Table 348.—Voluntary support for institutions of higher education, by source and purpose of support: 1959–60 to 1997–98

[In millions]

Source and purpose of support	1959– 60	1965– 66	1970– 71	1975– 76	1980– 81	1985– 86	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	15	16
Total voluntary support 1	\$815	\$1,440	\$1,860	\$2,410	\$4,230	\$7,400	\$9,800	\$10,200	\$10,700	\$11,200	\$12,350	\$12,750	\$14,250	\$16,000	\$18,400
Sources Alumni	191 194 130 163 80 57 385 430	310 350 230 357 108 85 675 765	458 495 259 418 104 126 1,050 810	588 569 379 549 130 195	1,049 1,007 778 922 140 334 2,590 1,640	1,825 1,781 1,702 1,363 211 518 4,022 3,378	2,540 2,230 2,170 1,920 240 700 5,440 4,360	2,680 2,310 2,230 2,030 240 710 5,830 4,370	2,840 2,500 2,260 2,090 240 770 6,100 4,600	2,530 2,400 2,200 250 840	3,410 2,800 2,510 2,540 240 850 6,710 5,640	3,600 2,940 2,560 2,460 250 940 7,230 5,520	4,040 3,400 2,800 2,815 255 940 7,850 6,400	3,850 3,050	5,500 4,500 3,250 3,800 300 1,050 9,000 9,400
Voluntary support as a percent of total expenditures ²	11.4	9.2	6.8	5.5	6.0	6.9	6.5	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.5	6.3	6.7	7.2	7.8

¹ Data are based on sample surveys of institutions of higher education.

SOURCE: Council for Aid to Education, Research Report, "Contributions to Colleges Drop for First Time Since 1975"; and "Voluntary Support of Education," various years. (This table was prepared August 1999.)

²Total expenditures include current-fund expenditures and additions to plant value.