

**Table 3.—Enrollment in educational institutions, by level and by control of institution:
1869–70 to fall 2009**

[In thousands]

Year	Total enrollment, all levels	Elementary and secondary, total	Public elementary and secondary schools			Private elementary and secondary schools ¹			Higher education ²		
			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	³ 6,300	³ 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	³ 6,200	³ 4,800	³ 1,400	6,390	4,349	2,041
Fall 1967	56,803	49,891	43,891	31,641	12,250	³ 6,000	³ 4,600	³ 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	³ 5,500	³ 4,200	³ 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	³ 5,200	³ 3,900	³ 1,300	8,949	6,804	2,144
Fall 1972	59,941	50,726	45,726	31,879	13,848	³ 5,000	³ 3,700	³ 1,300	9,215	7,071	2,144
Fall 1973	60,047	50,445	45,445	31,401	14,044	³ 5,000	³ 3,700	³ 1,300	9,602	7,420	2,183
Fall 1974	60,297	50,073	45,073	30,971	14,103	³ 5,000	³ 3,700	³ 1,300	10,224	7,989	2,235
Fall 1975	61,004	49,819	44,819	30,515	14,304	³ 5,000	³ 3,700	³ 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	³ 5,000	³ 3,700	³ 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	³ 5,500	³ 4,100	³ 1,400	12,372	9,647	2,725
Fall 1982	57,591	45,166	39,566	27,161	12,405	³ 5,600	³ 4,200	³ 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	³ 5,700	³ 4,300	³ 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	³ 5,452	³ 4,116	³ 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	³ 5,241	³ 4,036	³ 1,206	13,055	10,161	2,894
Fall 1989	59,436	45,898	40,543	29,152	11,390	³ 5,355	³ 4,162	³ 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	³ 5,199	³ 4,074	³ 1,125	14,359	11,310	3,049
Fall 1992	62,686	48,198	42,823	31,088	11,735	³ 5,375	³ 4,212	³ 1,163	14,487	11,385	3,103
Fall 1993	63,241	48,936	43,465	31,504	11,961	³ 5,471	³ 4,280	³ 1,191	14,305	11,189	3,116
Fall 1994	63,986	49,707	44,111	31,898	12,213	³ 5,596	³ 4,360	³ 1,236	14,279	11,134	3,145
Fall 1995	64,764	50,502	44,840	32,341	12,500	5,662	4,465	1,197	14,262	11,092	3,169
Fall 1996	65,694	51,394	45,611	32,764	12,847	³ 5,783	³ 4,486	³ 1,297	14,300	11,090	3,210
Fall 1997 ⁴	66,334	51,987	46,127	33,073	13,054	5,860	4,552	1,308	14,345	11,146	3,199
Fall 1998 ⁵	67,376	52,768	46,844	33,514	13,330	5,924	4,597	1,327	14,608	11,390	3,218
Fall 1999 ⁵	68,096	53,215	47,244	33,701	13,543	5,971	4,622	1,348	14,881	11,602	3,279
Fall 2000 ⁵	68,611	53,539	47,533	33,875	13,658	6,006	4,646	1,360	15,072	11,750	3,322
Fall 2001 ⁵	68,979	53,821	47,785	34,018	13,767	6,036	4,666	1,371	15,158	11,816	3,342
Fall 2002 ⁵	69,239	54,071	48,010	34,075	13,935	6,061	4,674	1,387	15,168	11,823	3,345
Fall 2003 ⁵	69,490	54,228	48,154	34,035	14,119	6,074	4,668	1,406	15,262	11,894	3,368
Fall 2004 ⁵	69,769	54,369	48,286	33,910	14,376	6,082	4,651	1,431	15,400	12,000	3,400
Fall 2005 ⁵	70,033	54,477	48,392	33,723	14,669	6,086	4,625	1,461	15,556	12,119	3,437
Fall 2006 ⁵	70,239	54,500	48,418	33,550	14,868	6,082	4,602	1,480	15,739	12,258	3,481
Fall 2007 ⁵	70,364	54,435	48,362	33,455	14,907	6,073	4,589	1,484	15,929	12,403	3,526
Fall 2008 ⁵	70,460	54,316	48,255	33,421	14,833	6,061	4,584	1,477	16,144	12,568	3,576
Fall 2009 ⁵	70,510	54,174	48,126	33,427	14,699	6,048	4,585	1,464	16,336	12,715	3,621

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ Estimated.

⁴ Preliminary data.

⁵ Projected.

—Data not available.

NOTE.—Elementary and secondary enrollment includes pupils in local 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

estimates, the home-schooled children numbered approximately 800,000 to 1,000,000 in 1997–98. Public elementary enrollment includes most preprimary school pupils. Private elementary enrollment includes some preprimary students. Higher education enrollment includes students in 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 2009; 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 August 1999.)