

## Working while in college

*Working while enrolled in college can be both beneficial and detrimental to a student's academic and labor market success. Although working during the school year leaves less time for students to concentrate on their studies or to participate in extracurricular activities, students who work may gain valuable knowledge and skills that are not taught in the classroom. While some studies show that working long hours while in college may reduce a student's likelihood of completing college or lengthen the time it takes to complete a degree, some employment experience may increase a student's employment prospects and expected post-graduation wages.*

- The percentage of full-time college students aged 16–24 who were employed rose from 34 percent in 1970 to 47 percent in 1988, and has remained fairly stable since then.
- In general, between 1970 and 1995, white and Hispanic full-time college students aged 16–24 were more likely to be employed than their black peers.
- Almost half (47 percent) of full-time college students aged 16–24 were employed in October 1995, and more than one-fourth (27 percent) worked at least 20 hours per week. In addition, 83 percent of part-time college students in the same age group were employed, with 73 percent working at least 20 hours per week (see supplemental table 50-1).

**Percentage of full-time college students aged 16–24 who were employed in October, by race/ethnicity and hours worked per week: Selected years 1970–95**

October	All students			White			Black			Hispanic		
	Total*	20 or more hours	35 or more hours	Total*	20 or more hours	35 or more hours	Total*	20 or more hours	35 or more hours	Total*	20 or more hours	35 or more hours
1970	33.8	14.1	3.7	34.9	14.7	3.9	21.2	8.0	1.8	—	—	—
1972	35.1	15.0	3.4	36.3	15.2	3.2	21.5	12.2	5.8	42.7	21.0	2.5
1974	36.6	17.0	4.7	38.2	17.4	4.7	23.2	13.0	5.0	34.4	15.8	6.8
1976	37.5	16.9	4.0	39.6	17.7	3.9	22.7	11.9	4.7	35.4	14.8	3.1
1978	39.9	19.0	4.7	41.8	19.7	4.7	22.2	11.7	4.7	53.2	26.8	7.4
1980	40.0	17.9	3.8	42.1	18.3	3.8	24.0	12.2	5.1	41.4	26.6	4.5
1982	39.9	18.5	3.1	42.4	19.6	3.0	26.2	12.2	4.3	33.1	14.1	1.6
1984	42.1	21.0	4.2	44.7	22.0	4.3	25.2	14.8	3.2	34.8	19.7	4.1
1986	43.0	21.9	4.3	46.3	23.5	4.7	24.7	14.2	3.9	40.5	22.6	2.1
1988	46.5	24.5	4.7	48.9	25.1	5.0	31.8	18.6	3.3	40.9	28.7	6.7
1990	45.7	24.1	4.8	48.6	25.1	5.2	29.8	17.1	2.8	45.7	28.0	6.7
1991	47.2	25.4	5.6	49.6	26.5	6.0	31.7	19.1	3.4	54.2	30.6	4.3
1992	47.2	25.8	5.5	50.5	27.2	5.9	30.2	19.9	4.4	47.0	29.4	4.7
1993	46.3	24.6	5.1	50.1	26.5	5.5	28.9	18.0	3.8	46.7	25.1	6.3
1994	48.6	27.5	5.8	52.1	29.5	6.2	33.4	21.4	5.8	50.2	28.7	5.3
1995	47.2	26.8	6.5	50.6	28.1	6.6	35.2	23.7	4.1	37.4	24.8	8.6

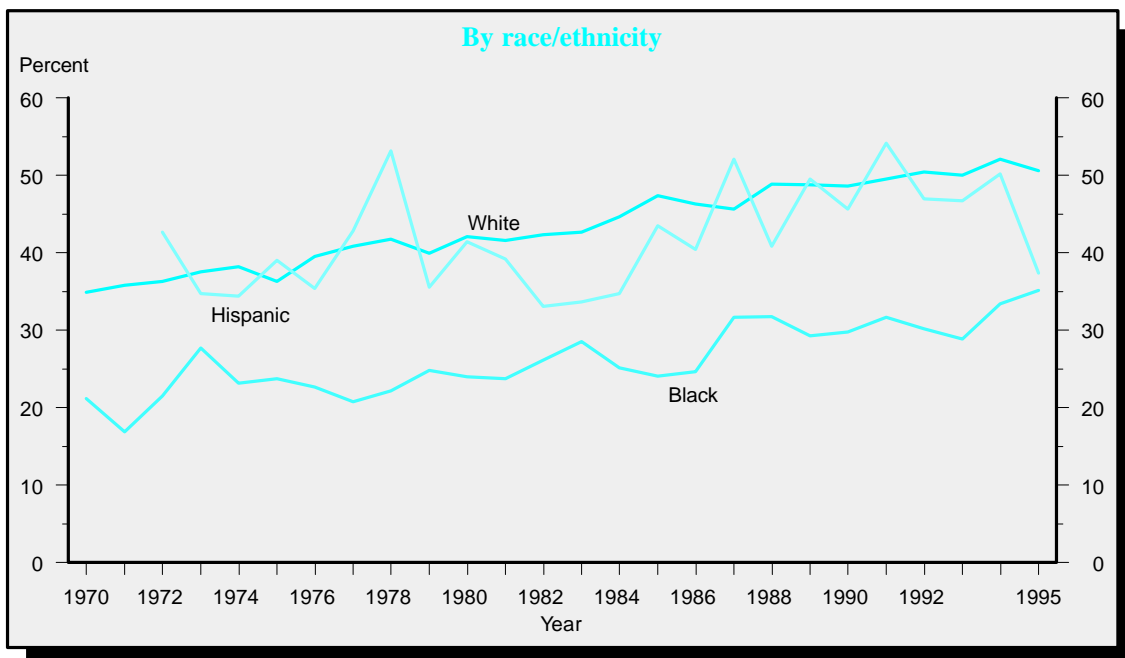
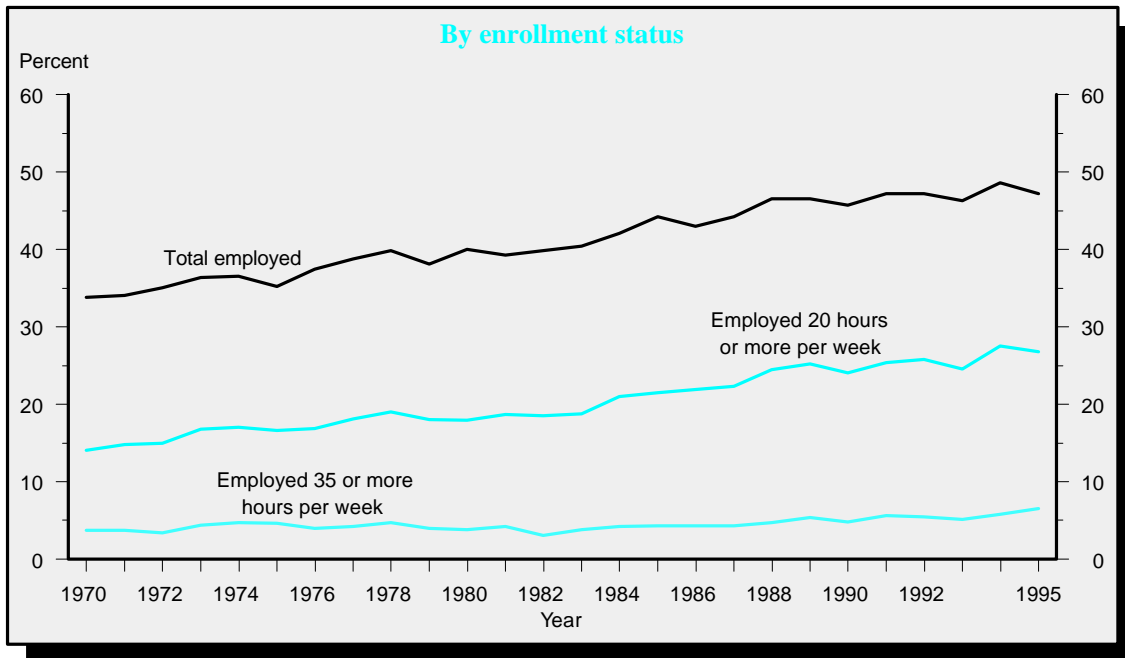
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\* Includes those who were employed but not at work during the survey week.

NOTE: Included in the total but not shown separately are students from other racial/ethnic groups.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, October Current Population Surveys.

### Percentage of full-time college students aged 16–24 who were employed\* in October: 1970–95



\* Includes those who were employed but not at work during the survey week.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, October Current Population Surveys.

**Percentage of full-time college students aged 16–24 who were employed in October, by race/ethnicity and hours worked per week: Selected years 1970–95**

October	All students			White			Black			Hispanic		
	Total*	20 or more hours	35 or more hours	Total*	20 or more hours	35 or more hours	Total*	20 or more hours	35 or more hours	Total*	20 or more hours	35 or more hours
1970	33.8	14.1	3.7	34.9	14.7	3.9	21.2	8.0	1.8	—	—	—
1972	35.1	15.0	3.4	36.3	15.2	3.2	21.5	12.2	5.8	42.7	21.0	2.5
1974	36.6	17.0	4.7	38.2	17.4	4.7	23.2	13.0	5.0	34.4	15.8	6.8
1976	37.5	16.9	4.0	39.6	17.7	3.9	22.7	11.9	4.7	35.4	14.8	3.1
1978	39.9	19.0	4.7	41.8	19.7	4.7	22.2	11.7	4.7	53.2	26.8	7.4
1980	40.0	17.9	3.8	42.1	18.3	3.8	24.0	12.2	5.1	41.4	26.6	4.5
1982	39.9	18.5	3.1	42.4	19.6	3.0	26.2	12.2	4.3	33.1	14.1	1.6
1984	42.1	21.0	4.2	44.7	22.0	4.3	25.2	14.8	3.2	34.8	19.7	4.1
1986	43.0	21.9	4.3	46.3	23.5	4.7	24.7	14.2	3.9	40.5	22.6	2.1
1988	46.5	24.5	4.7	48.9	25.1	5.0	31.8	18.6	3.3	40.9	28.7	6.7
1990	45.7	24.1	4.8	48.6	25.1	5.2	29.8	17.1	2.8	45.7	28.0	6.7
1991	47.2	25.4	5.6	49.6	26.5	6.0	31.7	19.1	3.4	54.2	30.6	4.3
1992	47.2	25.8	5.5	50.5	27.2	5.9	30.2	19.9	4.4	47.0	29.4	4.7
1993	46.3	24.6	5.1	50.1	26.5	5.5	28.9	18.0	3.8	46.7	25.1	6.3
1994	48.6	27.5	5.8	52.1	29.5	6.2	33.4	21.4	5.8	50.2	28.7	5.3
1995	47.2	26.8	6.5	50.6	28.1	6.6	35.2	23.7	4.1	37.4	24.8	8.6

— Not available.

\* Includes those who were employed but not at work during the survey week.

NOTE: Included in the total but not shown separately are students from other racial/ethnic groups.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, October Current Population Surveys.

**Table 50-1 Percentage of college students aged 16–24 who were employed in October, by race/ethnicity, hours worked per week, and enrollment status: 1970–95**

October	All students			White			Black			Hispanic		
	total	20 or more hours	35 or more hours	total	20 or more hours	35 or more hours	total	20 or more hours	35 or more hours	total	20 or more hours	35 or more hours
<b>Full-time college students</b>												
1970	33.8	14.1	3.7	34.9	14.7	3.9	21.2	8.0	1.8	—	—	—
1971	34.1	14.8	3.7	35.8	15.6	3.8	16.9	6.1	2.5	—	—	—
1972	35.1	15.0	3.4	36.3	15.2	3.2	21.5	12.2	5.8	42.7	21.0	2.5
1973	36.4	16.8	4.4	37.6	17.4	4.3	27.7	14.2	5.8	34.8	13.8	3.3
1974	36.6	17.0	4.7	38.2	17.4	4.7	23.2	13.0	5.0	34.4	15.8	6.8
1975	35.2	16.6	4.6	36.3	17.0	4.6	23.8	13.0	4.7	39.0	17.5	4.5
1976	37.5	16.9	4.0	39.6	17.7	3.9	22.7	11.9	4.7	35.4	14.8	3.1
1977	38.8	18.1	4.2	40.9	18.9	4.0	20.8	10.5	5.3	42.9	23.5	4.6
1978	39.9	19.0	4.7	41.8	19.7	4.7	22.2	11.7	4.7	53.2	26.8	7.4
1979	38.1	18.0	4.0	40.0	18.4	3.9	24.8	13.9	5.4	35.6	20.4	5.2
1980	40.0	17.9	3.8	42.1	18.3	3.8	24.0	12.2	5.1	41.4	26.6	4.5
1981	39.3	18.7	4.2	41.6	19.5	4.1	23.8	11.7	3.8	39.2	21.9	5.9
1982	39.9	18.5	3.1	42.4	19.6	3.0	26.2	12.2	4.3	33.1	14.1	1.6
1983	40.4	18.8	3.8	42.7	19.3	4.0	28.5	16.0	2.2	33.7	20.2	5.6
1984	42.1	21.0	4.2	44.7	22.0	4.3	25.2	14.8	3.2	34.8	19.7	4.1
1985	44.2	21.5	4.3	47.4	22.6	4.4	24.1	16.0	4.9	43.5	23.2	3.5
1986	43.0	21.9	4.3	46.3	23.5	4.7	24.7	14.2	3.9	40.5	22.6	2.1
1987	44.2	22.3	4.3	45.7	22.8	4.0	31.7	15.8	4.3	52.1	31.8	7.6
1988	46.5	24.5	4.7	48.9	25.1	5.0	31.8	18.6	3.3	40.9	28.7	6.7
1989	46.5	25.2	5.4	48.8	25.6	5.6	29.3	18.5	4.3	49.6	33.8	6.0
1990	45.7	24.1	4.8	48.6	25.1	5.2	29.8	17.1	2.8	45.7	28.0	6.7
1991	47.2	25.4	5.6	49.6	26.5	6.0	31.7	19.1	3.4	54.2	30.6	4.3
1992	47.2	25.8	5.5	50.5	27.2	5.9	30.2	19.9	4.4	47.0	29.4	4.7
1993	46.3	24.6	5.1	50.1	26.5	5.5	28.9	18.0	3.8	46.7	25.1	6.3
1994	48.6	27.5	5.8	52.1	29.5	6.2	33.4	21.4	5.8	50.2	28.7	5.3
1995	47.2	26.8	6.5	50.6	28.1	6.6	35.2	23.7	4.1	37.4	24.8	8.6

**Table 50-1 Percentage of college students aged 16–24 who were employed in October, by race/ethnicity, hours worked per week, and enrollment status: 1970–95 - Continued**

October	All students			White			Black			Hispanic		
	total	20 or more hours	35 or more hours	total	20 or more hours	35 or more hours	total	20 or more hours	35 or more hours	total	20 or more hours	35 or more hours
<b>Part-time college students</b>												
1970	82.5	76.2	60.4	83.0	76.6	60.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
1971	83.4	75.0	51.7	83.8	75.2	53.6	79.2	74.0	36.4	—	—	—
1972	83.1	76.1	53.1	84.4	77.1	54.3	73.1	69.2	41.3	—	—	—
1973	85.3	76.8	52.5	86.6	77.9	53.5	70.7	66.7	42.7	—	—	—
1974	84.4	77.2	61.0	85.7	77.8	60.4	74.2	70.8	64.0	—	—	—
1975	80.8	72.1	52.6	82.4	74.1	55.1	76.0	62.5	41.3	—	—	—
1976	84.6	76.1	53.0	85.6	77.4	53.2	72.3	66.0	58.5	—	—	—
1977	83.4	75.3	53.1	86.0	77.4	54.7	65.9	61.1	44.4	—	—	—
1978	86.1	76.6	53.9	88.0	78.3	55.7	65.2	51.7	29.2	82.3	75.9	63.3
1979	86.9	78.8	56.6	89.2	80.8	58.2	73.5	66.3	49.0	—	—	—
1980	85.2	75.7	53.0	87.3	77.6	55.0	72.5	58.8	36.3	76.5	71.6	50.6
1981	85.7	76.0	51.4	87.2	77.8	52.0	75.4	61.0	41.5	—	—	—
1982	81.1	69.7	48.1	84.4	72.3	50.0	62.5	58.1	33.1	80.6	68.9	49.5
1983	81.7	74.8	48.1	86.6	79.2	51.9	49.2	47.5	23.8	74.0	68.0	45.0
1984	84.9	77.7	55.2	87.1	79.3	57.8	67.7	63.4	45.3	89.6	83.1	50.6
1985	85.9	79.0	52.2	87.9	81.7	56.2	71.8	66.4	42.0	85.2	70.4	28.4
1986	87.2	78.0	54.4	90.0	81.0	57.4	77.0	73.8	44.3	81.0	64.3	43.7
1987	85.4	77.4	49.5	87.2	79.2	51.4	70.9	65.8	37.3	86.5	77.4	54.1
1988	88.3	81.6	54.2	90.4	84.5	55.7	78.1	68.6	48.6	83.9	72.9	52.5
1989	87.2	80.8	55.4	89.8	83.2	58.3	73.2	67.5	43.1	85.1	79.3	55.4
1990	83.7	78.7	52.7	86.8	80.5	55.3	76.9	76.3	49.5	81.8	77.7	50.4
1991	85.8	76.3	50.9	89.0	79.1	55.3	66.1	63.4	38.4	80.2	71.0	37.4
1992	83.4	75.0	47.8	87.0	78.4	49.8	77.6	67.1	45.4	73.0	65.5	38.5
1993	84.6	75.1	43.7	88.6	78.5	46.5	65.1	58.9	36.4	76.6	65.6	31.2
1994	86.4	74.9	43.7	89.2	76.8	47.9	79.8	75.0	31.5	78.3	68.5	32.3
1995	83.0	72.7	42.3	86.3	74.3	45.4	69.7	62.2	36.2	78.5	75.6	33.5

— Not available.

includes those who were employed but not at work during the survey week.

<sup>2</sup> Too few sample observations for a reliable estimate.

NOTE: Included in the total but not shown separately are students from other racial/ethnic groups.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, October Current Population Surveys.

**Table 50-2 Percentage of high school students aged 16–24 who were employed in October, by race/ethnicity and hours worked per week: 1970–95**

October	All students			White			Black			Hispanic		
	total*	20 or more	35 or more	total*	20 or more	35 or more	total*	20 or more	35 or more	total*	20 or more	35 or more
		hours	hours		hours	hours		hours	hours		hours	
1970	31.5	11.6	2.8	34.0	12.7	2.9	15.6	4.5	2.0	—	—	—
1971	30.4	11.2	2.2	33.5	12.3	2.2	13.9	5.7	2.1	—	—	—
1972	32.5	13.6	2.9	37.2	15.5	3.1	12.0	5.2	2.0	22.3	8.6	2.3
1973	36.1	15.4	3.3	41.0	17.5	3.5	13.8	5.7	1.6	25.7	10.0	3.7
1974	35.2	15.1	3.1	40.0	16.9	3.4	16.3	8.1	1.9	23.3	10.7	2.8
1975	32.9	13.0	2.7	37.9	15.0	3.0	12.9	4.7	1.0	21.2	10.1	3.2
1976	33.4	14.3	2.6	38.9	16.6	2.6	12.7	5.2	2.4	20.1	10.8	2.7
1977	35.8	15.7	3.2	41.7	18.1	3.6	12.5	5.7	1.6	24.8	14.1	4.6
1978	38.2	16.2	2.9	43.9	18.4	3.2	16.1	6.8	1.4	28.0	15.9	3.1
1979	38.0	16.2	2.7	44.4	19.0	2.9	14.1	5.0	1.3	22.0	11.1	3.4
1980	35.1	13.3	2.3	40.7	15.2	2.1	13.7	5.7	1.9	24.5	11.6	4.9
1981	32.5	12.0	2.1	38.8	13.9	2.4	11.0	4.8	1.1	23.0	11.3	2.1
1982	29.5	9.7	1.6	35.9	11.8	2.0	8.9	2.4	0.1	15.0	6.2	1.5
1983	28.7	9.8	1.5	35.1	11.7	1.6	6.8	2.4	0.2	20.4	11.2	3.2
1984	31.0	11.5	1.3	36.4	13.1	1.2	13.4	6.1	0.6	23.2	10.5	3.7
1985	31.3	11.9	1.2	37.7	14.2	1.6	14.5	5.2	0.4	16.9	7.8	0.4
1986	34.1	13.7	1.9	40.3	15.7	2.2	14.5	6.5	0.8	25.8	15.8	1.7
1987	34.6	13.4	1.6	40.9	15.4	1.6	17.6	8.3	1.2	22.4	10.5	2.6
1988	35.1	14.2	1.6	40.6	16.0	1.6	19.3	8.2	1.1	23.2	10.3	2.8
1989	37.6	14.8	1.9	43.3	16.4	1.6	21.1	8.0	1.2	27.9	16.9	5.3
1990	32.1	11.9	2.0	38.0	13.6	1.8	16.7	5.0	1.0	24.6	13.2	4.5
1991	31.1	11.0	1.2	38.5	13.2	1.5	13.1	4.7	0.2	18.7	9.4	1.5
1992	29.6	10.7	1.2	36.1	12.7	1.2	13.7	5.1	0.4	18.9	9.8	2.2
1993	30.5	11.4	1.4	37.7	13.1	1.7	13.0	5.9	0.8	20.6	10.5	1.3
1994	35.1	13.5	1.7	42.7	15.5	1.6	19.4	9.4	1.1	20.9	10.9	2.9
1995	33.4	13.6	1.9	40.4	16.2	1.8	17.9	8.1	1.1	21.5	9.3	2.9

— Not available.

\* Includes those who were employed but not at work during the survey week.

NOTE: Included in the total but not shown separately are students from other racial/ethnic groups.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, October Current Population Surveys.

**Table 50-3 Percentage of college students aged 16–24 who were employed in October, by family income, hours worked per week, and enrollment status: 1970–95**

October	All students			Low			Middle			High		
	total	20 or	35 or	total	20 or	35 or	total	20 or	35 or	total	20 or	35 or
		more	more		more	more		more	more		more	
		hours	hours		hours	hours		hours	hours		hours	hours
<b>Full-time college students</b>												
1970	33.8	14.1	3.7	44.0	18.1	5.3	35.1	14.4	4.2	29.6	12.7	2.7
1971	34.1	14.8	3.7	41.9	16.2	2.3	36.4	17.1	5.1	29.4	11.5	2.2
1972	35.1	15.0	3.4	36.7	19.3	4.0	37.4	16.2	4.3	31.7	12.5	2.1
1973	36.4	16.8	4.4	42.1	19.7	4.4	37.0	18.4	5.7	34.4	14.3	3.0
1974	36.6	17.0	4.7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1975	35.2	16.6	4.6	33.1	14.8	4.3	38.0	19.0	5.6	32.7	14.3	3.5
1976	37.5	16.9	4.0	43.9	20.2	4.4	38.1	17.9	4.8	34.9	14.9	3.1
1977	38.8	18.1	4.2	41.4	17.6	2.7	40.7	20.3	5.6	36.0	15.9	3.0
1978	39.9	19.0	4.7	39.0	16.9	4.2	41.5	19.6	6.0	38.5	18.9	3.2
1979	38.1	18.0	4.0	41.9	20.8	5.1	39.2	19.4	4.7	35.6	15.6	2.9
1980	40.0	17.9	3.8	39.3	18.8	5.3	41.6	19.8	5.1	38.7	15.7	2.2
1981	39.3	18.7	4.2	41.9	20.9	4.3	40.1	19.5	4.5	37.6	17.1	3.7
1982	39.9	18.5	3.1	38.7	18.2	2.9	40.1	19.3	4.2	40.1	17.8	2.0
1983	40.4	18.8	3.8	40.8	18.8	4.5	41.5	20.1	4.7	39.2	17.5	2.7
1984	42.1	21.0	4.2	41.9	22.4	6.4	42.1	21.2	4.9	42.1	20.2	2.8
1985	44.2	21.5	4.3	50.6	24.2	5.1	45.5	23.4	5.1	40.5	18.6	3.2
1986	43.0	21.9	4.3	42.9	20.5	4.7	45.2	23.8	5.2	40.6	20.2	3.2
1987	44.2	22.3	4.3	48.6	23.5	3.3	46.7	25.0	5.2	39.7	18.7	3.5
1988	46.5	24.5	4.7	48.3	25.2	4.0	49.9	26.8	5.9	42.0	21.5	3.4
1989	46.5	25.2	5.4	46.5	25.4	4.3	50.1	29.8	6.9	42.2	19.7	4.0
1990	45.7	24.1	4.8	46.4	27.0	3.8	47.8	26.4	6.3	42.7	19.9	3.3
1991	47.2	25.4	5.6	51.8	29.4	6.7	48.8	27.0	5.5	43.5	21.9	5.3
1992	47.2	25.8	5.5	49.7	27.5	6.1	49.7	27.9	5.6	42.9	22.4	5.0
1993	46.3	24.6	5.1	50.8	27.5	7.8	48.4	27.1	5.6	41.7	20.0	3.2
1994	48.6	27.5	5.8	53.1	30.5	5.9	48.6	29.0	6.9	46.6	24.3	4.4
1995	47.2	26.8	6.5	50.2	27.9	5.8	46.4	27.9	7.5	46.8	24.9	5.6

**Table 50-3 Percentage of college students aged 16-24 who were employed in October, by family income, hours worked per week, and enrollment status: 1970-95 - Continued**

October	All students			Low			Middle			High		
	Total	20 or	35 or	Total	20 or	35 or	Total	20 or	35 or	Total	20 or	35 or
		more	more		more	more		more	more		more	
		hours	hours		hours	hours		hours	hours		hours	hours
<b>Part-time college students</b>												
1970	82.5	76.2	60.4	∞	∞	∞	80.1	75.7	61.7	85.7	76.0	53.9
1971	83.4	75.0	51.7	∞	∞	∞	83.6	77.6	54.1	84.7	72.6	48.8
1972	83.1	76.1	53.1	72.2	62.9	38.1	83.7	78.2	55.5	86.4	77.0	53.7
1973	85.3	76.8	52.5	82.1	64.1	39.7	86.4	79.3	55.3	83.9	75.6	50.4
1974	84.4	77.2	61.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1975	80.8	72.1	52.6	67.4	51.9	28.7	82.6	75.9	58.7	81.9	71.0	48.3
1976	84.6	76.1	53.0	85.1	77.6	47.0	86.1	77.0	57.5	81.7	74.3	46.7
1977	83.4	75.3	53.1	67.8	62.0	35.5	84.7	75.9	56.1	85.6	78.3	52.6
1978	86.1	76.6	53.9	74.2	65.2	42.4	87.2	78.0	54.8	87.6	77.9	56.6
1979	86.9	78.8	56.6	76.6	60.3	46.1	87.9	81.0	60.0	89.2	82.0	53.8
1980	85.2	75.7	53.0	69.2	57.7	32.7	86.2	78.3	54.3	87.4	75.3	55.9
1981	85.7	76.0	51.4	67.5	60.7	37.6	85.2	76.6	54.6	92.9	79.9	48.9
1982	81.1	69.7	48.1	65.7	58.3	34.3	80.7	70.3	50.2	85.5	71.3	47.6
1983	81.7	74.8	48.1	64.5	57.2	31.9	80.6	74.9	50.9	88.6	80.1	48.8
1984	84.9	77.7	55.2	69.5	60.3	41.8	85.4	80.3	57.1	89.4	79.2	56.5
1985	85.9	79.0	52.2	72.7	61.2	36.7	87.8	81.8	58.0	86.9	80.4	46.6
1986	87.2	78.0	54.4	70.4	57.0	35.9	88.5	78.6	54.8	91.0	85.1	60.8
1987	85.4	77.4	49.5	74.5	65.2	43.5	87.1	79.2	51.2	87.0	78.8	48.8
1988	88.3	81.6	54.2	73.0	66.4	34.3	87.4	80.7	57.9	94.7	88.0	54.0
1989	87.2	80.8	55.4	67.1	53.0	28.9	88.7	82.8	59.9	92.0	87.1	57.1
1990	83.7	78.7	52.7	81.8	71.6	36.6	81.8	77.6	54.1	89.9	85.5	58.0
1991	85.8	76.3	50.9	74.5	66.4	46.3	87.0	77.0	51.8	88.9	79.4	51.0
1992	83.4	75.0	47.8	77.4	67.4	37.4	84.7	75.8	50.8	83.9	76.8	46.9
1993	84.6	75.1	43.7	67.9	57.6	36.4	85.6	75.7	44.1	91.4	82.9	46.6
1994	86.4	74.9	43.7	83.6	72.3	41.0	86.6	74.9	43.8	86.7	75.9	45.1
1995	83.0	72.7	42.3	60.7	55.8	29.5	85.7	77.2	46.3	89.6	72.1	40.6

— Data regarding family income were not available in 1974.

<sup>1</sup> Low income is the bottom 20 percent of all family incomes; high income is the top 20 percent of all family incomes; and middle income is the 60 percent of incomes in-between.

<sup>2</sup> Includes those who were employed but not at work during the survey week.

<sup>3</sup> Too few sample observations for a reliable estimate.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, October Current Population Surveys.



**Table 50-4 Percentage of college students aged 16–24 who were employed in October, by sex, hours worked per week, and enrollment status: 1970–95**

October	All students			Male			Female		
	total*	20 or	35 or	total*	20 or	35 or	total*	20 or	35 or
		more	more		more	more		more	more
	hours	hours	hours	hours	hours	hours	hours	hours	
<b>Full-time college students</b>									
1970	33.8	14.1	3.7	33.9	17.3	5.0	33.6	9.5	1.8
1971	34.1	14.8	3.7	36.5	18.5	5.4	30.8	9.6	1.2
1972	35.1	15.0	3.4	37.8	18.9	5.3	31.5	10.0	1.0
1973	36.4	16.8	4.4	39.2	21.0	6.1	32.9	11.5	2.3
1974	36.6	17.0	4.7	37.5	19.0	6.1	35.4	14.7	3.1
1975	35.2	16.6	4.6	34.7	18.2	5.9	35.8	14.7	3.1
1976	37.5	16.9	4.0	39.1	20.0	5.1	35.9	13.6	2.9
1977	38.8	18.1	4.2	38.7	19.3	5.9	39.0	16.9	2.3
1978	39.9	19.0	4.7	39.6	20.6	5.8	40.3	17.2	3.4
1979	38.1	18.0	4.0	36.7	19.3	4.6	39.5	16.6	3.4
1980	40.0	17.9	3.8	39.4	19.0	4.4	40.7	16.7	3.2
1981	39.3	18.7	4.2	38.3	19.7	4.4	40.4	17.7	3.9
1982	39.9	18.5	3.1	38.8	19.2	3.2	41.0	17.7	2.9
1983	40.4	18.8	3.8	40.0	20.6	4.7	40.8	17.0	2.9
1984	42.1	21.0	4.2	40.6	21.6	5.3	43.6	20.2	3.1
1985	44.2	21.5	4.3	42.4	22.1	4.9	46.0	20.9	3.7
1986	43.0	21.9	4.3	43.2	22.9	4.5	42.8	20.8	4.1
1987	44.2	22.3	4.3	43.6	22.7	4.8	44.9	21.8	3.6
1988	46.5	24.5	4.7	44.3	24.7	5.1	48.7	24.3	4.3
1989	46.5	25.2	5.4	44.3	25.4	5.8	48.6	24.9	4.9
1990	45.7	24.1	4.8	43.1	23.2	5.0	48.3	25.0	4.6
1991	47.2	25.4	5.6	45.2	26.5	6.5	49.1	24.4	4.7
1992	47.2	25.8	5.5	46.8	25.8	6.6	47.5	25.8	4.5
1993	46.3	24.6	5.1	44.9	24.6	5.1	47.6	24.6	5.1
1994	48.6	27.5	5.8	48.2	28.7	6.6	48.9	26.4	5.2
1995	47.2	26.8	6.5	44.9	27.4	7.8	49.4	26.2	5.2

**Table 50-4 Percentage of college students aged 16-24 who were employed in October, by sex, hours worked per week, and enrollment status: 1970-95 - Continued**

October	All students			Male			Female		
	total*	20 or	35 or	total*	20 or	35 or	total*	20 or	35 or
		more	more		more	more		more	more
	hours	hours	hours	hours	hours	hours	hours	hours	
<b>Part-time college students</b>									
1970	82.5	76.2	60.4	87.6	82.0	66.2	77.7	71.1	55.2
1971	83.4	75.0	51.7	87.7	80.4	60.9	78.2	68.7	40.7
1972	83.1	76.1	53.1	88.5	81.5	61.5	77.4	70.4	44.2
1973	85.3	76.8	52.5	86.3	78.9	57.5	84.4	74.8	47.3
1974	84.4	77.2	61.0	88.3	82.1	65.8	80.7	72.5	56.5
1975	80.8	72.1	52.6	82.5	74.1	55.3	79.1	70.0	49.9
1976	84.6	76.1	53.0	84.0	76.4	56.2	85.3	75.9	50.3
1977	83.4	75.3	53.1	86.3	78.4	57.0	80.6	72.3	49.5
1978	86.1	76.6	53.9	88.6	80.4	61.6	83.8	72.8	47.0
1979	86.9	78.8	56.6	90.4	82.3	60.4	83.9	76.2	53.6
1980	85.2	75.7	53.0	86.5	80.2	58.2	84.2	72.3	49.1
1981	85.7	76.0	51.4	88.5	78.0	57.2	83.3	74.3	46.4
1982	81.1	69.7	48.1	79.8	70.2	50.7	82.1	69.4	46.2
1983	81.7	74.8	48.1	84.0	78.3	52.5	79.5	71.3	43.8
1984	84.9	77.7	55.2	90.0	82.0	60.1	80.6	74.2	51.2
1985	85.9	79.0	52.2	85.9	80.0	53.6	85.7	78.3	51.2
1986	87.2	78.0	54.4	87.8	81.7	59.0	86.9	75.3	50.9
1987	85.4	77.4	49.5	86.9	78.8	50.4	84.3	76.2	48.8
1988	88.3	81.6	54.2	87.4	82.1	56.1	89.2	81.3	52.7
1989	87.2	80.8	55.4	88.1	82.6	60.1	86.7	79.4	52.0
1990	83.7	78.7	52.7	86.4	82.6	55.4	81.3	75.4	50.5
1991	85.8	76.3	50.9	87.2	79.3	50.2	84.7	73.9	51.7
1992	83.4	75.0	47.8	83.7	75.8	44.1	83.2	74.5	50.3
1993	84.6	75.1	43.7	86.9	79.6	47.4	82.8	71.4	40.7
1994	80.4	74.9	45.7	85.0	70.5	47.0	81.2	75.7	40.9
1995	83.0	72.7	42.5	87.5	70.5	48.9	79.0	69.8	57.1

\* Includes those who were employed but not at work during the survey week.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, October Current Population Surveys.

**Table 50-5 Percentage of high school students aged 16–24 who were employed in October, by sex and hours worked per week: 1970–95**

October	All students			Male			Female		
	total*	20 or	35 or	total*	20 or	35 or	total*	20 or	35 or
		more	more		more	more		more	more
	hours	hours	hours	hours	hours	hours	hours	hours	
1970	31.5	11.6	2.8	34.6	15.0	4.0	28.1	7.8	1.5
1971	30.4	11.2	2.2	33.9	14.9	3.1	26.7	7.2	1.2
1972	32.5	13.6	2.9	36.0	16.9	4.2	28.6	9.9	1.5
1973	36.1	15.4	3.3	39.3	19.5	4.9	32.5	10.8	1.5
1974	35.2	15.1	3.1	38.1	18.5	4.3	32.0	11.4	1.7
1975	32.9	13.0	2.7	34.5	15.7	3.9	31.1	10.0	1.3
1976	33.4	14.3	2.6	35.3	17.3	3.7	31.3	10.9	1.3
1977	35.8	15.7	3.2	39.0	19.0	4.4	32.2	12.1	2.1
1978	38.2	16.2	2.9	39.8	19.2	3.9	36.5	12.9	1.8
1979	38.0	16.2	2.7	39.5	19.1	3.5	36.3	13.0	1.8
1980	35.1	13.3	2.3	36.0	14.7	3.0	34.0	11.9	1.4
1981	32.5	12.0	2.1	34.7	14.2	2.9	30.1	9.8	1.2
1982	29.5	9.7	1.6	29.3	10.6	2.1	29.8	8.6	0.9
1983	28.7	9.8	1.5	28.6	10.0	1.9	28.9	9.6	1.1
1984	31.0	11.5	1.3	31.3	12.6	2.0	30.6	10.3	0.4
1985	31.3	11.9	1.2	31.6	12.8	1.8	31.0	11.0	0.6
1986	34.1	13.7	1.9	33.2	14.0	2.6	35.2	13.4	1.2
1987	34.6	13.4	1.6	33.5	15.1	2.1	35.9	11.5	1.0
1988	35.1	14.2	1.6	34.7	16.7	2.3	35.5	11.3	0.9
1989	37.6	14.8	1.9	36.8	16.4	2.8	38.4	13.0	0.9
1990	32.1	11.9	2.0	32.7	13.2	2.4	31.4	10.4	1.6
1991	31.1	11.0	1.2	30.2	11.4	1.3	32.1	10.5	1.1
1992	29.6	10.7	1.2	31.1	11.9	1.5	27.9	9.4	0.8
1993	30.5	11.4	1.4	29.5	12.0	1.6	31.8	10.8	1.2
1994	35.1	13.5	1.7	35.6	14.7	2.0	34.5	12.3	1.3
1995	33.4	13.6	1.9	32.6	14.1	2.1	34.4	13.1	1.7

\* Includes those who were employed but not at work during the survey week.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, October Current Population Surveys.

**Table 50-6 Percentage of high school students aged 16–24 who were employed in October, by family income and hours worked per week: October 1970–95**

October	All students											
	Low			Middle			High					
	20 or more hours	35 or more hours	Total	20 or more hours	35 or more hours	Total	20 or more hours	35 or more hours	Total	20 or more hours	35 or more hours	Total
1970	31.5	11.6	2.8	21.7	7.3	2.8	31.0	12.4	3.1	35.7	11.3	2.0
1971	30.4	11.2	2.2	22.4	8.8	3.1	30.1	11.6	2.3	33.6	11.1	1.6
1972	32.5	13.6	2.9	19.3	9.0	3.1	31.4	13.9	3.1	39.1	14.4	2.4
1973	36.1	15.4	3.3	18.9	9.6	3.6	35.6	15.2	3.4	42.0	17.4	2.9
1974	35.2	15.1	3.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1975	32.9	13.0	2.7	18.5	7.4	2.4	31.3	13.2	3.2	40.4	14.4	1.9
1976	33.4	14.3	2.6	20.8	11.1	3.7	31.7	13.4	2.7	40.1	16.8	2.0
1977	35.8	15.7	3.2	17.1	9.8	4.3	33.5	14.6	2.9	45.2	19.5	3.5
1978	38.2	16.2	2.9	19.6	9.4	3.3	37.5	16.4	3.0	44.8	17.7	2.6
1979	38.0	16.2	2.7	21.0	10.8	2.9	36.6	15.9	3.1	46.2	18.5	1.9
1980	35.1	13.3	2.3	19.3	8.2	1.8	34.3	13.7	2.8	42.0	14.5	1.5
1981	32.5	12.0	2.1	15.8	5.9	1.1	31.3	12.1	2.4	41.7	14.5	2.1
1982	29.5	9.7	1.6	14.6	4.7	1.8	28.2	10.3	1.6	38.6	10.7	1.5
1983	28.7	9.8	1.5	11.2	4.1	1.2	26.7	10.1	1.7	40.9	12.0	1.3
1984	31.0	11.5	1.3	15.9	7.3	1.2	30.0	11.3	1.2	40.3	13.9	1.5
1985	31.3	11.9	1.2	13.6	5.5	1.5	30.6	11.9	1.2	41.0	15.2	1.2
1986	34.1	13.7	1.9	18.2	10.3	1.9	33.6	13.1	2.0	42.7	16.6	1.7
1987	34.6	13.4	1.6	20.2	10.1	2.2	35.0	14.0	2.0	40.8	13.9	0.8
1988	35.1	14.2	1.6	20.3	9.9	2.4	35.3	14.7	1.9	41.8	15.2	0.8
1989	37.6	14.8	1.9	22.6	10.0	2.0	38.5	15.8	2.3	43.5	15.3	1.1
1990	32.1	11.9	2.0	21.7	9.5	2.6	32.6	12.6	2.1	36.8	11.6	1.5
1991	31.1	11.0	1.2	15.9	8.6	1.6	33.1	12.1	1.3	35.2	10.0	0.7
1992	29.6	10.7	1.2	13.8	5.0	0.9	30.5	11.6	1.3	36.2	11.9	1.1
1993	30.5	11.4	1.4	15.2	7.0	2.3	31.5	12.4	1.3	36.8	11.8	1.3
1994	35.1	13.5	1.7	24.0	11.0	1.6	34.7	13.9	1.8	42.0	14.1	1.5
1995	33.4	13.6	1.9	16.9	8.5	3.1	33.9	14.6	2.0	42.1	14.4	1.0

— Data regarding family income were not available in 1974.

Low income is the bottom 20 percent of all family incomes; high income is the top 20 percent of all family incomes;

and middle income is the 60 percent in-between.

Includes those who were employed but not at work during the survey week.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, October Current Population Surveys.

**Table 50-7 Percentage of high school students aged 16–24 who were employed in October, by parents' highest education level and hours worked per week: 1995**

Parents' highest education level	Total	20 or more hours	35 or more hours
Total	33.4	13.6	1.9
Less than high school graduate	19.6	9.3	3.0
High school graduate	31.8	16.0	2.3
Some college	38.1	14.9	1.3
Bachelor's degree or higher	37.1	10.3	0.5
Not available	38.8	30.0	13.8

Parents' highest education level is defined as 1) either the highest educational attainment of the two parents who reside with the student, or if only one parent is in the residence, the highest educational attainment of that parent; or 2) when neither parent resides with the student (7 percent of those enrolled in high school in 1995), the highest educational attainment of the head of the household and his or her spouse.

Includes those who were employed but not at work during the survey week.

Parents' highest education level is not available 1) for those who do not live with their parents and who are classified as the head of the household; and 2) for those whose parents' educational attainment was not reported. In 1995, 29 percent of all respondents aged 16–24 were in this category.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, October Current Population Surveys.

**Table S50 Standard errors for the text table in Indicator 50**

October	All students			White			Black			Hispanic		
	total	20 or	35 or	total	20 or	35 or	total	20 or	35 or	total	20 or	35 or
		more	more		more	more		more	more		more	
1970	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.7	0.4	3.0	2.0	1.0	—	—	—
1972	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.7	0.4	2.7	2.2	1.6	5.2	4.3	1.7
1974	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.4	2.8	2.2	1.4	4.2	3.3	2.2
1976	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.7	0.4	2.3	1.8	1.2	4.0	2.9	1.4
1978	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.4	2.4	1.9	1.2	4.9	4.3	2.5
1980	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.8	0.4	2.5	1.9	1.3	4.2	3.8	1.8
1982	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.8	0.4	2.7	2.0	1.2	4.3	3.2	1.1
1984	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.4	2.6	2.1	1.1	4.0	3.3	1.7
1986	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.9	0.4	2.5	2.0	1.1	4.2	3.6	1.2
1988	1.0	0.9	0.4	1.1	1.0	0.5	3.0	2.5	1.2	4.9	4.5	2.5
1990	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.9	0.5	2.7	2.3	1.0	4.5	4.0	2.2
1991	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.9	0.5	2.8	2.4	1.1	4.1	3.8	1.7
1992	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.9	0.5	2.7	2.3	1.2	3.9	3.6	1.7
1993	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.1	1.0	0.5	2.7	2.3	1.1	3.8	3.3	1.8
1994	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.1	1.0	0.5	2.6	2.3	1.3	4.1	3.7	1.8
1995	0.9	0.8	0.5	1.1	1.0	0.5	2.7	2.4	1.1	3.5	3.1	2.0

— Not available.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, October Current Population Surveys.

**Table S50-1 Standard errors for table 50-1**

October	All students			White			Black			Hispanic		
	20 or more		35 or more	20 or more		35 or more	20 or more		35 or more	20 or more		35 or more
	Total	hours	hours	Total	hours	hours	Total	hours	hours	Total	hours	hours
<b>Full-time college students</b>												
1970	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.7	0.4	3.0	2.0	1.0	—	—	—
1971	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.4	2.5	1.6	1.0	—	—	—
1972	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.7	0.4	2.7	2.2	1.6	5.2	4.3	1.7
1973	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.4	3.0	2.4	1.6	4.7	3.4	1.8
1974	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.4	2.8	2.2	1.4	4.2	3.3	2.2
1975	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.4	2.5	2.0	1.3	4.1	3.2	1.8
1976	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.7	0.4	2.3	1.8	1.2	4.0	2.9	1.4
1977	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.4	2.4	1.8	1.3	4.3	3.7	1.8
1978	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.4	2.4	1.9	1.2	4.9	4.3	2.5
1979	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.4	2.5	2.0	1.3	4.1	3.4	1.9
1980	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.8	0.4	2.5	1.9	1.3	4.2	3.8	1.8
1981	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.4	2.4	1.8	1.1	3.9	3.3	1.9
1982	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.8	0.4	2.7	2.0	1.2	4.3	3.2	1.1
1983	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.4	2.7	2.2	0.9	4.1	3.5	2.0
1984	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.4	2.6	2.1	1.1	4.0	3.3	1.7
1985	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.0	0.9	0.4	2.7	2.3	1.3	4.4	3.8	1.6
1986	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.9	0.4	2.5	2.0	1.1	4.2	3.6	1.2
1987	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.0	0.9	0.4	2.7	2.2	1.2	4.3	4.0	2.3
1988	1.0	0.9	0.4	1.1	1.0	0.5	3.0	2.5	1.2	4.9	4.5	2.5
1989	1.0	0.9	0.5	1.1	1.0	0.5	2.8	2.4	1.3	4.9	4.7	2.4
1990	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.9	0.5	2.7	2.3	1.0	4.5	4.0	2.2
1991	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.9	0.5	2.8	2.4	1.1	4.1	3.8	1.7
1992	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.9	0.5	2.7	2.3	1.2	3.9	3.6	1.7
1993	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.1	1.0	0.5	2.7	2.3	1.1	3.8	3.3	1.8
1994	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.1	1.0	0.5	2.6	2.3	1.3	4.1	3.7	1.8
1995	0.9	0.8	0.5	1.1	1.0	0.5	2.7	2.4	1.1	3.5	3.1	2.0

**Table S50-1 Standard errors for table 50-1 - Continued**

October	All students			White			Black			Hispanic		
	20 or more		35 or more	20 or more		35 or more	20 or more		35 or more	20 or more		35 or more
	Total	hours	hours	Total	hours	hours	Total	hours	hours	Total	hours	hours
<b>Part-time college students</b>												
1970	1.9	2.1	2.4	1.9	2.2	2.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
1971	1.7	2.0	2.3	1.8	2.1	2.4	6.6	7.2	7.9	—	—	—
1972	1.7	2.0	2.3	1.8	2.1	2.5	6.2	6.5	6.9	—	—	—
1973	1.6	2.0	2.3	1.7	2.1	2.5	7.6	7.8	8.2	—	—	—
1974	1.5	1.8	2.1	1.6	1.9	2.3	6.7	6.9	7.3	—	—	—
1975	1.6	1.8	2.1	1.7	2.0	2.2	6.0	6.8	6.9	—	—	—
1976	1.5	1.7	2.0	1.5	1.8	2.2	6.6	7.0	7.3	—	—	—
1977	1.5	1.7	2.0	1.5	1.8	2.2	6.1	6.3	6.4	—	—	—
1978	1.4	1.7	2.0	1.4	1.8	2.2	7.3	7.7	7.0	5.8	6.4	7.3
1979	1.4	1.7	2.0	1.4	1.7	2.2	6.5	6.9	7.3	—	—	—
1980	1.4	1.7	2.0	1.5	1.9	2.2	6.4	7.1	6.9	6.3	6.7	7.4
1981	1.4	1.7	2.0	1.5	1.8	2.2	5.8	6.5	6.6	—	—	—
1982	1.6	1.9	2.0	1.7	2.1	2.3	6.4	6.5	6.2	5.6	6.5	7.0
1983	1.6	1.8	2.1	1.6	1.9	2.4	7.0	7.0	5.9	6.3	6.7	7.1
1984	1.5	1.8	2.1	1.6	2.0	2.4	5.7	5.9	6.0	5.0	6.1	8.1
1985	1.5	1.7	2.1	1.6	1.9	2.4	6.0	6.3	6.6	6.2	7.9	7.8
1986	1.4	1.8	2.1	1.5	1.9	2.4	5.8	6.1	6.9	5.5	6.7	6.9
1987	1.4	1.6	2.0	1.5	1.8	2.3	5.5	5.8	5.9	4.6	5.7	6.8
1988	1.4	1.7	2.2	1.5	1.8	2.5	6.8	7.6	8.2	6.3	7.6	8.5
1989	1.6	1.8	2.3	1.6	2.0	2.6	6.7	7.1	7.5	6.0	6.8	8.4
1990	1.6	1.8	2.2	1.7	2.0	2.5	5.0	5.0	5.9	5.7	6.1	7.4
1991	1.5	1.9	2.2	1.6	2.1	2.5	7.2	7.3	7.4	5.6	6.4	6.8
1992	1.6	1.8	2.1	1.7	2.1	2.5	5.4	6.1	6.5	5.5	5.8	6.0
1993	1.5	1.8	2.1	1.5	2.0	2.4	6.7	7.0	6.8	5.5	6.2	6.0
1994	1.4	1.7	2.0	1.5	2.0	2.4	5.0	5.4	5.8	4.6	5.2	5.2
1995	1.5	1.8	2.0	1.7	2.2	2.5	5.5	5.8	5.7	4.9	5.1	5.6

— Not available.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, October Current Population Surveys.



**Table S50-2 Standard errors for table 50-2**

October	All students			White			Black			Hispanic		
	Total	20 or	35 or	Total	20 or	35 or	Total	20 or	35 or	Total	20 or	35 or
		hours	more		hours	hours		more	hours		more	hours
1970	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.9	0.6	0.3	2.0	1.1	0.7	—	—	—
1971	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.6	0.3	1.8	1.2	0.7	—	—	—
1972	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.6	1.1	0.7	4.7	3.1	1.7
1973	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.7	1.2	0.6	5.1	3.5	2.2
1974	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.8	1.4	0.7	4.6	3.4	1.8
1975	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.6	1.0	0.5	4.2	3.1	1.8
1976	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.6	1.1	0.7	4.2	3.2	1.7
1977	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.6	1.1	0.6	4.5	3.7	2.2
1978	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.8	1.2	0.6	4.9	4.0	1.9
1979	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.7	1.1	0.5	4.5	3.4	2.0
1980	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.7	1.1	0.7	4.4	3.2	2.2
1981	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.5	1.0	0.5	4.0	3.0	1.4
1982	0.8	0.5	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.3	1.5	0.8	0.1	3.7	2.5	1.3
1983	0.8	0.5	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.3	1.3	0.8	0.2	4.1	3.2	1.8
1984	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.2	1.8	1.2	0.4	4.5	3.2	2.0
1985	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.3	1.8	1.2	0.3	3.7	2.6	0.7
1986	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.8	0.3	1.8	1.3	0.5	4.2	3.5	1.2
1987	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.8	0.3	2.0	1.4	0.6	4.0	2.9	1.5
1988	0.9	0.7	0.2	1.1	0.8	0.3	2.2	1.5	0.6	4.7	3.4	1.8
1989	1.0	0.7	0.3	1.2	0.9	0.3	2.3	1.5	0.6	4.6	3.8	2.3
1990	0.9	0.6	0.3	1.2	0.8	0.3	2.1	1.2	0.6	4.2	3.3	2.0
1991	0.9	0.6	0.2	1.2	0.8	0.3	1.9	1.2	0.2	3.9	2.9	1.2
1992	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.1	0.7	0.2	1.6	1.0	0.3	2.2	2.8	0.8
1993	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.1	0.7	0.3	1.5	1.1	0.4	2.2	2.8	0.6
1994	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.1	0.8	0.3	1.7	1.3	0.5	2.1	2.6	0.9
1995	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.1	0.8	0.3	1.7	1.2	0.4	2.2	2.5	0.9

— Not available.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, October Current Population Surveys.

**Table S50-3 Standard errors for table 50-3**

October	All students			Low			Middle			High		
	Total	20 or	35 or	Total	20 or	35 or	Total	20 or	35 or	Total	20 or	35 or
		more	more		more	more		more	more		more	
<b>Full-time college students</b>												
1970	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.3
1971	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.3
1972	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.3
1973	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.3
1974	0.9	0.7	0.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1975	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.3
1976	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.3
1977	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.3
1978	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.3
1979	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.3
1980	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.3
1981	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.3
1982	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.3
1983	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.3
1984	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.3
1985	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.3
1986	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.3
1987	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.3	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.3
1988	1.0	0.9	0.4	1.0	0.9	0.4	1.0	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.4
1989	1.0	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.9	0.4	1.0	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.4
1990	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.3
1991	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.4
1992	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.4
1993	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.3
1994	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.4
1995	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.4

**Table S50-3 Standard errors for table 50-3 - Continued**

October	All students			Low			Middle			High		
	Total	20 or	35 or	Total	20 or	35 or	Total	20 or	35 or	Total	20 or	35 or
		more	more		more	more		more	more		more	
<b>Part-time college students</b>												
1970	1.9	2.1	2.4	—	—	—	2.4	2.6	2.9	3.3	4.1	4.7
1971	1.7	2.0	2.3	—	—	—	2.2	2.5	2.9	3.0	3.7	4.2
1972	1.7	2.0	2.3	6.4	6.9	6.9	2.2	2.4	2.9	3.0	3.7	4.4
1973	1.6	2.0	2.3	6.1	7.6	7.8	2.0	2.4	2.9	3.2	3.8	4.4
1974	1.5	1.8	2.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1975	1.6	1.8	2.1	5.8	6.2	5.6	2.0	2.2	2.6	3.0	3.5	3.9
1976	1.5	1.7	2.0	4.3	5.0	6.0	1.8	2.2	2.6	2.8	3.2	3.7
1977	1.5	1.7	2.0	6.0	6.3	6.2	1.8	2.2	2.5	2.6	3.0	3.7
1978	1.4	1.7	2.0	5.4	5.9	6.1	1.7	2.2	2.6	2.5	3.2	3.8
1979	1.4	1.7	2.0	5.1	5.8	6.0	1.7	2.1	2.6	2.4	2.9	3.8
1980	1.4	1.7	2.0	6.4	6.9	6.5	1.8	2.1	2.6	2.4	3.1	3.6
1981	1.4	1.7	2.0	6.1	6.4	6.4	1.8	2.1	2.5	1.9	3.0	3.7
1982	1.6	1.9	2.0	6.9	7.1	6.9	2.0	2.4	2.6	2.6	3.3	3.6
1983	1.6	1.8	2.1	6.1	6.3	6.0	2.3	2.5	2.9	2.2	2.8	3.5
1984	1.5	1.8	2.1	5.8	6.2	6.3	2.0	2.2	2.8	2.3	3.1	3.8
1985	1.5	1.7	2.1	5.7	6.2	6.1	1.8	2.1	2.7	2.6	3.1	3.9
1986	1.4	1.8	2.1	5.7	6.2	6.0	1.7	2.2	2.7	2.3	2.8	3.9
1987	1.4	1.6	2.0	4.8	5.3	5.5	1.8	2.1	2.6	2.3	2.8	3.5
1988	1.4	1.7	2.2	6.3	6.7	6.7	2.0	2.3	2.9	1.8	2.5	3.9
1989	1.6	1.8	2.3	6.4	6.8	6.1	2.0	2.4	3.1	2.2	2.7	4.0
1990	1.5	1.9	2.2	3.2	3.8	4.0	1.5	1.6	1.9	1.9	2.2	3.1
1991	1.5	1.9	2.2	5.6	6.1	6.4	1.9	2.3	2.8	2.8	3.6	4.5
1992	1.6	1.8	2.1	4.8	5.3	5.5	2.0	2.4	2.8	2.9	3.4	4.0
1993	1.5	1.8	2.1	5.4	5.7	5.6	1.9	2.3	2.6	2.4	3.2	4.3
1994	1.4	1.7	2.0	4.2	5.1	5.6	1.7	2.2	2.5	2.6	3.2	3.8
1995	1.5	1.8	2.0	5.1	5.2	4.8	1.9	2.2	2.7	2.5	3.6	4.0

— Not available.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, October Current Population Surveys.

**Table S50-4 Standard errors for table 50-4**

October	All students			Male			Female		
	Total	20 or more hours	35 or more hours	Total	20 or more hours	35 or more hours	Total	20 or more hours	35 or more hours
	<b>Full-time college students</b>								
1970	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.2	1.0	0.5	1.3	0.8	0.4
1971	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.2	1.0	0.6	1.2	0.8	0.3
1972	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.2	1.0	0.6	1.2	0.8	0.3
1973	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.2	1.0	0.6	1.2	0.8	0.4
1974	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.2	1.0	0.6	1.2	0.9	0.4
1975	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.2	0.9	0.6	1.2	0.9	0.4
1976	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.2	1.0	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.4
1977	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.2	1.0	0.6	1.2	0.9	0.4
1978	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.2	1.0	0.6	1.2	0.9	0.4
1979	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.2	1.0	0.5	1.2	0.9	0.4
1980	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.2	1.0	0.5	1.2	0.9	0.4
1981	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.2	1.0	0.5	1.1	0.9	0.4
1982	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.3	1.0	0.5	1.2	0.9	0.4
1983	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.3	1.1	0.5	1.2	0.9	0.4
1984	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.3	1.0	0.6	1.2	1.0	0.4
1985	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.3	1.1	0.6	1.2	1.0	0.5
1986	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.3	1.1	0.5	1.2	1.0	0.5
1987	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.3	1.1	0.6	1.2	1.0	0.5
1988	1.0	0.9	0.4	1.4	1.2	0.6	1.3	1.1	0.5
1989	1.0	0.9	0.5	1.4	1.2	0.7	1.3	1.1	0.6
1990	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.3	1.1	0.6	1.2	1.1	0.5
1991	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.3	1.2	0.7	1.2	1.0	0.5
1992	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.3	1.2	0.7	1.2	1.0	0.5
1993	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.3	1.2	0.6	1.2	1.1	0.5
1994	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.3	1.2	0.7	1.2	1.0	0.5
1995	0.9	0.8	0.5	1.3	1.2	0.7	1.2	1.0	0.5

**Table S50-4 Standard errors for table 50-4 - Continued**

October	All students			Male			Female		
	Total	20 or more hours	35 or more hours	Total	20 or more hours	35 or more hours	Total	20 or more hours	35 or more hours
<b>Part-time college students</b>									
1970	1.9	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.7	3.3	2.6	2.8	3.1
1971	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.1	2.5	3.1	2.6	2.9	3.1
1972	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.0	2.5	3.1	2.6	2.8	3.0
1973	1.6	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.7	3.2	2.2	2.7	3.0
1974	1.5	1.8	2.1	1.9	2.3	2.9	2.2	2.4	2.7
1975	1.6	1.8	2.1	2.2	2.6	2.9	2.2	2.4	2.7
1976	1.5	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.9	1.8	2.2	2.5
1977	1.5	1.7	2.0	1.9	2.3	2.8	2.0	2.3	2.6
1978	1.4	1.7	2.0	1.9	2.3	2.9	1.9	2.3	2.6
1979	1.4	1.7	2.0	1.8	2.3	2.9	1.9	2.2	2.5
1980	1.4	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.5	3.0	1.8	2.2	2.5
1981	1.4	1.7	2.0	1.8	2.4	2.8	1.8	2.2	2.5
1982	1.6	1.9	2.0	2.4	2.8	3.0	1.9	2.3	2.5
1983	1.6	1.8	2.1	2.2	2.5	3.0	2.2	2.5	2.7
1984	1.5	1.8	2.1	1.9	2.4	3.1	2.1	2.3	2.6
1985	1.5	1.7	2.1	2.2	2.6	3.2	1.8	2.2	2.6
1986	1.4	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.4	3.1	1.8	2.3	2.6
1987	1.4	1.6	2.0	1.9	2.4	2.9	1.8	2.1	2.4
1988	1.4	1.7	2.2	2.2	2.5	3.3	1.7	2.2	2.8
1989	1.6	1.8	2.3	2.3	2.7	3.5	1.9	2.3	2.8
1990	1.6	1.8	2.2	2.2	2.4	3.1	2.1	2.3	2.7
1991	1.5	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.6	3.2	2.0	2.4	2.8
1992	1.6	1.8	2.1	2.4	2.8	3.3	1.9	2.2	2.6
1993	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.5	3.1	2.0	2.4	2.6
1994	1.4	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.6	3.0	1.6	2.1	2.4
1995	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.6	3.1	2.0	2.3	2.4

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, October Current Population Surveys.

**Table S50-5 Standard errors for table 50-5**

October	All students			Male			Female		
	Total	20 or more hours	35 or more hours	Total	20 or more hours	35 or more hours	Total	20 or more hours	35 or more hours
1970	0.8	0.5	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5	1.1	0.6	0.3
1971	0.8	0.5	0.2	1.1	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.6	0.3
1972	0.8	0.6	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5	1.1	0.7	0.3
1973	0.8	0.6	0.3	1.1	0.9	0.5	1.1	0.7	0.3
1974	0.8	0.6	0.3	1.1	0.9	0.5	1.1	0.7	0.3
1975	0.8	0.5	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.7	0.3
1976	0.8	0.6	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.7	0.3
1977	0.8	0.6	0.3	1.1	0.9	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.3
1978	0.8	0.6	0.3	1.1	0.9	0.4	1.1	0.8	0.3
1979	0.8	0.6	0.3	1.1	0.9	0.4	1.1	0.8	0.3
1980	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.1	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.8	0.3
1981	0.8	0.5	0.2	1.1	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.7	0.3
1982	0.8	0.5	0.2	1.1	0.8	0.4	1.2	0.7	0.2
1983	0.8	0.5	0.2	1.1	0.7	0.3	1.2	0.8	0.3
1984	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.1	0.8	0.3	1.2	0.8	0.2
1985	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.2	0.8	0.3	1.2	0.8	0.2
1986	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.1	0.8	0.4	1.2	0.9	0.3
1987	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.1	0.9	0.4	1.2	0.8	0.3
1988	0.9	0.7	0.2	1.3	1.0	0.4	1.4	0.9	0.3
1989	1.0	0.7	0.3	1.3	1.0	0.4	1.4	1.0	0.3
1990	0.9	0.6	0.3	1.3	0.9	0.4	1.3	0.9	0.4
1991	0.9	0.6	0.2	1.2	0.9	0.3	1.3	0.9	0.3
1992	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.2	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.7	0.2
1993	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.3
1994	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.2	0.9	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.3
1995	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.3

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, October Current Population Surveys.

**Table S50-6 Standard errors for table 50-6**

October	All students			Low			Middle			High		
	Total	20 or	35 or	Total	20 or	35 or	Total	20 or	35 or	Total	20 or	35 or
		hours	more		more	hours		more	more		hours	more
1970	0.8	0.5	0.3	2.2	1.4	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.4	1.4	0.9	0.4
1971	0.8	0.5	0.2	2.2	1.5	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.4	0.9	0.4
1972	0.8	0.6	0.3	2.0	1.5	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.4	1.0	0.5
1973	0.8	0.6	0.3	2.1	1.5	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.4	1.4	1.1	0.5
1974	0.8	0.6	0.3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1975	0.8	0.5	0.3	1.9	1.3	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.4	1.0	0.4
1976	0.8	0.6	0.3	2.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.3	1.3	1.0	0.4
1977	0.8	0.6	0.3	1.9	1.5	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.3	1.4	1.1	0.5
1978	0.8	0.6	0.3	2.0	1.5	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.4	1.4	1.0	0.4
1979	0.8	0.6	0.3	2.0	1.5	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.4	1.4	1.1	0.4
1980	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.9	1.3	0.6	1.0	0.7	0.3	1.4	1.0	0.3
1981	0.8	0.5	0.2	1.7	1.1	0.5	1.0	0.7	0.3	1.4	1.0	0.4
1982	0.8	0.5	0.2	1.7	1.0	0.6	1.0	0.7	0.3	1.5	1.0	0.4
1983	0.8	0.5	0.2	1.5	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.7	0.3	1.6	1.0	0.4
1984	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.7	1.2	0.5	1.1	0.7	0.2	1.6	1.1	0.4
1985	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.6	1.1	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.3	1.6	1.2	0.3
1986	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.8	1.4	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.3	1.6	1.2	0.4
1987	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.8	1.4	0.7	1.1	0.8	0.3	1.5	1.1	0.3
1988	0.9	0.7	0.2	2.1	1.5	0.8	1.2	0.9	0.3	1.8	1.3	0.3
1989	1.0	0.7	0.3	2.1	1.5	0.7	1.3	0.9	0.4	1.8	1.3	0.4
1990	0.9	0.6	0.3	1.4	1.0	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.2	0.8	0.3
1991	0.9	0.6	0.2	1.7	1.3	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.3	1.7	1.1	0.3
1992	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.7	1.0	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.3	1.7	1.1	0.4
1993	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.7	1.2	0.7	1.1	0.8	0.3	1.7	1.1	0.4
1994	0.8	0.6	0.2	2.0	1.5	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.3	1.7	1.2	0.4
1995	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.7	1.2	0.8	1.1	0.8	0.3	1.7	1.2	0.3

— Not available.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, October Current Population Surveys.

**Table S50-7 Standard errors for table 50-7**

Parents' highest education level	Total	20 or more hours	35 or more hours
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Less than high school graduate	1.9	1.4	0.8
High school graduate	1.5	1.2	0.5
Some college	1.6	1.1	0.4
Bachelor's degree or higher	1.7	1.1	0.3
not available	6.1	5.7	4.3

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, October Current Population Surveys.