

Table 7. Percent of the population 3 to 34 years old enrolled in school, by age group: Selected years, April 1940 to October 2002

Year	Total, 3 to 34 years	3 and 4 years	5 and 6 years	7 to 13 years	14 to 17 years	18 and 19 years		20 to 24 years				25 to 29 years		30 to 34 years		
						Total	In elemen- tary and secondary	In higher education	Total	20 and 21 years	22 to 24 years	Total	11	12	13	14
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
1940	—	—	—	—	95.0	—	79.3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1945	—	—	—	—	98.1	—	78.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1947	—	—	—	—	98.5	—	79.3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.0	—	—
1948	—	—	—	—	98.1	—	81.8	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.6	—	—
1949	—	—	—	—	98.6	—	81.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.8	—	—
1950	—	—	—	—	74.4	—	83.7	—	29.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1951	—	—	—	—	73.6	—	85.2	—	26.2	—	—	—	—	3.0	—	0.9
1952	—	—	—	—	75.2	—	98.8	—	28.8	—	—	—	—	2.5	—	—
1953	—	—	—	—	78.6	—	99.4	—	85.9	—	31.2	—	—	2.6	—	1.2
1954	—	—	—	—	77.3	—	99.4	—	87.1	—	32.4	—	—	2.9	—	1.7
1955	—	—	—	—	78.1	—	99.2	—	86.9	—	31.5	—	—	4.1	—	1.5
1956	—	—	—	—	77.6	—	99.3	—	88.2	—	35.4	—	—	4.1	—	1.6
1957	—	—	—	—	78.6	—	99.5	—	89.5	—	34.9	—	—	5.1	—	1.9
1958	—	—	—	—	80.4	—	99.5	—	89.2	—	37.6	—	—	—	—	—
1959	—	—	—	—	80.0	—	99.4	—	90.2	—	36.8	—	—	—	—	—
1960	—	—	—	—	80.7	—	99.5	—	90.3	—	38.4	—	—	—	—	—
1961	—	—	—	—	81.7	—	99.3	—	91.4	—	38.0	—	—	—	—	—
1962	—	—	—	—	82.2	—	99.3	—	92.0	—	41.8	—	—	—	—	—
1963	—	—	—	—	82.7	—	99.3	—	92.9	—	40.9	—	—	—	—	—
1964	—	—	—	—	83.3	—	99.0	—	93.1	—	41.6	—	—	—	—	—
1965	55.5	—	10.6	—	84.9	—	99.4	—	93.2	—	46.3	—	—	—	—	2.4
1966	—	—	12.5	—	85.8	—	99.3	—	93.7	—	47.2	—	—	—	—	—
1967	—	—	14.2	—	87.4	—	99.3	—	93.7	—	47.6	—	—	—	—	—
1968	—	—	15.7	—	87.6	—	99.1	—	94.2	—	50.4	—	—	—	—	—
1969	—	—	16.1	—	88.4	—	99.2	—	94.0	—	50.2	—	—	—	—	—
1970	56.4	(0.2)	20.5	(0.7)	89.5	(0.5)	99.2	(0.1)	94.1	(0.3)	47.7	(0.9)	10.5	(0.5)	373	(0.8)
1971	56.2	(0.2)	21.2	(0.7)	91.6	(0.5)	99.1	(0.1)	94.5	(0.3)	49.2	(0.8)	11.5	(0.5)	377	(0.8)
1972	54.9	(0.2)	24.4	(0.8)	91.9	(0.5)	99.2	(0.1)	93.3	(0.3)	46.3	(0.8)	10.4	(0.5)	35.9	(0.8)
1973	53.5	(0.2)	24.2	(0.8)	92.5	(0.5)	99.2	(0.1)	92.9	(0.3)	42.9	(0.8)	10.0	(0.5)	32.9	(0.8)
1974	53.6	(0.2)	28.8	(0.8)	94.2	(0.4)	99.3	(0.1)	93.6	(0.1)	43.1	(0.8)	9.9	(0.5)	33.2	(0.8)
1975	53.7	(0.2)	31.5	(0.9)	94.7	(0.4)	99.3	(0.1)	93.6	(0.3)	46.9	(0.8)	10.2	(0.5)	36.7	(0.8)
1976	53.1	(0.2)	31.3	(0.9)	95.5	(0.4)	99.2	(0.1)	93.7	(0.3)	46.2	(0.8)	10.4	(0.5)	36.0	(0.8)
1977	52.5	(0.2)	32.0	(0.9)	95.8	(0.4)	99.4	(0.1)	93.7	(0.3)	46.2	(0.8)	10.4	(0.5)	35.7	(0.8)
1978	51.2	(0.2)	34.2	(0.9)	95.3	(0.4)	99.1	(0.1)	93.7	(0.3)	45.4	(0.8)	9.8	(0.5)	35.6	(0.8)
1979	50.3	(0.2)	35.1	(0.9)	95.8	(0.4)	99.2	(0.1)	93.6	(0.3)	45.0	(0.8)	10.3	(0.5)	34.6	(0.8)
1980	49.7	(0.2)	36.7	(0.9)	95.7	(0.4)	99.3	(0.1)	93.4	(0.3)	46.4	(0.8)	10.5	(0.5)	35.9	(0.8)
1981	48.9	(0.2)	36.0	(0.9)	94.0	(0.5)	99.2	(0.1)	94.1	(0.3)	49.0	(0.8)	11.5	(0.5)	37.5	(0.8)
1982	48.6	(0.2)	36.4	(0.9)	95.0	(0.4)	99.2	(0.1)	94.4	(0.3)	47.8	(0.8)	11.3	(0.5)	36.5	(0.8)
1983	48.4	(0.2)	37.5	(0.9)	95.4	(0.4)	99.2	(0.1)	95.0	(0.3)	50.4	(0.9)	12.8	(0.6)	37.6	(0.8)
1984	47.9	(0.2)	36.3	(0.9)	94.5	(0.5)	99.2	(0.1)	94.7	(0.3)	50.1	(0.9)	11.5	(0.6)	38.6	(0.9)
1985	48.3	(0.2)	38.9	(0.9)	96.1	(0.4)	99.2	(0.1)	94.9	(0.3)	51.6	(0.9)	11.2	(0.6)	40.4	(0.9)
1986	48.2	(0.2)	38.9	(0.9)	95.3	(0.4)	99.2	(0.1)	94.9	(0.3)	54.6	(0.9)	13.1	(0.6)	41.5	(0.9)
1987	48.6	(0.2)	38.3	(0.9)	95.1	(0.4)	99.5	(0.1)	95.0	(0.3)	55.6	(0.9)	13.1	(0.6)	42.5	(0.9)
1988	48.7	(0.2)	38.2	(1.0)	96.0	(0.4)	99.7	(0.1)	95.1	(0.3)	55.6	(1.0)	13.9	(0.7)	41.8	(1.0)
1989	49.0	(0.2)	39.1	(1.0)	95.2	(0.4)	99.3	(0.1)	95.7	(0.3)	56.0	(1.0)	14.4	(0.7)	41.6	(0.9)

See notes at end of table.

19.9 (0.6)

38.5 (1.0)

5.7 (0.3)

Table 7. Percent of the population 3 to 34 years old enrolled in school, by age group: Selected years, April 1940 to October 2002—Continued

Year	Total, 3 to 34 years	3 and 4 years	5 and 6 years	7 to 13 years	14 to 17 years	18 and 19 years		20 to 24 years				25 to 29 years		30 to 34 years	
						Total	In elemen- tary and secondary	In higher education	Total	20 and 21 years	22 to 24 years	Total	20 to 24 years	25 to 29 years	30 to 34 years
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
1990	50.2 (0.2)	44.4 (1.0)	96.5 (0.4)	99.6 (0.1)	95.8 (0.3)	57.2 (0.9)	14.5 (0.7)	42.7 (0.9)	28.6 (0.5)	39.7 (0.9)	21.0 (0.6)	9.7 (0.3)	5.8 (0.3)		
1991	50.7 (0.2)	40.5 (1.0)	95.4 (0.4)	99.6 (0.1)	96.0 (0.3)	59.6 (1.0)	15.6 (0.7)	44.0 (1.0)	30.2 (0.5)	42.0 (0.9)	22.2 (0.6)	10.2 (0.3)	6.2 (0.3)		
1992	51.4 (0.2)	39.7 (1.0)	95.5 (0.4)	99.4 (0.1)	96.7 (0.2)	61.4 (1.0)	17.1 (0.7)	44.3 (1.0)	31.6 (0.6)	44.0 (1.0)	23.7 (0.6)	9.8 (0.3)	6.1 (0.3)		
1993	51.8 (0.2)	40.4 (0.9)	95.4 (0.4)	99.5 (0.1)	96.5 (0.2)	61.6 (1.0)	17.2 (0.7)	44.4 (1.0)	30.8 (0.6)	42.7 (1.0)	23.6 (0.6)	10.2 (0.3)	5.9 (0.3)		
1994	53.3 (0.2)	47.3 (0.9)	96.7 (0.3)	99.4 (0.1)	96.6 (0.2)	60.2 (0.9)	16.2 (0.7)	43.9 (0.9)	32.0 (0.5)	44.9 (0.9)	24.0 (0.6)	10.8 (0.3)	6.7 (0.2)		
1995	53.7 (0.2)	48.7 (0.9)	96.0 (0.3)	98.9 (0.1)	96.3 (0.2)	59.4 (0.9)	16.3 (0.6)	43.1 (0.9)	31.5 (0.5)	44.9 (0.9)	23.2 (0.6)	11.6 (0.3)	5.9 (0.2)		
1996	54.1 (0.2)	48.3 (0.9)	94.0 (0.4)	97.7 (0.1)	95.4 (0.3)	61.5 (0.9)	16.7 (0.7)	44.9 (0.9)	32.5 (0.5)	44.4 (0.9)	24.8 (0.6)	11.9 (0.4)			
1997	55.6 (0.2)	52.6 (0.9)	96.5 (0.3)	99.1 (0.1)	96.6 (0.2)	61.5 (0.9)	16.7 (0.7)	44.7 (0.9)	34.3 (0.6)	45.9 (0.9)	26.4 (0.7)	11.8 (0.4)	5.7 (0.2)		
1998	55.8 (0.2)	52.1 (0.9)	95.6 (0.4)	98.9 (0.1)	96.1 (0.2)	62.2 (0.8)	15.7 (0.6)	46.4 (0.9)	33.0 (0.5)	44.8 (0.9)	24.9 (0.7)	11.9 (0.4)	6.6 (0.3)		
1999	56.0 (0.2)	54.2 (0.9)	96.0 (0.4)	98.7 (0.1)	95.8 (0.2)	60.6 (0.8)	16.5 (0.6)	44.1 (0.9)	32.8 (0.5)	45.3 (0.9)	24.5 (0.6)	11.1 (0.4)	6.2 (0.3)		
2000	55.9 (0.2)	52.1 (0.9)	95.6 (0.4)	98.2 (0.1)	95.7 (0.2)	61.2 (0.8)	16.5 (0.6)	44.7 (0.9)	32.5 (0.5)	44.1 (0.9)	24.6 (0.6)	11.4 (0.4)	6.7 (0.3)		
2001	56.3 (0.2)	52.4 (0.9)	95.3 (0.4)	98.3 (0.1)	95.8 (0.2)	61.0 (0.8)	17.1 (0.6)	43.9 (0.8)	33.9 (0.5)	46.0 (0.9)	25.4 (0.6)	11.8 (0.4)	6.9 (0.3)		
2002	56.1 (0.2)	54.5 (0.9)	95.2 (0.4)	98.3 (0.1)	96.4 (0.2)	63.3 (0.8)	18.0 (0.7)	45.3 (0.9)	34.4 (0.5)	47.8 (0.9)	25.6 (0.6)	12.1 (0.4)	6.6 (0.3)		

—Not available.

¹Preprimary enrollment collected using new procedures. May not be comparable to figures for earlier years.

NOTE: Data for 1940 are for April. Data for all other years are as of October. Includes enrollment in any type of graded public, parochial, or other private schools. Includes nursery schools, kindergartens, elementary schools, high schools, colleges, universities, and professional schools. Attendance may be on either a full-time or part-time basis and during the day or night. Enrollments in "special" schools, such as trade schools, business colleges, or correspondence schools, are not included. Standard errors appear in parentheses. Some data revised from previously published figures.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1970; Current Population Reports, Series P-20, various years;* and Current Population Survey, unpublished data. (This table was prepared March 2004.)