

Table 5.—Educational institutions, by level and control of institution: 1980–81 to 1997–98

Level and control of institution	1980–81	1986–87	1987–88	1988–89	1989–90	1990–91	1991–92	1992–93	1993–94	1994–95	1995–96	1996–97	1997–98
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
All institutions	117,707	121,433	122,111	—	—	119,242	—	—	121,855	—	124,773	—	126,542
Elementary and secondary schools	106,746	109,071	110,055	—	—	109,228	—	—	111,486	—	114,811	—	116,910
Elementary	72,659	74,104	74,511	—	—	74,716	—	—	75,591	—	77,909	—	79,362
Secondary	24,856	23,844	24,057	—	—	23,602	—	—	23,256	—	23,530	—	24,169
Combined	5,202	6,932	8,202	—	—	8,847	—	—	10,678	—	11,205	—	11,412
Other ¹	4,029	4,191	3,285	—	—	2,063	—	—	1,962	—	2,167	—	1,967
Public schools	85,982	83,455	83,248	83,165	83,425	84,538	84,578	84,497	85,393	86,221	87,125	88,223	89,508
Elementary	59,326	58,801	57,575	57,941	58,419	59,015	59,258	59,676	60,052	60,808	61,165	61,805	62,739
Secondary	22,619	21,406	21,662	21,403	21,181	21,135	20,767	20,671	20,705	20,904	20,997	21,307	21,682
Combined	1,743	1,983	2,179	2,235	2,280	2,325	2,481	2,549	2,674	2,764	2,796	2,980	3,120
Other ¹	2,294	1,265	1,832	1,586	1,545	2,063	2,072	1,601	1,962	1,745	2,167	2,131	1,967
Private schools	20,764	² 25,616	26,807	—	—	24,690	25,998	—	26,093	—	27,686	—	27,402
Elementary	13,333	² 15,303	16,936	—	—	15,701	15,716	—	15,539	—	16,744	—	16,623
Secondary	2,237	² 2,438	2,395	—	—	2,467	2,475	—	2,551	—	2,533	—	2,487
Combined	3,459	² 4,949	6,023	—	—	6,522	7,807	—	8,004	—	8,409	—	8,292
Other ¹	1,735	² 2,926	1,453	—	—	(³)	(³)	—	(³)	—	(³)	—	(³)
Postsecondary institutions	⁴ 10,961	12,362	12,056	11,389	10,606	10,014	9,983	10,601	10,369	10,246	9,962	9,837	9,632
Public	42,393	2,363	2,250	2,169	2,120	2,096	2,129	2,146	2,152	2,179	2,189	2,169	2,252
Private nonprofit	⁴ 2,359	3,432	3,254	3,092	2,942	2,808	2,810	2,926	2,890	2,916	2,877	2,855	2,808
Proprietary	⁴ 6,209	6,567	6,552	6,128	5,544	5,110	5,044	5,529	5,327	5,151	4,896	4,813	4,572
Noncollegiate institutions ⁵	⁴ 7,730	8,956	8,469	7,824	7,071	6,455	6,382	6,963	6,737	6,558	6,256	5,828	5,568
Public	⁴ 896	830	659	587	557	529	531	522	527	538	534	467	545
Private nonprofit	⁴ 790	1,797	1,581	1,434	1,286	1,159	1,148	1,254	1,203	1,214	1,171	1,162	1,101
Proprietary	⁴ 6,044	6,329	6,229	5,803	5,228	4,767	4,703	5,187	5,007	4,806	4,551	4,199	3,922
Institutions of higher education ⁵	3,231	3,406	3,587	3,565	3,535	3,559	3,601	3,638	3,632	3,688	3,706	4,009	4,064
2-year colleges	1,274	1,336	1,452	1,436	1,408	1,418	1,444	1,469	1,442	1,473	1,462	1,742	1,755
Public	945	960	992	984	968	972	999	1,024	1,021	1,036	1,047	1,088	1,092
Private nonprofit	182	173	186	180	177	167	176	179	181	192	187	184	179
Proprietary	147	203	274	272	263	279	269	266	240	245	228	470	484
4-year colleges	1,957	2,070	2,135	2,129	2,127	2,141	2,157	2,169	2,190	2,215	2,244	2,267	2,309
Public	552	573	599	598	595	595	599	600	604	605	608	614	615
Private nonprofit	1,387	1,462	1,487	1,478	1,479	1,482	1,486	1,493	1,506	1,510	1,519	1,509	1,528
Proprietary	18	35	49	53	53	64	72	76	80	100	117	144	166

¹Includes special education, alternative, and other schools not classified by grade span. Because of changes in survey definitions, figures for "other" schools are not comparable from year to year.

²Data are for 1985–86. Data were collected from a sample survey that differed significantly from earlier surveys. The sample survey was designed to correct an undercount of about 10 percent that was known to have occurred in earlier surveys.

³Included in other categories.

⁴Because of changes in survey procedures, figures are not directly comparable with data for later years.

⁵Includes those colleges designated as institutions of higher education by the Higher Education General Information Survey system, even if all their programs are less than 2 years. Includes branch campuses. Beginning in 1980, total includes some schools accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology.

Beginning in 1996–97, data for institutions of higher education are for degree-granting institutions. Degree-granting institutions include those institutions which award degrees at the associate level or higher and were eligible to participate in Title IV federal financial aid programs. Institutions not meeting these criteria were classified as noncollegiate institutions.

—Data not available.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data and Private School surveys; Higher Education General Information Survey, "Institutional Characteristics of Colleges and Universities;" and Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, "Institutional Characteristics" surveys. (This table was prepared September 1999.)