6.7%
With Spouse or Roommate	18.1%
Alone	3.8%
In Military Housing/Barracks	0.3%
In Institutional Residence	0.8%
In Supervised Living	1.7%
With Someone or Somewhere Else (Other)	4.0%

### **EDUCATION FACTS**

### 2015 Survey Any education since high school



### 2014 Survey Any education since high school



In terms of assistance students may have received since leaving high school, those with post-secondary education were asked the following: Have you received tutoring, extended time on tests, note-takers, or other assistance with schoolwork since leaving high school?

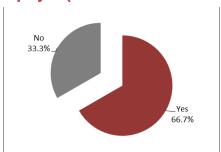
Yes	43.4%
No	56.6%

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### **EMPLOYMENT FACTS**

### 66.7% of participants reported being

## **Currently Employed (at the time of the survey)**



53.0% of those not currently employed reported being

## **Employed at Some Time Since Exiting High School**

While 15.7% reported being

## **Never Employed Since Exiting High School**

Overall, 84.3% of students had been

## **Employed Since Exiting High School**

Asked of students who indicated never being employed since high school:

What is the main reason you have never had a job?

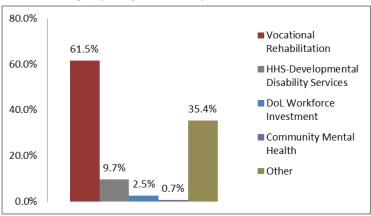
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Do Not Have Skills/Ability to Work	27.0%
Medical Issues/Mental, Physical, Accident	18.1%
In School, Training, or Education Program	16.6%
Looking/Cannot Find/Between Jobs	13.4%
Other-Specify	8.7%
Not Looking/Not Interested in Working	6.9%
Incarcerated/In Jail	4.8%
Will Be Going to College/Joining Military	2.9%
Getting Ready to Move	0.9%
Childcare or Pregnancy	0.7%

## AGENCIES & ASSISTANCE

Currently receiving services from an adult agency:

Yes	18.2%
No	81.8%

From which agency or agencies have you received services?



Why haven't you received services from an adult agency?

Never Referred to Any Agency	23.6%
Referred, Did Not Apply	5.3%
Applied, Not Eligible	3.4%
Applied, On Waiting List	1.0%
Services Not Needed or Not Requested	57.1%
Don't Know	9.6%