

Table 278. Higher Education—Institutions and Enrollment 1980 to 2009

[As of fall (686 represents 686,000). Covers universities, colleges, professional schools, junior and teachers' colleges, both publicly and privately controlled, regular session. Includes estimates for institutions not reporting. See also Appendix III]

Item	Unit	1980	1990	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
ALL INSTITUTIONS									
Number of institutions ¹	Number	3,231	3,559	4,182	4,276	4,314	4,352	4,409	4,495
4-year	Number	1,957	2,141	2,450	2,582	2,629	2,675	2,719	2,774
2-year	Number	1,274	1,418	1,732	1,694	1,685	1,677	1,690	1,721
Instructional staff— (lecturer or above) ²	1,000	686	817	(NA)	1,290	(NA)	1,371	(NA)	1,439
Percent full-time	Percent	66	61	(NA)	52	(NA)	51	(NA)	51
Total enrollment ^{3,4}	1,000	12,097	13,819	15,312	17,487	17,759	18,248	19,103	20,428
Male	1,000	5,874	6,284	6,722	7,456	7,575	7,816	8,189	8,770
Female	1,000	6,223	7,535	8,591	10,032	10,184	10,432	10,914	11,658
4-year institutions	1,000	7,571	8,579	9,364	10,999	11,240	11,630	12,131	12,906
2-year institutions	1,000	4,526	5,240	5,948	6,488	6,519	6,618	6,971	7,521
Full-time	1,000	7,098	7,821	9,010	10,797	10,957	11,270	11,748	12,723
Part-time	1,000	4,999	5,998	6,303	6,690	6,802	6,978	7,355	7,705
Public	1,000	9,457	10,845	11,753	13,022	13,180	13,491	13,972	14,811
Private	1,000	2,640	2,974	3,560	4,466	4,579	4,757	5,131	5,617
Not-for-profit	1,000	2,528	2,760	3,109	3,455	3,513	3,571	3,662	3,765
For profit	1,000	112	213	450	1,011	1,066	1,186	1,469	1,852
Undergraduate ⁴	1,000	10,475	11,959	13,155	14,964	15,184	15,604	16,366	17,565
Men	1,000	5,000	5,380	5,778	6,409	6,513	6,728	7,067	7,595
Women	1,000	5,475	6,579	7,377	8,555	8,671	8,876	9,299	9,970
First-time freshmen	1,000	2,588	2,257	2,428	2,657	2,707	2,776	3,025	3,210
First professional	1,000	278	273	307	337	343	351	(NA)	(NA)
Men	1,000	199	167	164	170	174	178	(NA)	(NA)
Women	1,000	78	107	143	167	170	173	(NA)	(NA)
Graduate ⁴	1,000	1,343	1,586	1,850	2,186	2,231	2,294	(NA)	(NA)
Men	1,000	675	737	780	877	887	910	(NA)	(NA)
Women	1,000	670	849	1,071	1,309	1,344	1,383	(NA)	(NA)
2-YEAR INSTITUTIONS									
Number of institutions ¹	Number	1,274	1,418	1,732	1,694	1,685	1,677	1,690	1,721
Public	Number	945	972	1,076	1,053	1,045	1,032	1,024	1,000
Private	Number	329	446	656	641	640	645	666	721
Instructional staff— (lecturer or above) ²	1,000	192	(NA)	(NA)	373	(NA)	381	(NA)	401
Enrollment ^{3,4}	1,000	4,526	5,240	5,948	6,488	6,519	6,618	6,971	7,521
Public	1,000	4,329	4,996	5,697	6,184	6,225	6,324	6,640	7,101
Private	1,000	198	244	251	304	293	294	331	420
Male	1,000	2,047	2,233	2,559	2,680	2,705	2,771	2,936	3,197
Female	1,000	2,479	3,007	3,390	3,808	3,814	3,847	4,035	4,325
4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS									
Number of institutions ¹	Number	1,957	2,141	2,450	2,582	2,629	2,675	2,719	2,774
Public	Number	552	595	622	640	643	653	652	672
Private	Number	1,405	1,546	1,828	1,942	1,986	2,022	2,067	2,102
Instructional staff— (lecturer or above) ²	1,000	494	(NA)	(NA)	917	(NA)	991	(NA)	1,038
Enrollment ^{3,4}	1,000	7,571	8,579	9,364	10,999	11,240	11,630	12,131	12,906
Public	1,000	5,129	5,848	6,055	6,838	6,955	7,167	7,332	7,709
Private	1,000	2,442	2,730	3,308	4,162	4,285	4,464	4,800	5,197
Male	1,000	3,827	4,051	4,163	4,776	4,870	5,045	5,253	5,573
Female	1,000	3,743	4,527	5,201	6,224	6,370	6,585	6,878	7,333

NA Not available. ¹ Number of institutions includes count of branch campuses. Due to revised survey procedures, data beginning 1990 are not comparable with previous years. Beginning 2000, data reflect a new classification of institutions; this classification includes some additional, primarily 2-year, colleges and excludes a few institutions that did not award degrees. Includes institutions that were eligible to participate in Title IV federal financial aid programs. Includes schools accredited by the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools. ² Due to revised survey methods, data beginning 1990 not comparable with previous years. ³ Branch campuses counted according to actual status, e.g., 2-year branch in 2-year category. ⁴ Includes unclassified students. (Students taking courses for credit, but are not candidates for degrees.)

Source: U.S. National Center for Education Statistics, *Digest of Education Statistics*, annual, and unpublished data. See also <<http://www.nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/>>.