

**Table 272. College Enrollment by Sex, Age, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1980 to 2006**

[In thousands (11,387 represents 11,387,000). As of October for the civilian noninstitutional population, 14 years old and over. Based on the Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1, and Appendix III]

Characteristic	1980	1985	1990 <sup>1</sup>	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Total<sup>2</sup></b> . . . . .	<b>11,387</b>	<b>12,524</b>	<b>13,621</b>	<b>14,715</b>	<b>15,314</b>	<b>15,873</b>	<b>16,497</b>	<b>16,638</b>	<b>17,383</b>	<b>17,472</b>	<b>17,020</b>
<b>Male<sup>3</sup></b> . . . . .	5,430	5,906	6,192	6,703	6,682	6,875	7,240	7,318	7,575	7,539	7,427
18 to 24 years . . . . .	3,604	3,749	3,922	4,089	4,342	4,437	4,629	4,697	4,866	4,972	4,874
25 to 34 years . . . . .	1,325	1,464	1,412	1,561	1,361	1,476	1,460	1,590	1,604	1,486	1,571
35 years old and over . . .	405	561	772	985	918	908	1,071	970	1,033	1,019	982
<b>Female<sup>3</sup></b> . . . . .	5,957	6,618	7,429	8,013	8,631	8,998	9,258	9,319	9,808	9,933	9,593
18 to 24 years . . . . .	3,625	3,788	4,042	4,452	5,109	5,192	5,404	5,667	5,742	5,859	5,712
25 to 34 years . . . . .	1,378	1,599	1,749	1,788	1,846	1,946	1,941	1,904	2,091	2,115	2,087
35 years old and over . . .	802	1,100	1,546	1,684	1,589	1,776	1,797	1,660	1,850	1,838	1,793
<b>White<sup>3,4</sup></b> . . . . .	9,925	10,781	11,488	12,021	11,999	12,208	12,781	12,870	13,381	13,467	13,112
18 to 24 years . . . . .	6,334	6,500	6,635	7,011	7,566	7,548	7,921	8,150	8,354	8,499	8,298
25 to 34 years . . . . .	2,328	2,604	2,698	2,686	2,339	2,469	2,515	2,545	2,748	2,647	2,725
35 years old and over . . .	1,051	1,448	2,023	2,208	1,978	2,103	2,236	2,075	2,143	2,206	2,090
Male . . . . .	4,804	5,103	5,235	5,535	5,311	5,383	5,719	5,714	5,944	5,844	5,772
Female . . . . .	5,121	5,679	6,253	6,486	6,689	6,826	7,062	7,155	7,438	7,624	7,340
<b>Black<sup>3,4</sup></b> . . . . .	1,163	1,263	1,393	1,772	2,164	2,230	2,278	2,144	2,301	2,297	2,304
18 to 24 years . . . . .	688	734	894	988	1,216	1,206	1,227	1,225	1,238	1,229	1,321
25 to 34 years . . . . .	289	295	258	426	567	562	542	503	522	520	502
35 years old and over . . .	156	213	207	334	361	429	454	388	502	448	480
Male . . . . .	476	552	587	710	815	781	802	798	776	864	886
Female . . . . .	686	712	807	1,062	1,349	1,449	1,476	1,346	1,525	1,435	1,418
<b>Hispanic origin<sup>3,5</sup></b> . . . . .	443	580	748	1,207	1,426	1,700	1,656	1,714	1,975	1,942	1,914
18 to 24 years . . . . .	315	375	435	745	899	1,035	979	1,115	1,223	1,216	1,182
25 to 34 years . . . . .	118	189	168	250	309	392	414	380	460	438	461
35 years old and over . . .	(NA)	(NA)	130	193	195	260	249	207	271	257	271
Male . . . . .	222	279	364	568	619	731	705	703	852	804	789
Female . . . . .	221	299	384	639	807	969	951	1,011	1,123	1,139	1,125

NA Not available. <sup>1</sup> Beginning 1990, based on a revised edit and tabulation package. <sup>2</sup> Includes other races not shown separately. <sup>3</sup> Includes persons 14 to 17 years old not shown separately. <sup>4</sup> Beginning 2003, for persons who selected this race group only. See footnote 2, Table 221. <sup>5</sup> Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Current Population Reports*, PPL-148; and earlier PPL and P-20 reports. See Internet site <<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/school.html>>.