



Major Decisions: The Most Popular College Majors in Nebraska by Career Cluster

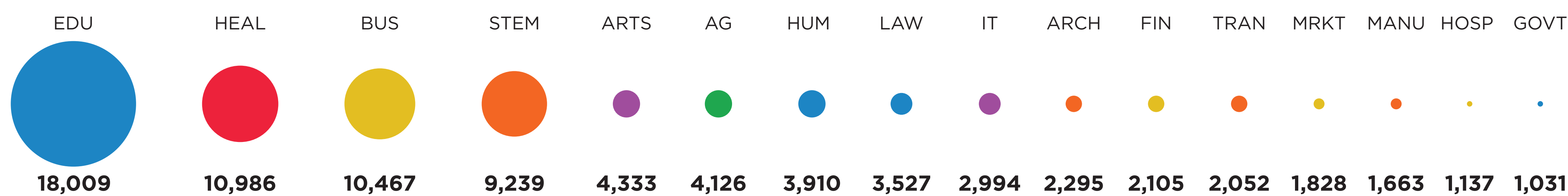
A student's choice of college major can profoundly impact their career trajectory. The skills and knowledge gained through coursework and hands-on experience directly shape their qualifications for specific professions. Furthermore, certain majors provide specialized training that aligns with industry demands, enhancing job prospects, and earning potential. In academic years 2015-2020 a total of **79,702** undergraduate and graduate students earned a degree from Nebraska public colleges. The most popular majors were business administration and management, registered nursing, psychology, and criminal justice. The top career clusters were education, health, business, and STEM.

6 CAREER FIELDS

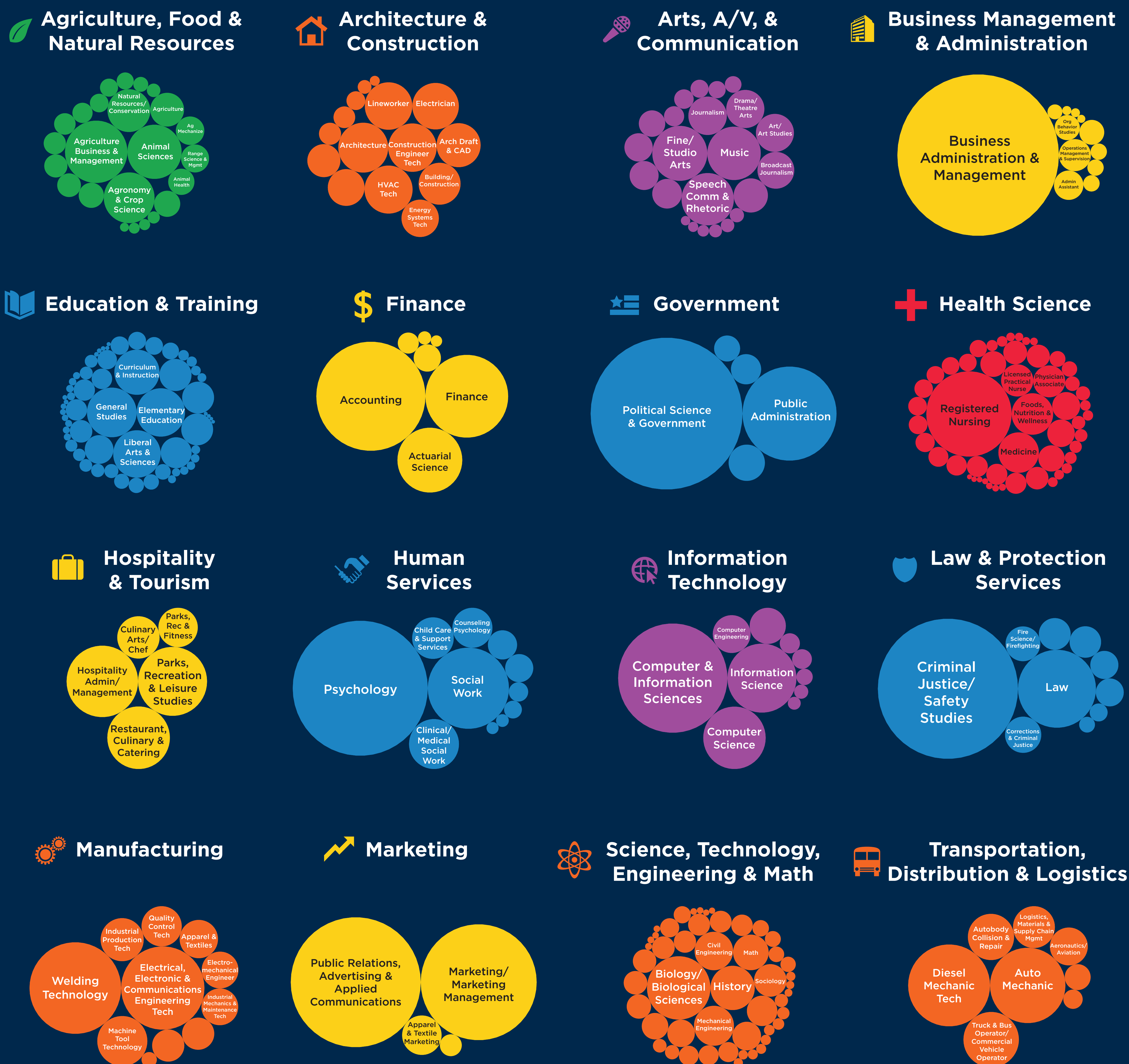
- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- Business, Marketing & Management
- Communications & Information Systems
- Health Sciences
- Human Sciences & Education
- Skilled & Technical Sciences

Nebraska recognizes six career fields, broad sectors of the job market on which students may choose to focus. Each career field is further divided into career clusters. The clusters are more specific segments of the labor market. Each cluster is a grouping of careers that focus on similar subjects or similar skills.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS BY 16 CAREER CLUSTERS



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Source: Nebraska Statewide Workforce & Educational Reporting System analysis of data from NSWERS Data System, 2015-2020. These data include records for certificate and degree earners from public postsecondary institutions in Nebraska. Data not provided by Central Community College.