

# Guide to Tabular Presentation

This section is intended to assist the reader in following the basic structure of the *Digest* tables and to provide a legend for some of the common symbols and indexes used throughout the book. Unless otherwise noted, all data are for the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

## Table Components

**Title** Describes the table content concisely.

**Unit Indicator** Informs the reader of the measurement unit in the table—"In thousands," "In millions of dollars," etc. Noted below the title unless several units are used, in which case the unit indicators are generally given in the spanner or individual column heads.

**Spanner** Describes a group of two or more columns.

**Column head** Describes specific column.

**Stub** Describes a row or a group of rows. Each stub is followed by a number of dots (leaders) or by a semi-colon if no data appears in the data fields.

**Field** The area of the table which contains the data elements.

### Rules in the field

Single horizontal rules indicate

- that the data below the line add to the figure immediately above the line, or
- in the case of derived figures (e.g., percents, medians) that the datum above the line represents a cumulative figure.

Double horizontal rules demarcate groups of related rows.

Single vertical rules delineate columns.

Double vertical rules divide the table into sections with unique stubs.

## Example of Table Structure

**Table 0.—Total enrollment in institutions of higher education, by type and control of institution: Fall 1979 to fall 1985**

[In thousands]

Type and control of institution	Year					Percent change, 1979 to 1985
	1979	1981	1983	1985		
1	2	3	4	5	6	
<b>All institutions</b> .....	<b>11,570</b>	<b>12,372</b>	<b>12,465</b>	<b>12,247</b>	<b>5.85</b>	
Universities .....	2,840	2,901	2,889	2,871	1.10	
Other 4-year institutions .....	4,514	4,754	4,852	4,845	7.35	
2-year institutions .....	4,217	4,716	4,723	4,531	7.46	
<b>Public institutions</b> .....	<b>9,037</b>	<b>9,647</b>	<b>9,683</b>	<b>9,479</b>	<b>4.90</b>	
Universities .....	2,100	2,152	2,155	2,141	1.98	
Other 4-year institutions .....	2,880	3,014	3,069	3,068	6.52	
2-year institutions .....	4,057	4,481	4,459	4,270	5.25	
<b>Private institutions</b> .....	<b>2,533</b>	<b>2,725</b>	<b>2,782</b>	<b>2,768</b>	<b>9.27</b>	
Universities .....	740	749	734	730	-1.42	
Other 4-year institutions .....	1,633	1,740	1,784	1,777	8.80	
2-year institutions .....	160	236	264	261	163.49	

**Footnote** → \*Large percentage increase is due primarily to the addition of colleges accredited by the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools in 1980 and 1981.

**Note** → NOTE.—Includes undergraduate, graduate, first-professional, and unclassified students.

**Source** → SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Center for Education Statistics, "Fall Enrollment in Colleges and Universities" surveys. (This table was prepared July 1986.)

**Footnote** Describes a unique circumstance relating to a specific item within the table. Usually listed below the bottom rule of the table.

**Note** Furnishes general information that relates to the entire table.

**Source** The document or reference from which the data are drawn. This note may also include the organizational unit responsible for preparing the data.

## Descriptive Terms

**Average** A number that is used to represent the “typical value” of a group of numbers. It is regarded as a measure of “location” or “central tendency” of a group of numbers.

**Arithmetic mean** is the most commonly used average. It is derived by summing the individual item values of a particular group and dividing that sum by the number of items. This value is often referred to simply as the “mean” or “average.”

**Median** is the measure of central tendency that occupies the middle position in a rank order of values. It generally has the same number of items above it as below it. If there is an even number of items in the group, the median is the average of the middle two items.

**Per capita**, or per person, figure represents an average computed for every person in a specified group, or population. It is derived by dividing the total for an item (such as income or expenditures) by the number of persons in the specified population.

**Index number** A value that provides a means of measuring, summarizing, and communicating the nature of changes that occur from time to time or from place to place. An index is used to express changes in prices over periods of time but may also be used to express differences between related subjects at a single point in time.

The *Digest* most often uses the Consumer Price Index to compare purchasing power over time.

To compute a price index, a base year or period is selected. The base year price is then designated as the base or reference price to which the prices for other years or periods are related.

A method of expressing the price relationship is:

Index number =

$$\frac{\text{Price of a set of one or more items for related year}}{\text{Price of the same set of items for base year}} \times 100$$

When 100 is subtracted from the index number, the result equals the percent change in price from the base year.

**Current and constant dollars** are used in a number of tables to express finance data. Unless otherwise noted, all figures are in current dollars, not adjusted for inflation. Constant dollars provide a measure of the impact of inflation on the current dollars.

**Current dollar** figures reflect actual prices or costs prevailing during the specified year(s).

**Constant dollar** figures attempt to remove the effects of price changes (inflation) from statistical series reported in dollar terms.

The constant dollar value for an item is derived by dividing the base year price index (for example, the Consumer Price Index for 1986) by the price index for the year of data to be adjusted and multiplying by the item to be adjusted. The result is an adjusted dollar value as it would presumably exist if prices were the same as the base year—in other words, as if the dollar had constant purchasing power. Any changes in the constant dollar amounts would reflect only changes in the real values.

NOTE: Tables may not include data for all years implied in table titles.

# Guide to Sources

## Sources and Comparability of Data

The information presented in this report was obtained from many sources, including federal and state agencies, private research organizations, and professional associations. The data were collected using many research methods, including surveys of a universe (such as all colleges) or of a sample, compilations of administrative records, and statistical projections. *Digest* users should take particular care when comparing data from different sources. Differences in procedures, timing, phrasing of questions, interviewer training, and so forth mean that the results from the different sources may not be strictly comparable. Following the general discussion of data accuracy below, descriptions of the information sources and data collection methods are presented, grouped by sponsoring organization. More extensive documentation of a particular survey's procedures does not imply more problems with the data, only that more information is available.

### Accuracy of Data

The accuracy of any statistic is determined by the joint effects of "sampling" and "nonsampling" errors. Estimates based on a sample will differ somewhat from the figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same survey instruments, instructions, and procedures. In addition to such sampling errors, all surveys, both universe and sample, are subject to design, reporting, and processing errors and errors due to non-response. To the extent possible, these nonsampling errors are kept to a minimum by methods built into the survey procedures. In general, however, the effects of nonsampling errors are more difficult to gauge than those produced by sampling variability.

### Sampling Errors

The samples used in surveys are selected from a large number of possible samples of the same size that could have been selected using the same sample design. Estimates derived from the different samples would differ from each other. The difference between a sample estimate and the average of all possible samples is called the sampling deviation. The standard or sampling error of a survey estimate is a measure of the variation among the estimates from

all possible samples and, thus, is a measure of the precision with which an estimate from a particular sample approximates the average result of all possible samples.

The sample estimate and an estimate of its standard error permit us to construct interval estimates with prescribed confidence that the interval includes the average result of all possible samples. If all possible samples were selected under essentially the same conditions and an estimate and its estimated standard error were calculated from each sample, then: (1) approximately 66.7 percent of the intervals from one standard error below the estimate to one standard error above the estimate would include the average value of all possible samples; and (2) approximately 95.0 percent of the intervals from two standard errors below the estimate to two standard errors above the estimate would include the average value of all possible samples. We call an interval from two standard errors below the estimate to two standard errors above the estimate a 95 percent confidence interval.

To illustrate this concept, consider the data and standard errors appearing on table 105. For the 1997 estimate that 11.0 percent of 16- to 24-year-olds were high school dropouts, the table shows that the standard error is 0.3 percent. Therefore, we can create a 95 percent confidence interval which is approximately 10.4 to 11.6 (11.0 percent  $\pm$  2 times 0.3 percent).

Analysis of standard errors can help assess how valid a comparison between two estimates might be. The **standard error of a difference** between two independent sample estimates is equal to the square root of the sum of the squared standard errors of the estimates. The standard error (se) of the difference between independent sample estimates "a" and "b" is:

$$se_{a,b} = (se_a^2 + se_b^2)^{1/2}$$

It should be noted that most of the standard error estimates presented in subsequent sections and in the original documents are approximations. That is, to derive estimates of standard errors that would be applicable to a wide variety of items and could be

prepared at a moderate cost, a number of approximations were required. As a result, the standard error estimates provide a general order of magnitude rather than the exact standard error for any specific item. The preceding discussion on sampling variability was directed toward a situation concerning one or two estimates. Determining the accuracy of statistical projections is more difficult. In general, the further away the projection date is from the date of the actual data being used for the projection, the greater the probable error in the projections. If, for instance, annual data from 1970 to 1996 are being used to project enrollment in institutions of higher education, the further beyond 1996 one projects, the more variability in the projection. One will be less sure of the 2009 enrollment projection than of the 2000 projection. A detailed discussion of the projections methodology is contained in *Projections of Education Statistics to 2009* (National Center for Education Statistics, 1999).

## Nonsampling Errors

Universe and sample surveys are subject to nonsampling errors. Nonsampling errors may arise when respondents or interviewers interpret questions differently, when respondents must estimate values, or when coders, keyers, and other processors handle answers differently, when persons who should be included in the universe are not, or when persons fail to respond (completely or partially). Nonsampling errors usually, but not always, result in an understatement of total survey error and thus an overstatement of the precision of survey estimates. Since estimating the magnitude of nonsampling errors often would require special experiments or access to independent data, these nonsampling errors are seldom available.

To compensate for nonresponse, adjustments of the sample estimates are often made. An adjustment made for either type of nonresponse, total or partial, is often referred to as an imputation, which is often a substitution of the "average" questionnaire response for the nonresponse. Imputations are usually made separately within various groups of sample members which have similar survey characteristics. Imputation for item nonresponse is usually made by substituting for a missing item the response to that item of a respondent having characteristics that are similar to those of the nonrespondent.

Although the magnitude of nonsampling error in the data compiled in this *Digest* is frequently unknown, idiosyncrasies that have been identified are noted on the appropriate tables.

## Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

### *Baccalaureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study*

The Baccalaureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study (B&B) is based on the National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS) and provides information concerning education and work experience after completing the bachelor's degree. B&B provides cross-sectional information 1 year after bachelor's degree completion (comparable to the Recent College Graduates study), while at the same time providing longitudinal data concerning entry into and progress through graduate level education and the work force. It also provides information on entry into, persistence and progress through, and completion of graduate level education—information not available through follow-ups involving high school cohorts or even college entry cohorts, both of which are restricted in the number who actually complete a bachelor's degree and continue their education.

B&B will follow NPSAS baccalaureate degree completers for a 12-year period after completion, beginning with NPSAS:93. About 11,000 students who completed their degrees in the 1992–93 academic year were included in the first B&B (B&B:93/94). In addition to the student data, B&B collected postsecondary transcripts covering the undergraduate period, providing complete information on progress and persistence at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The second B&B follow-up took place in spring 1997 (B&B:93/97), and gathered information on employment history, family formation, and enrollment in graduate programs. New B&B cohorts will alternate with BPS in using NPSAS as their base.

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### *Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study*

The Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study (BPS) provides information on persistence, progress, and attainment from initial time of entry into postsecondary education through leaving and entering the workforce. BPS includes traditional

and nontraditional (e.g., older) students and is representative of all beginning students in postsecondary education. BPS follows first-time, beginning students for at least 5 years at approximately 2-year intervals, collecting student data, and financial aid reports. By starting with a cohort that has already entered postsecondary education, and following it for 5 years, BPS will be able to determine to what extent, students who start postsecondary education at various ages differ in their progress, persistence, and attainment. The first BPS study was conducted in 1989–90, with follow up surveys in 1992 and 1994. The second BPS cohort of students began with a survey in 1995–96 and a follow-up in 1998.

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### **Common Core of Data**

NCES uses the Common Core of Data (CCD) survey to acquire and maintain statistical data from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the outlying areas. Information about staff and students is collected annually at the school, local education agency or school district (LEA), and state levels. Information about revenues and expenditures is also collected at the state and LEA levels.

Data are collected for a particular school year (July 1 through June 30) via survey instruments sent to the state education agencies during the subsequent school year. States have one year in which to modify the data originally submitted.

Since the CCD is a universe survey, the CCD information presented in this edition of the *Digest* is not subject to sampling errors. However, nonsampling errors could come from two sources—nonreturn and inaccurate reporting. Almost all of the states submit the six CCD survey instruments each year, but submissions are sometimes incomplete or too late for publication.

Understandably, when 57 education agencies compile and submit data for approximately 88,000 public schools and 16,000 local school districts, misreporting can occur. Typically, this results from varying interpretations of NCES definitions and differing recordkeeping systems. NCES attempts to minimize these errors by working closely with the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and its Committee on Evaluation and Information Systems (CEIS).

The state education agencies report data to NCES from data collected and edited in their regular reporting cycles. NCES encourages the agencies to incorporate into their own survey systems the NCES items they do not already collect so that those items will also be available for the subsequent CCD survey. Over time, this has meant fewer missing data cells in each state's response, reducing the need to impute data.

NCES subjects data from the education agencies to a comprehensive edit. Where data are determined to be inconsistent, missing, or out of range, NCES contacts the education agencies for verification. NCES-prepared state summary forms are returned to the state education agencies for verification. States are also given an opportunity to revise their state-level aggregates from the previous survey cycle.

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### **Federal Support for Education**

NCES prepares an annual compilation of federal funds for education. Data for U.S. Department of Education programs come from the *Budget of the United States Government*. Budget offices of other federal agencies provide information for all other federal program support except for research funds, which are obligations reported by the National Science Foundation in *Federal Funds for Research and Development*. Some data are estimated, based on reports from the federal agencies contacted and the *Budget of the United States Government*.

Except for money spent on research, outlays were used to report program funds to the extent possible. Some tables are obligations as noted in the title of the table. Some federal program funds not commonly recognized as education assistance are also included in the totals reported. For example, portions of federal funds paid to some states and counties as shared revenues resulting from the sale of timber and minerals from public lands have been estimated as funds used for education purposes. Parts of the funds received by states (in 1980) and localities (throughout the period) under the General Revenue Sharing Program are also included, as are portions of federal funds received by the District of Columbia. The share of these funds allocated to education was assumed to be equal to the share of general funds expended for elementary and secondary education by states and localities in the same year as reported

by the U.S. Bureau of the Census in its annual publication, *Governmental Finances*.

All state intergovernmental expenditures for education were assumed to be earmarked for elementary/secondary education. Contributions of parent governments of dependent school systems to their public schools amounted to approximately 9 percent of local government revenues and local government revenue sharing in each year. Therefore, 9 percent of local government revenue-sharing funds were assumed allocated each fiscal year to elementary and secondary education. Parent government contributions to public school systems were obtained from *Finances of Public School Systems* published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. The amount of state revenue-sharing funds allocated for postsecondary education in 1980 was assumed to be 13 percent, the proportion of direct state expenditures for institutions of higher education reported in *Governmental Finances* for that year.

The share of federal funds for the District of Columbia assigned to education was assumed to be equal to the share of the city's general fund expenditures for each level of education.

For the job training programs conducted by the Department of Labor, only estimated sums spent on classroom training have been reported as educational program support.

During the 1970s, The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) prepared annual reports on federal education program support. These were published in the *Budget of the United States Government [Special Analyses]*. The information presented in this report is not, however, a continuation of the OMB series. A number of differences in the two series should be noted. OMB required all federal agencies to report outlays for education-related programs using a standardized form, thereby assuring agency compliance in reporting. The scope of education programs reported here differs from OMB. Off-budget items such as the annual volume of guaranteed student loans were not included in OMB's reports. Finally, while some mention is made of an annual estimate of federal tax expenditures, OMB did not include them in its annual analysis of federal education support. Estimated federal tax expenditures for education are the difference between current federal tax receipts and what these receipts would be without existing education deductions to income allowed by federal tax provisions.

Recipients' data are estimated based on *Estimating Federal Funds for Education: A New Approach Applied to Fiscal Year 1980*, "Federal Support for Education, Fiscal Years 1980 to 1984," and *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance*. The recipients' data are estimated and tend to undercount institutions of higher education (IHEs), students, and local education agencies (LEAs). This is because some of the

federal programs have more than one recipient receiving funds. In these cases, the recipients were put into a "mixed recipients" category, because there was no way to disaggregate the amount each recipient received.

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### **High School and Beyond**

The High School and Beyond (HS&B) is a national longitudinal survey of 1980 high school sophomores and seniors. The base-year survey was a probability sample of 1,015 high schools with a target number of 36 sophomores and 36 seniors in each of the schools. A total of 58,270 students participated in the base-year survey. Substitutions were made for non-cooperating schools—but not for students—in those strata where it was possible. Overall, 1,122 schools were selected in the original sample and 811 of these schools participated in the survey. An additional 204 schools were drawn in a replacement sample. Student refusals and absences resulted in an 82 percent completion rate for the survey.

Several small groups in the population were oversampled to allow for special study of certain types of schools and students. Students completed questionnaires and took a battery of cognitive tests. In addition, a sample of parents of sophomores and seniors (about 3,600 for each cohort) was surveyed.

HS&B first follow-up activities took place in the spring of 1982. The sample design of the first follow-up survey called for the selection of approximately 30,000 persons who were sophomores in 1980. The completion rate for sophomores eligible for on-campus survey administration was about 96 percent. About 89 percent of the students who left school between the base year and first follow-up surveys (dropouts, transfer students, and early graduates) completed the first follow-up sophomore questionnaire.

As part of the first follow-up survey of HS&B, transcripts were requested in fall 1982 for an 18,152 member subsample of the sophomore cohort. Of the 15,941 transcripts actually obtained, 1,969 were excluded because the students had dropped out of school before graduation, 799 were excluded because they were incomplete, and 1,057 were excluded because the student graduated before 1982

or the transcript indicated neither a dropout status nor graduation. Thus 12,116 transcripts were utilized for the overall curriculum analysis presented in this publication. All courses in each transcript were assigned a six-digit code based on *A Classification of Secondary School Courses* (developed by Evaluation Technologies, Inc. under contract with NCES). Credits earned in each course were expressed in Carnegie units. (The Carnegie unit is a standard of measurement that represents one credit for the completion of a 1-year course. To receive credit for a course, the student must have received a passing grade—"pass," "D," or higher.) Students who transferred from public to private schools or from private to public schools between their sophomore and senior years were eliminated from public/private analyses.

In designing the senior cohort first follow-up survey, one of the goals was to reduce the size of the retained sample, while still keeping sufficient numbers of minorities to allow important policy analyses. A total of 11,227 (94 percent) of the 11,995 persons subsampled completed the questionnaire. Information was obtained about the respondents' school and employment experiences, family status, and attitudes and plans.

The sample for the second follow-up, which took place in the spring 1984, consisted of about 12,000 members of the senior cohort and about 15,000 members of the sophomore cohort. The completion rate for the senior cohort was 91 percent, and the completion rate for the sophomore cohort was 92 percent.

HS&B third follow-up data collection activities were performed in spring of 1986. Both the sophomore and senior cohort samples for this round of data collection were the same as those used for the second follow-up survey. The completion rates for the sophomore and senior cohort samples were 91 percent and 88 percent, respectively. The 4th followup in 1992 collected data from almost 15,000 1980 sophomores.

Table A1 contains the maximum number of cases that are available for the tabulations of the specific classification variables used throughout this publication.

The standard error (se) of an individual percentage (p) based on HS&B data can be approximated by the formula:

$$se_p = DEFT [p(100 - p)/n]^{1/2}$$

where n is the sample size and DEFT, the square root of the design effect, is a factor used to adjust for the particular sample design used in HS&B. Table A2 provides the DEFT factors for different HS&B samples and subsamples.

In evaluating a difference between two independent percentages, the standard error of the difference may be conservatively approximated by taking the square root of the sum of the squared standard errors of the two percentages. For example, in the 1986 follow-up of 1980 sophomores, 84.0 percent of the men and 77.2 percent of the women felt that being successful in work was "very important," a difference of 6.8 percentage points. Using the formula and the sample sizes from table A1 and the DEFT factors from table A2, the standard errors of the two percentages being compared are calculated to be:

$$1.43[(84.0)(16.0)/(5,391)]^{1/2} = .714$$

$$1.43[(77.2)(22.8)/(5,857)]^{1/2} = .784$$

The standard error of the difference is therefore:

$$(.714^2 + .784^2)^{1/2} = (.510 + .615)^{1/2} = 1.06$$

The sampling error (95 chances in 100) of the difference is approximately double the standard error, or approximately 2.1 percentage points, and the 95 percent confidence interval for the difference is  $6.8 \pm 2.1$ , or 4.7 to 8.9 percentage points.

The standard error estimation procedure outlined above does not compensate for survey item nonresponse, which is a source of nonsampling error. (Table A1 reflects the maximum number of responses that could be tabulated by demographic characteristics.) For example, of the 10,925 respondents in the 1984 follow-up survey of 1980 high school graduates, 372, or 3.4 percent, did not respond to the particular question on whether they had ever used a pocket calculator. Item nonresponse varied considerably. A very low nonresponse rate of 0.1 percent was obtained for a question asking whether the respondent had attended a postsecondary institution. A much higher item nonresponse rate of 12.2 percent was obtained for a question asking if the respondent had used a micro or minicomputer in high school. Typical item nonresponse rates ranged from 3 to 4 percent.

The Hispanic analyses presented in this report relied on students' self-identification as members of one of four Hispanic subgroups: Mexican, Mexican-American, Chicano; Cuban; Puerto-Rican, Puertorriqueno, or Boricua; or other Latin American, Latino, Hispanic, or Spanish descent.

An NCES series of technical reports and data file users manuals, available electronically, provides additional information on the survey methodology.

Further information on the HS&B survey may be obtained from:

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### **High School Transcript Study Tabulations**

The two most recent transcript studies in 1990 and in 1994 were based on surveys conducted as part of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The 1990 study involved analysis of transcripts of approximately 21,500 1990 high school graduates from 330 schools. The 1994 study involved about 25,000 graduates. Approximately 21,500 1990 graduates were selected for the NAEP transcript study in 1990. The study collected information such as course lists, graduation requirements, and the definition of units of credit and grades, on a school-level basis.

Similar studies were conducted of course taking patterns of 1987 and 1982 graduates. The 1987 data are based on approximately 22,799 transcripts from 433 schools obtained as part of the 1987 High School Transcript Study. The 1982 data are based on approximately 12,000 transcripts collected by the High School and Beyond (HS&B) survey.

Because the 1982 HS&B used a different method for identifying handicapped students than did the 1987 and 1990 transcript studies, and in order to make the statistical summaries as comparable as possible, all the counts and percentages in this report are restricted to students whose records indicate that they had not participated in a special education program. This restriction lowers the number of 1990 graduates represented in the tables to 20,866.

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### **Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System**

The Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) surveys approximately 10,000 postsecondary institutions, including universities and colleges, as well as institutions offering technical and

vocational education beyond the high school level. This survey, which began in 1986, replaced the Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS).

IPEDS consists of eight integrated components that obtain information on who provides postsecondary education (institutions), who participates in it and completes it (students), what programs are offered and what programs are completed, and both the human and financial resources involved in the provision of institutionally based postsecondary education. Specifically, these components include: Institutional Characteristics, including instructional activity; Fall Enrollment, including age and residence; Enrollment in Occupationally Specific Programs; Completions; Finance; Staff; Salaries of Full-Time Instructional Faculty; and Academic Libraries.

The higher education portion of this survey is a census of accredited 2- and 4-year colleges. Prior to 1993, data from the technical and vocational institutions were collected through a sample survey. Beginning in 1993, all data are gathered in a census of all postsecondary institutions. The tabulations on "Institutional Characteristics" developed for this edition of the *Digest* are based on lists of all institutions and are not subject to sampling errors.

Recently the definition of institutions to be counted under the higher education category has been modified. The old standard for higher education included those institutions that had courses that led to an associate degree or higher, or were accepted for credit towards those degrees. Tables that use this standard are labeled "higher education" in the *Digest*. The current category includes institutions which award associate or higher level degrees that are eligible to participate in Title IV federal financial aid programs. These tables or columns are labeled as "degree-granting" institutions. The impact of this change has generally not been large. For example, tables on faculty salaries and benefits were only affected to a very small extent. Also, degrees awarded at the bachelor's level or higher were not heavily affected. The largest impact has been on private 2-year college enrollment. In contrast, most of the data on public 4-year colleges has been affected only to a minimal extent. The impact on enrollment in public 2-year colleges was noticeable in certain states, but relatively small at the national level. Overall, enrollment for all institutions was about one-half a percent higher for degree-granting institutions compared to the total for higher education institutions.

Prior to the establishment of IPEDS in 1986, HEGIS acquired and maintained statistical data on the characteristics and operations of institutions of higher education. Implemented in 1966, HEGIS was an annual universe survey of institutions accredited at the college level by an agency recognized by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.



These institutions were listed in NCES's *Education Directory, Colleges and Universities*.

Most trend tables presented in this report draw on HEGIS surveys, which solicited information concerning institutional characteristics, faculty salaries, finances, enrollment, and degrees. Since these surveys were distributed to all higher education institutions, the data presented are not subject to sampling error. However, they are subject to nonsampling error, the sources of which varied with the survey instrument. Information concerning the nonsampling error of the enrollment and degrees surveys draws extensively on the *HEGIS Post-Survey Validation Study conducted in 1979*.

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### ***Institutional Characteristics***

This survey provides the basis for the universe of institutions presented in the Directory of Postsecondary Institutions. The universe comprises institutions that met certain accreditation criteria and offered at least a 1-year program of college-level studies leading toward a degree. All of these institutions were certified as eligible by the U.S. Department of Education's Division of Eligibility and Agency Evaluation. The survey collects basic information necessary to classify the institutions including control, level, and kinds of programs; information on tuition, fees, and room and board charges; and unduplicated full-year enrollment counts and instructional activity.

### ***Fall Enrollment***

This survey has been part of the HEGIS and IPEDS series since 1966. The enrollment survey response rate is relatively high. The 1996 response rate was 96 percent for degree-granting institutions, or 95 percent overall. Major sources of nonsampling error for this survey as identified in the 1979 report were classification problems, the unavailability of needed data, interpretation of definitions, the survey due date, and operational errors. Of these, the classification of students appears to have been the main source of error. Institutions had problems in correctly classifying first-time freshmen and other first-time students for both full-time and part-time categories. These problems occurred most often at 2-year institutions (private and public) and private 4-year institutions. In the 1977-78 HEGIS validation studies, the

classification problem led to an estimated overcount of 11,000 full-time students and an undercount of 19,000 part-time students. Although the ratio of error to the grand total was quite small (less than 1 percent), the percentage of errors was as high as 5 percent for detailed student levels and even higher at certain aggregation levels.

Beginning with fall 1986, the survey system was redesigned with the introduction of IPEDS (see above). IPEDS comprises all postsecondary institutions, but also maintains comparability with earlier surveys by allowing HEGIS institutions to be tabulated separately. The survey allows (in alternating years) for the collection of age and residence data.

### ***Salaries, Tenure, and Fringe Benefits of Full-Time Instructional Faculty***

This institutional survey has been conducted for most years from 1966-67 to 1987-88, and annually since 1989-90. Although the survey form changed a number of times during those years, only comparable data are presented in this report.

Between 1966-67 and 1985-86 this survey differed from other HEGIS surveys in that imputations were not made for nonrespondents. Thus, there is some possibility that the salary averages presented in this report may differ from the results of a complete enumeration of all colleges and universities. Beginning with the surveys for 1987-88, the IPEDS data tabulation procedures included imputations for survey nonrespondents. The response rate for the 1996-97 survey was 92 percent for degree-granting institutions. Because of the higher response rate for public colleges, it is probable that the public colleges' salary data are more accurate than the data for private colleges. Although data from these surveys are not subject to sampling error, sources of nonsampling error may include computational errors and misclassification in reporting and processing. NCES reviews individual colleges' data for internal and longitudinal consistency and contacts the colleges to check inconsistent data.

### ***Completions***

This survey was part of the HEGIS series throughout its existence. However, the degree classification taxonomy was revised in 1970-71, 1982-83, and 1991-92. Collection of degree data has been maintained through the IPEDS system.

Though information from survey years 1970-71 through 1981-82 is directly comparable, care must be taken if information before or after that period is included in any comparison. Degrees-conferred trend tables arranged by the 1991-92 classification are included in the *Digest* to provide consistent data from 1970-71 to 1995-96. Data in this edition on associate and other formal awards below the baccala-

laureate, by field of study, cannot be made comparable with figures prior to 1982–83. The non-response rate did not appear to be a significant source of nonsampling error for this survey. The return rate over the years has been high, with the degree-granting institutions response rate for the 1995–96 survey at 98 percent. The overall response rate including the noncollegiate institutions was 88 percent in 1994–95. Because of the high return rate for the institutions of higher education, nonsampling error caused by imputation is also minimal.

The major sources of nonsampling error for this survey were differences between the NCES program taxonomy and taxonomies used by the colleges, classification of double majors, operational problems, and survey timing. In the 1979 HEGIS validation study, these sources of nonsampling contributed to an error rate of 0.3 percent overreporting of bachelor's degrees and 1.3 percent overreporting of master's degrees. The differences, however, varied greatly among fields. Over 50 percent of the fields selected for the validation study had no errors identified. Categories of fields that had large differences were business and management, education, engineering, letters, and psychology. It was also shown that differences in proportion to the published figures were less than 1 percent for most of the selected fields that had some errors. Exceptions to these were: master's and Ph.D. programs in labor and industrial relations (20 percent and 8 percent); bachelor's and master's programs in art education (3 percent and 4 percent); bachelor's and Ph.D. programs in business and commerce, and in distributive education (5 percent and 9 percent); master's programs in philosophy (8 percent); and Ph.D. programs in psychology (11 percent).

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### ***Financial Statistics***

This survey was part of the HEGIS series and has been continued under the IPEDS system. Changes were made in the financial survey instruments in fiscal years (FY) 1976, 1982, and 1987. The FY 76 survey instrument contained numerous revisions to earlier survey forms and made direct comparisons of line items very difficult. Beginning in FY 82, Pell Grant data were collected in the categories of federal restricted grants and contracts revenues and re-

stricted scholarships and fellowships expenditures. The introduction of IPEDS in the FY 87 survey included several important changes to the survey instrument and data processing procedures. While these changes were significant, considerable effort has been made to present only comparable information on trends in this report and to note inconsistencies. Finance tables for this publication have been adjusted by subtracting the largely duplicative Pell Grant amounts from the later data to maintain comparability with pre-FY 82 data.

Possible sources of nonsampling error in the financial statistics include nonresponse, imputation, and misclassification. The response rate has been about 85 to 90 percent for most of the years reported. The response rate for the FY 1996 survey was 94 percent for higher education institutions, or 83 percent overall.

Two general methods of imputation were used in HEGIS. If the prior year's data were available for a nonresponding institution, these data were inflated using the Higher Education Price Index and adjusted according to changes in enrollments. If no previous year's data were available, current data were used from peer institutions selected for location (state or region), control, level, and enrollment size of institution. In most cases estimates for nonreporting institutions in IPEDS were made using data from peer institutions.

Beginning with FY 87, the IPEDS survey system included all postsecondary institutions, but maintained comparability with earlier surveys by allowing 2- and 4-year HEGIS institutions to be tabulated separately. Unless specified otherwise, the finance data tabulated for this publication reflect totals for the HEGIS or higher education institutions only. For FY 87 through FY 91, in order to maintain comparability with the historical time series of HEGIS institutions, data were combined from two of the three different survey forms that make up the IPEDS survey system. The vast majority of the data were tabulated from Form 1, which was used to collect information from public and private nonprofit 2- and 4-year colleges. Form 2, a condensed form, was used to gather data for the 2-year proprietary institutions. Because of the differences in the data requested on the two forms, several assumptions were made about the Form 2 reports so that their figures could be included in the institutions of higher education totals.

In IPEDS, the Form 2 institutions were not asked to separate appropriations from grants and contracts, nor state from local sources of funding. For the Form 2 institutions, all the federal revenues were assumed to be federal grants and contracts and all of the state and local revenues were assumed to be restricted state grants and contracts. All other Form 2 sources of revenue, except for tuition and fees and sales and

services of educational activities, were included under "other." Similar adjustments were made to the expenditure accounts. The Form 2 institutions reported instruction and scholarship and fellowship expenditures only. All other educational and general expenditures were allocated to academic support.

To reduce reporting error, NCES uses national standards for reporting finance statistics. These standards are contained in *College and University Business Administration: Administrative Services (1974 Edition)*, and the *Financial Accounting and Reporting Manual for Higher Education (1990 Education)*, published by the National Association of College and University Business Officers; *Audits of Colleges and Universities* (as amended August 31, 1974), by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; and *HEGIS Financial Reporting Guide (1980)*, by NCES. Wherever possible, definitions and formats in the survey form are consistent with those in these four accounting texts.

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### **Staff**

The fall staff data presented in this publication were collected by NCES, through the IPEDS system, which collected data from postsecondary institutions, including all 2- and 4-year higher education institutions. The NCES collects staff data biennially in odd numbered years in institutions of postsecondary education.

The IPEDS "Fall Staff" questionnaires were mailed out by NCES; the respondents reported the number of employees in their institutions as of January 15, 1996. The "Fall Staff" questionnaires were mailed out by NCES between October and November 1995; the respondents reported the employment statistics in their institution that cover the payroll period closest to October 1 of the survey year. The "Fall Staff, 1995" survey had an overall response rate of 87 percent. The response rate for higher education institutions was 94 percent.

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### **Library Statistics Program**

Nationwide, public library statistics are collected using the Public Libraries Survey and disseminated annually through the Federal-State Cooperative System for public library data (FSCS). Descriptive statistics are produced for nearly 9,000 public libraries. The Public Libraries Survey includes information about staffing; operating income and expenditures; type of governance; type of administrative structure; size of collection; and service measures such as reference transactions, public service hours, interlibrary loans, circulation, and library visits. In FSCS, respondents supply the information electronically, and data are edited and tabulated in machine-readable form.

The respondents are 8,946 public libraries identified in the 50 states and the District of Columbia by state library agencies. At the state level, FSCS is administered by State Data Coordinators, appointed by the Chief Officer of each State Library Agency. The State Data Coordinator collects the requested data from local public libraries and submits these data to NCES. An annual training conference sponsored by NCES is provided for the State Data Coordinators. A steering committee representing State Data Coordinators and other public library constituents is active in the development of FSCS data elements and software. Technical assistance to states is provided by phone and in person by the FSCS steering committee and by NCES staff and contractors. All 50 states and the District of Columbia have submitted data that are available for individual public libraries and are also aggregated to state and national levels.

Since 1990, data have been collected electronically. The most recent software is called DECPLUS. It includes identifying information on all known public libraries and their outlets, some state libraries, and some library systems and cooperatives. Beginning in 1994, this resource will be available for drawing samples for special surveys on such topics as literacy, access for the disabled, and library construction.

Under the Academic Libraries Survey (ALS), NCES surveyed academic libraries on a 3-year cycle between 1966 and 1988. Since 1988, ALS has been a component of the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System and is on a 2-year cycle. ALS provides data on about 3,500 academic libraries. In aggregate, these data provide an overview of the status of academic libraries nationally and statewide. The survey collects data on the libraries in the entire universe of accredited higher education institutions and on the libraries in nonaccredited institutions with a program of 4 years or more. ALS produces descriptive statistics on academic libraries in postsecondary institutions in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the outlying areas.

The School Library Statistics Survey collected data on school libraries/media centers in 1990–91 and 1993–94. This survey asked questions on libraries in public and private schools as part of the Schools and Staffing Survey (SASS). These questionnaires were revised and a sample survey of about 7,600 schools was conducted during school year 1993–94. The library components of the 1990–91 SASS include: number of students served and number of professional staff and aides; at the district level, number of full-time equivalent librarians/media specialists, vacant positions, positions abolished, and approved positions; and amount of librarian input in establishing curriculum. The 1993–94 survey was much more extensive and added questions concerning media centers and collections of libraries.

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### ***National Adult Literacy Survey***

The National Adult Literacy Survey (NALS) was created as a new measure of literacy and funded by the Department of Education and by 12 states. It is the third and largest assessment of adult literacy funded by the federal government. The aim of the survey is to profile the English literacy of adults in the United States based on their performance across a wide array of tasks that reflect the types of materials and demands they encounter in their daily lives.

To gather the information on adults' literacy skills, trained staff interviewed nearly 13,600 individuals aged 16 and older during the first eight months of 1992. These participants had been randomly selected to represent the adult population in the country

as a whole. Black and Hispanic households were oversampled to ensure reliable estimates of literacy proficiencies, and to permit analyses of the performance of these subpopulations. In addition, some 1,100 inmates from 80 federal and state prisons were interviewed to gather information on the proficiencies of the prison population. In total, over 26,000 adults were surveyed.

Each survey participant was asked to spend approximately an hour responding to a series of diverse literacy tasks as well as questions about his or her demographic characteristics, educational background, reading practices, and other areas related to literacy. Based on their responses to the survey tasks, adults received proficiency scores along three scales which reflect varying degrees of skill in prose, document and quantitative literacy. The results of the survey were published in a report, *Adult Literacy in America*, in September 1993.

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### ***National Assessment of Educational Progress***

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is a series of cross-sectional studies designed and initially implemented in 1969. NAEP has gathered information about selected levels of educational achievement across the country. NAEP has surveyed the educational attainments by age and grade (9-, 13-, and 17-year-olds, and 4th, 8th, and 12th graders), and young adults (ages 25 to 35), in 10 learning areas. NAEP administers two different types of tests, national and state NAEP. At the national level, NAEP is divided into two assessments: the main NAEP and the long-term trend NAEP.

NAEP long-term trend assessments are designed to give information on the changes in the basic achievement of America's youth. Nationally representative samples of students have been assessed in science, mathematics, and reading at ages 9, 13, and 17 since the early 1970s. Students have been assessed in writing at grades 4, 8, and 11 since 1984. To measure trends accurately, assessment items (mostly multiple choice) and procedures have remained unchanged since the first assessment in each subject. Recent trend assessments were conducted in 1994 and 1996, and the next will take place in 1999. About 30,000 students took part in the 1996 trend assessment. Results are reported as av-

erage scores for the nation, regions, and for various subgroups of the population such as race and ethnic groups. Data from the trend assessments are available in the most recent report, *NAEP 1996 Trends in Academic Progress*, or in a brief summary report, *Report in Brief: NAEP 1996 Trends in Academic Progress*.

In the main national NAEP, a nationally representative sample of students is assessed at grades 4, 8, and 12 in various academic subjects. The assessments change periodically and are based on frameworks developed by the National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB). Items include both multiple-choice and “constructed-response” (requiring written answers). Results are reported in two ways. Average scores are reported for the nation, participating states and jurisdictions, and for subgroups of the population. In addition, the percent of students at or above the basic, proficient, and advanced achievement levels are reported for these same groups. The achievement levels are developed by NAGB.

Since 1990, main NAEP has also been conducted for states and other jurisdictions that choose to participate (47 participated in 1996). Because the national NAEP samples were not, and are not currently, designed to support the reporting of accurate and representative state-level results, separate representative samples of students are selected for each participating jurisdiction. State data are usually available at grades 4 and/or 8, and may not include all subjects assessed in the national-level assessment. In 1994, for example, NAEP assessed reading, geography, and history at the national level at grades 4, 8, and 12 (only reading at grade 4 was assessed at the state level, however). In 1996, mathematics and science were assessed nationally at grades 4, 8, 12. In the states, mathematics was assessed at grades 4 and 8, and science was assessed at grade 8 only. In 1997, the arts were assessed at the national level at grade 8. Reading and writing were assessed in 1998 at the national level for grades 4, 8, and 12, and state levels for grades 4 and 8. Civics was assessed at the national level, as well. These assessments generally involve about 130,000 students at the national and state levels.

The assessment data presented in this publication were derived from tests designed and conducted by the Education Commission of the States (1969–1983) and by the Educational Testing Service (1983 to present). Three-stage probability samples have been used. The primary sampling units have been stratified by region and, within region, by state, size of community, and, for the two smaller sizes of community strata, by socioeconomic level. The first stage of sampling entails defining and selecting primary sampling units (PSUs). For each age/grade level (grades 4, 8, and 12) the second stage entails enu-

merating, stratifying, and randomly selecting schools, both public and private, within each PSU selected at the first stage. The third stage involves randomly selecting students within a school for participation in NAEP. Assessment exercises have been administered either to individuals or to small groups of students by specially trained personnel.

Sample sizes for the reading proficiency portion of the 1995–96 NAEP long-term trends study were: 5,019 for the 9-year-olds, 5,493 for the 13-year-olds, and 4,669 for the 17-year-olds. Response rates were 96 percent, 92 percent, and 84 percent, respectively. Response rates for earlier years (1970–71, 1974–75, and 1979–80) were generally lower. For example, the lowest response rate for the 9-year-olds was 88 percent in 1974–75, and the lowest response rate overall was 70 percent for the 17-year-olds in 1974–75.

Sample sizes in math and science portions of the 1995–96 long-term trends were: 5,414 9-year-olds, 5,658 13-year-olds, and 3,539 17-year-olds. Response rates were 95, 93, and 84 percent, respectively.

Assessments focusing on particular subject areas are conducted separately from long term assessments. The 1993–94 U.S. history data in this report are based on a nationally representative sample of 5,499 4th graders, 8,767 8th graders, and 7,818 12th graders. The response rates were: 90 percent for 4th graders, 90 percent for 8th graders, and 89 percent for 12th graders.

The 1997–98 writing assessment was administered to 19,816 4th graders, 20,586 8th graders, and 19,505 12th graders. Student response rates for the 1997–98 writing assessment were 95 percent for the 4th graders, 92 percent for the 8th graders, and 80 percent for the 12th graders.

In 1995–96, a science assessment was administered to 7,305 4th graders, 7,774 8th graders, and 7,537 12th graders. The response rates were 94 percent for the 4th graders, 94 percent for the 8th graders, and 93 percent for the 12th graders.

The 1993–94 geography assessment was administered to 5,507 4th graders, 6,878 8th graders, and 6,234 12th graders. The response rates for the assessment were 93 percent for the 4th graders, 93 percent for the 8th graders, and 90 percent for the 12th graders.

In 1990, representative state-level data were produced for mathematics at the 8th grade level. This was the first time NAEP had produced data on a state-by-state level. In 1996, state-level assessments were conducted in 4th and 8th grade mathematics and 8th grade science.

Information from NAEP is subject to both nonsampling and sampling error. Two possible sources of nonsampling error are nonparticipation and instru-

mentation. Certain populations have been oversampled to assure samples of sufficient size for analysis. Instrumentation nonsampling error could result from failure of the test instruments to measure what is being taught and, in turn, what is being learned by the students.

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### ***National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988***

The National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988 (NELS:88) is the third major longitudinal study sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics. The two studies that preceded NELS:88, the National Longitudinal Study of the High School Class of 1972 (NLS-72) and High School and Beyond (HS&B) in 1980, surveyed high school seniors (and sophomores in HS&B) through high school, postsecondary education, and work and family formation experiences. Unlike its predecessors, NELS:88 begins with a cohort of 8th-grade students. In 1988, some 25,000 eighth graders, their parents, their teachers, and their school principals were surveyed. Follow-ups were conducted in 1990, 1992, and 1994, when a majority of these students were in 10th and 12th grades, and then 2 years after their scheduled high school graduation. A fourth follow-up is planned for the year 2000.

NELS:88 is designed to provide trend data about critical transitions experienced by young people as they develop, attend school, and embark on their careers. It complements and strengthens state and local efforts by furnishing new information on how school policies, teacher practices, and family involvement affect student educational outcomes (i.e., academic achievement, persistence in school, and participation in postsecondary education). For the base year, NELS:88 include a multifaceted student questionnaire, four cognitive tests, a parent questionnaire, a teacher questionnaire, and a school questionnaire.

In 1990, when the students were in 10th grade, the students, school dropouts, their teachers, and their school principals were surveyed. The 1988 survey of parents was not a part of the 1990 follow-up. In 1992, when the students were in 12th grade, the second follow-up conducted surveys of students, dropouts, parents, teachers, and school principals. Also, information on the students' transcripts, the

schools' course offerings, and enrollments were collected, and there was a school effects survey. Tables A3 and A4 present the respondent counts and design effects of NELS:88 and the 1990 and 1992 follow-ups.

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### ***National Household Education Survey***

The National Household Education Survey (NHES) is a data collection system that is designed to address a wide range of education-related issues. Surveys were conducted in 1991, 1993, 1995, and 1996.

NHES targets specific populations for detailed data collection. It is intended to provide more detailed data on the topics and populations of interest than are collected through supplements to other household surveys.

The topics addressed by NHES:91 were early childhood education and adult education. About 60,000 households were screened for NHES:91. In the Early Childhood Education component, about 14,000 parents/guardians of 3- to 8-year olds completed interviews about their children's early educational experiences. Included in this component were participation in nonparental care/education, care arrangements and school, and family, household, and child characteristics. In the NHES:91 Adult Education component, about 9,800 persons 16 years of age and older, identified as having participated in an adult education activity in the previous 12 months, were questioned about their activities. Data were collected on programs and up to four courses, including the subject matter duration, sponsorship, purpose, and cost. Information on the household and the adult's background and current employment also was collected. In the NHES:95 survey, 23,969 adults were sampled for the adult education component and 80 percent (19,722) completed the interview.

In NHES:93, nearly 64,000 households were screened. Approximately 11,000 parents of 3- to 7-year-olds completed interviews for the School Readiness component. Topics included were the developmental characteristics of preschoolers, school adjustment and teacher feedback to parents for kindergartners and primary students, center-based program participation, early school experiences, home activities with family members, and health status. In the School Safety and Discipline component, about

12,700 parents of children in grades 3 through 12, and about 6,500 youth in grades 6 through 12, were interviewed about their school experiences. Topics included the school learning environment, discipline policy, safety at school, victimization, the availability and use of alcohol/drugs, and alcohol/drug education. Peer norms for behavior in school and substance use were also included in this topical component. Extensive family and household background information was collected, as well as characteristics of the school attended by the child.

In NHES:95 survey, the Early Childhood Program participation component and the Adult Education component were similar to those in 1991. In the Early Childhood component, about 14,000 parents of children from birth to third grade were interviewed. For the Adult Education component, about 19,500 civilian adults were interviewed.

In the spring of 1996, Parent and Family Involvement in education and Civic Involvement were covered. For the Parent and Family Involvement component, nearly 21,000 parents of children grades 3 to 12 were interviewed. For the Civic Involvement component, about 8,000 youth grades 6 to 12, about 9,000 parents, and about 2,000 adults were interviewed. The 1996 survey also addressed public library use. Adults in almost 55,000 households were interviewed to support state-level estimates of household public library use.

NHES:99 collected end-of-decade estimates of key indicators from the surveys conducted throughout the 1990s. Approximately 60,000 households were screened for a total of about 40,000 interviews with parents of children from birth through 12th grade, and adults aged 16 or older not enrolled in grade 12 or below. Key indicators are expected to include participation of children in nonparental care and early childhood programs, school experiences, parent/family involvement in education at home and at school, youth community service activities, plans for future education, and adult participation in educational activities and community service.

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### ***National Longitudinal Study of the High School Class of 1972***

The National Longitudinal Study of the high school class of 1972 (NLS:72) began with the collection of base-year survey data from a sample of about 19,000 high school seniors in the spring of 1972. Five more follow-up surveys of these students were conducted in 1973, 1974, 1976, 1979, and 1986. NLS:72 was designed to provide the education community with information on the transitions of young adults from high school through postsecondary education and the workplace.

In addition to the follow-ups, a number of supplemental data collection efforts were undertaken. For example, a Postsecondary Education Transcript Study (PETS) was undertaken in 1984, and the fifth follow-up survey in 1986 included a supplement for those who became teachers.

The sample design for the NLS:72 was a stratified, two-stage probability sample of 12th grade students from all schools, public and private, in the 50 states and the District of Columbia during the 1971-72 school year. During the first stage of sampling, about 1,070 schools were selected for participation in the base-year survey. As many as 18 students were selected at random from each of the sample schools. The size of both the school and student samples were increased during the first follow-up survey. Beginning with the first follow-up and continuing through the fourth follow-up, about 1,300 schools participated in the survey and slightly under 23,500 students were sampled. The response rates for each of the different rounds of data collection have been 80 percent or higher.

Sample retention rates across the survey years have been quite high. For example, of the individuals responding to the base-year questionnaire, the percentages who responded to the first, second, third, and fourth follow-up questionnaires were about 94, 93, 89, and 83 percent, respectively.

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### ***National Postsecondary Student Aid Study***

The National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS) is a comprehensive nationwide study of

how students and their families pay for postsecondary education. It covers national representative samples of undergraduates, graduates, and first-professional students, including students attending less than 2-year institutions, 2- to 3-year schools, 4-year colleges, and major universities. Participants included students who do not receive aid and their parents as well as students who do receive financial aid and their parents. Study results are used to help determine future federal policy regarding student financial aid. The study was conducted every three years. Beginning in 1999–2000, the survey will be conducted every four years.

The first NPSAS was conducted during the 1986–87 school year. Data were gathered from about 1,074 colleges, universities, and other postsecondary institutions; 60,000 students; and 14,000 parents. These data provided information on the cost of postsecondary education, the distribution of financial aid, and the characteristics of both aided and nonaided students and their families.

As a part of NPSAS:93, information on 77,000 undergraduates and graduate students enrolled during the school year was collected at 1,000 postsecondary institutions. The sample included students enrolled at any time between July 1, 1992 and June 30, 1993. About 66,000 students and a subsample of their parents were interviewed by telephone. NPSAS:96 contains information on more than 48,000 undergraduate and graduate students from 973 postsecondary institutions. Students were enrolled at any time during the 1995–96 school year.

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### **National Study of Postsecondary Faculty**

This study is in response to a continuing need for data on faculty and instructors—persons who directly affect the quality of education in postsecondary institutions. They often determine curriculum content, student performance standards, and the quality of students' preparation for careers. Faculty members perform important research and development work and perform public service activities. The National Study of Postsecondary Faculty (NSOPF) was designed to provide data about faculty to postsecondary researchers, planners, and policymakers. NSOPF is the most comprehensive study of faculty in postsecondary educational institutions ever undertaken.

The first cycle of NSOPF was conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) in 1987–88 (NSOPF:88) with a sample of 480 colleges and universities, over 3,000 department chairpersons, and over 11,000 instructional faculty. The second cycle of NSOPF was conducted by NCES with support from NEH and the National Science Foundation (NSF) in 1992–93 (NSOPF:93). NSOPF:93 was limited to surveys of institutions and faculty, but with a substantially expanded sample of 974 colleges and universities, and 31,354 faculty and instructional staff.

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### **Projections of Education Statistics**

Since 1964, NCES has published projections of key statistics for elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education. These projections include statistics such as enrollments, instructional staff, graduates, earned degrees, and expenditures. The *Projections* reports include several alternative projection series and a methodology section describing the techniques and assumptions used to prepare them. Data in this edition of the *Digest* reflect the middle alternative projection series.

Differences between the reported and projected values are, of course, almost inevitable. An evaluation of past projections revealed that, at the elementary and secondary level, projections of enrollments have been quite accurate: mean absolute percentage differences for enrollment were less than 1 percent for projections from 1 to 5 years in the future, while those for teachers were less than 4 percent. At the higher education level, projections of enrollment have been fairly accurate: mean absolute percentage differences were 5 percent or less for projections from 1 to 5 years into the future.

Further information on *Projections of Education Statistics* may be obtained from:

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### **Survey of Recent College Graduates**

Since 1976, NCES has conducted six surveys of baccalaureate and master's degree recipients 1 year after graduation. The Recent College Graduates (RCG) surveys have concentrated on those graduates entering the teaching profession. The surveys link major field of study with outcomes such as whether the respondent entered the labor force or was seeking additional education. Data on labor force includes employment status (unemployed, part-time or full-time employed), occupation, salary, career potential, relation to major field of study, and need for a college degree. To obtain accurate results on teachers, graduates with a major in education were oversampled. The latest 2 surveys continued to oversample education majors, but increased the sampling of graduates with majors in other fields.

The survey involved a two-stage sampling procedure. First, the universe of institutions awarding bachelor's and master's degrees was stratified by number or percentage of degrees awarded to education graduates and by control of institution (public or private). A sample of institutions within each stratum was then selected. Second, for each of the selected institutions, a list of their graduates by major field of study was obtained and a sample of graduates was drawn by major field of study. Graduates in certain major fields of study (e.g., education, mathematics, physical sciences) were sampled at higher rates than graduates in other fields. Roughly one year after graduation, the sample of graduates was located, contacted by mail or telephone, and asked to respond to the questionnaire.

The locating process was more detailed than in most surveys. Nonresponse rates were directly related to the time, effort, and resources used in locating graduates, rather than to graduates' refusals to participate. Despite the difficulties in locating graduates, response rates for recent studies are comparable to studies without locating problems.

The 1976 survey of 1974–75 college graduates was the first, and smallest of the series. The sample consisted of 211 schools, of which 200 (96 percent) responded. Of the 5,854 graduates in the sample, 4,350 responded, for a response rate of 79 percent.

The 1981 survey was somewhat larger, with a coverage of 297 institutions and 15,852 graduates. Responses were obtained from 283 institutions, for an institutional response rate of 95 percent, and from 9,312 graduates (716 others were determined to be out of scope), for a response rate of 74 percent.

The 1985 survey sampled 404 colleges and 18,738 graduates of whom 17,853 were found to be in scope. Responses were obtained from 13,200 students, for a response rate of 78 percent. The response rate for the colleges was 98 percent. The

1987 survey form was sent to 21,957 graduates. Responses were received from 16,878, for a response rate of 79.7 percent.

RCG:91 involved a sample of 18,135 graduates of 400 bachelor's and master's degree-granting institutions. The 18,135 graduates consisted of 16,172 bachelor's degrees recipients and 1,963 master's degree recipients between July 1, 1989 and June 30, 1990. Random samples of graduates were selected from lists stratified by field of study. Graduates in education, mathematics, and the physical sciences were sampled at a higher rate, as were minority graduates to provide a sufficient number of these graduates for analysis purposes. The graduates included in the sample were selected in proportion to the institution's number of graduates. The institutional response rate was 95 percent and the graduate response rate was 83 percent.

Table A5 contains sample sizes for number of graduates, by field, for the 1976, 1981, 1985, 1987, and 1991 surveys.

This survey system has been replaced by a new data collection entitled Baccalaureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study (see listing above).

Further information on the RCG survey may be obtained from:

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 Postsecondary Studies Division  
 National Center for Education Statistics  
 555 New Jersey Avenue NW  
 Washington, DC 20208–5652  
 Peter\_\_Stowe@ed.gov  
<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/rcg/>

### **Public School Principal Survey on Safe, Disciplined, and Drug-Free Schools**

This sample survey used the NCES Fast Response Survey System (FRSS), which is designed to gather timely information for policymakers. The survey was conducted in 1991 by Westat, Inc. A national sample of 830 public school principals, represented by a response rate of 94 percent, answered questions regarding the extent of discipline problems within their schools. They were also questioned about the nature and effectiveness of their schools' current policies and drug education programs.

This survey categorized principals by instructional level (elementary, secondary), type of school location (city, urban fringe, town, rural), enrollment size (less than 300, 300 to 999, 1,000 or more), region (Northeast, Central, Southeast, and West), and percentage of students receiving free or reduced-price lunches (10 percent or less, 11 to 40 percent, 41 percent or more).

Further information on *Public School Principal Survey on Safe, Disciplined, and Drug-Free Schools* may be obtained from:

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Early Childhood, International, and Crosscutting  
Statistics Division  
National Center for Education Statistics  
555 New Jersey Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20208–5651  
Shelley\_\_Burns@ed.gov  
[www.nces.ed.gov/surveys/frss/](http://www.nces.ed.gov/surveys/frss/)

***Public School Kindergarten Teachers' Views on Children's Readiness for School***

This sample survey of 1,448 public school kindergarten teachers was conducted as part of a national early childhood assessment system for National Education Goal One: "By the year 2000, all American children will start school ready to learn." The survey obtained data on kindergarten teachers' views of children's readiness and on the teacher's classroom practices.

Further information on *Public School Kindergarten Teachers' Views on Children's Readiness for School* may be obtained from:

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Early Childhood, International, and Crosscutting  
Statistics Division  
National Center for Education Statistics  
555 New Jersey Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20208–5651  
Shelley\_\_Burns@ed.gov  
[www.nces.ed.gov/surveys/frss/](http://www.nces.ed.gov/surveys/frss/)

***Internet Access in Public Schools and Classrooms***

The Internet Access in Public Schools and Classrooms study is part of the National Center for Education Statistics Fast Response Survey System (FRSS). The FRSS was established in 1985 to collect issue-oriented data quickly with minimum response burden. It was designed to meet the data needs of the U.S. Department of Education analysts, planners, and decision-makers when information could not be collected quickly enough through traditional NCES surveys.

The Internet survey was designed to assess the federal government's commitment to assist every school and classroom in connecting to the Internet by the year 2000. In 1994, NCES began surveying approximately 1,000 public schools each year about their access to the Internet, access in classrooms, and since 1996, their type of Internet connections. All estimates are based on samples and are subject to sampling variability. The differences are statistically significant at the 0.05 percent level.

Further information on Internet access in public schools and classrooms may be obtained from:

Edith McArthur  
Early Childhood, International, and Crosscutting  
Statistics Division  
National Center for Education Statistics  
555 New Jersey Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20208–5651  
Edith\_\_McArthur@ed.gov  
[www.nces.ed.gov/surveys/frss/](http://www.nces.ed.gov/surveys/frss/)

***Schools and Staffing Survey***

The Schools and Staffing Survey (SASS) is a set of linked questionnaires that covers public school districts, public and private schools, principals, and teachers as its core components. SASS was first conducted for the National Center for Education Statistics by the Bureau of the Census during the 1987–88 school year. SASS subsequently was conducted in 1990–91 and in 1993–94. SASS is being collected for school year 1999–2000. SASS is a mailed questionnaire with telephone follow-up that collects data on the nation's public and private elementary and secondary teaching force, characteristics of schools and school principals, demand for teachers, and school/school district policies. The 1990–91 and 1993–94 SASS also obtained data on Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) or tribally run schools. SASS data are collected through a sample survey of schools, the school districts associated with sampled schools, school principals, and teachers. SASS:93–94 was expanded to cover school libraries and librarians, and field tested an administrative student records questionnaire.

SASS:93–94 estimates are based upon a sample consisting of approximately 9,900 public schools, 3,300 private schools, and 5,500 public school districts associated with the public schools in the sample. From these schools, about 57,000 public school teachers and 11,500 private school teachers were selected for the SASS:1993–94 teacher survey.

The public school sample for the SASS:1993–94 was based upon the 1991–92 school year Common Core of Data (CCD), the compilation of all the nation's public school districts and public schools. CCD is collected annually from state education agencies. The frame includes regular public schools, Department of Defense-operated military base schools in the United States, and nonregular schools such as special education, vocational, and alternative schools. SASS is designed to provide national estimates for public and private school characteristics and state estimates for school districts, public schools, principals, and teachers. The teacher survey is designed as well to allow comparisons between

new and experienced teachers, and between bilingual/ESL teachers and other teachers.

The private school sample for the 1993–94 SASS was selected from the 1991–92 Private School Universe Survey (PSS), supplemented with list updates from states and some associations available in time for sample selection. PSS collects basic data on all of the nation's private schools from two sources: the list frame and the area search frame. The list frame was compiled from a set of private school associations that provide NCES with their membership lists and states that gather lists of private schools. The area search frame consisted of schools not included on the list frame that were compiled from local sources in a sample of counties around the United States. Private school estimates are available at the national level and by type of private school.

The Teacher Demand and Shortage (TDS) and School Principal Questionnaires were mailed out first in October 1993, along with School Library/Media Center and Library Media Specialist/Librarian Questionnaires. The weighted response rate for the Teacher Demand and Shortage Questionnaire was 93.9 percent. Weighted response rates for the Public School Principal Questionnaire and the Private School Questionnaire were 96.6 percent and 87.6 percent, respectively.

In December 1993, public, private, and BIA school questionnaires were mailed out. The public, private, and BIA teacher questionnaires were sent out in several batches, between mid-December 1993 and early February 1994. Weighted response rates for the Public School Questionnaire and the Private School Questionnaire were 92.3 percent and 83.2 percent, respectively. Five percent of public schools and 9 percent of private schools did not provide a list of teachers in their schools and were thus ineligible for sampling. Weighted response rates were 88.2 percent for public school teachers and 80.2 percent for private school teachers.

Item response rates were varied, but generally high, ranging from 67 to 100 percent for the TDS, 65 to 100 percent for public school principal questions, 55 to 100 percent for private school principal items, 83 to 100 percent for public school items, 61 to 100 percent for private school survey items, 71 to 100 percent for public school teacher items, and 69 to 100 percent for private school teacher items.

Public-use files are available on the CD-ROM, *The Schools and Staffing Survey (SASS) and Teacher Followup Survey (TFS) CD-ROM: Electronic Codebook and Public-Use Data For Three Cycles of SASS and TFS* (NCES 98–312). Restricted-use microdata files are also available to approved users. Summary data from the SASS:93–94 can be found in *Schools and Staffing in the United States: Selected Data for Public and Private Schools, 1993–94*

(NCES 95–191). More detailed results from the 1993–94 SASS are published in *Schools and Staffing in the United States: A Statistical Profile, 1993–94* (NCES 96–124). Data by state are available in *SASS by State—1993–94 Schools and Staffing Survey Selected State Results* (NCES 96–312). Further information about the sample may be obtained from *1993–94 Schools and Staffing Survey: Sample Design and Estimation* (NCES 96–086). Data from previous SASS collections are published in the 1987–88 and 1990–91 *Profile* reports (NCES 92–127 and 93–146, respectively), as well as the 1987–88 and 1990–91 versions of the sample design report (NCES 91–127 and 93–449, respectively).

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<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/sass/>

### ***The Third International Mathematics and Science Study***

The Third International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) is the largest, most comprehensive, and most rigorous international comparison of education ever undertaken. During the 1995 school year, the study tested the mathematics and science knowledge of half a million students from 41 nations at five different grade levels. At the same time, the students, their teachers, and the principals of their schools were asked to respond to questionnaires about their backgrounds and their attitudes, experiences, and practices in the teaching and learning of mathematics and science.

TIMSS is a collaborative research project sponsored by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA). The TIMSS International Study Center is housed in the Center for the Study of Testing, Evaluation, and Educational Policy (CSTEPP) at Boston College. The TIMSS International Study Director, Albert E. Beaton, directs the international activities of the study, together with his staff at the International Study Center.

Further information on TIMSS may be obtained from:

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TIMSS International Study Director  
CSTEPP, Campion Hall 323  
Boston College  
Chestnut Hill, MA 02167  
<http://nces.ed.gov/timss/>

## Office for Civil Rights

### ***Civil Rights Survey of Elementary and Secondary Schools***

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR), U.S. Department of Education, conducts biennial surveys of public school districts and of schools within those districts. Data are obtained on the characteristics of pupils enrolled in public schools throughout the nation. Such information is required under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to enable OCR to carry out its compliance responsibilities. The 1990 survey included the 100 largest public school districts, those of special interest (i.e., court order, compliance review), and a stratified random sample of approximately 3,500 districts representing approximately 40,000 schools. School, district, and national data are currently available.

Further information on the Civil Rights Survey of Elementary and Secondary Schools may be obtained from:

Peter McCabe  
Office for Civil Rights  
U.S. Department of Education  
330 C Street SW  
Washington, DC 20202  
<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OCR/>

### **The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services**

#### ***Annual Report to Congress on the Implementation of the Education of the Handicapped Act***

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), formerly the Education of the Handicapped Act (EHA), requires the Secretary of Education to transmit to Congress annually a report describing the progress in serving the nation's handicapped children. The annual report contains information on children served by the public schools under the provisions of Part B of the IDEA and for children served in state-operated programs (SOP) for the handicapped under Chapter I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Statistics on children receiving special education and related services in various settings and school personnel providing such services are reported in an annual submission of data to the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), by the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the outlying areas. The child count information is based on the number of handi-

capped children receiving special education and related services on December 1st of each year.

Since each participant in programs for the handicapped is reported to OSERS, the data are not subject to sampling error. However, nonsampling error can occur from a variety of sources. Some states follow a noncategorical approach to the delivery of special education services, but produce counts by handicapping condition because EHA-B requires it. In those states that do categorize their handicapped students, definitions and labeling practices vary.

Further information on the Annual Report to Congress may be obtained from:

Office of Special Education Programs  
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services  
330 C Street SW  
Washington, DC 20202  
[www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/OSEP/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/OSEP/index.html)

#### ***National Longitudinal Transition Study of Special Education Students***

As part of the 1983 amendments to the Education of the Handicapped Act (EHA), Congress requested that the U.S. Department of Education conduct a national longitudinal study of the transition of secondary special education students to determine how they fare in terms of education, employment, and independent living. A 5-year study was mandated, which was to include youth from ages 13 to 21 who were in special education at the time they were selected and who represented all 11 federal disability categories. Data were drawn from extensive telephone interviews with parents, from school records, and from a survey of educators in secondary schools attended by youth in the study.

The study was conducted by SRI International and began in April, 1987. The National Transition Study involves a nationally representative sample of more than 8,000 secondary-age youth with disabilities. A sample of 450 school districts was randomly selected from the universe of approximately 14,000 school districts serving secondary special education students. An additional replacement sample of 176 additional districts was selected due to a low rate of agreement to participate from the initial group of districts. Participation in the study was invited from the approximately 80 special schools serving secondary-age deaf, blind, and deaf-blind schools. A total of approximately 300 school districts and 25 special schools agreed to have youth selected for the study.

Further information on the National Longitudinal Transition Study of Special Education Students may be obtained from:

Office of Special Education Programs  
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services  
330 C Street SW  
Washington, DC 20202  
[www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/OSEP/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/OSEP/index.html)

## Other Governmental Agencies

### Bureau of the Census

#### *Current Population Survey*

Current estimates of school enrollment rates, as well as social and economic characteristics of students, are based on data collected in the Census Bureau's monthly household survey of about 60,000 households. The monthly Current Population Survey (CPS) sample consists of 729 areas comprising 1,973 counties, independent cities, and minor civil divisions throughout the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The samples are initially selected based on the decennial census files and are periodically updated to reflect new housing construction.

The monthly CPS deals primarily with labor force data for the civilian noninstitutional population (i.e., excluding military personnel and their families living on post and inmates of institutions). In addition, in October of each year, supplemental questions are asked about highest grade completed, level and grade of current enrollment, attendance status, number and type of courses, degree or certificate objective, and type of organization offering instruction for each member of the household. In March of each year, supplemental questions on income are asked. The responses to these questions are combined with answers to two questions on educational attainment: highest grade of school ever attended, and whether that grade was completed.

The estimation procedure employed for monthly CPS data involves inflating weighted sample results to independent estimates of characteristics of the civilian noninstitutional population in the United States by age, sex, and race. These independent estimates are based on statistics from decennial censuses; statistics on births, deaths, immigration, and emigration; and statistics on the population in the armed services. Generalized standard error tables are provided in the *Current Population Reports*. The data are subject to both nonsampling and sampling errors.

Further information on CPS may be obtained from:

Education and Social Stratification Branch  
Population Division  
Bureau of the Census  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
Washington, DC 20233  
<http://www.bls.census.gov/cps/cpsmain.htm>

#### **School Enrollment**

Each October, the Current Population Survey (CPS) includes supplemental questions on the enrollment status of the population 3 years old and over, in addition to the monthly basic survey on labor force participation. The main sources of nonsampling variability in the responses to the supplement are those inherent in the survey instrument. The question of current enrollment may not be answered accurately for various reasons. Some respondents may not know current grade information for every student in the household, a problem especially prevalent for households with members in college or in nursery school. Confusion over college credits or hours taken by a student may make it difficult to determine the year in which the student is enrolled. Problems may occur with the definition of nursery school (a group or class organized to provide educational experiences for children), where respondents' interpretations of "educational experiences" vary.

The 1997 CPS sample was selected from the 1990 Decennial Census files with coverage in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The sample is continually updated to account for new residential construction. The United States was divided into 2,007 geographic areas. In most states, a geographic area consisted of a county or several contiguous counties. In some areas of New England and Hawaii, minor civil divisions are used instead of counties. A total of 754 geographic areas were selected for sample. About 50,000 occupied households are eligible for interview every month. Interviewers are unable to obtain interviews at about 3,200 of these units. This occurs when the occupants are not found at home after repeated calls or are unavailable for some other reason. For the October 1997 basic CPS, the nonresponse rate was 6.3 percent and for the school enrollment supplement the nonresponse rate was an additional 4.7 percent for a total supplement nonresponse rate of 10.7 percent. Examples of sampling variability in the estimates of school enrollment rates are given in table A6.

Further information on CPS methodology may be obtained from:

<http://www.bls.census.gov/cps/cpsmain.htm>

Further information on CPS "School Enrollment" may be obtained from:

Education and Social Stratification Branch  
Bureau of the Census  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
Washington, DC 20233  
<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/school.html>

### **Educational Attainment**

Data on years of school completed are derived from two questions on the Current Population Survey (CPS) instrument. Formal reports documenting educational attainment are produced by the Bureau of the Census using March CPS results. The latest report is *Educational Attainment in the United States, March 1998*, Series P20-513, which is available from the Government Printing Office.

In addition to the general constraints of CPS, some data indicate that the respondents have a tendency to overestimate the educational level of members of their household. Some inaccuracy is due to a lack of the respondent's knowledge of the exact educational attainment of each household member and the hesitancy to acknowledge anything less than a high school education. Another cause of nonsampling variability is the change in the numbers in the armed services over the years.

Caution should also be used when comparing newer data, which reflect 1990 census-based population controls, with data from March 1993 and earlier years, which reflect 1980 or earlier census-based population controls. This change in population controls had relatively little impact on summary measures such as means, medians, and percentage distributions. It did have a significant impact on levels. For example, use of 1990 based population controls results in about a 1-percent increase in the civilian noninstitutional population and in the number of families and households. Thus, estimates of levels for data collected in 1994 and later years will differ from those for earlier years by more than what could be attributed to actual changes in the population. These differences could be disproportionately greater for certain subpopulation groups than for the total population.

Examples of the sampling variability in the estimates of educational attainment are given in table A7. For the March 1998 basic CPS, the nonresponse rate was 7.8 percent and for the supplement the nonresponse rate was an additional 7.2 percent for a total supplement nonresponse rate of 15 percent.

The figures shown in the table hold for total or white population estimates only. The variability in estimates for subgroups (region, household relationships, etc.) can be estimated using the tables presented in *Current Population Reports*. Further infor-

mation on the Current Population Survey may be obtained from the CPS web site at:

<http://www.bls.census.gov/cps/cpsmain.htm>

Further information on CPS "Educational Attainment in the United States" may be obtained from:

Education and Social Stratification Branch  
Bureau of the Census  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
Washington, DC 20233  
<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/educ-attn.html>

### **Government Finances**

The Census Bureau conducts an annual survey of *Government Finances* as authorized by law under Title 13, United States Code, Section 182. This survey covers the entire range of government finance activities: revenue, expenditure, debt, and assets. Revenues and expenditures comprise actual receipts and payments of a government and its agencies, including government-operated enterprises, utilities, and public trust funds. The expenditure reporting categories comprise all amounts of money paid out by a government and its agencies with the exception of amounts for debt retirement and for loan, investment, agency, and private trust transactions.

Most of the federal government statistics are based on figures that appear in *The Budget of the United States Government*. Since the classification used by the Census Bureau for reporting state and local government finance statistics differs in a number of important respects from the classification used in the United States Budget, it was necessary to adjust the federal data. For this report, federal budget expenditures include interest accrued, but not paid, during the fiscal year; Census data on interest are on a disbursement basis.

The state government finances are based primarily on the annual Census Bureau survey of state finances. Census staff compiled figures from official records and reports of the various states for most of the state financial data.

The sample of local governments is drawn from the periodic Census of Governments and consists of certain local governments taken with certainty plus a sample below the certainty level.

The statistics in *Governmental Finances* that are based wholly or partly on data from the sample are subject to sampling error. State government finance data are not subject to sampling error. Estimates of major United States totals for local governments are subject to a computed sampling variability of less than one-half of 1 percent. The estimates are also subject to the inaccuracies in classification, response, and processing which would occur if a com-

plete census had been conducted under the same conditions as the sample.

Further information on Government Finances may be obtained from:

Governments Division  
Bureau of the Census  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
Washington, DC 20233  
<http://www.census.gov/govs/www/index.html>

## **1990 Census of Population—Education in the United States**

This report is based on a part of the decennial census which consists of questions asked of a 1-in-6 sample of persons and housing units in the United States. This sample was asked more detailed questions about income, occupation and housing costs in addition to general demographic information.

### ***School Enrollment***

Persons classified as enrolled in school reported attending a “regular” public or private school or college at any time between February 1, 1990 and the time listed. Questions asked were whether the institution attended was public or private, and level of school in which the student was enrolled.

### ***Educational Attainment***

Data for educational attainment were tabulated for persons 15 years and over, and classified according to the highest grade completed or the highest degree received. Instructions were also given to include the level of the previous grade attended or the highest degree received for persons currently enrolled in school.

### ***Poverty Status***

To determine poverty status, answers to income questions were used and compared to the appropriate poverty threshold. All persons except institutionalized persons, persons in military group quarters and in college dormitories, and unrelated persons under 15 years old were considered. If total income of each family or unrelated individual in the sample was less than the corresponding cutoff, that family or individual was classified as “below the poverty level.”

Further information on the 1990 Census of population may be obtained from:

Population Division  
Bureau of the Census  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
Washington, DC 20233  
<http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/decenial.html>

## **Bureau of Labor Statistics**

### ***Unemployment Surveys***

Statistics on the employment status of the population and related data are compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS). This monthly survey of households is conducted for BLS by the Bureau of the Census through a scientifically selected sample designed to represent the civilian noninstitutional population. Respondents are interviewed to obtain information about the employment status of each member of the household 16 years of age and over. Each month about 50,000 occupied units are eligible for interview. Some 3,200 of these households are contacted but interviews are not obtained because the occupants are not at home after repeated calls or are unavailable for other reasons. This represents a noninterview rate for the survey that ranges between 6 and 7 percent. In addition to the 50,000 occupied units, there are 9,000 sample units in an average month which are visited but found to be vacant or otherwise not eligible for enumeration.

The current sample design, introduced in January 1996, includes about 59,000 households from 754 sample areas and maintains a 1.9 percent coefficient of variation (cv) on national monthly estimates of unemployment level. This translates into a change of 0.2 percentage points in the unemployment rate being significant at a 90 percent confidence level. For each of the 50 states and for the District of Columbia, the design maintains a cv of at most 8 percent on the annual average estimate of unemployment level, assuming a 6 percent unemployment rate.

Further information on unemployment surveys may be obtained from:

Mary Bowler  
Bureau of Labor Statistics  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
2 Massachusetts Avenue NE  
Washington, D.C. 20212  
<http://www.stats.bls.gov/cpstn952.htm>

### ***Consumer Price Indexes***

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) represents changes in prices of all goods and services purchased for consumption by urban households. Indexes are available for two population groups: a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). Price Indexes are available for the U.S., the four Census regions, size of city, cross-classifications of regions and size-classes, and for 26 local areas. The major uses of the CPI include the CPI as an eco-

conomic indicator, as a deflator of other economic series, and as a means of adjusting income payments.

Further information on consumer price indexes may be obtained from:

Consumer Price Indexes  
Bureau of Labor Statistics  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
2 Massachusetts Avenue NE  
Washington, D.C. 20212  
<http://stats.bls.gov/cpiovrw.htm>

### **National Institute on Drug Abuse**

The National Institute on Drug Abuse of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is the primary supporter of the long-term study entitled "Monitoring the Future: A Continuing Study of the Life-styles and Values of Youth," conducted at the University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research. One component of the study deals with student drug abuse. Results of a national sample survey have been published annually since 1975. With the exception of 1975, when about 9,400 students participated in the survey, the annual senior samples are comprised of roughly 16,000 students in 133 schools. They complete self-administered questionnaires given to them in their classrooms by University of Michigan personnel. Beginning in 1991, similar surveys of nationally representative samples of 8th- and 10th-grade students have been conducted annually. The 10th grade samples involve about 17,000 students in 140 schools each year, while the 8th grade samples have approximately 18,000 students in 150 schools. In all, approximately 50,000 students from 420 public and private secondary schools are surveyed annually. Over the years, the response rate has varied from 77 to 84 percent. Table A8 provides examples of the survey's sampling error.

Understandably, there will be some reluctance to admit illegal activities. Also, students who were out of school on the day of the survey were nonrespondents. The survey did not include high school drop-outs. The inclusion of these two groups would tend to increase the proportion of individuals who had used drugs. A 1983 study found that the inclusion of the absentees could increase some of the drug usage estimates by as much as 2.7 percentage points. (Details on that study and its methodology were published in *Drug Use Among American High School Students, College Students, and Other Young Adults*, by Lloyd D. Johnston, Patrick M. O'Malley, and Jerald G. Bachman, available from the National Clearinghouse on Drug Abuse Information, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.)

Further information the Monitoring the Future drug abuse survey may be obtained from:

National Institute of Drug Abuse  
Division of Epidemiology and Statistical Analysis  
5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, MD 20857  
<http://www.isr.umich.edu/src/mtf/index.html>

### **National Science Foundation**

#### ***Survey of Earned Doctorates Awarded in the United States***

The Survey of Earned Doctorates Awarded in the United States has collected basic statistics from the universe of doctoral recipients in the United States each year since 1958. It has been supported by five federal agencies: the National Science Foundation, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Education; the National Endowment for the Humanities; the U. S. Department of Agriculture; and the National Institutes of Health.

A survey form is distributed, with the assistance of graduate deans, to each person completing the requirements for a doctorate. Of the 42,705 new research doctorates granted in 1997, the response rate was 91 percent. The questionnaire obtains information on sex, race/ethnicity, marital status, citizenship, handicaps, dependents, specialty field of doctorate, educational institutions attended, time spent in completion of doctorate, financial support, educational debt, postgraduation plans, and educational attainment of parents. The data are collected, edited, and published by the National Academy of Sciences.

Further information on the Survey of Earned Doctorates Awarded in the United States may be obtained from:

Science and Engineering Education and  
Human Resources Program  
Division of Science Resources Studies  
National Science Foundation  
4201 Wilson Boulevard  
Arlington, Virginia 22230  
<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/srs/ssed/start.htm>

#### ***Federal Obligations to Universities, Colleges and Nonprofit Institutions***

Each year, the National Science Foundation collects data on obligations to colleges and universities from federal agencies. Obligations differ from expenditures in that funds obligated during one fiscal year may be spent by the recipient in later years. Obligation amounts include direct federal support, so that amounts subcontracted to other institutions are included. Those funds received through subcontracts from prime contractors are excluded. Also excluded



from the data are certain types of financial assistance, such as the Department of Education's Guaranteed Student Loan Program and obligations to the U.S. service academies. For purposes of tabulations in this publication, university-administered federally funded research and development centers (FFRDCs) have been included in appropriate state totals.

The universe of academic institutions for this survey is based on the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (see above). Institutions without federal support were excluded and some systems were combined into single reporting units.

Further information on *Federal Support to Universities, Colleges, and Nonprofit Institutions* may be obtained from:

Science and Engineering Activities Program  
Division of Science Resources Studies  
National Science Foundation  
4201 Wilson Boulevard  
Arlington, Virginia 22230  
<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/srs/fedsuppt/start.htm>

### ***Survey of Scientific and Engineering Expenditures at Universities and Colleges***

The National Science Foundation's annual academic survey collects data on research and development expenditures in the sciences and engineering from a sample of 459 institutions in the United States and outlying areas. Those institutions were selected from the universe of 595 schools that grant a graduate science or engineering degree and/or perform activities for which at least \$50,000 has been funded from separately budgeted R&D expenditures. In addition, the survey includes 19 university-affiliated, federally funded research and development centers (FFRDCs).

The 459 institutions sampled for FY 1991 include all doctorate-granting institutions, all historically black colleges and universities with any R&D expenditures, and a random sample of all other institutions. The response rate was 97 percent. Data presented are assembled from the most recently completed survey and represent the latest totals available.

Further information on *Academic Science/Engineering, R&D Funds* may be obtained from:

Science and Engineering Activities Program  
Division of Science Resources Studies  
National Science Foundation  
4201 Wilson Boulevard  
Arlington, Virginia 22230  
<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/srs/sseeuc/start.htm>

## **Other Organization Sources**

### **American College Testing Program**

The American College Testing (ACT) Assessment is designed to measure educational development in the areas of English, mathematics, social studies, and natural sciences. The ACT Assessment is taken by college-bound high school students and the test results are used to predict how well students might perform in college.

Prior to the 1984–85 school year, national norms were based on a 10 percent sample of the students taking the test. Since then, national norms are based on the test scores of all students taking the test. Moreover, beginning with 1984–85, these norms have been based on the most recent ACT scores available from students scheduled to graduate in the spring of the year. Duplicate test records are no longer used to produce national figures.

Separate ACT standard scores are computed for English, mathematics, social studies, science reasoning, and, as of October 1989, reading. ACT standard scores are reported for each subject area on a scale from 1 to 36. The four ACT standard scores have a mean (average) of about 19 and a standard deviation of about 6 for college-bound students nationally. A composite score is obtained by taking the simple average of the four standard scores and is an indication of a student's overall academic development across these subject areas. Beginning with the October 1989 test date, a new version of the ACT was introduced.

It should be noted that college-bound students who take the ACT Assessment are not representative of college-bound students nationally. First, students who live in the Midwest, Rocky Mountains and Plains, and the South are overrepresented among ACT-tested students as compared with college-bound students nationally. Second, ACT-tested students tend to enroll in public colleges and universities more frequently than do college-bound students nationally.

Further information on the ACT may be obtained from:

The American College Testing Program  
2201 North Dodge Street  
P.O. Box 168  
Iowa City, IA 52243  
<http://www.act.org/news/data.html>

### **American Federation of Teachers**

The American Federation of Teachers (AFT) has reported national and state average salaries and earnings for teachers, other school employees, gov-

ernment workers, and professional employees over the past 25 years. The AFT's survey of state departments of education obtains information on minimum salaries, experienced teachers reentering the classroom, and teacher age and experience. Most data from the survey are reported as received, although some data are confirmed by telephone. These data are available in the AFT's annual report *Survey and Analysis of Salary Trends*. While this serves as the primary vehicle for reporting the results of the AFT's annual survey of state departments of education, several other data sources are also used in the report.

Further information on *Survey and Analysis of Salary Trends* may be obtained from:

American Federation of Teachers  
555 New Jersey Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
<http://www.aft.org/research/survey/index.html>

### **College Entrance Examination Board**

The Admissions Testing Program of the College Board comprises a number of college admissions tests, including the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT) and the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT). High school students participate in the testing program as sophomores, juniors, or seniors—some more than once during these 3 years. If they have taken the tests more than once, only the most recent scores are tabulated. The PSAT and SAT report subscores in the areas of mathematics and verbal ability.

The SAT results are not representative of high school students or college-bound students nationally since the sample is self-selected. Generally, tests are taken by students who need the results to attend a particular college or university. The state totals are greatly affected by the requirements of its state colleges. Public colleges in a number of states require ACT scores rather than SAT scores. Thus, the proportion of students taking the SAT in these states is very low and is inappropriate for any comparison. In recent years, more than 1 million high school students have taken the examination annually.

Further information on the SAT can be obtained from:

College Entrance Examination Board  
Educational Testing Service  
Princeton, NJ 08541  
<http://www.collegeboard.org/>

### **Graduate Record Examination Board**

The Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) tests are taken by individuals applying to graduate or professional school. GRE offers three types of tests, the

General Test, Subject Tests and the new Writing Assessment. The General Test, which is mainly offered on computer, measures verbal, quantitative, and analytical reasoning skills. These skills are not necessarily related to any particular field of study. In contrast, the Subject Tests measure achievement in 14 subject areas. Subject areas include Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, Engineering, Geology, History, Literature in English, Mathematics, Music, Physics, Psychology, and Sociology. Finally, the Writing Assessment, introduced in October 1999, consists of two analytical writing tasks. Each graduate institution or division of the institution determines which GRE tests are required for admission.

Individuals may take GRE tests more than once. Score reports only reflect scores earned within the past five-year period.

Further information on the GRE may be obtained from:

Graduate Record Examination Board  
Educational Testing Service  
Princeton, NJ 08541  
<http://www.gre.org>

### **Council for Aid to Education**

The Council for Aid to Education, Inc., (CFAE) is a not-for-profit corporation funded by contributions from businesses. CFAE largely provides consulting and research services on voluntary support to corporations and information services to education institutions. Each year CFAE conducts a survey of colleges and universities and private elementary and secondary schools to obtain information on the amounts, sources, and purposes of private gifts, grants, and bequests received during the academic year.

In the 1997–98 study, survey forms were sent to approximately 2,902 colleges and universities and 1,178 responded. The response rates were much higher for the 4-year colleges than for the 2-year colleges. For example, 81.5 percent of the doctoral-level institutions and 52.3 percent of the comprehensive and general baccalaureate colleges participated in the survey, but only 7.9 percent of the 2-year colleges responded. CFAE estimates that about 85 percent of all voluntary support is reported in the survey because of the high participation of institutions receiving large amounts of funding.

Survey forms are reviewed by CFAE for internal consistency before preparing a computerized database. Institutional reports of voluntary support data from the CFAE Survey of Voluntary Support of Education are more comprehensive and detailed than the related data in the Financial Statistics of Institutions

of Higher Education survey conducted by NCES. The results from the Survey of Voluntary Support of Education are published in the annual *Voluntary Support of Education*, which may be purchased from CFAE.

Further information on *Voluntary Support of Education* may be obtained from:

Director of Research  
Council for Aid to Education, Inc.  
51 Madison Avenue  
Suite 2200  
New York, NY 10010  
<http://www.cae.org/VSE/vseindex.cfm>

### **National Catholic Educational Association**

The National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) is an organization devoted to providing leadership and service to Catholic education since 1904. NCEA began to publish *The United States Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools: Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing* in 1970 because of the lack of educational data on the private sector. The report is based on data gathered by each of the 175 archdiocesan and diocesan offices of education in the United States. This data enables NCEA to present information on school enrollment and staffing patterns for grades PK–12. The first part of the report presents data concerning the context of American education while the following segment focuses on statistical data of Catholic schools. Statistics include enrollment by grade level, ethnicity, and religious affiliation.

Further information on *The United States Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools: Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing* may be obtained from:

Sister Dale McDonald  
National Catholic Educational Association  
1077 30th Street, NW, Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20007–6232  
Mcdonald@ncea.org  
<http://www.ncea.org>

### **Council of Chief State School Officers**

The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) is a nonprofit organization of the 57 public officials who head departments of public education in every state, the outlying areas, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Dependents Schools. In 1985, the CCSSO founded the State Education Assessment Center to provide a locus of leadership by the states to improve the monitoring and assessment of education. *State Education Indicators, 1993* is the principal report of the Assessment Center's program of indicators on education. Most of

the data are obtained from a member questionnaire, and the remainder of the data are from federal government agencies. Information on mathematics education was taken from CCSSO, *State Policies on Science and Mathematics Evaluation, 1992*.

Further information on CCSSO publications may be obtained from:

Rolf Blank  
State Education Assessment Center  
Council of Chief State School Officers  
One Massachusetts Avenue NW  
7th Floor  
Washington, DC 20001  
<http://www.ccsso.org/staedind.html>

### **Council of State Directors of Programs for the Gifted**

The Council of State Directors of Programs for the Gifted is composed of the director or individual in the leadership position for gifted education in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the outlying areas. The Council has conducted many surveys in the past and most recently conducted two comprehensive state surveys in order to produce a profile of gifted education throughout the nation. These data are reported in the 1985, 1987, 1990 and 1994 *State of the States Gifted and Talented Education* reports. This edition of the *Digest* uses data from the 1995–96 school year.

Further information on *State of the States Gifted and Talented Education* reports is available from:

Michael Hall, Executive Director  
Council of State Directors of Programs for the Gifted  
c/o Office of Public Instruction  
P.O. Box 202501  
Helena, MT 59620–2501

### **Education Commission of the States**

The Education Commission of the States (ECS) Clearinghouse collects information on laws and standards in the field of education and reports them periodically in *Clearinghouse Notes*. The Commission collects information about administrators, principals, and teachers. It also examines policy areas, such as assessment and testing, collective bargaining, early childhood issues, quality education, and school schedules. The information is collected by reading state newsletters, tracking state legislation, and surveying state education agencies. Data are verified by the individual states when necessary. Even though ECS monitors state activity on a continuous basis, it updates the reports only when there is significant change in state activity.

Further information on *Clearinghouse Notes* is available from:

Shawni Arora  
Education Commission of the States  
707 17th Street, Suite 2700  
Denver, CO 80202-3427  
<http://www.ecs.org/ecs/ecsweb.nsf>

## Gallup Poll

### *Phi Delta Kappa Survey*

Each year the Gallup Poll conducts the "Public Attitudes Toward the Public Schools" survey, funded by Phi Delta Kappa. The survey includes interviews with adults representing the civilian noninstitutional population 18 years old and over.

The sample used in the 31st annual survey was made up of a total of 1,103 respondents and is described as a modified probability sample of the nation. Personal, in-home interviewing was conducted in representative communities. Gallup uses an unclustered, directory-assisted, random-digit telephone sample, based on a proportionate stratified sampling design. In 1999, the final sample was weighted so that the distribution corresponded with the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates for adult population living in telephone households in the continental U.S.

The survey is a sample survey and is subject to sampling error. The size of error depends largely on the number of respondents providing data. Table A9 shows the approximate sampling errors associated with different percentages and sample sizes for the survey. Table A10 provides approximate sampling errors for comparisons of two sample percentages.

For example, an estimated percentage of about 10 percent based on the responses of 1,000 sample members maintains an approximate sampling error of 2 percent at the 95 percent confidence level. The sampling error for the difference in two percentages (50 percent versus 41 percent) based on two samples of 750 members and 400 members, respectively, is about 8 percent at the 95 percent confidence level.

Further information on the "Public Attitudes Toward the Public Schools" survey may be obtained from:

Pauline Gough  
Phi Delta Kappa  
P.O. Box 789  
Bloomington, IN 47402-0789  
<http://www.pdkintl.org/kappan/kpol9909.htm#13>

## **Independent Sector Survey**

In 1988, The Independent Sector commissioned the Gallup Poll to conduct a national survey on the giving and volunteering behavior of Americans. This survey is part of a series of surveys taking place every 2 years. The 1996 information was obtained from in-home personal interviews conducted from May 4 to June 16, 1996, with a representative national sample of 2,719 adult Americans 18 or more years old. Weighting procedures were used to ensure that the sample makeup corresponds with that of the adult population of the United States. The sampling procedure did not include those with incomes above \$200,000 because they constitute such a small percentage of the population. The sampling area for this survey was plus or minus 3 percent.

The results from this survey are published in *Giving and Volunteering in the United States* and may be purchased from:

Independent Sector  
1828 L Street NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
<http://www.independentsector.org>

## **International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA)**

The International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement, known as the IEA, is comprised of research centers and scholars from around the world whose aim is to investigate education problems common among countries. In 1988, the IEA General Assembly, composed of the research institutes participating in IEA projects, decided to undertake a study of reading literacy. The study held its first National Research Coordinator (NRC) meeting in November 1988. The construction and pilot testing of instruments was conducted in the period from November 1988 to July 1990. The main testing took place in the period from October 1990 to April 1991 depending on the school year in each country. Thirty-two school systems were involved in the IEA Reading Literacy Study. Data were collected from 210,059 students, 10,518 teachers, and 9,073 schools. All students took reading tests for two sessions totaling 75 minutes at the 9-year-old level and two sessions totaling 85 minutes at the 14-year-old population. All students responded to a background questionnaire about their reading at home and at school. Teachers and school principals responded to questionnaires about themselves, their teaching and the school organization. Each national center (NCES was the center for the United States) completed a National Case Study Questionnaire.

Further information on the IEA reading literacy study may be obtained from:

Marilyn Binkley, NRC USA  
National Center for Education Statistics  
555 New Jersey Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20208-5650  
<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=98053>

### **Institute of International Education**

Each year the Institute of International Education (IIE) conducts a survey of the number of foreign students studying in American colleges and universities and reports these data in *Open Doors*. All of the regionally accredited institutions in the *Education Directory, Colleges and Universities* published by NCES are surveyed by IIE. The data presented in the *Digest* are drawn from the IIE survey which requests the total enrollment of foreign students in an institution and information on student characteristics, such as country of origin. For the 1997-98 survey, 2,726 (over 94 percent) institutions reported data for the survey.

Additional information can be obtained from the publication *Open Doors* or by contacting:

Todd M. Davis  
Institute of International Education  
809 United Nations Plaza  
New York, NY 10017-3580  
<http://www.iie.org/opendoors/>

### **Metropolitan Life Insurance Company**

*The Metropolitan Life Survey of the American Teacher* for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company was conducted by Louis Harris and Associates. This survey was designed to measure the experiences of new public school teachers who began their first year of teaching in the 1990-91 school year. It includes questions on their experiences with students, administrators, other teachers, and parents. There were three surveys of this cohort of new teachers. The first survey was conducted during the summer of 1990 to measure the expectations of new graduates from teaching schools immediately prior to their first year of teaching in public schools. The second survey compared how these new teachers' experiences in their first year of teaching affected their attitudes, and how the actual experience of teaching compared with their prior expectations. The current survey focuses on these teachers' experience two years into their teaching career. It includes questions which allow comparisons on their attitudes toward teaching now versus one and two years ago.

A total of 1,000 teachers who began their first year of teaching in the public schools in the 1990-91 school year were surveyed. The sample was designed to be representative of all new teachers in the

public schools who graduated from teaching colleges in 1990 and taught for the first time in a public school in the 1990-91 school year.

The sample was drawn from lists of 1990 graduates from a probability sample of colleges listed by the *American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education*. Graduates who did not teach full-time in public schools in 1990-91 were excluded from the sample.

The priority for fielding the sample was as follows: first, any respondents from the second phase of the study (after the first year of teaching); second, any respondents from the first phase (before teaching) who were not also included in the second phase; finally, any remaining teachers from the original sample group who were not used in the first phase.

All interviews were conducted by telephone in May and June 1992.

Further information on *Metropolitan Life Survey of the American Teacher* may be obtained from:

*Metropolitan Life Survey of the American Teacher*  
Louis Harris and Associates  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10003

### **National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs**

The National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs (NASSGAP) is an association of states with general programs of scholarship or grant assistance for undergraduate study. Executive officers responsible for grant program administration represent each state in the Association. The *29th Annual Survey Report: 1997-98 Academic Year* is produced by the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation, and data are reported for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Further information on the *29th Annual Survey Report: 1997-98 Academic Year* may be obtained from:

Charles Treadwell  
New York State Higher Education Services Corporation  
99 Washington Avenue, Room 1438  
Albany, NY 12255  
Attention: NASSGAP  
<http://www.nassgap.org/researchsurveys>

### **National Education Association**

The National Education Association (NEA) reports enrollment, expenditure, revenue, graduate, teacher, and instructional staff salary data in its annual publication, *Estimates of School Statistics*. Each year NEA prepares regression-based estimates of financial and other education statistics and submits them to the states for verification. Generally, about 30

states adjust these estimates based on their own data. These preliminary data are published by NEA along with revised data from previous years. States are asked to revise previously submitted data as final figures become available. The most recent publication contains all changes reported to the NEA.

### ***Status of the American Public School Teacher***

The *Status of the American Public School Teacher* survey is conducted every 5 years by the National Education Association (NEA). The survey was designed by the NEA Research Division and initially administered in 1956. The intent of the survey is to solicit information covering various aspects of public school teachers' professional, family, and civic lives.

Participants for the survey are selected using a two-stage sample design, with the first-stage stratum determined by the number of students enrolled in the districts. Selection probabilities are determined so that the resulting sample is self-weighting. In 1990–91, questionnaires were sent to a sample of 1,981 of the nation's approximately 2.4 million public school teachers. With an initial and four follow-up mailings, 1,499 questionnaires were returned, of which 145 were not usable. The sample was adjusted to 1,836 to reflect the 145 unusable responses. The response rate was 73.7 percent. In the 1995–96 survey, 1,325 public school teachers responded. The results based on this survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 2.3 percent at the 90 percent confidence level.

Possible sources of nonsampling errors are non-responses, misinterpretation, and—when comparing data over years—changes in the sampling method and instrument. Misinterpretation of the survey items should be minimal, as the sample responding is not from the general population but one knowledgeable about the area of concern. Also, the sampling procedure changed after 1956 and some wording of items has changed over the different administrations.

Since sampling is used, sampling variability is inherent in the data. An approximation to the maximum standard error for estimating the population percentages is 1.4 percent. Approximations for significance for other comparisons appear on table A11. To estimate the 95 percent confidence interval for population percentages, the maximum standard error of 1.4 percent is multiplied by 2 (1.4 x 2). The resulting percentage (2.8) is added and subtracted from the population estimate to establish upper and lower bounds for the confidence interval. For example, if a sample percentage is 60 percent, there is a 95 percent chance that the population percentage lies between 57.2 percent and 62.8 percent (60 percent  $\pm$  2.8 percent).

Further information on *Status of the American Public School Teacher* may be obtained from:

Brooke E. Whiting  
National Education Association—Research  
1201 16th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
<http://www.nea.org/nr/970702.html>

### **Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development**

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) publishes analyses of national policies in education, training, and economics in more than 20 countries. The countries surveyed are: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, and the United States. In addition to these OECD countries, a number of other countries are participating in the related World Education Indicators (WEI) project including: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Paraguay, Philippines, Russian Federation, Thailand, and Uruguay.

In the past several years, OECD has revised its data collection procedures to highlight current education issues and improve data comparability. The Centre for Educational Research and Innovation (CERI) has developed an Indicators of Education Systems (INES) project involving representatives of the OECD countries and the OECD Secretariat to improve international education statistics. Large improvements in data quality and comparability among OECD countries have resulted from the country to country interaction sponsored through the INES and WEI projects. The most recent publication in this series is *Education at a Glance, OECD Indicators, 1998*.

Further information on INES may be obtained from:

Andreas Schleicher  
INES/OECD  
2, rue Andre-Pascal  
75775 Paris CEDEX 16  
France  
[Andreas.SCHLEICHER@oecd.org](mailto:Andreas.SCHLEICHER@oecd.org)  
[http://www.oecd.org/els/stats/els\\_stat.htm](http://www.oecd.org/els/stats/els_stat.htm)

### **Research Associates**

Research Associates annually compiles the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) which measures average changes in prices of goods and services purchased by colleges and universities through edu-

cational and general expenditures. Sponsored research and auxiliary enterprises are not priced by HEPI.

HEPI is based on the prices (or salaries) of faculty and of administrators and other professional service personnel; clerical, technical, service, and other non-professional personnel; and contracted services, such as data processing, communication, transportation, supplies and materials, equipment, books and periodicals, and utilities. These represent the items purchased for current operations by colleges and universities. Prices for these items are obtained from salary surveys conducted by various national higher education associations, the American Association of University Professors, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the National Center for Education Statistics; and from components of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Producer Price Index (PPI) published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The quantities of these goods and services have been kept constant based on the 1971–72 buying pattern of colleges and universities. The weights assigned the various items priced, which represent their relative importance in the current-fund educational and general budget, are estimated national averages. Variance in spending patterns of individual institutions from these national averages reduces only slightly the applicability of the HEPI to any given institutional situation. Modest differences in the weights attached to expenditure categories have little effect on overall index values. This is because the HEPI is dominated by the trend in faculty salaries and similar salary trends for other personnel hired by institutions, which absorbs or diminishes the effects of price changes in other items purchased in small quantities.

Further information on HEPI may be obtained from:

Kent Halstead  
 Research Associates  
 1200 North Nash St., #225  
 Arlington, VA 22209  
<http://www.rsassoc.com/inflation.html>

## United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization

The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) conducts annual surveys of education statistics of its member countries. Besides official surveys, data are supplemented by information obtained by UNESCO through other publications and sources. Each year more than 200 countries reply to the UNESCO surveys. In some cases, estimates are made by UNESCO for particular items such as world and continent totals. While great efforts are made to make them as comparable as possible, the data still reflect the vast differences among the countries of the world in the structure of education. While there is some agreement about the reporting of first- and second-level data, the third level (postsecondary education) presents numerous substantial problems. Some countries report only university enrollment while other countries report all postsecondary, including vocational and technical schools and correspondence programs. A very high proportion of some countries' third-level students attend institutions in other countries. While definition problems are many in this sort of study, other survey problems should not be overlooked. The member countries that provide data to UNESCO are responsible for their validity. Thus, data for particular countries are subject to nonsampling error and perhaps sampling error as well. Some countries may furnish only rough estimates, while data from other countries may be very accurate. Other difficulties are caused by the varying periodicity of data collection among the countries of the world. In spite of such problems, many researchers use UNESCO data because they are the best available for such a large group of countries. Users should examine footnotes carefully to recognize some of the data limitations.

Further information on the *Statistical Yearbook* may be obtained from:

Office of Statistics  
 UNESCO  
 7, Place de Fontenoy  
 75700 Paris  
 France  
<http://unesco-stat.unesco.org/yearbook/ybindexnew.htm>

**Table A1.—Respondent counts for selected High School and Beyond surveys**

Classification variable and subgroup	Follow-up survey of 1980 sophomores in 1982	Follow-up survey of 1980 seniors in 1982	Follow-up survey of 1980 sophomores in 1984	Follow-up survey of 1980 seniors in 1984	Follow-up survey of 1980 sophomores in 1986	Follow-up survey of 1980 seniors in 1986
<b>Total respondents (unweighted)</b>	<b>25,830</b>	<b>11,227</b>	<b>11,463</b>	<b>10,925</b>	<b>11,248</b>	<b>10,536</b>
<b>Sex</b>						
Male	12,717	5,213	5,514	5,058	5,391	4,832
Female	13,113	6,014	5,949	5,867	5,857	5,704
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>						
White, non-Hispanic	17,295	5,180	7,285	5,057	7,194	5,246
Black, non-Hispanic	3,338	2,724	1,651	2,625	1,585	2,726
Hispanic	4,439	2,749	1,795	2,654	1,745	1,950
Asian or Pacific Islander	413	367	425	355	413	356
American Indian or Alaskan Native	248	191	253	185	246	200
Other or unclassified	97	16	54	49	65	58
<b>Socioeconomic status composite (SES)<sup>1</sup></b>						
Low	6,752	3,940	2,831	3,857	2,751	3,668
Low-middle	6,234	2,390	2,624	2,314	2,559	2,289
High-middle	6,134	2,168	2,849	2,107	2,817	1,995
High	6,341	1,988	3,086	1,936	3,044	1,900
Unclassified	369	741	73	711	77	684
<b>Father's highest level of education</b>						
Less than high school	5,179	—	—	—	—	—
High school graduate <sup>2</sup>	11,961	—	—	—	—	—
College graduate <sup>3</sup>	5,169	—	—	—	—	—
Don't know/missing	3,521	—	—	—	—	—
<b>High school program (self-reported)</b>						
Academic	10,152	4,145	6,547	4,007	—	3,899
General	8,789	3,829	3,468	3,764	—	3,602
Vocational	6,664	2,660	3,611	2,581	—	2,481
Unclassified	225	593	56	573	—	554
<b>High school type</b>						
Public	—	9,969	8,647	9,727	—	9,385
Catholic	—	964	2,479	911	—	876
Other private	—	294	337	287	—	275
<b>Postsecondary education status<sup>4</sup></b>						
Full-time	—	—	4,466	—	—	—
Part-time	—	—	3,275	—	—	—
Never enrolled	—	—	3,678	—	—	—
Missing/unclassified	—	—	44	—	—	—
<b>October 1980 postsecondary education attendance status</b>						
Part-time 2-year public institution	—	—	—	—	—	352
Part-time 4-year public institution	—	—	—	—	—	152
Full-time 2-year public institution	—	—	—	—	—	1,312
Full-time 4-year public institution	—	—	—	—	—	1,986
Full-time 4-year private institution	—	—	—	—	—	1,015
Not a student	—	—	—	—	—	4,523
Other and missing	—	—	—	—	—	1,196
<b>Postsecondary education plans</b>						
No plans	—	—	—	—	—	1,623
Attend vocational/technical school	—	—	—	—	—	1,835
Attend college less than four years	—	—	—	—	—	1,528
Earn bachelor's degree	—	—	—	—	—	2,631
Earn advanced degree	—	—	—	—	—	2,265
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	654
<b>Participation in high school extracurricular activities<sup>5</sup></b>						
Never participated	—	—	—	—	—	1,024
Participated as a member	—	—	—	—	—	4,104
Participated as a leader	—	—	—	—	—	4,457

<sup>1</sup>The SES index is a composite of five equally weighted measures: father's education, mother's education, family income, father's occupation, and presence of certain items in the respondent's household.

<sup>2</sup>Includes attendance at a vocational, trade, or business school, or 2-year college; or attendance at a 4-year college resulting in less than a bachelor's degree.

<sup>3</sup>Includes those with a bachelor's or higher level degree.

<sup>4</sup>Postsecondary education status was determined by students' enrollment in academic or vocational study during the four semesters—fall 1982, spring 1983, fall 1983, and spring 1984—following their scheduled high school graduation. Students who enrolled in full-time study in each of the four semesters were classified as full time. Students who were enrolled in part-time study in any of the four semesters and those who were enrolled in full-time study in fewer than four semesters were classified as part time. Students who had neither enrolled on a full-time nor part-time basis in each of the four semesters were classified as never enrolled.

Students who had neither enrolled on a full-time nor part-time basis in each of the four semesters were classified as never enrolled.

<sup>5</sup>Responses to questions concerning participation in each of 15 different extracurricular activity areas (i.e., varsity sports, debate, band, subject-matter clubs, etc.) were used to classify students' overall level of participation in extracurricular activities. The difference between the sum of the three category respondent counts and the total sample size is due to missing data.

—Data not available or not applicable.

NOTE.—Data from students who dropped out of school between the 10th and 12th grades were not used in analyses of sophomore samples.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, High School and Beyond surveys.



**Table A2.—Design effects (DEFF) and root design effects (DEFT) for selected High School and Beyond surveys and subsamples**

Classification variable and subgroup	Follow-up survey of 1980 sophomores in 1984	Follow-up survey of 1980 seniors in 1984	Follow-up survey of 1980 sophomores in 1986	Follow-up survey of 1980 seniors in 1986
<b>Total sample</b> .....	<b>2.40 (1.54)</b>	<b>2.87 (1.69)</b>	<b>2.19 (1.47)</b>	<b>2.28 (1.50)</b>
<b>Sex</b>				
Male .....	—	—	2.07 (1.43)	2.13 (1.45)
Female .....	—	—	2.06 (1.43)	2.26 (1.50)
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>				
White and other .....	2.06 (1.42)	2.09 (1.44)	1.92 (1.38)	1.70 (1.30)
Black .....	2.22 (1.47)	2.26 (1.50)	2.19 (1.47)	2.40 (1.54)
Hispanic .....	3.15 (1.73)	3.72 (1.92)	3.11 (1.76)	4.06 (2.01)
<b>Socioeconomic status composite (SES) <sup>1</sup></b>				
Low .....	1.91 (1.37)	2.28 (1.50)	1.83 (1.35)	2.31 (1.51)
Middle .....	1.95 (1.39)	1.81 (1.34)	2.06 (1.42)	2.02 (1.42)
High .....	2.05 (1.42)	1.93 (1.38)	1.92 (1.38)	1.71 (1.30)

<sup>1</sup> The SES index is a composite of five equally weighted measures: father's education, mother's education, family income, father's occupation, and presence of certain items in the respondent's household.

—Not available.

NOTE.—The average design effect for the 1980 sophomore cohort first follow-up (1982) survey is 3.59(1.89) and the average design effect for the 1980 senior first follow-up (1982) survey is 2.64(1.62).

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, High School and Beyond surveys.

**Table A3.—Respondent counts for the National Education Longitudinal Study: 1988, 1990, and 1992**

Classification variable and subgroup	Base Year, 1988	First follow-up, 1990	Second follow-up, 1992
<b>Total respondents (unweighted)</b> .....	<b>24,599</b>	<b>20,706</b>	<b>21,188</b>
<b>Sex</b>			
Male .....	12,241	10,462	10,713
Female .....	12,358	10,244	10,475
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>			
White, non-Hispanic .....	16,317	13,837	14,024
Black, non-Hispanic .....	3,009	2,218	2,260
Hispanic .....	3,171	2,751	2,922
Asian or Pacific Islander .....	1,527	1,302	1,406
American Indian or Alaskan Native .....	299	259	266
Other or unclassified .....	276	399	310
<b>Socioeconomic status composite (SES) <sup>1</sup></b>			
Low .....	5,934	4,556	4,395
Low-middle .....	5,788	4,472	4,501
High-middle .....	5,836	4,378	4,516
High .....	7,030	5,262	5,437
Unclassified .....	11	2,038	2,339
<b>High school program (self-reported)</b>			
Academic .....	7,298	6,420	7,567
General .....	3,369	7,990	6,125
Vocational .....	4,161	1,806	1,911
Unclassified .....	9,771	4,490	5,585
<b>High school type</b>			
Public .....	19,396	16,813	15,145
Catholic .....	2,602	1,012	934
Other private .....	2,601	1,602	1,530
Not enrolled .....	—	1,043	2,725
Missing .....	—	236	854
<b>Postsecondary education plans</b>			
No plans .....	2,685	2,483	2,646
Attend vocational/technical school .....	2,102	2,323	2,072
Attend college less than 4 years .....	3,078	3,074	2,457
Earn bachelor's degree .....	10,251	5,874	5,631
Earn advanced degree .....	6,268	5,269	5,580
Missing .....	215	1,683	2,802
<b>School academic clubs and extracurricular activities</b>			
Never participated .....	21,516	15,292	17,117
Participated as a member .....	2,798	5,144	3,355
Participated as a leader .....	285	270	716

<sup>1</sup> The SES index is a composite of five equally weighted measures: father's education, mother's education, family income, father's occupation, and presence of certain items in the respondent's household.

—Not applicable.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Education Longitudinal Survey.

**Table A4.—Design effects (DEFF) and root design effects (DEFT) for selected National Education Longitudinal Survey samples**

Subsample characteristic	Base year, 1988		First follow-up, 1990		Second follow-up, 1992	
	Mean DEFF	Mean DEFT	Mean DEFF	Mean DEFT	Mean DEFF	Mean DEFT
All students .....	2.54	1.56	3.802	1.912	3.668	1.881
Dropouts .....	—	—	4.705	1.997	2.919	1.686
Sex						
Male .....	1.98	1.39	3.456	1.817	3.094	1.729
Female .....	1.93	1.38	3.324	1.783	3.238	1.785
Race/ethnicity						
White and other .....	2.25	1.48	3.101	1.729	3.084	1.737
Black .....	1.65	1.27	3.804	1.867	2.938	1.654
Hispanic .....	2.06	1.41	2.643	1.591	2.772	1.626
Asian/Pacific Islander .....	2.00	1.40	2.758	1.609	2.511	1.562
American Indian/Alaskan Native .....	—	—	2.066	1.362	3.292	1.687
Socioeconomic status composite (SES) <sup>1</sup>						
Low .....	1.58	1.25	2.797	1.644	2.931	1.680
Middle .....	1.66	1.28	3.138	1.732	2.516	1.569
High .....	1.84	1.34	3.576	1.817	3.849	1.921
High school type						
Public .....	2.27	1.48	3.147	1.736	3.116	1.733
Catholic .....	2.70	1.59	2.619	1.513	2.545	1.564
Other private .....	8.80	1.83	6.529	2.391	6.049	2.334
Community type						
Urban .....	—	—	3.463	1.842	3.742	1.897
Suburban .....	—	—	3.412	1.788	2.998	1.705
Rural .....	—	—	2.634	1.571	3.311	1.687

<sup>1</sup> The SES index is a composite of five equally weighted measures: father's education, mother's education, family income, father's occupation, and presence of certain items in the respondent's household.  
—Data not available.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Education Longitudinal Survey.

**Table A5.—Respondent counts of full-time workers from the Recent College Graduates survey: 1976 to 1991**

Field of study	Number employed full time				
	1974–75 graduates in May 1976	1979–80 graduates in May 1981	1983–84 graduates in April 1985	1985–86 graduates in April 1987	1989–90 graduates in April 1991
<b>Total respondents (unweighted) .....</b>	<b>2,464</b>	<b>5,521</b>	<b>6,799</b>	<b>15,024</b>	<b>9,451</b>
Professions .....	1,840	4,260	3,730	8,987	3,825
Arts and sciences .....	514	811	2,586	4,869	2,256
Other .....	110	450	483	1,168	3,370
Newly qualified to teach .....	1,337	2,469	1,109	2,546	1,966
Not newly qualified to teach .....	1,127	3,052	5,690	12,478	7,485
Professions .....	601	1,841	2,809	7,043	2,549
Engineering .....	80	270	601	915	411
Business and management .....	290	749	1,532	2,407	1,598
Health .....	72	252	387	3,106	281
Education <sup>1</sup> .....	141	464	146	521	188
Public affairs and services .....	18	106	143	94	71
Arts and sciences .....	433	770	2,430	4,369	2,006
Biological sciences .....	83	116	243	380	179
Physical sciences and mathematics .....	40	103	1,062	1,782	466
Psychology .....	64	105	189	366	316
Social sciences .....	107	252	449	780	813
Humanities .....	139	194	487	1,061	232
Other .....	93	441	451	1,066	2,930
Communications .....	7	73	240	392	217
Miscellaneous .....	86	368	211	674	2,713

<sup>1</sup> Includes those who had not finished all requirements for teaching certification or were previously qualified to teach.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Recent College Graduates surveys.

**Table A6.—Estimated standard errors for enrollment rates in the October Current Population Survey: 1996 or 1997**

Base of percentage, in thousands	Estimated percentage				
	2 or 98	5 or 95	10 or 90	25 or 75	50
<b>Total or white persons</b>					
100 .....	2.2	3.4	4.6	6.7	7.7
250 .....	1.4	2.1	2.9	4.2	4.9
500 .....	1.0	1.5	2.1	3.0	3.4
1,000 .....	0.7	1.1	1.5	2.1	2.4
2,500 .....	0.4	0.7	0.9	1.3	1.5
5,000 .....	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.1
10,000 .....	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.8
25,000 .....	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5
50,000 .....	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
100,000 .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
150,000 .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
<b>Black persons</b>					
75 .....	2.6	4.1	5.7	8.2	9.5
100 .....	2.3	3.6	4.9	7.1	8.2
250 .....	1.4	2.3	3.1	4.5	5.2
500 .....	1.0	1.6	2.2	3.2	3.7
1,000 .....	0.7	1.1	1.6	2.2	2.6
2,500 .....	0.5	0.7	1.0	1.4	1.6
5,000 .....	0.3	0.5	0.7	1.0	1.2
10,000 .....	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.8
15,000 .....	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.7
20,000 .....	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.6
<b>Hispanic persons</b>					
75 .....	2.8	4.4	6.1	8.7	10.1
100 .....	2.4	3.8	5.2	7.6	8.7
250 .....	1.5	2.4	3.3	4.8	5.5
500 .....	1.1	1.7	2.3	3.4	3.9
1,000 .....	0.8	1.2	1.7	2.4	2.8
2,500 .....	0.5	0.8	1.0	1.5	1.7
5,000 .....	0.3	0.5	0.7	1.1	1.2
10,000 .....	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.9
15,000 .....	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.7
20,000 .....	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of the Census, *School Enrollment: Social and Economic Characteristics of Students*.

**Table A7.—Estimated educational attainment rates and standard errors in the March Current Population Survey**

Estimate	Base of percentage in thousands	Standard error	90 percent confidence interval <sup>1</sup>		95 percent confidence interval <sup>1</sup>	
			Lower bound	Upper bound	Lower bound	Upper bound
2 or 98 .....	100	2.15	0.0	5.5	0.0	6.2
	100,000	0.07	1.9	2.1	1.9	2.1
10 or 90 .....	100	4.61	2.4	17.6	1.0	19.0
	100,000	0.15	9.8	10.2	9.7	10.3
50 .....	100	7.68	37.3	62.7	34.9	65.1
	100,000	0.24	49.6	50.4	49.5	50.5

<sup>1</sup> The confidence interval for the larger values can be found by taking the complement of that shown, e.g., for 98 it would be 93.8 to 100 for 95 percent confidence.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Educational Attainment in the United States*.

**Table A8.—Standard errors for the proportion of seniors who had used drugs in the previous 12 months: 1975 to 1997**

Drug	1975	1980	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Alcohol .....	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
Marijuana/hashish .....	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
LSD .....	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Cocaine .....	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

SOURCE: University of Michigan, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, *Monitoring the Future Study*.

**Table A9.—Sampling errors (95 percent confidence level) for percentages estimated from the Gallup Poll: 1992 and 1993**

Percent	Size of sample						
	1,500	1,000	750	600	400	200	100
	Recommended allowance for sampling error of a percentage						
Percentages near 10 or 90 .....	2	2	3	3	4	5	8
Percentages near 20 or 80 .....	3	3	4	4	5	7	10
Percentages near 30 or 70 .....	3	4	4	5	6	8	12
Percentages near 40 or 60 .....	3	4	5	5	6	9	12
Percentages near 50 .....	3	4	5	5	6	9	13

SOURCE: Phi Delta Kappan, "The Annual Gallup Poll of the Public's Attitudes Toward the Public Schools."

**Table A10.—Sampling errors (95 percent confidence level) for the difference in 2 percentages estimated from the Gallup Poll: 1992 and 1993**

Size of sample	Size of sample					
	1,500	1,000	750	600	400	200
	Recommended allowance for sampling error of a difference in percentages (percentages near 80 or 20)					
1,500 .....	4					
1,000 .....	4	5				
750 .....	5	5	5			
600 .....	5	5	6	6		
400 .....	6	6	6	7	7	
200 .....	8	8	8	8	9	10
	Recommended allowance for sampling error of a difference in percentages (percentages near 50)					
1,500 .....	5					
1,000 .....	5	6				
750 .....	6	6	7			
600 .....	6	7	7	7		
400 .....	7	8	8	8	9	
200 .....	10	10	10	10	11	13

SOURCE: Phi Delta Kappan, "The Annual Gallup Poll of the Public's Attitudes Toward the Public Schools."

**Table A11.—Maximum differences required for significance (90 percent confidence level) between sample subgroups from the "Status of the American Public School Teacher" survey**

Size of one subgroup	Size of other subgroup						
	100	200	300	400	500	600	700
100 .....	11.6	10.1	9.5	9.2	9.0	8.9	8.8
200 .....	10.1	8.2	7.5	7.1	6.9	6.7	6.6
300 .....	9.5	7.5	6.7	6.3	6.0	5.8	5.7
400 .....	9.2	7.1	6.3	5.8	5.5	5.3	5.2
500 .....	9.0	6.9	6.0	5.5	5.2	5.0	4.8
600 .....	8.9	6.7	5.8	5.3	5.0	4.7	4.6
700 .....	8.8	6.6	5.7	5.2	4.8	4.6	4.4

SOURCE: National Education Association, "Status of the American Public School Teacher." (Copyright by the National Education Association. All rights reserved.)

## Definitions

**Academic support** This category of college expenditures includes expenditures for support services that are an integral part of the institution's primary missions of instruction, research, or public service. Includes expenditures for libraries, galleries, audio/visual services, academic computing support, ancillary support, academic administration, personnel development, and course and curriculum development.

**Achievement test** An examination that measures the extent to which a person has acquired certain information or mastered certain skills, usually as a result of specific instruction.

**Administrative support staff** Includes personnel dealing with salary, benefits, supplies, and contractual fees for the office of the principal, full-time department chairpersons, and graduation expenses.

**Agriculture** Courses designed to improve competencies in agricultural occupations. Included is the study of agricultural production, supplies, mechanization and products, agricultural science, forestry, and related services.

**American College Testing Program (ACT)** The ACT assessment program measures educational development and readiness to pursue college-level coursework in English, mathematics, natural science, and social studies. Student performance on the tests does not reflect innate ability and is influenced by a student's educational preparedness.

**Appropriation (federal funds)** Budget authority provided through the congressional appropriation process that permits federal agencies to incur obligations and to make payments.

**Appropriation (institutional revenues)** An amount (other than a grant or contract) received from or made available to an institution through an act of a legislative body.

**Associate degree** A degree granted for the successful completion of a sub-baccalaureate program of studies, usually requiring at least 2 years (or equivalent) of full-time college-level study. This includes degrees granted in a cooperative or work-study program.

**Auxiliary enterprises** This category includes those essentially self-supporting operations which exist to

furnish a service to students, faculty, or staff, and which charge a fee that is directly related to, although not necessarily equal to, the cost of the service. Examples are residence halls, food services, college stores, and intercollegiate athletics.

**Average daily attendance (ADA)** The aggregate attendance of a school during a reporting period (normally a school year) divided by the number of days school is in session during this period. Only days on which the pupils are under the guidance and direction of teachers should be considered days in session.

**Average daily membership (ADM)** The aggregate membership of a school during a reporting period (normally a school year) divided by the number of days school is in session during this period. Only days on which the pupils are under the guidance and direction of teachers should be considered as days in session. The average daily membership for groups of schools having varying lengths of terms is the average of the average daily memberships obtained for the individual schools.

**Bachelor's degree** A degree granted for the successful completion of a baccalaureate program of studies, usually requiring at least 4 years (or equivalent) of full-time college-level study. This includes degrees granted in a cooperative or work-study program.

**Books** Non-periodical printed publications bound in hard or soft covers, or in loose-leaf format, of at least 49 pages, exclusive of the cover pages; juvenile non-periodical publications of any length found in hard or soft covers.

**Budget authority (BA)** Authority provided by law to enter into obligations that will result in immediate or future outlays. It may be classified by the period of availability (1-year, multiple-year, no-year), by the timing of congressional action (current or permanent), or by the manner of determining the amount available (definite or indefinite).

**Business** Program of instruction that prepares individuals for a variety of activities in planning, organizing, directing, and controlling business office systems and procedures.

**Capital outlay** Funds for the acquisition of land and buildings; building construction, remodeling, and additions; the initial installation or extension of service systems and other built-in equipment; and site improvement. The category also encompasses architectural and engineering services including the development of blueprints.

**Carnegie unit** A standard of measurement that represents one credit for the completion of a 1-year course.

**Catholic school** A private school over which a Roman Catholic church group exercises some control or provides some form of subsidy. Catholic schools for the most part include those operated or supported by: a parish, a group of parishes, a diocese, or a Catholic religious order.

**Central cities** The largest cities, with 50,000 or more inhabitants, in a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). A smaller city within a MSA may also qualify if it has at least 25,000 inhabitants or has a population of one-third or more of that of the largest city and a minimum population of 25,000. An exception occurs where two cities have contiguous boundaries and constitute, for economic and social purposes, a single community of at least 50,000, the smaller of which must have a population of at least 15,000.

**Class size** The membership of a class at a given date.

**Classroom teacher** A staff member assigned the professional activities of instructing pupils in self-contained classes or courses, or in classroom situations. Usually expressed in full-time equivalents.

**Cohort** A group of individuals that have a statistical factor in common, for example, year of birth.

**College** A postsecondary school which offers general or liberal arts education, usually leading to an associate, bachelor's, master's, doctor's, or first-professional degree. Junior colleges and community colleges are included under this terminology.

**Combined elementary and secondary school** A school which encompasses instruction at both the elementary and the secondary levels. Includes schools starting with grade 6 or below and ending with grade 9 or above.

**Computer science** A group of instructional programs that describes computer and information sciences, including computer programming, data processing, and information systems.

**Constant dollars** Dollar amounts that have been adjusted by means of price and cost indexes to elimi-

nate inflationary factors and allow direct comparison across years.

**Consumer, personal, and miscellaneous services**

A group of instructional programs that describes the fundamental skills a person is normally thought to need in order to function productively in society. Some examples are child development, consumer education, and family relations.

**Consumer Price Index (CPI)** This price index measures the average change in the cost of a fixed market basket of goods and services purchased by consumers.

**Consumption** That portion of income which is spent on the purchase of goods and services rather than being saved.

**Control of institutions** A classification of institutions of elementary/secondary or higher education by whether the institution is operated by publicly elected or appointed officials (public control) or by privately elected or appointed officials and derives its major source of funds from private sources (private control).

**Credit** The unit of value, awarded for the successful completion of certain courses, intended to indicate the quantity of course instruction in relation to the total requirements for a diploma, certificate, or degree. Credits are frequently expressed in terms such as "Carnegie units," "semester credit hours," and "quarter credit hours."

**Current dollars** Dollar amounts that have not been adjusted to compensate for inflation.

**Current expenditures (elementary/secondary)**

The expenditures for operating local public schools, excluding capital outlay and interest on school debt. These expenditures include such items as salaries for school personnel, fixed charges, student transportation, school books and materials, and energy costs. Beginning in 1980-81, expenditures for state administration are excluded.

**Current expenditures per pupil in average daily attendance**

Current expenditures for the regular school term divided by the average daily attendance of full-time pupils (or full-time equivalency of pupils) during the term. See also Current expenditures and Average daily attendance.

**Current-fund expenditures (higher education)**

Money spent to meet current operating costs, including salaries, wages, utilities, student services, public services, research libraries, scholarships and fellowships, auxiliary enterprises, hospitals, and independ-

ent operations. Excludes loans, capital expenditures, and investments.

**Current-fund revenues (higher education)** Money received during the current fiscal year from revenue which can be used to pay obligations currently due, and surpluses reappropriated for the current fiscal year.

**Current Population Survey** See Guide to Sources.

**Degree-granting institutions** postsecondary institutions that are eligible for Title IV federal financial aid programs and that grant an associate's or higher degree. For an institution to be eligible to participate in Title IV financial aid programs it must offer a program of at least 300 clock hours in length, have accreditation recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, have been in business for at least 2 years, and have signed a participation agreement with the Department.

**Disposable personal income** Current income received by persons less their contributions for social insurance, personal tax, and nontax payments. It is the income available to persons for spending and saving. Nontax payments include passport fees, fines and penalties, donations, and tuitions and fees paid to schools and hospitals operated mainly by the government. See also Personal income.

**Doctor's degree** An earned degree carrying the title of Doctor. The Doctor of Philosophy degree (Ph.D.) is the highest academic degree and requires mastery within a field of knowledge and demonstrated ability to perform scholarly research. Other doctorates are awarded for fulfilling specialized requirements in professional fields, such as education (Ed.D.), musical arts (D.M.A.), business administration (D.B.A.), and engineering (D.Eng. or D.E.S.). Many doctor's degrees in academic and professional fields require an earned master's degree as a prerequisite. First-professional degrees, such as M.D. and D.D.S., are not included under this heading.

**Educational and general expenditures** The sum of current funds expenditures on instruction, research, public service, academic support, student services, institutional support, operation and maintenance of plant, and awards from restricted and unrestricted funds.

**Educational attainment** The highest grade of regular school attended and completed.

**Elementary education/programs** Learning experiences concerned with the knowledge, skills, appreciations, attitudes, and behavioral characteristics which are considered to be needed by all pupils in

terms of their awareness of life within our culture and the world of work, and which normally may be achieved during the elementary school years (usually kindergarten through grade 8 or kindergarten through grade 6), as defined by applicable state laws and regulations.

**Elementary school** A school classified as elementary by state and local practice and composed of any span of grades not above grade 8. A preschool or kindergarten school is included under this heading only if it is an integral part of an elementary school or a regularly established school system.

**Elementary/secondary school** As reported in this publication, includes only regular schools (i.e., schools that are part of state and local school systems, and also most not-for-profit private elementary/secondary schools, both religiously affiliated and nonsectarian). Schools not reported include subcollegiate departments of institutions of higher education, residential schools for exceptional children, federal schools for American Indians, and federal schools on military posts and other federal installations.

**Employment** Includes civilian, noninstitutional persons who: (1) worked during any part of the survey week as paid employees; worked in their own business, profession, or farm; or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family-owned enterprise; or (2) were not working but had jobs or businesses from which they were temporarily absent due to illness, bad weather, vacation, labor-management dispute, or personal reasons whether or not they were seeking another job.

**Endowment** A trust fund set aside to provide a perpetual source of revenue from the proceeds of the endowment investments. Endowment funds are often created by donations from benefactors of an institution, who may designate the use of the endowment revenue. Normally, institutions or their representatives manage the investments, but they are not permitted to spend the endowment fund itself, only the proceeds from the investments. Typical uses of endowments would be an endowed chair for a particular department or for a scholarship fund. Endowment totals tabulated in this book also include funds functioning as endowments, such as funds left over from the previous year and placed with the endowment investments by the institution. These funds may be withdrawn by the institution and spent as current funds at any time. Endowments are evaluated by two different measures, book value and market value. Book value is the purchase price of the endowment investment. Market value is the current worth of the endowment investment. Thus, the book value of a stock held in an endowment fund would be the pur-

chase price of the stock. The market value of the stock would be its selling price as of a given day.

**Engineering** Instructional programs that describe the mathematical and natural science knowledge gained by study, experience, and practice and applied with judgment to develop ways to utilize the materials and forces of nature economically for the benefit of mankind. Include programs that prepare individuals to support and assist engineers and similar professionals.

**English** A group of instructional programs that describes the English language arts, including composition, creative writing, and the study of literature.

**Enrollment** The total number of students registered in a given school unit at a given time, generally in the fall of a year.

**Expenditures** Charges incurred, whether paid or unpaid, which are presumed to benefit the current fiscal year. For elementary/secondary schools, these include all charges for current outlays plus capital outlays and interest on school debt. For institutions of higher education, these include current outlays plus capital outlays. For government, these include charges net of recoveries and other correcting transactions other than for retirement of debt, investment in securities, extension of credit, or as agency transactions. Government expenditures include only external transactions, such as the provision of perquisites or other payments in kind. Aggregates for groups of governments exclude intergovernmental transactions among the governments.

**Expenditures per pupil** Charges incurred for a particular period of time divided by a student unit of measure, such as average daily attendance or average daily membership.

**Extracurricular activities** Activities that are not part of the required curriculum and that take place outside of the regular course of study. As used here, they include both school-sponsored (e.g., varsity athletics, drama and debate clubs) and community-sponsored (e.g., hobby clubs and youth organizations like the Junior Chamber of Commerce or Boy Scouts) activities.

**Family** A group of two persons or more (one of whom is the householder) related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together. All such persons (including related subfamily members) are considered as members of one family.

**Federal funds** Amounts collected and used by the federal government for the general purposes of the government. There are four types of federal fund ac-

counts: the general fund, special funds, public enterprise funds, and intragovernmental funds. The major federal fund is the general fund, which is derived from general taxes and borrowing. Federal funds also include certain earmarked collections, such as those generated by and used to finance a continuing cycle of business-type operations.

**Federal sources** Includes federal appropriations, grants, and contracts, and federally-funded research and development centers (FFRDCs). Federally subsidized student loans and Pell Grants are not included.

**First-professional degree** A degree that signifies both completion of the academic requirements for beginning practice in a given profession and a level of professional skill beyond that normally required for a bachelor's degree. This degree usually is based on a program requiring at least 2 academic years of work prior to entrance and a total of at least 6 academic years of work to complete the degree program, including both prior-required college work and the professional program itself. By NCES definition, first-professional degrees are awarded in the fields of dentistry (D.D.S. or D.M.D.), medicine (M.D.), optometry (O.D.), osteopathic medicine (D.O.), pharmacy (D.Pharm.), podiatric medicine (D.P.M.), veterinary medicine (D.V.M.), chiropractic (D.C. or D.C.M.), law (J.D.), and theological professions (M.Div. or M.H.L.).

**First-professional enrollment** The number of students enrolled in a professional school or program which requires at least 2 years of academic college work for entrance and a total of at least 6 years for a degree. By NCES definition, first-professional enrollment includes only students in certain programs. (See First-professional degree for a list of programs.)

**Fiscal year** The yearly accounting period for the federal government, which begins on October 1 and ends on the following September 30. The fiscal year is designated by the calendar year in which it ends; e.g., fiscal year 1988 begins on October 1, 1987, and ends on September 30, 1988. (From fiscal year 1844 to fiscal year 1976, the fiscal year began on July 1 and ended on the following June 30.)

**Foreign languages** A group of instructional programs that describes the structure and use of language that is common or indigenous to people of the same community or nation, the same geographical area, or the same cultural traditions. Programs cover such features as sound, literature, syntax, phonology, semantics, sentences, prose, and verse, as well as the development of skills and attitudes used in communicating and evaluating thoughts and feelings through oral and written language.



**Full-time enrollment** The number of students enrolled in higher education courses with total credit load equal to at least 75 percent of the normal full-time course load.

**Full-time-equivalent (FTE) enrollment** For institutions of higher education, enrollment of full-time students, plus the full-time equivalent of part-time students. The full-time equivalent of the part-time students is estimated using different factors depending on the type and control of institution and level of student.

**Full-time instructional faculty** Those members of the instruction/research staff who are employed full time as defined by the institution, including faculty with released time for research and faculty on sabbatical leave. Full time counts exclude faculty who are employed to teach less than two semesters, three quarters, two trimesters, or two 4-month sessions; replacements for faculty on sabbatical leave or those on leave without pay; faculty for preclinical and clinical medicine; faculty who are donating their services; faculty who are members of military organizations and paid on a different pay scale from civilian employees; academic officers, whose primary duties are administrative; and graduate students who assist in the instruction of courses.

**Full-time worker** In educational institutions, an employee whose position requires being on the job on school days throughout the school year at least the number of hours the schools are in session. For higher education, a member of an educational institution's staff who is employed full time.

**General administration support services** Includes salary, benefits, supplies, and contractual fees for boards of education staff and executive administration. Excludes state administration.

**General Educational Development (GED) program** Academic instruction to prepare persons to take the high school equivalency examination. See GED recipient.

**GED recipient** A person who has obtained certification of high school equivalency by meeting state requirements and passing an approved exam, which is intended to provide an appraisal of the person's achievement or performance in the broad subject matter areas usually required for high school graduation.

**General program** A program of studies designed to prepare students for the common activities of a cit-

izen, family member, and worker. A general program of studies may include instruction in both academic and vocational areas.

**Geographic region** (1) One of four regions used by the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce, the National Assessment of Educational Progress, and the National Education Association, as follows: (The National Education Association designated the Central region as Middle region in its classification.)

#### **Northeast**

Connecticut  
Delaware  
District of Columbia  
Maine  
Maryland  
Massachusetts  
New Hampshire  
New Jersey  
New York  
Pennsylvania  
Rhode Island  
Vermont

#### **Central (Middle)**

Illinois  
Indiana  
Iowa  
Kansas  
Michigan  
Minnesota  
Missouri  
Nebraska  
North Dakota  
Ohio  
South Dakota  
Wisconsin

#### **Southeast**

Alabama  
Arkansas  
Florida  
Georgia  
Kentucky  
Louisiana  
Mississippi  
North Carolina  
South Carolina  
Tennessee  
Virginia  
West Virginia

#### **West**

Alaska  
Arizona  
California  
Colorado  
Hawaii  
Idaho  
Montana  
Nevada  
New Mexico  
Oklahoma  
Oregon  
Texas  
Utah  
Washington  
Wyoming

(2) One of the regions or divisions used by the U.S. Bureau of the Census in Current Population Survey tabulations, as follows:

#### **Northeast**

(*New England*)  
Maine  
New Hampshire  
Vermont  
Massachusetts  
Rhode Island  
Connecticut

#### **Midwest**

(*East North Central*)  
Ohio  
Indiana  
Illinois  
Michigan  
Wisconsin

(*Middle Atlantic*)  
New York  
New Jersey  
Pennsylvania

### South

(*South Atlantic*)  
Delaware  
Maryland  
District of Columbia  
Virginia  
West Virginia  
North Carolina  
South Carolina  
Georgia  
Florida

(*East South Central*)  
Kentucky  
Tennessee  
Alabama  
Mississippi

(*West South Central*)  
Arkansas  
Louisiana  
Oklahoma  
Texas

**Government appropriation** An amount (other than a grant or contract) received from or made available to an institution through an act of a legislative body.

**Government grant or contract** Revenues from a government agency for a specific research project or other program.

**Graduate** An individual who has received formal recognition for the successful completion of a prescribed program of studies.

**Graduate enrollment** The number of students who hold the bachelor's or first-professional degree, or the equivalent, and who are working towards a master's or doctor's degree. First-professional students are counted separately. These enrollment data measure those students who are registered at a particular time during the fall. At some institutions, graduate enrollment also includes students who are in postbaccalaureate classes but not in degree programs. In specified tables, graduate enrollment includes all students in regular graduate programs and all students in postbaccalaureate classes but not in degree programs (unclassified postbaccalaureate students).

(*West North Central*)  
Minnesota  
Iowa  
Missouri  
North Dakota  
South Dakota  
Nebraska  
Kansas

### West

(*Mountain*)  
Montana  
Idaho  
Wyoming  
Colorado  
New Mexico  
Arizona  
Utah  
Nevada

(*Pacific*)  
Washington  
Oregon  
California  
Alaska  
Hawaii

**Graduate Record Examination (GRE)** Multiple-choice examinations administered by the Educational Testing Service and taken by college students who are intending to attend certain graduate schools. The tests are offered in a variety of subject areas. Ordinarily, a student will take only the exam that applies to the intended field of study.

**Graduation** Formal recognition given an individual for the successful completion of a prescribed program of studies.

**Gross domestic product (GDP)** The total national output of goods and services valued at market prices. GDP can be viewed in terms of expenditure categories which include purchases of goods and services by consumers and government, gross private domestic investment, and net exports of goods and services. The goods and services included are largely those bought for final use (excluding illegal transactions) in the market economy. A number of inclusions, however, represent imputed values, the most important of which is rental value of owner-occupied housing. GDP, in this broad context, measures the output attributable to the factors of production—labor and property—supplied by U.S. residents.

**Handicapped** Those children evaluated as having any of the following impairments, who because of these impairments need special education and related services. (These definitions apply specifically to data from the U.S. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services presented in this publication.)

**Deaf** Having a hearing impairment which is so severe that the student is impaired in processing linguistic information through hearing (with or without amplification) and which adversely affects educational performance.

**Deaf-blind** Having concomitant hearing and visual impairments which cause such severe communication and other developmental and educational problems that the student cannot be accommodated in special education programs solely for deaf or blind students.

**Hard of hearing** Having a hearing impairment, whether permanent or fluctuating, which adversely affects the student's educational performance, but which is not included under the definition of "deaf" in this section.

**Mentally retarded** Having significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning, existing concurrently with defects in adaptive behavior and manifested during the developmental period, which adversely affects the child's educational performance.

**Multihandicapped** Having concomitant impairments (such as mentally retarded-blind, mentally

retarded-orthopedically impaired, etc.), the combination of which causes such severe educational problems that the student cannot be accommodated in special education programs solely for one of the impairments. Term does not include deaf-blind students but does include those students who are severely or profoundly mentally retarded.

**Orthopedically impaired** Having a severe orthopedic impairment which adversely affects a student's educational performance. The term includes impairment resulting from congenital anomaly, disease, or other causes.

**Other health impaired** Having limited strength, vitality, or alertness due to chronic or acute health problems such as a heart condition, tuberculosis, rheumatic fever, nephritis, asthma, sickle cell anemia, hemophilia, epilepsy, lead poisoning, leukemia, or diabetes which adversely affects the student's educational performance.

**Seriously emotionally disturbed** Exhibiting one or more of the following characteristics over a long period of time, to a marked degree, and adversely affecting educational performance: an inability to learn which cannot be explained by intellectual, sensory, or health factors; an inability to build or maintain satisfactory interpersonal relationships with peers and teachers; inappropriate types of behavior or feelings under normal circumstances; a general pervasive mood of unhappiness or depression; or a tendency to develop physical symptoms or fears associated with personal or school problems. This term does not include children who are socially maladjusted, unless they also display one or more of the listed characteristics.

**Specific learning disabled** Having a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using spoken or written language, which may manifest itself in an imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or do mathematical calculations. The term includes such conditions as perceptual handicaps, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and developmental aphasia. The term does not include children who have learning problems which are primarily the result of visual, hearing, or environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantage.

**Speech impaired** Having a communication disorder, such as stuttering, impaired articulation, language impairment, or voice impairment, which adversely affects the student's educational performance.

**Visually handicapped** Having a visual impairment which, even with correction, adversely affects

the student's educational performance. The term includes partially seeing and blind children.

**Higher education** Study beyond secondary school at an institution that offers programs terminating in an associate, baccalaureate, or higher degree.

**Higher education institutions (alternative classification)**

**Doctoral-granting** Characterized by a significant level and breadth of activity in commitment to doctoral-level education as measured by the number of doctorate recipients and the diversity in doctoral-level program offerings.

**Comprehensive** Characterized by diverse postbaccalaureate programs (including first-professional) but not engaged in significant doctoral-level education.

**General baccalaureate** Characterized by primary emphasis on general undergraduate, baccalaureate-level education. Not significantly engaged in postbaccalaureate education.

**Specialized** Baccalaureate or postbaccalaureate institution emphasizing one area (plus closely related specialties), such as business or engineering. The programmatic emphasis is measured by the percentage of degrees granted in the program area.

**2-year** Conferring at least 75 percent of its degrees and awards for work below the bachelor's level.

**New** These institutions, though not necessarily newly organized, are new additions to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data survey universe. When degree and award data become available, they will be reclassified.

**Non-degree-granting** Offering undergraduate or graduate study but not conferring degrees or awards. In this volume, these institutions are included under Specialized.

**Higher education institutions (traditional classification)**

**4-year institution** An institution legally authorized to offer and offering at least a 4-year program of college-level studies wholly or principally creditable toward a baccalaureate degree. In some tables, a further division between universities and other 4-year institutions is made. A "university" is a postsecondary institution which typically comprises one or more graduate professional schools (also see University). For purposes of trend com-

parisons in this volume, the selection of universities has been held constant for all tabulations after 1982. "Other 4-year institutions" would include the rest of the nonuniversity 4-year institutions.

**2-year institution** An institution legally authorized to offer and offering at least a 2-year program of college-level studies which terminates in an associate degree or is principally creditable toward a baccalaureate degree. Also includes some institutions that have a less than 2-year program, but were designated as institutions of higher education in the Higher Education General Information Survey.

**Higher Education Price Index** A price index which measures average changes in the prices of goods and services purchased by colleges and universities through current-fund education and general expenditures (excluding expenditures for sponsored research and auxiliary enterprises).

**High school** A secondary school offering the final years of high school work necessary for graduation, usually including grades 10, 11, 12 (in a 6-3-3 plan) or grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 (in a 6-2-4 plan).

**High school program** A program of studies designed to prepare students for their postsecondary education and occupation. Three types of programs are usually distinguished—academic, vocational, and general. An academic program is designed to prepare students for continued study at a college or university. A vocational program is designed to prepare students for employment in one or more semiskilled, skilled, or technical occupations. A general program is designed to provide students with the understanding and competence to function effectively in a free society and usually represents a mixture of academic and vocational components.

**Historically black colleges and universities** Accredited institutions of higher education established prior to 1964 with the principal mission of educating black Americans. Federal regulations (20 USC 1061 (2)) allow for certain exceptions of the founding date.

**Household** All the persons who occupy a housing unit. A house, apartment, or other group of rooms, or a single room, is regarded as a housing unit when it is occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters, that is, when the occupants do not live and eat with any other persons in the structure, and there is direct access from the outside or through a common hall.

**Housing unit** A house, an apartment, a mobile home, a group of rooms, or a single room that is occupied as separate living quarters.

**Imaginative writing** This type of writing can take a variety of forms, such as stories, poems, plays, or lyrics. It represents a special approach to sharing experiences and understanding the world and ourselves. In this form of writing, special attention is given to rhythm and tone; the use of anecdote; the presence of metaphor and simile; shifts in plots; and the unexpected use of words, phrases, or punctuation.

**Income tax** Taxes levied on net income, that is, on gross income less certain deductions permitted by law. These taxes can be levied on individuals or on corporations or unincorporated businesses where the income is taxed distinctly from individual income.

**Independent operations** A group of self-supporting activities under control of a college or university. For purposes of financial surveys conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics, this category is composed principally of federally funded research and development centers (FFRDC).

**Informative writing** This type of writing is used to share information and to convey messages, directions, and ideas. It often involves reporting or retelling events or experiences that have already occurred.

**Institutional support** The category of higher education expenditures that includes day-to-day operational support for colleges, excluding expenditures for physical plant operations. Examples of institutional support include general administrative services, executive direction and planning, legal and fiscal operations, and community relations.

**Instruction** That category including expenditures of the colleges, schools, departments, and other instructional divisions of higher education institutions and expenditures for departmental research and public service which are not separately budgeted. Includes expenditures for both credit and noncredit activities. Excludes expenditures for academic administration where the primary function is administration (e.g., academic deans).

**Instruction (elementary and secondary)** Instruction encompasses all activities dealing directly with the interaction between teachers and students. Teaching may be provided for students in a school classroom, in another location such as a home or hospital, and in other learning situations such as those involving co-curricular activities. Instruction may be provided through some other approved medium such as television, radio, telephone, and correspondence. Instruction expenditures include: salaries, employee benefits, purchased services, supplies, and tuition to private schools.

**Instructional staff** Full-time-equivalent number of positions, not the number of different individuals occupying the positions during the school year. In local schools, includes all public elementary and secondary (junior and senior high) day-school positions that are in the nature of teaching or in the improvement of the teaching-learning situation. Includes consultants or supervisors of instruction, principals, teachers, guidance personnel, librarians, psychological personnel, and other instructional staff. Excludes administrative staff, attendance personnel, clerical personnel, and junior college staff.

**Instructional support services** Includes salary, benefits, supplies, and contractual fees for staff providing instructional improvement, educational media (library and audiovisual), and other instructional support services.

**Junior high school** A separately organized and administered secondary school intermediate between the elementary and senior high schools, usually including grades 7, 8, and 9 (in a 6–3–3 plan) or grades 7 and 8 (in a 6–2–4 plan).

**Labor force** Persons employed as civilians, unemployed (but looking for work), or in the armed services during the survey week. The “civilian labor force” comprises all civilians classified as employed or unemployed.

**Land-grant colleges** The First Morrill Act of 1862 facilitated the establishment of colleges through grants of land or funds in lieu of land. The Second Morrill Act in 1890 provided for money grants and for the establishment of black land-grant colleges and universities in those states with dual systems of higher education.

**Local education agency** See School district.

**Mandatory transfer** A transfer of current funds that must be made in order to fulfill a binding legal obligation of the institution. Included under mandatory transfers are debt service provisions relating to academic and administrative buildings, including (1) amounts set aside for debt retirement and interest and (2) required provisions for renewal and replacement of buildings to the extent these are not financed from other funds.

**Master’s degree** A degree awarded for successful completion of a program generally requiring 1 or 2 years of full-time college-level study beyond the bachelor’s degree. One type of master’s degree, including the Master of Arts degree, or M.A., and the Master of Science degree, or M.S., is awarded in the liberal arts and sciences for advanced scholarship in

a subject field or discipline and demonstrated ability to perform scholarly research. A second type of master’s degree is awarded for the completion of a professionally oriented program, for example, an M.Ed. in education, an M.B.A. in business administration, an M.F.A. in fine arts, an M.M. in music, an M.S.W. in social work, and an M.P.A. in public administration. A third type of master’s degree is awarded in professional fields for study beyond the first-professional degree, for example, the Master of Laws (L.L.M.) and Master of Science in various medical specializations.

**Mathematics** A group of instructional programs that describes the science of numbers and their operations, interrelations, combinations, generalizations, and abstractions and of space configurations and their structure, measurement, transformations, and generalizations.

**Mean test score** The score obtained by dividing the sum of the scores of all individuals in a group by the number of individuals in that group.

**Metropolitan population** The population residing in Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). See Metropolitan Statistical Area.

**Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)** A large population nucleus and the nearby communities which have a high degree of economic and social integration with that nucleus. Each MSA consists of one or more entire counties (or county equivalents) that meet specified standards pertaining to population, commuting ties, and metropolitan character. In New England, towns and cities, rather than counties, are the basic units. MSAs are designated by the Office of Management and Budget. An MSA includes a city and, generally, its entire urban area and the remainder of the county or counties in which the urban area is located. An MSA also includes such additional outlying counties which meet specified criteria relating to metropolitan character and level of commuting of workers into the central city or counties. Specified criteria governing the definition of MSAs recognized before 1980 are published in *Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas: 1975*, issued by the Office of Management and Budget. New MSAs were designated when 1980 counts showed that they met one or both of the following criteria:

1. Included a city with a population of at least 50,000 within their corporate limits, or
2. Included a Census Bureau-defined urbanized area (which must have a population of at least 50,000) and a total MSA population of at least 100,000 (or, in New England, 75,000).

**Migration** Geographic mobility involving a change of usual residence between clearly defined geo-

graphic units, that is, between counties, states, or regions.

**Minimum-competency testing** Measuring the acquisition of competence or skills to or beyond a certain specified standard.

**National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)** See Guide to Sources.

**Newly qualified teacher** Persons who: (1) first became eligible for a teaching license during the period of the study referenced or who were teaching at the time of survey but were not certified or eligible for a teaching license; and (2) had never held full-time, regular teaching positions (as opposed to substitute) prior to completing the requirements for the degree which brought them into the survey.

**Nonmetropolitan residence group** The population residing outside Metropolitan Statistical Areas. See Metropolitan Statistical Area.

**Nonprofit institution** A private institution in which the individual(s) or agency in control receives compensation other than wages, rent, or other expenses for the assumption of risk. Nonprofit institutions may be either independent nonprofit (i.e., having no religious affiliation) or religiously affiliated.

**Nonresident alien** A person who is not a citizen of the United States and who is in this country on a temporary basis and does not have the right to remain indefinitely.

**Nonsupervisory instructional staff** Persons such as curriculum specialists, counselors, librarians, remedial specialists, and others possessing education certification but not responsible for day-to-day teaching of the same group of pupils.

**Normal school** A normal school was an institution which was engaged primarily in the preparation of teachers for positions in elementary and secondary schools. Prior to 1900, normal schools were often secondary schools with teacher training programs. During the early 20th century, normal schools gradually developed into higher education institutions.

**Obligations** Amounts of orders placed, contracts awarded, services received, or similar legally binding commitments made by federal agencies during a given period that will require outlays during the same or some future period.

**Occupational home economics** Courses of instruction emphasizing the acquisition of competencies needed for getting and holding a job or preparing for advancement in an occupational area using home economics knowledge and skills.

**Occupied housing unit** Separate living quarters with occupants currently inhabiting the unit.

**Off-budget federal entities** Organizational entities, federally owned in whole or in part, whose transactions belong in the budget under current budget accounting concepts but that have been excluded from the budget totals under provisions of law.

**Operation and maintenance services** Includes salary, benefits, supplies, and contractual fees for supervision of operations and maintenance, operating buildings (heating, lighting, ventilating, repair, and replacement), care and upkeep of grounds and equipment, vehicle operations and maintenance (other than student transportation), security, and other operations and maintenance services.

**Other foreign languages and literatures** Any instructional program in foreign languages and literatures not described in table 253, including language groups and individual languages such as the non-Semitic African languages, Native American languages, the Celtic languages, Pacific language groups, the Ural-Altaic languages, Basque, and others.

**Other support services** Includes salary, benefits, supplies, and contractual fees for business support services, central support services, and other support services not otherwise classified.

**Other support services staff** All staff not reported in other categories. This group includes media personnel, social workers, bus drivers, security, cafeteria workers, and other staff.

**Outlays** The value of checks issued, interest accrued on the public debt, or other payments made, net of refunds and reimbursements.

**Part-time enrollment** The number of students enrolled in higher education courses with a total credit load less than 75 percent of the normal full-time credit load.

**Per capita income** The mean income computed for every man, woman, and child in a particular group. It is derived by dividing the total income of a particular group by the total population in that group.

**Personal income** Current income received by persons from all sources minus their personal contributions for social insurance. Classified as "persons" are individuals (including owners of unincorporated firms), nonprofit institutions serving individuals, private trust funds, and private noninsured welfare funds. Personal income includes transfers (payments not resulting from current production) from govern-

ment and business such as social security benefits and military pensions but excludes transfers among persons.

**Persuasive writing** This type of writing attempts to bring about some action or change. Its primary purpose is to influence others. It is concerned with the positions, beliefs, and attitudes of the readers.

**Physical plant assets** Includes the values of land, buildings, and equipment owned, rented, or utilized by colleges. Does not include those plant values which are a part of endowment or other capital fund investments in real estate. Excludes construction in progress.

**Postbaccalaureate enrollment** The number of graduate and first-professional students working towards advanced degrees and of students enrolled in graduate-level classes but not enrolled in degree programs. See also Graduate enrollment and First-professional enrollment.

**Postsecondary education** The provision of formal instructional programs with a curriculum designed primarily for students who have completed the requirements for a high school diploma or equivalent. This includes programs of an academic, vocational, and continuing professional education purpose, and excludes avocational and adult basic education programs.

**Private school or institution** A school or institution which is controlled by an individual or agency other than a state, a subdivision of a state, or the federal government, which is usually supported primarily by other than public funds, and the operation of whose program rests with other than publicly elected or appointed officials. Private schools and institutions include both nonprofit and proprietary institutions.

**Property tax** The sum of money collected from a tax levied against the value of property.

**Proprietary (for profit) institution** A private institution in which the individual(s) or agency in control receives compensation other than wages, rent, or other expenses for the assumption of risk.

**Public school or institution** A school or institution controlled and operated by publicly elected or appointed officials and deriving its primary support from public funds.

**Pupil-teacher ratio** The enrollment of pupils at a given period of time, divided by the full-time-equivalent number of classroom teachers serving these pupils during the same period.

**Racial/ethnic group** Classification indicating general racial or ethnic heritage based on self-identification, as in data collected by the U.S. Bureau of the Census or on observer identification, as in data collected by the Office for Civil Rights. These categories are in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget standard classification scheme presented below:

**White** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East. Normally excludes persons of Hispanic origin except for tabulations produced by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, which are noted accordingly in this volume.

**Black** A person having origins in any of the black racial groups in Africa. Normally excludes persons of Hispanic origin except for tabulations produced by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, which are noted accordingly in this volume.

**Hispanic** A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

**Asian or Pacific Islander** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes, for example, China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, and Samoa.

**American Indian or Alaskan Native** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and maintaining cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

**Remedial education** Instruction for a student lacking those reading, writing, or math skills necessary to perform college-level work at the level required by the attended institution.

**Resident population** Includes civilian population and armed forces personnel residing within the United States. Excludes armed forces personnel residing overseas.

**Revenue** All funds received from external sources, net of refunds, and correcting transactions. Noncash transactions such as receipt of services, commodities, or other receipts in kind are excluded as are funds received from the issuance of debt, liquidation of investments, and nonroutine sale of property.

**Salary** The total amount regularly paid or stipulated to be paid to an individual, before deductions, for personal services rendered while on the payroll of a business or organization.

**Sales and services** Revenues derived from the sales of goods or services that are incidental to the conduct of instruction, research, or public service. Examples include film rentals, scientific and literary publications, testing services, university presses, and dairy products.

**Sales tax** Tax imposed upon the sale and consumption of goods and services. It can be imposed either as a general tax on the retail price of all goods and services sold or as a tax on the sale of selected goods and services.

**Scholarships and fellowships** This category of college expenditures applies only to money given in the form of outright grants and trainee stipends to individuals enrolled in formal coursework, either for credit or not. Aid to students in the form of tuition or fee remissions is included. College work-study funds are excluded and are reported under the program in which the student is working. In the tabulations in this volume, Pell Grants are not included in this expenditure category.

**Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT)** An examination administered by the Educational Testing Service and used to predict the facility with which an individual will progress in learning college-level academic subjects.

**School** A division of the school system consisting of students in one or more grades or other identifiable groups and organized to give instruction of a defined type. One school may share a building with another school or one school may be housed in several buildings.

**School administration support services** Includes salary, benefits, supplies, and contractual fees for the office of the principal, full-time department chairpersons, and graduation expenses.

**School climate** The social system and culture of the school, including the organizational structure of the school and values and expectations within it.

**School district** An education agency at the local level that exists primarily to operate public schools or to contract for public school services. Synonyms are "local basic administrative unit" and "local education agency."

**Science** The body of related courses concerned with knowledge of the physical and biological world and with the processes of discovering and validating this knowledge.

**Secondary instructional level** The general level of instruction provided for pupils in secondary schools

(generally covering grades 7 through 12 or 9 through 12) and any instruction of a comparable nature and difficulty provided for adults and youth beyond the age of compulsory school attendance.

**Secondary school** A school comprising any span of grades beginning with the next grade following an elementary or middle school (usually 7, 8, or 9) and ending with or below grade 12. Both junior high schools and senior high schools are included.

**Secondary enrollment** The total number of students registered in a school beginning with the next grade following an elementary or middle school (usually 7, 8, or 9) and ending with or below grade 12 at a given time.

**Senior high school** A secondary school offering the final years of high school work necessary for graduation.

**Serial volumes** Publications issued in successive parts, usually at regular intervals, and as a rule, intended to be continued indefinitely. Serials include periodicals, newspapers, annuals, memoirs, proceedings, and transactions of societies.

**Social studies** A group of instructional programs that describes the substantive portions of behavior, past and present activities, interactions, and organizations of people associated together for religious, benevolent, cultural, scientific, political, patriotic, or other purposes.

**Socioeconomic status (SES)** For the High School and Beyond study and the National Longitudinal Study of the High School Class of 1972, the SES index is a composite of five equally weighted, standardized components: father's education, mother's education, family income, father's occupation, and household items. The terms high, middle, and low SES refer to the upper, middle two, and lower quartiles of the weighted SES composite index distribution.

**Special education** Direct instructional activities or special learning experiences designed primarily for students identified as having exceptionalities in one or more aspects of the cognitive process or as being underachievers in relation to general level or model of their overall abilities. Such services usually are directed at students with the following conditions: (1) physically handicapped; (2) emotionally handicapped; (3) culturally different, including compensatory education; (4) mentally retarded; and (5) students with learning disabilities. Programs for the mentally gifted and talented are also included in some special education programs. See also Handicapped.



**Standardized test** A test composed of a systematic sampling of behavior, administered and scored according to specific instructions, capable of being interpreted in terms of adequate norms, and for which there are data on reliability and validity.

**Standardized test performance** The weighted distributions of composite scores from standardized tests used to group students according to performance.

**Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA)** See Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

**Student** An individual for whom instruction is provided in an educational program under the jurisdiction of a school, school system, or other education institution. No distinction is made between the terms "student" and "pupil," though "student" may refer to one receiving instruction at any level while "pupil" refers only to one attending school at the elementary or secondary level. A student may receive instruction in a school facility or in another location, such as at home or in a hospital. Instruction may be provided by direct student-teacher interaction or by some other approved medium such as television, radio, telephone, and correspondence.

**Student support services** Includes salary, benefits, supplies, and contractual fees for staff providing attendance and social work, guidance, health, psychological services, speech pathology, audiology, and other support to students.

**Subject-matter club** Organizations that are formed around a shared interest in a particular area of study and whose primary activities promote that interest. Examples of such organizations are math, science, business, and history clubs.

**Supervisory staff** Principals, assistant principals, and supervisors of instruction. Does not include superintendents or assistant superintendents.

**Tax base** The collective value of objects, assets, and income components against which a tax is levied.

**Tax expenditures** Losses of tax revenue attributable to provisions of the federal income tax laws that allow a special exclusion, exemption, or deduction from gross income or provide a special credit, preferential rate of tax, or a deferral of tax liability affecting individual or corporate income tax liabilities.

**Technical education** A program of vocational instruction that ordinarily includes the study of the sciences and mathematics underlying a technology, as well as the methods, skills, and materials com-

monly used and the services performed in the technology. Technical education prepares individuals for positions—such as draftsman or lab technician—in the occupational area between the skilled craftsman and the professional person.

**Total expenditure per pupil in average daily attendance** Includes all expenditures allocable to per pupil costs divided by average daily attendance. These allocable expenditures include current expenditures for regular school programs, interest on school debt, and capital outlay. Beginning in 1980–81, expenditures for state administration are excluded and expenditures for other programs (summer schools, community colleges, and private schools) are included.

**Trade and industrial occupations** The branch of vocational education which is concerned with preparing persons for initial employment or with updating or retraining workers in a wide range of trade and industrial occupations. Such occupations are skilled or semiskilled and are concerned with layout designing, producing, processing, assembling, testing, maintaining, servicing, or repairing any product or commodity.

**Transcript** An official list of all courses taken by a student at a school or college showing the final grade received for each course, with definitions of the various grades given at the institution.

**Trust funds** Amounts collected and used by the federal government for carrying out specific purposes and programs according to terms of a trust agreement or statute, such as the social security and unemployment trust funds. Trust fund receipts that are not anticipated to be used in the immediate future are generally invested in interest-bearing government securities and earn interest for the trust fund.

**Tuition and fees** A payment or charge for instruction or compensation for services, privileges, or the use of equipment, books, or other goods.

**Unclassified students** Students who are not candidates for a degree or other formal award, although they are taking higher education courses for credit in regular classes with other students.

**Unadjusted dollars** See *current dollars*.

**Undergraduate students** Students registered at an institution of higher education who are working in a program leading to a baccalaureate degree or other formal award below the baccalaureate, such as an associate degree.

**Unemployed** Civilians who had no employment but were available for work and: (1) had engaged in any

specific job seeking activity within the past 4 weeks; (2) were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off; or (3) were waiting to report to a new wage or salary job within 30 days.

**U.S. Service Schools** These institutions of higher education are controlled by the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Transportation. The 10 institutions counted in the NCES surveys of higher education institutions include: the Air Force Institute of Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Naval Postgraduate School, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy, and the U.S. Naval Academy.

**University** An institution of higher education consisting of a liberal arts college, a diverse graduate program, and usually two or more professional schools or faculties and empowered to confer de-

grees in various fields of study. For purposes of maintaining trend data in this publication, the selection of university institutions has not been revised since 1982.

**Visual and performing arts** A group of instructional programs that generally describes the historic development, aesthetic qualities, and creative processes of the visual and performing arts.

**Vocational education** Organized educational programs, services, and activities which are directly related to the preparation of individuals for paid or unpaid employment, or for additional preparation for a career, requiring other than a baccalaureate or advanced degree.

**Vocational home economics** Vocational courses of instruction emphasizing the acquisition of competencies needed for getting and holding a job or preparing for advancement in an occupational area using home economics knowledge or skills.

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