

**Table 213.—Enrollment in postsecondary education, by major field of study, age, and level of student: 1995–96**

Field of study	All students				Undergraduate								Graduate and first-professional			
	Total, in thousands	Percentage distribution, by age			2-year institutions <sup>1</sup>				4-year institutions				Total, in thousands	Percentage distribution, by age		
		Under 25	25 to 34	Over 35	Total, in thousands	Percentage distribution, by age			Total, in thousands	Percentage distribution, by age				Under 25	25 to 34	Over 35
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>19,444</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>8,887</b>	<b>48.1</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>7,791</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>2,767</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>33.1</b>
Agriculture .....	204	65.8	21.1	13.1	71	60.5	21.0	18.5	109	80.5	12.0	7.5	24	13.7	63.8	22.5
Architecture/city planning .....	82	62.8	32.5	4.6	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	50	89.0	8.8	2.2	22	16.3	73.5	10.2
Area studies .....	—	—	—	—	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	24	76.2	11.5	12.3	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Business .....	2,949	48.7	29.7	21.6	1,295	45.2	29.0	25.8	1,233	64.2	20.8	15.0	420	13.9	58.0	28.1
Communications/journalism .....	335	71.5	17.5	11.0	89	57.3	23.1	19.6	224	82.0	11.8	6.2	22	21.3	52.9	25.8
Computer science .....	554	42.7	31.6	25.7	275	34.4	31.1	34.5	219	62.4	23.4	14.2	60	9.2	63.3	27.6
Education .....	1,590	45.0	27.0	28.0	337	63.0	22.2	14.8	649	67.0	17.5	15.5	604	11.3	39.9	48.9
Engineering .....	1,002	58.6	28.9	12.5	403	48.2	30.4	21.5	477	77.6	18.5	3.8	122	18.7	64.4	16.9
Foreign language .....	—	—	—	—	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	55	78.2	16.1	5.7	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Health .....	2,157	47.4	31.4	21.2	1,273	42.7	34.4	22.9	637	65.9	19.8	14.3	247	23.6	46.1	30.3
Medicine/dentistry .....	83	43.3	49.9	6.8	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	83	43.3	49.9	6.8
Home economics .....	473	55.8	27.7	16.5	375	53.0	30.5	16.6	81	77.8	13.0	9.2	17	15.0	36.1	48.9
Industrial arts .....	210	53.2	30.0	16.8	181	41.9	33.5	24.7	28	81.9	11.0	7.1	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Interdisciplinary science .....	153	62.8	22.4	14.9	37	73.8	11.7	14.6	89	72.8	17.0	10.2	27	14.0	55.1	30.9
Law .....	636	53.2	30.0	16.8	352	52.2	27.1	20.6	142	69.0	21.0	10.0	142	39.6	46.3	14.1
Letters/liberal studies ..	1,340	60.6	21.9	17.5	908	59.1	22.3	18.6	383	69.9	17.4	12.7	48	15.8	50.9	33.3
Library science .....	24	5.8	57.6	36.6	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	24	5.8	57.6	36.6
Life sciences .....	558	77.2	19.1	3.7	118	72.0	23.2	4.8	380	87.4	10.3	2.3	60	22.5	67.1	10.4
Mathematics .....	113	56.7	28.8	14.5	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	63	76.5	17.6	6.0	25	20.6	61.1	18.4
Mechanics/transportation .....	230	39.4	29.3	31.3	208	34.8	30.9	34.3	22	82.1	15.0	3.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Philosophy and religion	90	44.6	33.9	21.5	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	46	71.5	15.0	13.5	42	12.5	56.1	31.4
Physical science .....	178	63.4	29.1	7.5	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	106	81.4	17.0	1.6	44	20.9	59.5	19.6
Psychology .....	495	67.4	21.1	11.5	84	69.8	20.8	9.4	347	75.3	15.7	9.1	65	21.9	50.8	27.3
Public administration/social work .....	241	38.7	34.5	26.8	59	39.1	33.5	27.4	90	55.0	20.7	24.2	93	22.7	48.4	29.0
Social sciences .....	713	67.3	21.4	11.3	122	65.2	22.0	12.8	492	76.9	15.0	8.2	99	22.7	52.4	24.9
Visual and performing arts .....	603	66.0	20.7	13.3	169	57.1	19.4	23.5	357	79.4	14.7	5.9	78	23.6	51.2	25.2
Other <sup>3</sup> .....	181	53.0	23.4	23.5	27	35.1	27.0	37.9	115	71.3	16.2	12.6	38	10.3	43.1	46.5
Undeclared .....	3,523	54.0	21.2	24.9	2,196	45.5	23.4	31.1	1,248	71.7	15.5	12.8	78	9.8	49.0	41.2

—Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Includes less-than-2-year schools.

<sup>2</sup> Too few sample cases for a reliable estimate.

<sup>3</sup> Includes students whose classification is unknown.

NOTE: Because of different survey editing and processing procedures, enrollment data in this table may differ from those appearing in other tables. Includes students who enrolled at any time during the 1995–96 academic year. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, "The 1995–96 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study," unpublished data. (This table was prepared November 1997).