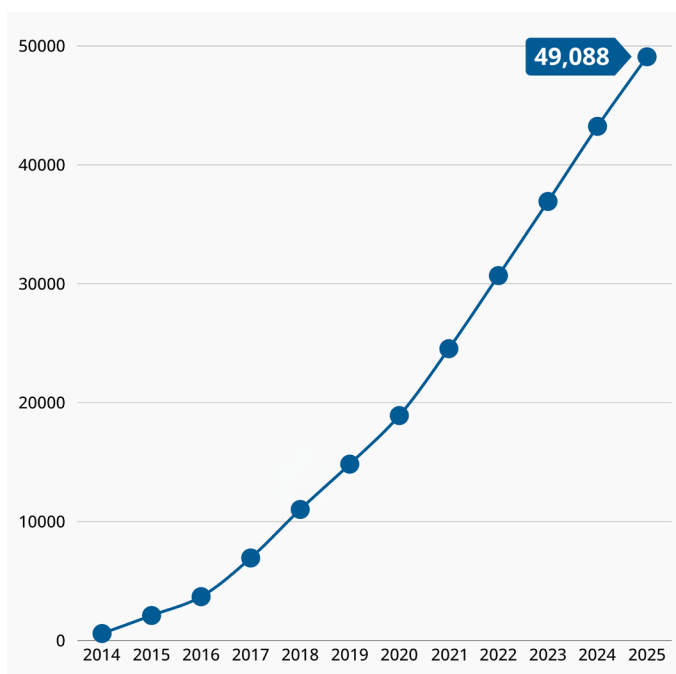


Overview

The Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System (NECPRS) is a centralized online platform that supports the state's early childhood workforce by allowing users to store and manage their training, education, credentials, and employment history in one place. These records remain accessible as individuals advance in their careers or move between early childhood education programs.

Usage

Since its launch in 2014, NECPRS has demonstrated a steady growth in users.



Users accounts in **2014:** 587, **2015:** 2,103, **2016:** 3,685, **2017:** 6,939, **2018:** 11,021, **2019:** 14,829, **2020:** 18,916, **2021:** 24,539, **2022:** 30,686, **2023:** 36,921, **2024:** 43,239, **2025:** 49,088.

In addition, more early childhood education programs are utilizing NECPRS as part of their participation in Nebraska's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), Step Up to Quality. For additional data and insights on programs, refer to the [Step Up to Quality 2025 annual report](#).

Professional Tools

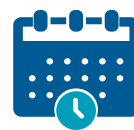
NECPRS provides a suite of tools to support professional growth and record management, including:

- Training certificate verification
- Statewide training calendar access
- Education and credential verification
- An independent study application
- Pre-service training plans for new directors and teachers
- Post-secondary coursework approval

2025 Totals



47,468
user training
certificates verified



2,582
training calendar
events offered



306
user credentials
verified



174
independent study
applications approved



646
pre-service training
plans approved



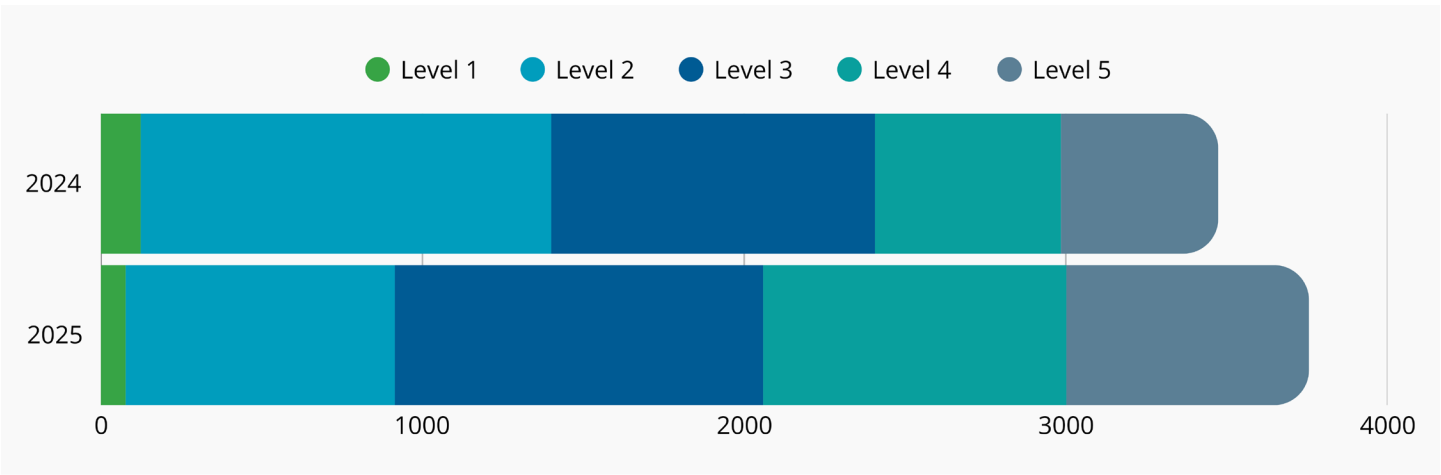
186
post-secondary
coursework approvals

Employee School Readiness Tax Credit

NECPRS supports Nebraska’s [Employee School Readiness Tax Credit](#) by providing the required attestation form for eligible early childhood education professionals.

This refundable income tax credit was originally made available to individuals who met specific requirements related to work experience, training, and education for the 2017–2021 tax years. It was reinstated for the 2024 and 2025 tax years.

The chart below illustrates the number of approved attestations by level since the tax credit returned in 2024, reflecting growing participation and awareness among the early childhood education workforce. The tax credit amounts assigned to each level are adjusted annually for inflation and ranged from \$2,373 to \$3,611 for the 2025 tax year.



Approved tax credit attestations by level for 2024: **Level 1:** 124, **Level 2:** 1,276, **Level 3:** 1,007, **Level 4:** 578, **Level 5:** 489.

Approved tax credit attestations by level for 2025: **Level 1:** 77, **Level 2:** 837, **Level 3:** 1,145, **Level 4:** 943, **Level 5:** 754.



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