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Table 303.10. Total fall enrollment in degree-granting postsecondary institutions, by attendance status, sex of student, and control of institution: Selected years, 1947 through 2030

Year	Total enrollment	Attendance status			Sex of student			Control of institution			
		Full-time	Part-time	Percent part-time	Male	Female	Percent female	Public	Private	Nonprofit	For-profit
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1947 ¹	2,338,226	---	---	---	1,659,249	678,977	29.0	1,152,377	1,185,849	---	---
1948 ¹	2,403,396	---	---	---	1,709,367	694,029	28.9	1,185,588	1,217,808	---	---
1949 ¹	2,444,900	---	---	---	1,721,572	723,328	29.6	1,207,151	1,237,749	---	---
1950 ¹	2,281,298	---	---	---	1,560,392	720,906	31.6	1,139,699	1,141,599	---	---
1951 ¹	2,101,962	---	---	---	1,390,740	711,222	33.8	1,037,938	1,064,024	---	---
1952 ¹	2,134,242	---	---	---	1,380,357	753,885	35.3	1,101,240	1,033,002	---	---
1953 ¹	2,231,054	---	---	---	1,422,598	808,456	36.2	1,185,876	1,045,178	---	---
1954 ¹	2,446,693	---	---	---	1,563,382	883,311	36.1	1,353,531	1,093,162	---	---
1955 ¹	2,653,034	---	---	---	1,733,184	919,850	34.7	1,476,282	1,176,752	---	---
1956 ¹	2,918,212	---	---	---	1,911,458	1,006,754	34.5	1,656,402	1,261,810	---	---
1957	3,323,783	---	---	---	2,170,765	1,153,018	34.7	1,972,673	1,351,110	---	---
1959	3,639,847	2,421,016	1,218,831 ²	33.5	2,332,617	1,307,230	35.9	2,180,982	1,458,865	---	---
1961	4,145,065	2,785,133	1,359,932 ²	32.8	2,585,821	1,559,244	37.6	2,561,447	1,583,618	---	---
1963	4,779,609	3,183,833	1,595,776 ²	33.4	2,961,540	1,818,069	38.0	3,081,279	1,698,330	---	---
1964	5,280,020	3,573,238	1,706,782 ²	32.3	3,248,713	2,031,307	38.5	3,467,708	1,812,312	---	---
1965	5,920,864	4,095,728	1,825,136 ²	30.8	3,630,020	2,290,844	38.7	3,969,596	1,951,268	---	---
1966	6,389,872	4,438,606	1,951,266 ²	30.5	3,856,216	2,533,656	39.7	4,348,917	2,040,955	---	---
1967	6,911,748	4,793,128	2,118,620 ²	30.7	4,132,800	2,778,948	40.2	4,816,028	2,095,720	2,074,041	21,679
1968	7,513,091	5,210,155	2,302,936	30.7	4,477,649	3,035,442	40.4	5,430,652	2,082,439	2,061,211	21,228
1969	8,004,660	5,498,883	2,505,777	31.3	4,746,201	3,258,459	40.7	5,896,868	2,107,792	2,087,653	20,139
1970	8,580,887	5,816,290	2,764,597	32.2	5,043,642	3,537,245	41.2	6,428,134	2,152,753	2,134,420	18,333
1971	8,948,644	6,077,232	2,871,412	32.1	5,207,004	3,741,640	41.8	6,804,309	2,144,335	2,121,913	22,422
1972	9,214,860	6,072,389	3,142,471	34.1	5,238,757	3,976,103	43.1	7,070,635	2,144,225	2,123,245	20,980
1973	9,602,123	6,189,493	3,412,630	35.5	5,371,052	4,231,071	44.1	7,419,516	2,182,607	2,148,784	33,823
1974	10,223,729	6,370,273	3,853,456	37.7	5,622,429	4,601,300	45.0	7,988,500	2,235,229	2,200,963	34,266
1975	11,184,859	6,841,334	4,343,525	38.8	6,148,997	5,035,862	45.0	8,834,508	2,350,351	2,311,448	38,903
1976	11,012,137	6,717,058	4,295,079	39.0	5,810,828	5,201,309	47.2	8,653,477	2,358,660	2,314,298	44,362
1977	11,285,787	6,792,925	4,492,862	39.8	5,789,016	5,496,771	48.7	8,846,993	2,438,799	2,386,652	52,142
1978	11,260,092	6,667,657	4,592,435	40.8	5,640,998	5,619,094	49.9	8,785,893	2,474,194	2,408,331	65,868
1979	11,569,899	6,794,039	4,775,860	41.3	5,682,877	5,887,022	50.9	9,036,822	2,533,077	2,461,773	71,304
1980	12,096,895	7,097,958	4,998,937	41.3	5,874,374	6,222,521	51.4	9,457,394	2,639,501	2,527,787	111,714 ³
1981	12,371,672	7,181,250	5,190,422	42.0	5,975,056	6,396,616	51.7	9,647,032	2,724,640	2,572,405	152,235 ³
1982	12,425,780	7,220,618	5,205,162	41.9	6,031,384	6,394,396	51.5	9,696,087	2,729,693	2,552,739	176,954 ³
1983	12,464,661	7,261,050	5,203,611	41.7	6,023,725	6,440,936	51.7	9,682,734	2,781,927	2,589,187	192,740
1984	12,241,940	7,098,388	5,143,552	42.0	5,863,574	6,378,366	52.1	9,477,370	2,764,570	2,574,419	190,151
1985	12,247,055	7,075,221	5,171,834	42.2	5,818,450	6,428,605	52.5	9,479,273	2,767,782	2,571,791	195,991
1986	12,503,511	7,119,550	5,383,961	43.1	5,884,515	6,618,996	52.9	9,713,893	2,789,618	2,572,479	217,139 ⁴
1987	12,766,642	7,231,085	5,535,557	43.4	5,932,056	6,834,586	53.5	9,973,254	2,793,388	2,602,350	191,038 ⁴
1988	13,055,337	7,436,768	5,618,569	43.0	6,001,896	7,053,441	54.0	10,161,388	2,893,949	2,673,567	220,382
1989	13,538,560	7,660,950	5,877,610	43.4	6,190,015	7,348,545	54.3	10,577,963	2,960,597	2,731,174	229,423
1990	13,818,637	7,820,985	5,997,652	43.4	6,283,909	7,534,728	54.5	10,844,717	2,973,920	2,760,227	213,693
1991	14,358,953	8,115,329	6,243,624	43.5	6,501,844	7,857,109	54.7	11,309,563	3,049,390	2,819,041	230,349
1992	14,487,359	8,162,118	6,325,241	43.7	6,523,989	7,963,370	55.0	11,384,567	3,102,792	2,872,523	230,269
1993	14,304,803	8,127,618	6,177,185	43.2	6,427,450	7,877,353	55.1	11,189,088	3,115,715	2,888,897	226,818
1994	14,278,790	8,137,776	6,141,014	43.0	6,371,898	7,906,892	55.4	11,133,680	3,145,110	2,910,107	235,003
1995	14,261,781	8,128,802	6,132,979	43.0	6,342,539	7,919,242	55.5	11,092,374	3,169,407	2,929,044	240,363
1996	14,367,520	8,302,953	6,064,567	42.2	6,352,825	8,014,695	55.8	11,120,499	3,247,021	2,942,556	304,465
1997	14,502,334	8,438,062	6,064,272	41.8	6,396,028	8,106,306	55.9	11,196,119	3,306,215	2,977,614	328,601
1998	14,506,967	8,563,338	5,943,629	41.0	6,369,265	8,137,702	56.1	11,137,769	3,369,198	3,004,925	364,273
1999	14,849,691	8,803,139	6,046,552	40.7	6,515,164	8,334,527	56.1	11,375,739	3,473,952	3,055,029	418,923
2000	15,312,289	9,009,600	6,302,689	41.2	6,721,769	8,590,520	56.1	11,752,786	3,559,503	3,109,419	450,084
2001	15,927,987	9,447,502	6,480,485	40.7	6,960,815	8,967,172	56.3	12,233,156	3,694,831	3,167,330	527,501
2002	16,611,711	9,946,359	6,665,352	40.1	7,202,116	9,409,595	56.6	12,751,993	3,859,718	3,265,476	594,242
2003	16,911,481	10,326,133	6,585,348	38.9	7,260,264	9,651,217	57.1	12,858,698	4,052,783	3,341,048	711,735
2004	17,272,044	10,610,177	6,661,867	38.6	7,387,262	9,884,782	57.2	12,980,112	4,291,932	3,411,685	880,247
2005	17,487,475	10,797,011	6,690,464	38.3	7,455,925	10,031,550	57.4	13,021,834	4,465,641	3,454,692	1,010,949
2006	17,754,230	10,957,538	6,796,692	38.3	7,572,265	10,181,965	57.3	13,175,350	4,578,880	3,512,929	1,065,951

Year	Total enrollment	Attendance status			Sex of student			Control of institution			
		Full-time	Part-time	Percent part-time	Male	Female	Percent female	Public	Private		
									Total	Nonprofit	For-profit
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2007	18,258,138	11,270,929	6,987,209	38.3	7,819,938	10,438,200	57.2	13,500,894	4,757,244	3,571,395	1,185,849
2008	19,081,686	11,734,636	7,347,050	38.5	8,177,714	10,903,972	57.1	13,970,862	5,110,824	3,660,827	1,449,997
2009	20,313,594	12,605,355	7,708,239	37.9	8,732,953	11,580,641	57.0	14,810,768	5,502,826	3,767,672	1,735,154
2010	21,019,438	13,087,182	7,932,256	37.7	9,045,759	11,973,679	57.0	15,142,171	5,877,267	3,854,482	2,022,785
2011	21,010,590	13,002,531	8,008,059	38.1	9,034,256	11,976,334	57.0	15,116,303	5,894,287	3,926,819	1,967,468
2012	20,644,478	12,734,404	7,910,074	38.3	8,919,006	11,725,472	56.8	14,884,667	5,759,811	3,951,388	1,808,423
2013	20,376,677	12,596,610	7,780,067	38.2	8,861,197	11,515,480	56.5	14,746,848	5,629,829	3,971,390	1,658,439
2014	20,209,092	12,454,464	7,754,628	38.4	8,797,530	11,411,562	56.5	14,654,660	5,554,432	3,997,249	1,557,183
2015	19,988,204	12,287,512	7,700,692	38.5	8,723,819	11,264,385	56.4	14,572,843	5,415,361	4,065,891	1,349,470
2016	19,846,904	12,125,314	7,721,590	38.9	8,638,422	11,208,482	56.5	14,585,840	5,261,064	4,078,956	1,182,108
2017	19,778,151	12,076,141	7,702,010	38.9	8,571,314	11,206,837	56.7	14,571,739	5,206,412	4,108,489	1,097,923
2018	19,651,412	11,989,569	7,661,843	39.0	8,444,614	11,206,798	57.0	14,539,257	5,112,155	4,131,846	980,309
2019	19,630,178	11,954,413	7,675,765	39.1	8,363,889	11,266,289	57.4	14,503,647	5,126,531	4,135,372	991,159
2020	18,991,798	11,591,353	7,400,445	39.0	7,869,545	11,122,253	58.6	13,867,239	5,124,559	4,101,019	1,023,540
2021 ⁵	20,327,000	12,387,000	7,941,000	39.1	8,685,000	11,643,000	57.3	14,975,000	5,352,000	---	---
2022 ⁵	20,031,000	12,177,000	7,854,000	39.2	8,524,000	11,506,000	57.4	14,769,000	5,261,000	---	---
2023 ⁵	19,851,000	12,041,000	7,810,000	39.3	8,422,000	11,429,000	57.6	14,650,000	5,201,000	---	---
2024 ⁵	19,862,000	12,041,000	7,821,000	39.4	8,416,000	11,446,000	57.6	14,664,000	5,198,000	---	---
2025 ⁵	19,934,000	12,099,000	7,835,000	39.3	8,444,000	11,490,000	57.6	14,716,000	5,218,000	---	---
2026 ⁵	20,054,000	12,182,000	7,872,000	39.3	8,497,000	11,557,000	57.6	14,801,000	5,253,000	---	---
2027 ⁵	20,169,000	12,241,000	7,928,000	39.3	8,550,000	11,619,000	57.6	14,882,000	5,287,000	---	---
2028 ⁵	20,282,000	12,301,000	7,980,000	39.3	8,603,000	11,679,000	57.6	14,960,000	5,322,000	---	---
2029 ⁵	20,393,000	12,361,000	8,032,000	39.4	8,656,000	11,737,000	57.6	15,038,000	5,355,000	---	---
2030 ⁵	20,482,000	12,402,000	8,080,000	39.4	8,700,000	11,783,000	57.5	15,101,000	5,381,000	---	---

---Not available.

¹ Degree-credit enrollment only.

² Includes part-time resident students and all extension students (students attending courses at sites separate from the primary reporting campus). In later years, part-time student enrollment was collected as a distinct category.

³ Large increases are due to the addition of schools accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology.

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

⁵ Projected.

NOTE: Data in this table represent the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Data through 1995 are for institutions of higher education, while later data are for degree-granting institutions. Degree-granting institutions grant associate's or higher degrees and participate in Title IV federal financial aid programs. The degree-granting classification is very similar to the earlier higher education classification, but it includes more 2-year colleges and excludes a few higher education institutions that did not grant degrees. Projections in this table were calculated after the onset of the coronavirus pandemic and take into account the expected impacts of the pandemic. Some data have been revised from previously published figures.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Biennial Survey of Education in the United States; Opening Fall Enrollment in Higher Education, 1963 through 1965; Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS), "Fall Enrollment in Colleges and Universities" surveys, 1966 through 1985; Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), "Fall Enrollment Survey" (IPEDS-EF:86-99); IPEDS Spring 2001 through Spring 2021, Fall Enrollment component; and Enrollment in Degree-Granting Institutions Projection Model, through 2030. (This table was prepared November 2021.)



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