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- Graduation rates at 4-year institutions
- College enrollment by age of students
- College enrollment by racial and ethnic group

6-Year Graduation Rates of 2000-1 Freshmen at 4-Year Institutions

	Total	American Indian	Asian	Black non-Hispanic	Hispanic	White non-Hispanic	Race unknown	Nonresident aliens
All	56.4%	39.2%	65.8%	41.0%	47.9%	59.4%	49.9%	58.6%

By type of institution and sex

Public	All	53.3%	34.9%	62.1%	39.0%	43.1%	56.0%	51.7%	52.5%
Men	All	49.8%	31.4%	58.9%	32.5%	38.4%	52.6%	48.5%	50.2%
Women	All	56.3%	37.6%	67.0%	43.4%	46.5%	58.9%	54.6%	55.6%

Private nonprofit

All	63.8%	51.0%	74.2%	45.3%	58.0%	66.5%	58.8%	64.9%
Men	60.9%	46.6%	72.4%	38.9%	54.0%	63.8%	56.2%	62.2%
Women	66.1%	54.3%	75.6%	49.6%	60.7%	68.7%	60.9%	68.2%

Private for-profit

All	48.2%	44.3%	56.4%	42.7%	50.1%	54.5%	31.1%	55.9%
Men	46.6%	43.0%	54.8%	39.3%	48.9%	51.2%	32.3%	55.2%
Women	50.3%	45.7%	59.1%	45.8%	51.7%	59.0%	29.8%	52.5%

By Carnegie classification of institution attended*

Research universities (very high research activity)	All	72.8%	55.3%	78.8%	62.1%	67.2%	73.1%	75.3%	74.9%
Public	All	69.6%	50.8%	75.5%	57.7%	62.9%	70.5%	67.8%	67.1%
Private nonprofit	All	88.2%	80.3%	91.6%	84.1%	85.8%	88.3%	88.0%	86.0%

Research universities (high research activity)

All	All	56.3%	42.8%	60.1%	44.3%	40.1%	58.0%	55.0%	54.7%
Public	All	52.4%	41.0%	55.8%	40.9%	43.1%	56.1%	48.9%	50.9%
Private nonprofit	All	73.4%	64.2%	73.7%	59.9%	67.0%	76.4%	71.6%	63.5%

Doctoral/research universities

All	All	51.3%	41.8%	57.2%	41.2%	48.3%	55.2%	36.9%	53.5%
Public	All	47.5%	35.4%	45.8%	39.3%	37.0%	50.2%	36.2%	52.0%
Private nonprofit	All	62.0%	56.8%	63.1%	47.4%	56.7%	65.8%	54.2%	51.1%

Master's institutions (large programs)

All	All	39.8%	32.2%	40.4%	34.0%	40.1%	53.2%	30.9%	47.0%
Public	All	46.2%	30.7%	47.2%	34.0%	37.5%	49.6%	45.2%	44.0%
Private nonprofit	All	59.5%	50.9%	58.5%	40.4%	49.2%	63.8%	48.7%	52.5%

Master's institutions (medium programs)

All	All	28.8%	20.0%	50.9%	33.2%	36.1%	52.3%	42.0%	46.3%
Public	All	28.5%	27.2%	43.5%	31.8%	36.1%	47.5%	43.2%	41.3%
Private nonprofit	All	58.4%	55.7%	57.2%	40.4%	46.5%	59.5%	51.6%	50.7%

Master's institutions (smaller programs)

All	All	48.7%	37.0%	46.8%	35.9%	40.1%	83.6%	32.4%	51.3%
Public	All	42.6%	31.6%	40.3%	34.0%	31.8%	46.7%	37.3%	51.5%
Private nonprofit	All	53.2%	50.5%	49.3%	37.9%	46.9%	57.8%	34.2%	51.3%

Baccalaureate colleges: arts and sciences

All	All	66.8%	44.0%	71.9%	51.3%	56.6%	68.9%	63.1%	71.9%
Public	All	47.7%	23.7%	44.2%	42.4%	35.1%	49.5%	37.7%	47.9%
Private nonprofit	All	71.1%	60.7%	79.5%	52.7%	66.7%	73.2%	66.6%	73.4%

Baccalaureate colleges: diverse fields

All	All	45.5%	28.2%	46.3%	32.4%	35.3%	40.7%	34.0%	49.2%
Public	All	40.7%	22.6%	42.1%	32.3%	29.4%	43.5%	31.2%	40.6%
Private nonprofit	All	48.3%	35.1%	49.7%	32.6%	39.7%	53.4%	34.7%	51.8%

Baccalaureate colleges: diverse fields

All	All	23.0%	12.7%	23.4%	12.4%	20.9%	24.7%	19.0%	24.7%
Public	All	20.2%	11.4%	21.8%	11.1%	19.7%	23.5%	17.8%	23.5%
Private nonprofit	All	25.3%	14.9%	27.2%	10.9%	26.7%	24.7%	20.4%	24.7%

Enrollment

All	17,232,000	2,669,000	1,595,000	7,681,000	1,879,000	1,600,000	1,687,000	
Full-time								
Part-time								

Women

All	15 to 19	22.4%	38.7%	12.7%	35.0%	6.9%	1.5%	0.3%
Public	15 to 19	37.7%	33.0%	25.3%	49.7%	31.0%	40.6%	11.7%
Private nonprofit	15 to 19	24.9%	11.7%	27.4%	10.1%	29.5%	50.2%	40.4%
All	20 to 24	21.5%	17.3%	27.1%	11.6%	24.5%	42.1%	39.3%
Public	20 to 24	18.4%	11.0%	35.0%	5.7%	37.7%	15.8%	49.0%
Private nonprofit	20 to 24	24.1%	11.0%	24.0%	3.9%	25.4%	13.1%	47.1%
All	25 to 34	18.4%	11.7%	27.4%	10.1%	26.7%	47.9%	39.8%
Public	25 to 34	17.5%	11.7%	27.1%	10.1%	26.5%	47.9%	39.8%
Private nonprofit	25 to 34	19.2%	11.7%	27.4%	10.1%	26.7%	47.9%	39.8%
All	35 and older	13.1%	6.2%	24.0%	3.8%	25.4%	13.7%	48.2%
Public	35 and older	11.0%	1.0%	35.0%	5.7%	37.7%	15.8%	49.0%
Private nonprofit	35 and older	14.3%	6.2%	24.0%	3.8%	25.4%	13.7%	48.2%
All	Enrollment	9,726,000	1,531,000	975,000	4,164,000	1,649,000	998,000	1,009,000

Note: The figures are based on a Census Bureau survey of about 50,000 households conducted in October 2006. The statistics may differ from previous data because of changes in survey methodology. Because of rounding, figures may not add to totals.

*The classification refers to the Carnegie Foundation's five classification of teaching, research, and graduate programs based on their missions and numbers of academic degrees they award in their primary activity. Not all Carnegie categories are shown.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics.

Methodology: Enrollment data are based on fall 2006 counts. Enrollment figures do not include summer school enrollment.

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College Enrollment by Racial and Ethnic Group, Selected Years

	Fall 1996	Fall 2000	Fall 2002	Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006
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American Indian	137,000	151,200	165,900	176,100	176,300	181,100
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- Projections of college enrollment, degrees, and high-school graduates
- Educational attainment of the U.S. population

Projections of College Enrollment, Degrees Conferred, and High-School Graduates, 2008 to 2016

College enrollment	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total	18,264,000	18,567,000	18,829,000	19,105,000	19,374,000	19,662,000	19,944,000	20,192,000	20,442,000
Public	13,677,000	13,895,000	14,085,000	14,269,000	14,453,000	14,631,000	14,846,000	15,051,000	15,265,000
Private	4,587,000	4,672,000	4,754,000	4,836,000	4,921,000	5,010,000	5,098,000	5,177,000	5,256,000
Full time	11,497,000	11,757,000	11,995,000	12,222,000	12,442,000	12,672,000	12,903,000	13,113,000	13,325,000
Part time	6,768,000	6,810,000	6,844,000	6,883,000	6,932,000	6,999,000	7,041,000	7,078,000	7,117,000
Men									
Total	7,685,000	7,782,000	7,884,000	7,987,000	8,085,000	8,099,000	8,149,000	8,183,000	8,222,000
Full time	5,009,000	5,096,000	5,170,000	5,231,000	5,276,000	5,311,000	5,340,000	5,357,000	5,377,000
Part time	2,676,000	2,697,000	2,715,000	2,736,000	2,759,000	2,789,000	2,809,000	2,832,000	2,845,000
Women									
Total	10,579,000	10,774,000	10,953,000	11,139,000	11,339,000	11,566,000	11,795,000	12,009,000	12,226,000
Full time	6,487,000	6,569,000	6,625,000	6,991,000	7,195,000	7,362,000	7,563,000	7,750,000	7,949,000
Part time	4,092,000	4,114,000	4,129,000	4,148,000	4,173,000	4,204,000	4,233,000	4,252,000	4,272,000
Racial and ethnic group									
American Indian	201,000	204,000	208,000	212,000	214,000	221,000	226,000	231,000	236,000
Asian and Pacific Islander	1,204,000	1,238,000	1,271,000	1,307,000	1,340,000	1,374,000	1,429,000	1,462,000	1,503,000
Black non-Hispanic	2,351,000	2,312,000	2,472,000	2,531,000	2,599,000	2,661,000	2,729,000	2,799,000	2,855,000
Hispanic	2,080,000	2,154,000	2,297,000	2,301,000	2,379,000	2,465,000	2,564,000	2,614,000	2,674,000
White non-Hispanic	11,827,000	11,950,000	12,046,000	12,132,000	12,267,000	12,283,000	12,354,000	12,400,000	12,448,000
Nonresident alien	602,000	608,000	615,000	623,000	632,000	641,000	651,000	666,000	670,000
Four-year institutions									
Public	7,186,000	7,318,000	7,444,000	7,586,000	7,685,000	7,809,000	7,930,000	8,036,000	8,142,000
Private	4,768,000	4,347,000	4,424,000	4,501,000	4,580,000	4,684,000	4,746,000	4,830,000	4,893,000
Two-year institutions									
Public	6,492,000	6,577,000	6,642,000	6,704,000	6,788,000	6,842,000	6,917,000	6,979,000	7,044,000
Private	318,000	325,000	330,000	335,000	340,000	346,000	352,000	357,000	363,000
Undergraduate									
Total	15,659,000	15,928,000	16,162,000	16,376,000	16,578,000	16,788,000	16,995,000	17,172,000	17,354,000
Public	12,314,000	12,516,000	12,886,000	12,841,000	12,953,000	12,153,000	13,310,000	13,443,000	13,589,000
Private	3,345,000	3,414,000	3,476,000	3,532,000	3,583,000	3,635,000	3,685,000	3,729,000	3,774,000
Graduate									
Total	2,211,000	2,277,000	2,308,000	2,351,000	2,407,000	2,470,000	2,533,000	2,591,000	2,648,000
Public	1,218,000	1,231,000	1,247,000	1,269,000	1,298,000	1,331,000	1,363,000	1,394,000	1,423,000
Private	1,003,000	1,046,000	1,061,000	1,082,000	1,109,000	1,130,000	1,169,000	1,198,000	1,225,000
First-professional									
Total	325,000	361,000	369,000	378,000	389,000	404,000	416,000	428,000	440,000
Public	146,000	149,000	152,000	156,000	162,000	167,000	173,000	178,000	183,000
Private	179,000	222,000	219,000	222,000	229,000	236,000	242,000	250,000	257,000
Degrees									
Associate									
Total	714,000	724,000	730,000	735,000	740,000	745,000	751,000	755,000	762,000
Men	261,000	270,000	272,000	273,000	274,000	275,000	275,000	274,000	273,000
Women	447,000	454,000	458,000	462,000	466,000	471,000	476,000	481,000	486,000
Bachelor's									
Total	1,598,000	1,644,000	1,679,000	1,710,000	1,738,000	1,762,000	1,781,000	1,794,000	1,813,000
Men	665,000	681,000	693,000	702,000	710,000	715,000	718,000	719,000	713,000
Women	933,000	962,000	988,000	1,007,000	1,028,000	1,047,000	1,065,000	1,060,000	1,060,000
Master's									
Total	649,000	662,000	671,000	683,000	695,000	715,000	736,000	757,000	778,000
Men	252,000	256,000	260,000	264,000	269,000	273,000	281,000	286,000	296,000
Women	397,000	405,000	411,000	419,000	428,000	440,000	455,000	471,000	487,000
Doctorate									
Total	57,300	57,800	58,600	59,900	61,400	63,200	65,200	67,100	69,200
Men	27,000	27,000	27,100	27,400	27,900	28,400	28,900	29,300	29,800
Women	30,200	30,800	31,500	32,400	33,300	34,900	36,300	37,900	39,500
First-professional									
Total	93,400	95,600	97,400	99,400	101,600	104,200	107,000	110,500	113,600
Men	44,800	45,200	45,600	46,100	46,800	47,100	47,700	48,300	48,700
Women	48,600	50,400	51,800	53,300	55,000	57,100	59,600	62,200	64,400
High-school graduates									
Total	3,330,000	3,304,000	3,275,000	3,231,000	3,223,000	3,195,000	3,262,000	3,241,000	3,245,000
Public	3,012,000	2,995,000	2,970,000	2,933,000	2,927,000	2,905,000	2,915,000	2,956,000	2,968,000
Private	318,000	309,000	305,000	298,000	296,000	287,000	287,000	285,000	287,000

Note: The table shows the "middle-income family," which represents the most likely outcome. Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

Source: For enrollment counts the fall of the year listed. Figures for high school graduates and dropouts cover the school year beginning in the year listed.

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Educational Attainment of the U.S. Population by Racial and Ethnic Group, 2007

Highest level reached	All	Men	Women	All	Asian	Black	All	Hispanic (any race)	All	White, non-Hispanic	Men	Women
				All	Men	Women	All	Men	All	Men	Women	
8th grade or less	5.8%	6.1%	5.5%	7.2%	5.5%	8.7%	5.3%	5.4%	22.8%	23.8%	2.9%	3.0%
Some high school, no diploma	8.5%	8.9%	8.1%	5.1%	4.6%	5.5%	12.5%	12.8%	16.9%	18.0%	15.6%	6.6%
High school diploma	31.6%	33.7%	31.6%	29.0%	20.1%	20.0%	36.2%	38.3%	34.5%	28.4%	32.2%	32.0%
Some college, no degree	16.7%	17.3%	9.4%	9.4%	9.3%	18.6%	17.6%	19.8%	13.0%	12.9%	13.2%	17.4%
Associate degree	8.6%	7.5%	9.3%	5.1%	7.4%	8.7%	7.9%	9.3%	6.2%	5.2%	7.3%	9.1%
Bachelor's degree	18.9%	18.3%	19.0%	31.6%	30.9%	32.3%	13.0%	12.6%	13.3%	9.4%	8.7%	10.2%
Master's degree	7.0%	6.9%	7.1%	13.4%	12.9%	13.0%	3.9%	4.7%	2.4%	2.1%	2.5%	7.7%
Doctoral degree	1.3%	1.9%	0.8%	4.1%	5.7%	2.1%	0.5%	0.7%	0.4%	0.3%	1.4%	0.8%
Professional degree	1.6%	2.2%	1.1%	2.9%	3.6%	2.4%	0.8%	0.9%	0.7%	0.4%	1.8%	2.5%
Number of adults (in millions)	194.3	93.4	100.9	9.0	4.2	4.8	21.9	9.7	12.2	24.6	12.6	11.9
											65.7	70.7

Note: The figures are based on a Census Bureau survey of 100,000 addresses nationwide conducted in the winter and spring of 2007, and cover adults age 25 and older. Figures may differ from other Census Bureau statistics on attainment because of varying survey methods.

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