

**Table 3.—Enrollment in educational institutions, by level and by control of institution:  
1869–70 to fall 2008**

[In thousands]

Year	Total enrollment, all levels	Elementary and secondary, total	Public elementary and secondary schools			Private elementary and secondary schools <sup>1</sup>			Higher education <sup>2</sup>		
			Total	Pre-kindergarten through grade 8	Grades 9 through 12	Total	Kindergarten through grade 8	Grades 9 through 12	Total	Public	Private
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1869–70 .....	—	—	6,872	6,792	80	—	—	—	52	—	—
1879–80 .....	—	—	9,868	9,757	110	—	—	—	116	—	—
1889–90 .....	14,491	14,334	12,723	12,520	203	1,611	1,516	95	157	—	—
1899–1900 .....	17,092	16,855	15,503	14,984	519	1,352	1,241	111	238	—	—
1909–10 .....	19,728	19,372	17,814	16,899	915	1,558	1,441	117	355	—	—
1919–20 .....	23,876	23,278	21,578	19,378	2,200	1,699	1,486	214	598	—	—
1929–30 .....	29,430	28,329	25,678	21,279	4,399	2,651	2,310	341	1,101	—	—
1939–40 .....	29,539	28,045	25,434	18,832	6,601	2,611	2,153	458	1,494	797	698
1949–50 .....	31,151	28,492	25,111	19,387	5,725	3,380	2,708	672	2,659	1,355	1,304
Fall 1959 .....	44,497	40,857	35,182	26,911	8,271	5,675	4,640	1,035	3,640	2,181	1,459
Fall 1964 .....	52,996	47,716	41,416	30,025	11,391	<sup>3</sup> 6,300	<sup>3</sup> 5,000	1,300	5,280	3,468	1,812
Fall 1965 .....	54,394	48,473	42,173	30,563	11,610	6,300	4,900	1,400	5,921	3,970	1,951
Fall 1966 .....	55,629	49,239	43,039	31,145	11,894	<sup>3</sup> 6,200	<sup>3</sup> 4,800	<sup>3</sup> 1,400	6,390	4,349	2,041
Fall 1967 .....	56,803	49,891	43,891	31,641	12,250	<sup>3</sup> 6,000	<sup>3</sup> 4,600	<sup>3</sup> 1,400	6,912	4,816	2,096
Fall 1968 .....	58,257	50,744	44,944	32,226	12,718	5,800	4,400	1,400	7,513	5,431	2,082
Fall 1969 .....	59,055	51,050	45,550	32,513	13,037	<sup>3</sup> 5,500	<sup>3</sup> 4,200	<sup>3</sup> 1,300	8,005	5,897	2,108
Fall 1970 .....	59,838	51,257	45,894	32,558	13,336	5,363	4,052	1,311	8,581	6,428	2,153
Fall 1971 .....	60,220	51,271	46,071	32,318	13,753	<sup>3</sup> 5,200	<sup>3</sup> 3,900	<sup>3</sup> 1,300	8,949	6,804	2,144
Fall 1972 .....	59,941	50,726	45,726	31,879	13,848	<sup>3</sup> 5,000	<sup>3</sup> 3,700	<sup>3</sup> 1,300	9,215	7,071	2,144
Fall 1973 .....	60,047	50,445	45,445	31,401	14,044	<sup>3</sup> 5,000	<sup>3</sup> 3,700	<sup>3</sup> 1,300	9,602	7,420	2,183
Fall 1974 .....	60,297	50,073	45,073	30,971	14,103	<sup>3</sup> 5,000	<sup>3</sup> 3,700	<sup>3</sup> 1,300	10,224	7,989	2,235
Fall 1975 .....	61,004	49,819	44,819	30,515	14,304	<sup>3</sup> 5,000	<sup>3</sup> 3,700	<sup>3</sup> 1,300	11,185	8,835	2,350
Fall 1976 .....	60,490	49,478	44,311	29,997	14,314	5,167	3,825	1,342	11,012	8,653	2,359
Fall 1977 .....	60,003	48,717	43,577	29,375	14,203	5,140	3,797	1,343	11,286	8,847	2,439
Fall 1978 .....	58,897	47,637	42,551	28,463	14,088	5,086	3,732	1,353	11,260	8,786	2,474
Fall 1979 .....	58,221	46,651	41,651	28,034	13,616	<sup>3</sup> 5,000	<sup>3</sup> 3,700	<sup>3</sup> 1,300	11,570	9,037	2,533
Fall 1980 .....	58,305	46,208	40,877	27,647	13,231	5,331	3,992	1,339	12,097	9,457	2,640
Fall 1981 .....	57,916	45,544	40,044	27,280	12,764	<sup>3</sup> 5,500	<sup>3</sup> 4,100	<sup>3</sup> 1,400	12,372	9,647	2,725
Fall 1982 .....	57,591	45,166	39,566	27,161	12,405	<sup>3</sup> 5,600	<sup>3</sup> 4,200	<sup>3</sup> 1,400	12,426	9,696	2,730
Fall 1983 .....	57,432	44,967	39,252	26,981	12,271	5,715	4,315	1,400	12,465	9,683	2,782
Fall 1984 .....	57,150	44,908	39,208	26,905	12,304	<sup>3</sup> 5,700	<sup>3</sup> 4,300	<sup>3</sup> 1,400	12,242	9,477	2,765
Fall 1985 .....	57,226	44,979	39,422	27,034	12,388	5,557	4,195	1,362	12,247	9,479	2,768
Fall 1986 .....	57,709	45,205	39,753	27,420	12,333	<sup>3</sup> 5,452	<sup>3</sup> 4,116	<sup>3</sup> 1,336	12,504	9,714	2,790
Fall 1987 .....	58,254	45,488	40,008	27,933	12,076	5,479	4,232	1,247	12,767	9,973	2,793
Fall 1988 .....	58,485	45,430	40,189	28,501	11,687	<sup>3</sup> 5,241	<sup>3</sup> 4,036	<sup>3</sup> 1,206	13,055	10,161	2,894
Fall 1989 .....	59,436	45,898	40,543	29,152	11,390	<sup>3</sup> 5,355	<sup>3</sup> 4,162	<sup>3</sup> 1,193	13,539	10,578	2,961
Fall 1990 .....	60,267	46,448	41,217	29,878	11,338	5,232	4,095	1,137	13,819	10,845	2,974
Fall 1991 .....	61,605	47,246	42,047	30,506	11,541	<sup>3</sup> 5,199	<sup>3</sup> 4,074	<sup>3</sup> 1,125	14,359	11,310	3,049
Fall 1992 .....	62,686	48,198	42,823	31,088	11,735	<sup>3</sup> 5,375	<sup>3</sup> 4,212	<sup>3</sup> 1,163	14,487	11,385	3,103
Fall 1993 .....	63,241	48,936	43,465	31,504	11,961	<sup>3</sup> 5,471	<sup>3</sup> 4,280	<sup>3</sup> 1,191	14,305	11,189	3,116
Fall 1994 .....	63,986	49,707	44,111	31,898	12,213	<sup>3</sup> 5,596	<sup>3</sup> 4,360	<sup>3</sup> 1,236	14,279	11,134	3,145
Fall 1995 .....	64,803	50,540	44,840	32,341	12,500	<sup>3</sup> 5,700	<sup>3</sup> 4,431	<sup>3</sup> 1,269	14,262	11,092	3,169
Fall 1996 <sup>4</sup> .....	65,674	51,375	45,592	32,759	12,834	<sup>3</sup> 5,783	<sup>3</sup> 4,486	<sup>3</sup> 1,297	14,300	11,090	3,210
Fall 1997 <sup>5</sup> .....	66,170	51,821	45,953	32,951	13,003	5,867	4,545	1,322	14,350	11,208	3,143
Fall 1998 <sup>5</sup> .....	67,309	52,718	46,792	33,522	13,270	5,927	4,588	1,339	14,590	11,395	3,194
Fall 1999 <sup>5</sup> .....	67,871	53,112	47,143	33,722	13,420	5,970	4,616	1,354	14,758	11,525	3,233
Fall 2000 <sup>5</sup> .....	68,334	53,445	47,439	33,903	13,537	6,006	4,640	1,366	14,889	11,626	3,263
Fall 2001 <sup>5</sup> .....	68,728	53,736	47,698	34,055	13,643	6,038	4,661	1,376	14,992	11,705	3,287
Fall 2002 <sup>5</sup> .....	69,040	53,987	47,924	34,124	13,800	6,063	4,671	1,392	15,053	11,751	3,303
Fall 2003 <sup>5</sup> .....	69,338	54,153	48,075	34,124	13,951	6,078	4,671	1,407	15,185	11,849	3,335
Fall 2004 <sup>5</sup> .....	69,657	54,308	48,221	33,958	14,263	6,087	4,648	1,439	15,349	11,975	3,374
Fall 2005 <sup>5</sup> .....	69,942	54,426	48,335	33,756	14,579	6,091	4,620	1,471	15,516	12,101	3,415
Fall 2006 <sup>5</sup> .....	70,160	54,457	48,368	33,584	14,785	6,088	4,597	1,491	15,703	12,242	3,461
Fall 2007 <sup>5</sup> .....	70,305	54,425	48,342	33,489	14,854	6,082	4,584	1,498	15,880	12,378	3,502
Fall 2008 <sup>5</sup> .....	70,351	54,268	48,201	33,455	14,746	6,067	4,579	1,488	16,083	12,534	3,549

<sup>1</sup> Beginning in fall 1980, data include estimates for an expanded universe of private schools. Therefore, these totals may differ from figures shown in other tables, and direct comparisons with earlier years should be avoided.

<sup>2</sup> Data for 1869–70 through 1949–50 include resident degree-credit students enrolled at any time during the academic year. Beginning in 1959, data include all resident and extension students enrolled at the beginning of the fall term.

<sup>3</sup> Estimated.

<sup>4</sup> Preliminary data.

<sup>5</sup> Projected.

—Data not available.

NOTE.—Elementary and secondary enrollment includes pupils in public school systems and in most private schools (religiously affiliated and nonsectarian), but generally excludes pupils in subcollegiate departments of colleges, residential schools for exceptional children, federal schools, and home-schooled children. Based on Department esti-

mates, the home-schooled children numbered approximately 800,000 to 1,000,000 in 1997–98. Public elementary enrollment includes most primary school pupils. Private elementary enrollment includes some preprimary students. Higher education includes colleges, universities, professional schools, and 2-year colleges. Higher education enrollment projections are based on the middle alternative projections published by the National Center for Education Statistics. Some data have been revised from previously published figures. Because of rounding, details may not add to totals.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Statistics of State School Systems; Statistics of Public Elementary and Secondary School Systems; Statistics of Nonpublic Elementary and Secondary Schools; Projections of Education Statistics to 2008; Common Core of Data; Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS), "Fall Enrollment in Institutions of Higher Education" surveys; and Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), "Fall Enrollment" surveys.* (This table was prepared July 1998.)