

Table 214. Number and percent of students enrolled in postsecondary institutions, by level, disability status, and selected student characteristics: 1999–2000

| Selected student characteristic | Undergraduate | | | Graduate and first-professional ¹ | | |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| | All students | Disabled students ² | Nondisabled students | All students | Disabled students ² | Nondisabled students |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Total (in thousands) | 16,538 | 1,508 | 15,030 | 2,658 | 161 | 2,497 |
| Sex (percent) | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Male | 43.6 | 41.0 | 43.9 | 43.0 | 34.9 | 43.6 |
| Female | 56.4 | 59.0 | 56.1 | 57.0 | 65.1 | 56.4 |
| Race/ethnicity of student (percent) | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| White, non-Hispanic | 67.4 | 71.8 | 67.0 | 72.0 | 73.1 | 71.9 |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 12.0 | 11.0 | 12.1 | 8.4 | 12.0 | 8.1 |
| Hispanic | 12.0 | 10.3 | 12.2 | 6.8 | 7.7 | 6.8 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 5.8 | 3.3 | 6.0 | 10.5 | 4.3 | 10.9 |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 1.0 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 0.5 |
| Other | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| Age (percent) | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 15 to 23 | 57.1 | 42.4 | 58.6 | 10.9 | 7.2 | 11.2 |
| 24 to 29 | 17.0 | 16.3 | 17.0 | 39.6 | 23.5 | 40.7 |
| 30 or older | 25.9 | 41.4 | 24.4 | 49.4 | 69.3 | 48.2 |
| Attendance status (percent) | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Full-time, full-year | 40.3 | 33.5 | 41.0 | 35.8 | 31.4 | 36.0 |
| Part-time or part-year | 59.7 | 66.5 | 59.0 | 64.2 | 68.6 | 64.0 |
| Student housing status (percent) | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| On-campus | 15.1 | 11.3 | 15.5 | 7.2 | 3.9 | 7.4 |
| Off-campus | 58.9 | 66.6 | 58.2 | 87.0 | 90.9 | 86.7 |
| With parents or relatives | 25.9 | 22.1 | 26.3 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 5.9 |
| Dependency status (percent) | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Dependent | 50.7 | 36.7 | 52.1 | ‡ | ‡ | ‡ |
| Independent, unmarried | 15.1 | 19.9 | 14.6 | 46.8 | 40.9 | 47.2 |
| Independent, married | 6.9 | 8.7 | 6.7 | 17.4 | 16.4 | 17.5 |
| Independent with dependents | 27.4 | 34.8 | 26.6 | 35.7 | 42.7 | 35.3 |
| Veteran status (percent) | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Veteran | 4.2 | 9.9 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 9.5 | 3.3 |
| Not veteran | 95.8 | 90.1 | 96.4 | 96.3 | 90.5 | 96.7 |
| Field of study (percent) | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Business/management | 17.8 | 15.7 | 18.0 | 17.7 | 11.7 | 18.0 |
| Education | 8.0 | 7.9 | 8.0 | 23.4 | 22.0 | 23.5 |
| Engineering/computer science | 14.1 | 15.2 | 14.0 | 8.2 | 6.6 | 8.3 |
| Health | 9.6 | 8.3 | 9.7 | 14.2 | 10.8 | 14.4 |
| Humanities | 14.6 | 16.3 | 14.4 | 9.1 | 14.6 | 8.7 |
| Law | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.8 |
| Life/physical sciences | 5.8 | 4.8 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.9 |
| Social/behavioral sciences | 8.5 | 10.0 | 8.3 | 7.8 | 11.5 | 7.6 |
| Vocational/technical | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Undeclared | 7.5 | 6.9 | 7.5 | 4.3 | 6.4 | 4.2 |
| Other | 8.9 | 9.8 | 8.8 | 4.7 | 6.1 | 4.6 |

‡ Did not meet reporting standard.

¹ First-professional includes chiropractic medicine, medicine, dentistry, optometry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, podiatry, veterinary medicine, law, and theology.

² Disabled students are those who reported that they had one or more of the following conditions: a specific learning disability, a visual handicap, hard of hearing, deafness, a speech disability, an orthopedic handicap, or a health impairment.

NOTE: The estimates reported in this table are not directly comparable to previously reported data. Due to changes in 1999–2000 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study

(NPSAS) survey items, the percentage of students indicating some sort of disability is substantially higher than those indicating a disability in prior years, when a much shorter and different set of questions was asked. Detail may not sum to totals due to survey item nonresponse and rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 1999–2000 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:2000). (This table was prepared June 2002.)