

Table 102. High school graduates compared with population 17 years of age, by sex of graduates and control of school: Selected years, 1869–70 to 2002–03

[Numbers in thousands]

School year	Population 17 years old ¹	High school graduates					Graduates as a ratio of 17-year-old population
		Total ²	Sex		Control		
			Male	Female	Public ³	Private ⁴	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1869–70	815	16	7	9	—	—	2.0
1879–80	946	24	11	13	—	—	2.5
1889–90	1,259	44	19	25	22	22	3.5
1899–1900	1,489	95	38	57	62	33	6.4
1909–10	1,786	156	64	93	111	45	8.8
1919–20	1,855	311	124	188	231	80	16.8
1929–30	2,296	667	300	367	592	75	29.0
1939–40	2,403	1,221	579	643	1,143	78	50.8
1947–48	2,261	1,190	563	627	1,073	117	52.6
1949–50	2,034	1,200	571	629	1,063	136	59.0
1951–52	2,086	1,197	569	627	1,056	141	57.4
1953–54	2,135	1,276	613	664	1,129	147	59.8
1955–56	2,242	1,415	680	735	1,252	163	63.1
1956–57	2,272	1,434	690	744	1,270	164	63.1
1957–58	2,325	1,506	725	781	1,332	174	64.8
1958–59	2,458	1,627	784	843	1,435	192	66.2
1959–60	2,672	1,858	895	963	1,627	231	69.5
1960–61	2,892	1,964	955	1,009	1,725	239	67.9
1961–62	2,768	1,918	938	980	1,678	240	69.3
1962–63	2,740	1,943	956	987	1,710	233	70.9
1963–64	2,978	2,283	1,120	1,163	2,008	275	76.7
1964–65	3,684	2,658	1,311	1,347	2,360	298	72.1
1965–66	3,489	2,665	1,323	1,342	2,367	298	76.4
1966–67	3,500	2,672	1,328	1,344	2,374	298	76.3
1967–68	3,532	2,695	1,338	1,357	2,395	300	76.3
1968–69	3,659	2,822	1,399	1,423	2,522	300	77.1
1969–70	3,757	2,889	1,430	1,459	2,589	300	76.9
1970–71	3,872	2,938	1,454	1,484	2,638	300	75.9
1971–72	3,973	3,002	1,487	1,515	2,700	302	75.6
1972–73	4,049	3,035	1,500	1,535	2,729	306	75.0
1973–74	4,132	3,073	1,512	1,561	2,763	310	74.4
1974–75	4,256	3,133	1,542	1,591	2,823	310	73.6
1975–76	4,272	3,148	1,552	1,596	2,837	311	73.7
1976–77	4,272	3,152	1,548	1,604	2,837	315	73.8
1977–78	4,286	3,127	1,531	1,596	2,825	302	73.0
1978–79	4,327	3,101	1,517	1,584	2,801	300	71.7
1979–80	4,262	3,043	1,491	1,552	2,748	295	71.4
1980–81	4,212	3,020	1,483	1,537	2,725	295	71.7
1981–82	4,134	2,995	1,471	1,524	2,705	290	72.4
1982–83	3,962	2,888	1,437	1,451	2,598	290	72.9
1983–84	3,784	2,767	—	—	2,495	272	73.1
1984–85	3,699	2,677	—	—	2,414	263	72.4
1985–86	3,670	2,643	—	—	2,383	260	72.0
1986–87	3,754	2,694	—	—	2,429	265	71.8
1987–88	3,849	2,773	—	—	2,500	273	72.0
1988–89	3,842	2,744	—	—	2,459	285	71.4
1989–90	3,505	2,589	—	—	2,320	269	73.9
1990–91	3,418	2,493	—	—	2,235	258	72.9
1991–92	3,399	2,478	—	—	2,226	252	72.9
1992–93	3,449	2,480	—	—	2,233	247	71.9
1993–94	3,443	2,464	—	—	2,221	243	71.6
1994–95	3,636	2,520	—	—	2,274	246	69.3
1995–96	3,640	2,518	—	—	2,273	245	69.2
1996–97	3,792	2,612	—	—	2,358	254	68.9
1997–98	4,008	2,704	—	—	2,439	265	67.5
1998–99	3,918	2,759	—	—	2,486	273	70.4
1999–2000	4,057	2,831	—	—	2,554	277	69.8
2000–01	4,006	2,852	—	—	2,569	283	71.2
2001–02 ⁵	4,052	2,917	—	—	2,630	287	72.0
2002–03 ⁵	—	2,986	—	—	2,685	301	—

—Not available.

¹ Derived from *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25. For years 1869–70 through 1899–90, 17-year-old population is an estimate of the October 17-year-old population based on July data. Data for 1990–91 and later years are October estimates prepared by the Census Bureau.

² Includes graduates of public and private schools.

³ Data for 1929–30 and preceding years are from *Statistics of Public High Schools* and exclude graduates from high schools that failed to report to the Office of Education.

⁴ For most years, private school data have been estimated based on periodic private school surveys.

⁵ Public high school graduates based on state estimates.

NOTE: Includes graduates of regular day school programs. Excludes graduates of other programs, when separately reported, and recipients of high school equivalency certificates. Some data have been revised from previously published figures. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Annual Reports of the Commissioner of Education*, 1870 through 1910; *Biennial Survey of Education in the United States*, 1919–20 through 1949–50; *Statistics of State School Systems*, *Statistics of Public Elementary and Secondary School Systems*; *Statistics of Nonpublic Elementary and Secondary Schools*; 1959 through 1980, The NCES Common Core of Data (CCD); State Nonfiscal Survey, 1981 through 2001, and *Projections of Education Statistics to 2013*. (This table was prepared September 2003.)