

**Table 24.—Enrollment in institutions of higher education, by sex, attendance status, and type and control of institution:
1869–70 to fall 1991**

[In thousands]

Year	Total enrollment	Enrollment as a percent of 18- to 24-year-old population ¹	Male	Female	Full-time	Part-time	4-year	2-year	Public institutions			Private institutions		
									Total	4-year	2-year	Total	4-year	2-year
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1869–70	63	1.3	49	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1879–80	116	1.6	78	38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1889–90	157	1.8	100	56	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1899–1900	238	2.3	152	85	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1904–05	264	2.3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1909–10	355	2.8	215	141	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1910–11	354	2.8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1911–12	356	2.8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1912–13	361	2.8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1913–14	379	2.9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1914–15	404	3.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1915–16	441	3.3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1917–18	441	3.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3
1919–20	598	4.7	315	283	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	5
1921–22	681	5.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	7
1923–24	² 823	6.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	11
1925–26	941	6.7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	—	13
1927–28	1,054	7.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	—	—	16
1929–30	1,101	7.2	620	481	—	—	—	—	531	—	37	591	—	19
1931–32	1,154	7.4	667	487	—	—	1,069	85	582	523	59	572	546	26
1933–34	1,055	6.7	616	440	—	—	977	78	530	474	56	525	503	23
1935–36	1,208	7.6	710	499	—	—	1,106	102	614	544	71	594	562	32
1937–38	1,351	8.4	804	547	—	—	1,229	122	689	607	82	661	622	39
1939–40	1,494	9.1	893	601	—	—	1,344	150	797	689	108	698	655	42
1941–42	1,404	8.4	819	585	—	—	1,263	141	732	631	101	672	631	40
1943–44	1,155	6.8	579	576	—	—	1,066	89	571	511	61	584	556	28
1945–46	1,677	10.0	928	749	—	—	1,520	156	834	724	110	843	796	47
Fall 1946	2,078	12.5	1,418	661	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fall 1947	2,338	14.2	1,659	679	—	—	2,116	222	1,152	989	163	1,186	1,127	59
Fall 1948	2,403	14.7	1,709	694	—	—	2,192	211	1,186	1,032	154	1,218	1,161	57
Fall 1949	2,445	15.2	1,722	723	—	—	2,216	229	1,207	1,036	171	1,238	1,179	58
Fall 1950	2,281	14.3	1,560	721	—	—	2,064	217	1,140	972	168	1,142	1,092	50
Fall 1951	2,102	13.4	1,391	711	—	—	1,902	200	1,038	882	156	1,064	1,020	44
Fall 1952	2,134	13.8	1,380	754	—	—	1,896	238	1,101	910	192	1,033	986	47
Fall 1953	2,231	14.7	1,423	808	—	—	1,973	258	1,186	976	210	1,045	997	48
Fall 1954	2,447	16.2	1,563	883	—	—	2,164	282	1,354	1,112	241	1,093	1,052	41
Fall 1955	2,653	17.7	1,733	920	—	—	2,345	308	1,476	1,211	265	1,177	1,134	43
Fall 1956	2,918	19.5	1,911	1,007	—	—	2,571	347	1,656	1,359	298	1,262	1,212	50
Fall 1957	3,324	22.0	2,171	1,153	—	—	—	—	1,973	—	—	1,351	—	—
Fall 1959	3,640	23.8	2,333	1,307	—	—	—	—	2,181	—	—	1,459	—	—
Fall 1961	4,145	23.6	2,586	1,559	—	—	—	—	2,561	—	—	1,584	—	—

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1869–70 to fall 1991

[In thousands]

Year	Total enrollment	Enrollment as a percent of 18- to 24-year-old population ¹	Male	Female	Full-time	Part-time	4-year	2-year	Public institutions			Private institutions		
									Total	4-year	2-year	Total	4-year	2-year
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Fall 1963	4,780	27.7	2,962	1,818	3,184	1,596	3,929	850	3,081	2,341	740	1,698	1,588	111
Fall 1964	5,280	28.7	3,249	2,031	3,573	1,707	4,291	989	3,468	2,593	875	1,812	1,698	114
Fall 1965	5,921	29.8	3,630	2,291	4,096	1,825	4,748	1,173	3,970	2,928	1,041	1,951	1,820	132
Fall 1966	6,390	30.7	3,856	2,534	4,439	1,951	5,064	1,326	4,349	3,160	1,189	2,041	1,904	137
Fall 1967	6,912	32.2	4,133	2,779	4,793	2,119	5,399	1,513	4,816	3,444	1,372	2,096	1,955	141
Fall 1968	7,513	34.1	4,478	3,035	5,210	2,303	5,721	1,792	5,431	3,784	1,646	2,082	1,937	146
Fall 1969	8,005	35.0	4,746	3,258	5,499	2,506	5,937	2,068	5,897	3,963	1,934	2,108	1,975	133
Fall 1970	8,581	35.8	5,044	3,537	5,816	2,765	6,262	2,319	6,428	4,233	2,195	2,153	2,029	124
Fall 1971	8,949	35.3	5,207	3,742	6,077	2,871	6,369	2,579	6,804	4,347	2,457	2,144	2,022	122
Fall 1972	9,215	35.8	5,239	3,976	6,072	3,142	6,459	2,756	7,071	4,430	2,641	2,144	2,029	115
Fall 1973	9,602	36.5	5,371	4,231	6,189	3,413	6,590	3,012	7,420	4,530	2,890	2,183	2,060	122
Fall 1974	10,224	37.9	5,622	4,601	6,370	3,853	6,820	3,404	7,989	4,703	3,285	2,235	2,117	119
Fall 1975	11,185	40.3	6,149	5,036	6,841	4,344	7,215	3,970	8,835	4,998	3,836	2,350	2,217	134
Fall 1976	11,012	38.8	5,811	5,201	6,717	4,295	7,129	3,883	8,653	4,902	3,752	2,359	2,227	132
Fall 1977	11,286	39.0	5,789	5,497	6,793	4,493	7,243	4,043	8,847	4,945	3,902	2,439	2,298	141
Fall 1978	11,260	38.3	5,641	5,619	6,668	4,592	7,232	4,028	8,786	4,912	3,874	2,474	2,319	155
Fall 1979	11,570	38.8	5,683	5,887	6,794	4,776	7,353	4,217	9,037	4,980	4,057	2,533	2,373	160
Fall 1980	12,097	40.2	5,874	6,223	7,098	4,999	7,571	4,526	9,457	5,129	4,329	2,640	2,442	³ 198
Fall 1981	12,372	41.0	5,975	6,397	7,181	5,190	7,655	4,716	9,647	5,166	4,481	2,725	2,489	³ 236
Fall 1982	12,426	41.4	6,031	6,394	7,221	5,205	7,654	4,772	9,696	5,176	4,520	2,730	2,478	252
Fall 1983	12,465	42.0	6,024	6,441	7,261	5,204	7,741	4,723	9,683	5,223	4,459	2,782	2,518	264
Fall 1984	12,242	42.0	5,864	6,378	7,098	5,144	7,711	4,531	9,477	5,198	4,279	2,765	2,513	252
Fall 1985	12,247	43.0	5,818	6,429	7,075	5,172	7,716	4,531	9,479	5,210	4,270	2,768	2,506	261
Fall 1986	12,504	45.1	5,885	6,619	7,120	5,384	7,824	4,680	9,714	5,300	4,414	2,790	2,524	⁴ 266
Fall 1987	12,767	47.1	5,932	6,835	7,231	5,536	7,990	4,776	9,973	5,432	4,541	2,793	2,558	⁴ 235
Fall 1988	13,055	49.0	6,002	7,053	7,437	5,619	8,180	4,875	10,161	5,546	4,615	2,894	2,634	260
Fall 1989	13,539	51.4	6,190	7,349	7,661	5,878	8,388	5,151	10,578	5,694	4,884	2,961	2,693	267
Fall 1990 ⁵	13,710	51.1	6,239	7,472	7,780	5,930	8,529	5,181	10,741	5,803	4,938	2,970	2,726	243
Fall 1991 ⁶	14,157	53.7	6,405	7,752	8,031	6,126	—	—	11,174	—	—	2,983	—	—

¹ Population ratio data are based on persons 18 to 24 years old, as of July 1 prior to the opening of school, except for 1899–1900 which is based on July 1 population after the closing of school in June. Population data through 1959 are total population, including armed forces overseas. Data for 1960 to 1991 are resident population. Many students are over age 24, particularly in the later years. In fall 1990, about 44 percent of college students were over age 24.

² Data for 1923–24 and previous years based on U.S. Office of Education, *Education for Victory*, vol. 3, no. 6, 1944.

³ Large increases are due to the addition of schools accredited by the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools in 1980 and 1981.

⁴ Because of imputation techniques, data are not consistent with figures for other years.

⁵ Preliminary data.

⁶ Preliminary estimate.

—Data not available.

NOTE.—Prior to 1970, data for 2-year branch campuses of 4-year institutions are included with the 4-year institutions. Data for 1869–70 through fall 1956 are degree-credit enrollment. Data for later years include degree-credit and non-degree-credit enrollment. Data for 1869–70 through 1945–46 are cumulative enrollment for the entire academic year. Beginning in fall 1960, data include Alaska and Hawaii.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1970*; and U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Digest of Education Statistics*. (This table was prepared September 1992.)