

**Table 6.—Percent of the population 3 to 34 years old enrolled in school,<sup>1</sup> by age:  
April 1940 to October 1998**

Year	Total, 3 to 34 years	3 and 4 years	5 and 6 years	7 to 13 years	14 to 17 years	18 and 19 years	20 to 24 years			25 to 29 years	30 to 34 years
							Total	20 and 21 years	22 to 24 years		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1940 <sup>2</sup> .....	—	—	—	95.0	79.3	28.9	6.6	—	—	—	—
1945 .....	—	—	—	—	98.1	78.4	20.7	3.9	—	—	—
1947 .....	—	—	73.8	98.5	79.3	24.3	10.2	—	—	3.0	—
1948 .....	—	—	74.7	98.1	81.8	26.9	9.7	—	—	2.6	—
1949 .....	—	—	76.2	98.6	81.6	25.3	9.2	—	—	3.8	—
1950 .....	—	—	74.4	98.7	83.7	29.4	9.0	—	—	3.0	0.9
1951 .....	—	—	73.6	99.1	85.2	26.2	8.6	—	—	2.5	—
1952 .....	—	—	75.2	98.8	85.2	28.8	9.7	—	—	2.6	1.2
1953 .....	—	—	78.6	99.4	85.9	31.2	11.1	—	—	2.9	1.7
1954 .....	—	—	77.3	99.4	87.1	32.4	11.2	—	—	4.1	1.5
1955 .....	—	—	78.1	99.2	86.9	31.5	11.1	—	—	4.2	1.6
1956 .....	—	—	77.6	99.3	88.2	35.4	12.8	—	—	5.1	1.9
1957 .....	—	—	78.6	99.5	89.5	34.9	14.0	—	—	—	—
1958 .....	—	—	80.4	99.5	89.2	37.6	13.4	—	—	—	—
1959 .....	—	—	80.0	99.4	90.2	36.8	12.7	—	—	—	—
1960 .....	—	—	80.7	99.5	90.3	38.4	13.1	—	—	4.9	2.4
1961 .....	—	—	81.7	99.3	91.4	38.0	13.7	—	—	—	—
1962 .....	—	—	82.2	99.3	92.0	41.8	15.6	—	—	—	—
1963 .....	—	—	82.7	99.3	92.9	40.9	17.3	—	—	—	—
1964 .....	—	—	83.3	99.0	93.1	41.6	16.8	—	—	5.2	2.6
1965 .....	55.5	10.6	84.9	99.4	93.2	46.3	19.0	27.6	13.2	6.1	3.2
1966 .....	56.1	12.5	85.8	99.3	93.7	47.2	19.9	29.9	13.2	6.5	2.7
1967 .....	56.6	14.2	87.4	99.3	93.7	47.6	22.0	33.3	13.6	6.6	4.0
1968 .....	56.7	15.7	87.6	99.1	94.2	50.4	21.4	31.2	13.8	7.0	3.9
1969 .....	57.0	16.1	88.4	99.2	94.0	50.2	23.0	34.1	15.4	7.9	4.8
1970 .....	56.4	20.5	89.5	99.2	94.1	47.7	21.5	31.9	14.9	7.5	4.2
1971 .....	56.2	21.2	91.6	99.1	94.5	49.2	21.9	32.2	15.4	8.0	4.9
1972 .....	54.9	24.4	91.9	99.2	93.3	46.3	21.6	31.4	14.8	8.6	4.6
1973 .....	53.5	24.2	92.5	99.2	92.9	42.9	20.8	30.1	14.5	8.5	4.5
1974 .....	53.6	28.8	94.2	99.3	92.9	43.1	21.4	30.2	15.1	9.6	5.7
1975 .....	53.7	31.5	94.7	99.3	93.6	46.9	22.4	31.2	16.2	10.1	6.6
1976 .....	53.1	31.3	95.5	99.2	93.7	46.2	23.3	32.0	17.1	10.0	6.0
1977 .....	52.5	32.0	95.8	99.4	93.6	46.2	22.9	31.8	16.5	10.8	6.9
1978 .....	51.2	34.2	95.3	99.1	93.7	45.4	21.8	29.5	16.3	9.4	6.4
1979 .....	50.3	35.1	95.8	99.2	93.6	45.0	21.7	30.2	15.8	9.6	6.4
1980 .....	49.7	36.7	95.7	99.3	93.4	46.4	22.3	31.0	16.3	9.3	6.4
1981 .....	48.9	36.0	94.0	99.2	94.1	49.0	22.5	31.6	16.5	9.0	6.9
1982 .....	48.6	36.4	95.0	99.2	94.4	47.8	23.5	34.0	16.8	9.6	6.3
1983 .....	48.4	37.5	95.4	99.2	95.0	50.4	22.7	32.5	16.6	9.6	6.4
1984 .....	47.9	36.3	94.5	99.2	94.7	50.1	23.7	33.9	17.3	9.1	6.3
1985 .....	48.3	38.9	96.1	99.2	94.9	51.6	24.0	35.3	16.9	9.2	6.1
1986 .....	48.2	38.9	95.3	99.2	94.9	54.6	23.6	33.0	17.9	8.8	6.0
1987 .....	48.6	38.3	95.1	99.5	95.0	55.6	25.5	38.7	17.5	9.0	5.8
1988 .....	48.7	38.2	96.0	99.7	95.1	55.6	26.1	39.1	18.2	8.3	5.9
1989 .....	49.1	39.1	95.2	99.3	95.7	56.0	27.0	38.5	19.9	9.3	5.7
1990 .....	50.2	44.4	96.5	99.6	95.8	57.2	28.6	39.7	21.0	9.7	5.8
1991 .....	50.7	40.5	95.4	99.6	96.0	59.6	30.2	42.0	22.2	10.2	6.2
1992 .....	51.4	39.7	95.5	99.4	96.7	61.4	31.6	44.0	23.7	9.8	6.1
1993 .....	51.8	40.4	95.4	99.5	96.5	61.6	30.8	42.7	23.6	10.2	5.9
1994 .....	53.3	<sup>3</sup> 47.3	96.7	99.4	96.6	60.2	32.0	44.9	24.0	10.8	6.7
1995 .....	53.7	<sup>3</sup> 48.7	96.0	98.9	96.3	59.4	31.5	44.9	23.2	11.6	5.9
1996 .....	54.1	<sup>3</sup> 48.3	94.0	97.7	95.4	61.5	32.5	44.4	24.8	11.9	6.1
1997 .....	55.6	<sup>3</sup> 52.6	96.5	99.1	96.6	61.5	34.3	45.9	26.4	11.8	5.7
1998 .....	55.8	<sup>3</sup> 52.1	95.6	98.9	96.2	62.2	33.0	44.8	24.9	11.9	6.6

<sup>1</sup> Includes enrollment in any type of graded public, parochial, or other private schools. Includes nursery schools, kindergartens, elementary schools, high schools, colleges, universities, and professional schools. Attendance may be on either a full-time or part-time basis and during the day or night. Enrollments in "special" schools, such as trade schools, business colleges, or correspondence schools, are not included.

<sup>2</sup> Data are as of April 1940. Data for all other years are as of October.

<sup>3</sup> Preprimary enrollment collected using new procedures. May not be comparable to figures for earlier years.

—Data not available.

NOTE.—Data are based upon sample surveys of the civilian noninstitutional population.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1970; Current Population Reports, Series P-20*, various years; and Current Population Survey, unpublished data. (This table was prepared August 1999.)