

**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

# **Nebraska's Post-School Outcomes Project**

*Measuring Outcomes for Youth  
with Disabilities*



## **ANNUAL FACT BOOK**

**REPORTING ON THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR**



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## 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 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.

## FACTS & FIGURES

### ABOUT THE STUDY

Survey period July 12, 2011 to October 15, 2011

School year surveyed 2009-10

### 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 2010. As part of this project, the schools were later asked to provide contact information for this same list of students.

Participating school districts Approx. 185 of 254

Students in NSSRS (“population”) 2,441

Students in list (“sample”) 2,437

### ABOUT THE INTERVIEW

Total completed interviews 1,085

Total dialings 20,675

Average interview length 12 minutes

Total attempts to complete **Minimum:** 1 (16.5%)

**Maximum:** 34

**Median:** 4

## EDUCATION FACTS

### Participant's High School Exit Standing

*(From completed interviews)*

Received diploma	86.1%
Certificate of completion	2.5%
Aged out	1.5%
Dropped out	10.0%

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?

Got Behind in Classes & Had Poor Grades	21.9%
Didn't Like School, It Wasn't Relevant	15.9%
Medical Problems/Physical or Mental Health	13.8%
Other-Something Else	13.7%
Wasn't Getting Enough Help/Support	10.1%
Wanted to Work & Make Money	10.1%
Was in Trouble in School for Misbehavior	6.0%
Wasn't Getting Along With Other Students	5.0%
Childcare or Pregnancy	3.5%

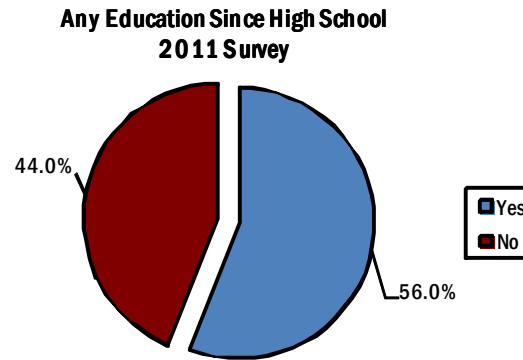
Those students who indicated that they were enrolled in post-secondary education were asked the following:

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

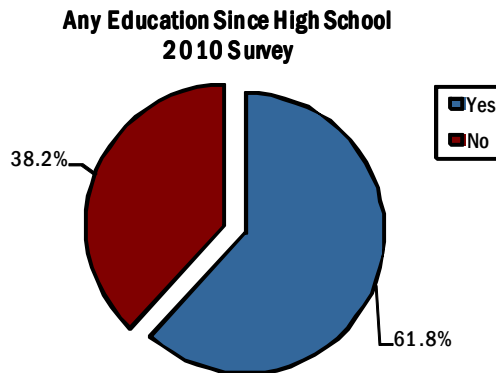
	At Time of Survey
2-year college	62.0%
4-year college or university	18.1%
Short-term training program	8.0%
Vocational/Technical school	6.9%
HS completion program	2.8%
Military	1.0%
Other	0.6%

### EDUCATION FACTS

#### 2011 Survey Education since high school



#### 2010 Survey Education since high school



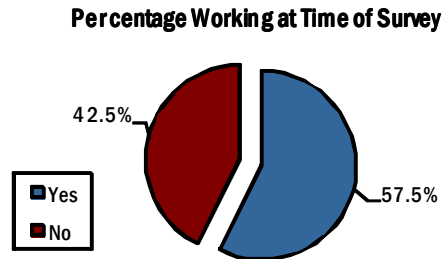
In terms of assistance students may have received since leaving high school, those with post-secondary education were asked the following:

**Have you received tutoring, extended time on tests, note-takers, or other assistance with schoolwork since leaving high school?**

Yes	32.3%
No	67.7%

## EMPLOYMENT FACTS

57.5% of participants reported being  
**Currently Employed (at the time of the survey)**



An additional 52.3% reported being  
**Employed at Some Time Since Exiting High School**

While 20.3% reported being  
**Never Employed Since Exiting High School**

Overall, 79.7% of students had been  
**Employed Since Exiting High School**

Those students who indicated never being employed since high school were asked the following:

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

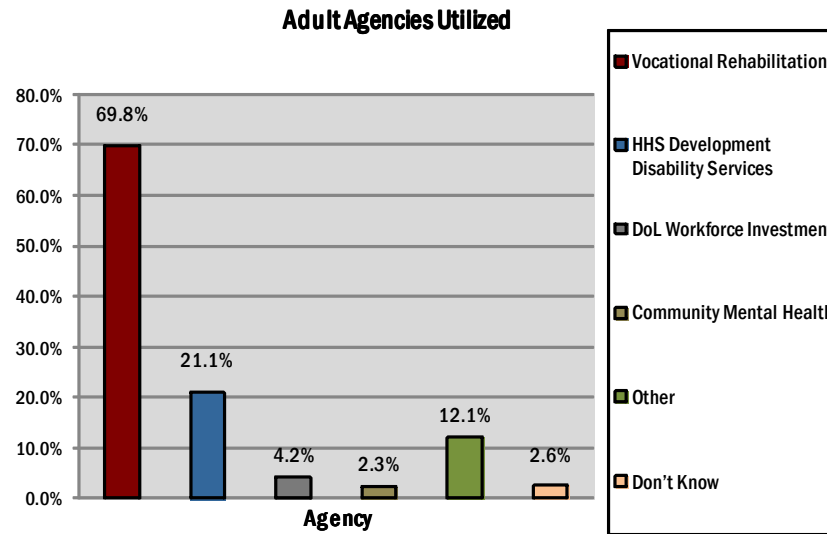
Do Not Have Skills/Ability to Work	34.7%
Looking/ Cannot Find/ Between Jobs	24.9%
In School, Training, or Education Program	19.8%
Not Looking/Not Interested in Working	8.7%
Other-Specify	5.5%
Incarcerated/In Jail	2.2%
Childcare or Pregnancy	1.8%
Don't Know	1.6%
Will Be Going to College/Joining Military	0.8%

## AGENCIES & ASSISTANCE

### Currently receiving services from an adult agency:

Yes	23.8%
No	76.2%

### From which agency or agencies have you received services?

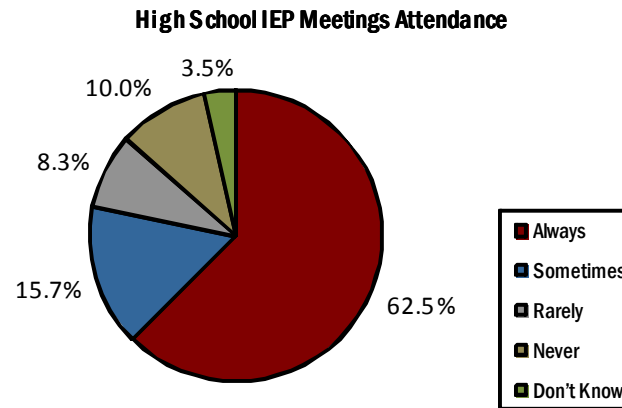


### Why haven't you received services from an adult agency?

Never Referred to Any Agency	39.8%
Referred, Did Not Apply	6.5%
Applied, Not Eligible	2.8%
Applied, On Waiting List	1.3%
Services Not Needed or Not Requested	41.5%
Don't Know	8.0%

## 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	19.2%
Two or Three Times a Month	26.9%
Four or More Times a Month	48.6%
Don't Know	5.4%



Do you currently live...

With Parents	60.2%
With Another Family Member	8.9%
With Spouse or Roommate	19.3%
Alone	6.6%
In Military Housing/Barracks	1.5%
In Institutional Residence	1.4%
In Supervised Living	1.9%
With Someone or Somewhere Else (Other)	0.1%



## TRENDS

### Trends in Postsecondary Education

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

2011 survey period (2009-10 school year)	63.0%
2010 survey period (2008-09 school year)	61.8%



### Trends in Work

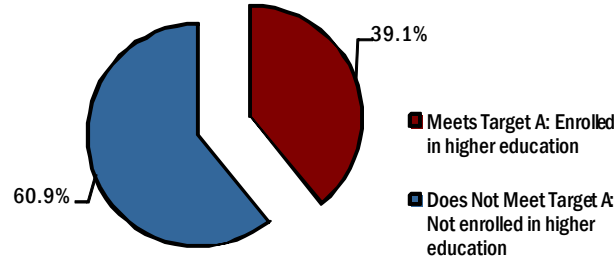
Percent of students who had ever worked since high school:

2011 survey period (2009-10 school year)	79.5%
2010 survey period (2008-09 school year)	85.5%

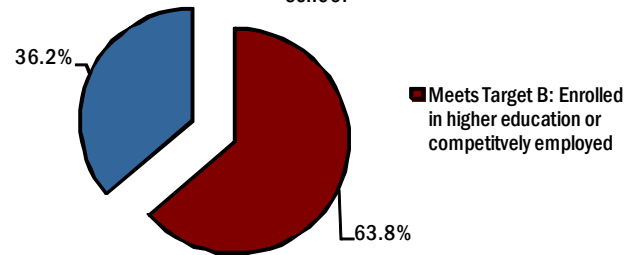
### TARGETS

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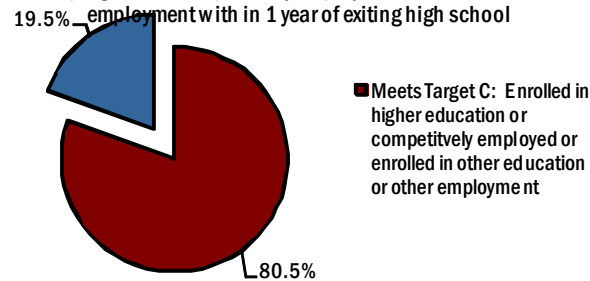
**Target A:** Percent enrolled in higher education within 1 year of exiting high school



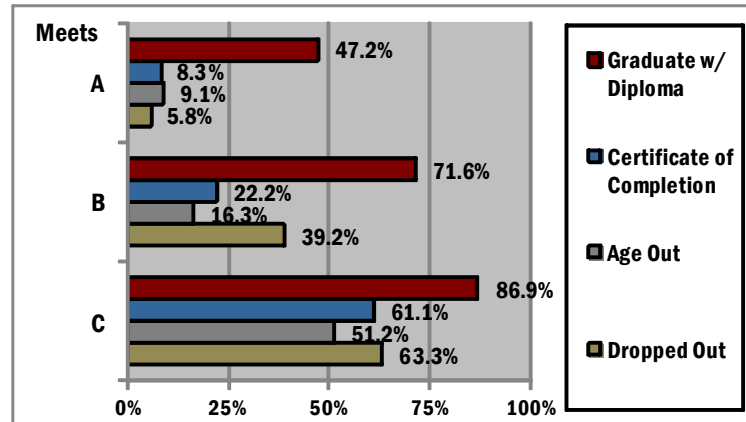
**Target B:** Percent enrolled in higher education or competitively employed within one year of leaving high school



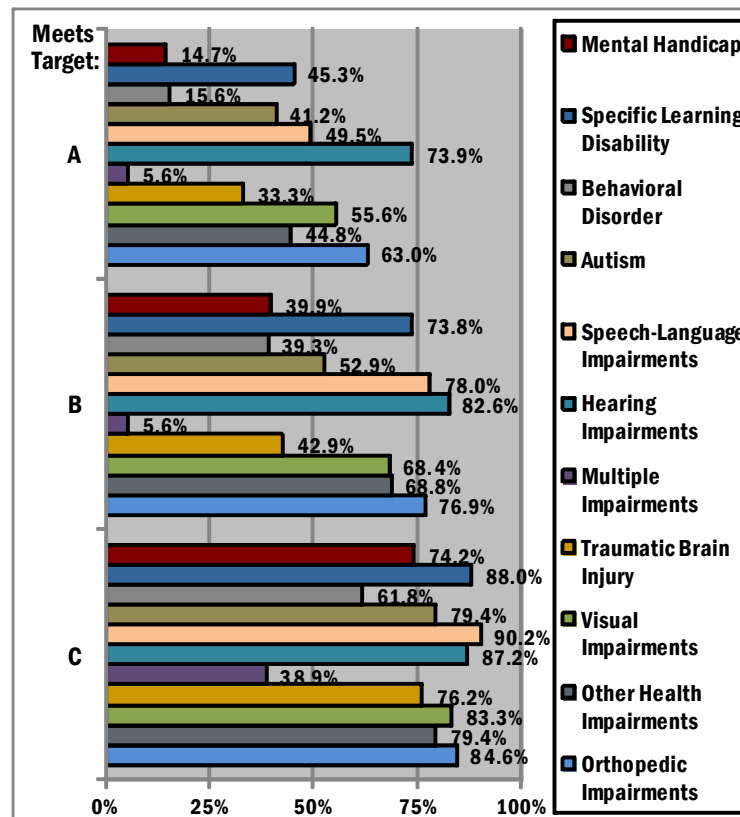
**Target C:** Percent enrolled in higher education, or in some other postsecondary education or training program; or competitively employed or in some other employment within 1 year of exiting high school



### Combined 2010/11 Targets met by exit reason



### Combined 2010/11 Targets met by disability



## 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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