

Table 271. Higher Education—Institutions and Enrollment 1980 to 2005

(As of fall (686 represents 686,000). Covers universities, colleges, professional schools, junior, and teachers colleges, both publicly and privately controlled, regular session. Includes estimates for institutions not reporting. See also Appendix III)

Item	Unit	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005
ALL INSTITUTIONS										
Number of institutions ¹	Number	3,231	3,340	3,559	3,706	4,182	4,168	4,236	4,216	4,276
4-year	Number	1,957	2,029	2,141	2,244	2,450	2,466	2,530	2,533	2,582
2-year	Number	1,274	1,311	1,418	1,462	1,732	1,702	1,706	1,683	1,694
Instructional staff— (lecturer or above) ²	1,000	686	715	817	932	(NA)	(NA)	1,175	(NA)	1,290
Percent full-time	Percent	66	64	61	59	(NA)	(NA)	54	(NA)	52
Total enrollment ^{3, 4}	1,000	12,097	12,247	13,819	14,262	15,312	16,612	16,900	17,272	17,487
Male	1,000	5,874	5,818	6,284	6,343	6,722	7,202	7,256	7,387	7,456
Female	1,000	6,223	6,429	7,535	7,919	8,591	9,410	9,645	9,885	10,032
4-year institutions	1,000	7,571	7,716	8,579	8,769	9,364	10,082	10,408	10,726	10,999
2-year institutions	1,000	4,526	4,531	5,240	5,493	5,948	6,529	6,493	6,546	6,488
Full-time	1,000	7,098	7,075	7,821	8,129	9,010	9,946	10,312	10,610	10,797
Part-time	1,000	4,999	5,172	5,998	6,133	6,303	6,665	6,589	6,662	6,690
Public	1,000	9,457	9,479	10,845	11,092	11,753	12,752	12,857	12,980	13,022
Private	1,000	2,640	2,768	2,974	3,169	3,560	3,860	4,043	4,292	4,466
Not-for-profit	1,000	2,528	2,572	2,760	2,929	3,109	3,265	3,341	3,412	3,455
For profit	1,000	112	196	213	240	450	594	703	880	1,011
Undergraduate ⁴	1,000	10,475	10,597	11,959	12,232	13,155	14,257	14,474	14,781	14,964
Men	1,000	5,000	4,962	5,380	5,401	5,778	6,192	6,224	6,340	6,409
Women	1,000	5,475	5,635	6,579	6,831	7,377	8,065	8,250	8,441	8,555
First-time freshmen	1,000	2,588	2,292	2,257	2,169	2,428	2,571	2,605	2,630	2,657
First professional	1,000	278	274	273	298	307	319	329	335	337
Men	1,000	199	180	167	174	164	163	166	168	170
Women	1,000	78	94	107	124	143	156	163	166	167
Graduate ⁴	1,000	1,343	1,376	1,586	1,732	1,850	2,036	2,098	2,157	2,186
Men	1,000	675	677	737	768	780	847	865	879	877
Women	1,000	670	700	849	965	1,071	1,189	1,233	1,278	1,309
2-YEAR INSTITUTIONS										
Number of institutions ^{1, 5}	Number	1,274	1,311	1,418	1,462	1,732	1,702	1,706	1,683	1,694
Public	Number	945	932	972	1,047	1,076	1,081	1,086	1,061	1,053
Private	Number	329	379	446	415	656	621	620	622	641
Instructional staff— (lecturer or above) ²	1,000	192	211	(NA)	285	(NA)	(NA)	359	(NA)	373
Enrollment ^{3, 4}	1,000	4,526	4,531	5,240	5,493	5,948	6,529	6,493	6,546	6,488
Public	1,000	4,329	4,270	4,996	5,278	5,697	6,270	6,208	6,244	6,184
Private	1,000	198	261	244	215	251	259	285	302	304
Male	1,000	2,047	2,002	2,233	2,329	2,559	2,753	2,689	2,698	2,680
Female	1,000	2,479	2,529	3,007	3,164	3,390	3,776	3,804	3,848	3,808

NA Not available. ¹ Number of institutions includes count of branch campuses. Due to revised survey procedures, data beginning 1990 are not comparable with previous years. Beginning 1996 (2000 for this table), data reflect a new classification of institutions; this classification includes some additional, primarily 2-year, colleges and excludes a few institutions that did not award degrees. Includes institutions that were eligible to participate in Title IV federal financial aid programs. ² Due to revised survey methods, data beginning 1990 not comparable with previous years. ³ Branch campuses counted according to actual status, e.g., 2-year branch in 2-year category. ⁴ Includes unclassified students. (Students taking courses for credit, but are not candidates for degrees.) ⁵ Includes schools accredited by the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools. See footnote 1 for information pertaining to data beginning 2000.