

**Table 172.—Historical summary of faculty, students, degrees, and finances in degree-granting institutions: 1869–70 to 1997–98**

Item	1869–70	1879–80	1889–90	1899–1900	1909–10	1919–20	1929–30	1939–40	1949–50	1959–60	1969–70	1979–80	1989–90	1996–97	1997–98
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Total institutions</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>563</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>1,409</b>	<b>1,708</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>2,004</b>	<b>2,525</b>	<b>3,152</b>	<b>3,535</b>	<b>4,009</b>	<b>4,064</b>
Total faculty <sup>2</sup>	<sup>3</sup> 5,553	<sup>3</sup> 11,522	<sup>3</sup> 15,809	23,868	36,480	48,615	82,386	146,929	246,722	380,554	<sup>4</sup> 450,000	<sup>4</sup> 675,000	<sup>5</sup> 824,220	—	989,813
Men	<sup>3</sup> 4,887	<sup>3</sup> 7,328	<sup>3</sup> 12,704	19,151	29,132	35,807	60,017	106,328	186,189	296,773	<sup>4</sup> 346,000	<sup>4</sup> 479,000	<sup>5</sup> 577,298	—	587,420
Women	<sup>3</sup> 666	<sup>3</sup> 4,194	<sup>3</sup> 3,105	4,717	7,348	12,808	22,369	40,601	60,533	83,781	<sup>4</sup> 104,000	<sup>4</sup> 196,000	<sup>5</sup> 246,922	—	402,393
Total fall enrollment <sup>6</sup>	<sup>3</sup> 52,286	<sup>3</sup> 115,817	<sup>3</sup> 156,756	237,592	<sup>3</sup> 355,213	597,880	1,100,737	1,494,203	2,659,021	3,639,847	8,004,660	11,569,899	13,538,560	14,367,520	14,502,334
Men	<sup>3</sup> 41,160	<sup>3</sup> 77,972	<sup>3</sup> 100,453	152,254	<sup>3</sup> 214,648	314,938	619,935	893,250	1,853,068	2,332,617	4,746,201	5,682,877	6,190,015	6,352,825	6,396,028
Women	<sup>3</sup> 11,126	<sup>3</sup> 37,845	<sup>3</sup> 56,303	85,338	<sup>3</sup> 140,565	282,942	480,802	600,953	805,953	1,307,230	3,258,459	5,887,022	7,348,545	8,014,695	8,106,306
Earned degrees conferred															
Associate, total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	206,023	400,910	455,102	571,226	558,555
Men	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	117,432	183,737	191,195	223,948	217,613
Women	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	88,591	217,173	263,907	347,278	340,942
Bachelor's, total <sup>7</sup>	9,371	12,896	15,539	27,410	37,199	48,622	122,484	186,500	432,058	392,440	792,316	929,417	1,051,344	1,172,879	1,184,406
Men	7,993	10,411	12,857	22,173	28,762	31,980	73,615	109,546	328,841	254,063	451,097	473,611	491,696	520,515	519,956
Women	1,378	2,485	2,682	5,237	8,437	16,642	48,869	76,954	103,217	138,377	341,219	455,806	559,648	652,364	664,450
Master's, total <sup>8</sup>	0	879	1,015	1,583	2,113	4,279	14,969	26,731	58,183	74,435	208,291	298,081	324,301	419,401	430,164
Men	0	868	821	1,280	1,555	2,985	8,925	16,508	41,220	50,898	125,624	150,749	153,653	180,947	184,375
Women	0	11	194	303	558	1,294	6,044	10,223	16,963	23,537	82,667	147,332	170,648	238,454	245,789
First-professional, total <sup>7</sup>	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	34,918	70,131	70,988	78,730	78,598
Men	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	33,077	52,716	43,961	45,564	44,911
Women	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	1,841	17,415	27,027	33,166	33,687
Doctor's, total	1	54	149	382	443	615	2,299	3,290	6,420	9,829	29,866	32,615	38,371	45,876	46,010
Men	1	51	147	359	399	522	1,946	2,861	5,804	8,801	25,890	22,943	24,401	27,146	26,664
Women	0	3	2	23	44	93	353	429	616	1,028	3,976	9,672	13,970	18,730	19,346
Finances, in thousands															
Current-fund revenue	—	—	—	—	\$76,883	\$199,922	\$554,511	\$715,211	\$2,374,645	\$5,785,537	\$21,515,242	\$58,519,982	\$139,635,477	—	—
Educational and general income	—	—	\$21,464	\$35,084	67,917	172,929	483,065	571,288	1,833,845	4,688,352	16,486,177	—	—	—	—
Current-fund expenditures	—	—	—	—	—	—	507,142	674,688	2,245,661	5,601,376	21,043,113	56,913,588	134,655,571	—	—
Educational and general expenditures	—	—	—	—	—	—	377,903	521,990	1,706,444	4,685,258	16,845,212	44,542,843	105,585,076	—	—
Value of physical property	—	—	95,426	253,599	457,594	747,333	2,065,049	<sup>9</sup> 2,753,780	4,799,964	13,548,548	42,093,580	83,733,387	164,635,000	—	—
Market value of endowment funds	—	—	<sup>10</sup> 78,788	<sup>10</sup> 194,998	<sup>10</sup> 323,661	<sup>10</sup> 569,071	<sup>10</sup> 1,372,068	<sup>10</sup> 1,686,283	<sup>10</sup> 2,601,223	<sup>10</sup> 5,322,080	11,206,632	20,743,045	67,978,726	—	—

—Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Prior to 1979–80, excludes branch campuses. In 1996–97 and 1997–98, includes degree-granting institutions.

<sup>2</sup> Total number of different individuals (not reduced to full-time equivalent). Beginning in 1959–60, data are for the first term of the academic year. Beginning in 1969–70, data include only instructional faculty with the rank of instructor or above.

<sup>3</sup> Estimated.

<sup>4</sup> Estimated number of senior instructional staff. Excludes graduate assistants.

<sup>5</sup> Because of revised survey procedures, data may not be directly comparable with figures prior to 1989–90.

<sup>6</sup> Data for 1869–70 to 1949–50 are for resident degree-credit students who enrolled at any time during the academic year.

<sup>7</sup> From 1869–70 to 1959–60, first-professional degrees included under bachelor's degrees.

<sup>8</sup> Figures for years prior to 1969–70 are not precisely comparable with later data.

<sup>9</sup> Includes unexpended plant funds.

<sup>10</sup> Book value. Includes other nonexpendable funds.

NOTE: Data for 1869–70 to 1989–90 are for institutions of higher education. Institutions of higher education were accredited by an agency or association that was recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, or recognized directly by the Secretary of Education. The new degree-granting classification is very similar to the earlier higher education classification, except that it includes some additional institutions, primarily 2-year colleges, and excludes a few higher education institutions that did not award associate or higher degrees.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Biennial Survey of Education in the United States; Education Directory, Colleges and Universities; Faculty and Other Professional Staff in Institutions of Higher Education; Fall Enrollment in Colleges and Universities; Earned Degrees Conferred; Financial Statistics of Institutions of Higher Education*; and Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS), "Fall Enrollment in Institutions of Higher Education," "Degrees and Other Formal Awards Conferred," and "Financial Statistics of Institutions of Higher Education" surveys; and Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), "Fall Enrollment," "Completions," and "Finance" surveys. (This table was prepared July 2000.)