

**Table 274. Higher Education—Institutions and Enrollment 1980 to 2008**

[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	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>ALL INSTITUTIONS</b>									
<b>Number of institutions</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>Number</b>	<b>3,231</b>	<b>3,559</b>	<b>4,182</b>	<b>4,216</b>	<b>4,276</b>	<b>4,314</b>	<b>4,352</b>	<b>(NA)</b>
4-year	Number	1,957	2,141	2,450	2,533	2,582	2,629	2,675	(NA)
2-year	Number	1,274	1,418	1,732	1,683	1,694	1,685	1,677	(NA)
<b>Instructional staff— (lecturer or above)</b> <sup>2</sup>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>1,290</b>	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>1,371</b>	<b>(NA)</b>
Percent full-time	Percent	66	61	(NA)	(NA)	52	(NA)	51	(NA)
<b>Total enrollment</b> <sup>3,4</sup>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>12,097</b>	<b>13,819</b>	<b>15,312</b>	<b>17,272</b>	<b>17,487</b>	<b>17,759</b>	<b>18,248</b>	<b>19,103</b>
Male	1,000	5,874	6,284	6,722	7,387	7,456	7,575	7,816	8,189
Female	1,000	6,223	7,535	8,591	9,885	10,032	10,184	10,432	10,914
4-year institutions	1,000	7,571	8,579	9,364	10,726	10,999	11,240	11,630	12,131
2-year institutions	1,000	4,526	5,240	5,948	6,546	6,488	6,519	6,618	6,971
Full-time	1,000	7,098	7,821	9,010	10,610	10,797	10,957	11,270	11,748
Part-time	1,000	4,999	5,998	6,303	6,662	6,690	6,802	6,978	7,355
Public	1,000	9,457	10,845	11,753	12,980	13,022	13,180	13,491	13,972
Private	1,000	2,640	2,974	3,560	4,292	4,466	4,579	4,757	5,131
Not-for-profit	1,000	2,528	2,760	3,109	3,412	3,455	3,513	3,571	3,662
For profit	1,000	112	213	450	880	1,011	1,066	1,186	1,469
Undergraduate <sup>4</sup>	1,000	10,475	11,959	13,155	14,781	14,964	15,184	15,604	16,366
Men	1,000	5,000	5,380	5,778	6,340	6,409	6,513	6,728	7,067
Women	1,000	5,475	6,579	7,377	8,441	8,555	8,671	8,876	9,299
First-time freshmen	1,000	2,588	2,257	2,428	2,630	2,657	2,707	2,776	3,025
First professional	1,000	278	273	307	335	337	343	351	(NA)
Men	1,000	199	167	164	168	170	174	178	(NA)
Women	1,000	78	107	143	166	167	170	173	(NA)
Graduate <sup>4</sup>	1,000	1,343	1,586	1,850	2,157	2,186	2,231	2,294	(NA)
Men	1,000	675	737	780	879	877	887	910	(NA)
Women	1,000	670	849	1,071	1,278	1,309	1,344	1,383	(NA)
<b>2-YEAR INSTITUTIONS</b>									
<b>Number of institutions</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>Number</b>	<b>1,274</b>	<b>1,418</b>	<b>1,732</b>	<b>1,683</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>1,685</b>	<b>1,677</b>	<b>(NA)</b>
Public	Number	945	972	1,076	1,061	1,053	1,045	1,032	(NA)
Private	Number	329	446	656	622	641	640	645	(NA)
<b>Instructional staff— (lecturer or above)</b> <sup>2</sup>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>(NA)</b>
<b>Enrollment</b> <sup>3,4</sup>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>4,526</b>	<b>5,240</b>	<b>5,948</b>	<b>6,546</b>	<b>6,488</b>	<b>6,519</b>	<b>6,618</b>	<b>6,971</b>
Public	1,000	4,329	4,996	5,697	6,244	6,184	6,225	6,324	6,640
Private	1,000	198	244	251	302	304	293	294	331
Male	1,000	2,047	2,233	2,559	2,698	2,680	2,705	2,771	2,936
Female	1,000	2,479	3,007	3,390	3,848	3,808	3,814	3,847	4,035
<b>4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS</b>									
<b>Number of institutions</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>Number</b>	<b>1,957</b>	<b>2,141</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>2,533</b>	<b>2,582</b>	<b>2,629</b>	<b>2,675</b>	<b>(NA)</b>
Public	Number	552	595	622	639	640	643	653	(NA)
Private	Number	1,405	1,546	1,828	1,894	1,942	1,986	2,022	(NA)
<b>Instructional staff— (lecturer or above)</b> <sup>2</sup>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>(NA)</b>
<b>Enrollment</b> <sup>3,4</sup>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>7,571</b>	<b>8,579</b>	<b>9,364</b>	<b>10,726</b>	<b>10,999</b>	<b>11,240</b>	<b>11,630</b>	<b>12,131</b>
Public	1,000	5,129	5,848	6,055	6,737	6,838	6,955	7,167	7,332
Private	1,000	2,442	2,730	3,308	3,990	4,162	4,285	4,464	4,800
Male	1,000	3,827	4,051	4,163	4,690	4,776	4,870	5,045	5,253
Female	1,000	3,743	4,527	5,201	6,037	6,224	6,370	6,585	6,878

NA Not available. <sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> Due to revised survey methods, data beginning 1990 not comparable with previous years. <sup>3</sup> Branch campuses counted according to actual status, e.g., 2-year branch in 2-year category. <sup>4</sup> 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/>>.