

Table 310.—Percentage distribution of enrollment and completion status of first-time postsecondary students starting during the 1995–96 academic year, by type of institution and other student characteristics: 1998

Student and institution characteristics	Students starting in less than 4-year institutions						Students starting in 4-year institutions					
	Highest degree attained				No degree, still enrolled	No degree, not enrolled	Highest degree attained				No degree, still enrolled	No degree, not enrolled
	Total, any degree ¹	Certificate	Associate	Bachelor's			Total, any degree ¹	Certificate	Associate	Bachelor's		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Total	24.0 (1.3)	16.4 (1.2)	7.3 (0.7)	# (#)	34.1 (1.6)	41.9 (1.6)	4.3 (0.4)	1.5 (0.2)	2.0 (0.2)	0.8 (0.2)	77.3 (0.8)	18.4 (0.8)
Male	20.8 (2.0)	13.0 (1.6)	7.4 (1.1)	0.1 (0.1)	38.4 (2.6)	40.8 (2.6)	4.5 (0.6)	1.7 (0.4)	1.9 (0.3)	0.9 (0.3)	75.6 (1.3)	19.9 (1.2)
Female	26.4 (1.8)	18.9 (1.6)	7.2 (0.9)	# #	30.6 (2.1)	43.0 (2.3)	4.2 (0.5)	1.3 (0.2)	2.1 (0.3)	0.8 (0.2)	78.6 (1.1)	17.3 (1.1)
Age when first enrolled												
18 years or younger	20.3 (1.7)	8.5 (1.0)	11.7 (1.4)	# #	45.3 (2.5)	34.5 (2.4)	3.0 (0.3)	1.1 (0.2)	1.6 (0.2)	0.3 (0.1)	82.1 (0.9)	15.0 (0.8)
19 years	17.7 (2.6)	11.6 (1.8)	6.0 (1.6)	# #	44.9 (4.9)	37.5 (4.6)	5.9 (1.3)	1.4 (0.5)	2.7 (0.9)	2.1 (0.9)	73.1 (2.5)	21.0 (2.2)
20 to 23 years	27.2 (3.6)	22.3 (3.3)	4.4 (1.4)	0.2 (0.2)	25.5 (4.3)	47.4 (4.7)	14.4 (3.4)	5.6 (2.1)	2.8 (1.6)	5.8 (2.3)	46.6 (4.4)	39.0 (4.4)
24 to 29 years	35.0 (5.4)	31.9 (5.3)	2.3 (0.8)	# #	16.7 (4.3)	48.3 (5.6)	12.4 (4.6)	3.2 (1.9)	9.0 (4.2)	# #	50.4 (6.9)	37.2 (6.8)
30 years or over	28.3 (3.4)	25.2 (3.2)	2.9 (0.8)	# #	16.4 (3.6)	55.3 (4.2)	8.9 (2.8)	4.3 (1.9)	3.2 (1.8)	1.2 (1.2)	40.3 (5.7)	50.8 (5.7)
Race/ethnicity												
White, non-Hispanic	24.3 (1.7)	15.5 (1.5)	8.3 (1.0)	# (#)	34.6 (2.0)	41.1 (2.1)	3.9 (0.4)	1.1 (0.2)	2.0 (0.3)	0.7 (0.2)	77.6 (1.0)	18.5 (1.0)
Black, non-Hispanic	27.5 (3.6)	21.3 (3.3)	5.6 (1.7)	# #	23.6 (4.2)	49.0 (4.6)	4.4 (1.2)	3.4 (1.1)	0.9 (0.4)	# #	71.0 (2.3)	24.7 (2.1)
Hispanic	22.9 (3.2)	18.2 (2.9)	4.9 (1.2)	# #	38.4 (4.6)	38.8 (4.3)	6.8 (1.5)	2.4 (0.9)	2.2 (0.7)	2.2 (1.0)	75.3 (2.4)	17.9 (2.1)
Asian/Pacific Islander	15.3 (5.1)	11.7 (4.7)	5.4 (2.7)	# #	37.9 (8.5)	46.8 (9.3)	2.2 (0.9)	0.3 (0.2)	1.6 (0.8)	1.1 (0.9)	86.5 (3.3)	11.3 (3.3)
Highest education level of parents												
High school diploma or less	27.4 (2.1)	20.9 (1.8)	6.4 (0.9)	# #	28.8 (2.3)	43.8 (2.3)	5.5 (0.8)	2.0 (0.5)	2.3 (0.4)	1.1 (0.4)	67.3 (1.7)	27.2 (1.6)
Some postsecondary	20.1 (2.7)	12.7 (2.2)	6.9 (1.5)	# #	38.2 (3.8)	41.7 (4.0)	5.9 (1.1)	1.9 (0.6)	3.2 (0.7)	0.7 (0.5)	70.6 (2.3)	23.5 (2.2)
Bachelor's degree	21.3 (3.4)	8.6 (1.7)	12.4 (2.9)	0.2 (0.2)	43.4 (4.4)	35.3 (4.2)	3.6 (0.7)	1.3 (0.3)	1.8 (0.5)	0.7 (0.4)	82.2 (1.7)	14.2 (1.6)
Advanced degree	11.4 (3.1)	3.6 (1.2)	8.7 (3.0)	# #	49.1 (8.3)	39.5 (8.5)	2.4 (0.5)	0.8 (0.3)	0.9 (0.3)	0.8 (0.3)	88.5 (1.3)	9.1 (1.2)
Dependency status when first enrolled												
Dependent	20.3 (1.5)	10.2 (1.0)	9.9 (1.2)	# #	45.0 (2.1)	34.7 (2.0)	3.8 (0.4)	1.3 (0.2)	1.8 (0.2)	0.8 (0.2)	80.2 (0.8)	16.0 (0.8)
Independent	30.5 (2.4)	26.2 (2.3)	3.8 (0.8)	# #	16.9 (1.9)	52.7 (2.8)	9.1 (1.7)	4.2 (1.1)	3.9 (1.3)	0.7 (0.5)	48.1 (3.3)	42.9 (3.3)
Dependent student family income in 1994												
Less than \$25,000	23.0 (3.0)	13.5 (2.3)	9.3 (2.0)	# #	40.6 (3.7)	36.4 (3.5)	5.6 (1.0)	2.0 (0.6)	2.4 (0.5)	1.3 (0.6)	73.3 (2.1)	21.1 (2.0)
\$25,000 to \$44,999	19.7 (2.5)	11.1 (1.7)	9.1 (1.7)	# #	47.5 (4.2)	32.8 (3.6)	4.2 (0.8)	1.6 (0.4)	1.7 (0.5)	0.8 (0.4)	75.7 (1.7)	20.2 (1.6)
\$45,000 to \$69,999	18.4 (3.0)	7.7 (1.8)	10.3 (2.3)	# #	39.2 (4.7)	42.5 (5.0)	3.4 (0.6)	0.8 (0.2)	1.7 (0.4)	0.8 (0.4)	82.9 (1.4)	13.7 (1.4)
\$70,000 or more	18.6 (3.7)	5.8 (1.5)	11.7 (3.2)	0.2 (0.2)	57.9 (5.0)	23.5 (4.1)	2.8 (0.5)	1.0 (0.3)	1.3 (0.3)	0.6 (0.2)	85.8 (1.4)	11.5 (1.4)
Delayed postsecondary enrollment												
Did not delay ²	19.6 (1.6)	8.5 (0.9)	11.1 (1.3)	# #	47.5 (2.3)	32.9 (2.2)	2.8 (0.3)	1.0 (0.2)	1.6 (0.2)	0.2 (0.1)	82.3 (0.8)	14.9 (0.8)
Delayed entry	27.6 (2.2)	23.2 (2.1)	3.9 (0.7)	0.1 (0.1)	22.6 (2.2)	49.8 (2.6)	10.6 (1.5)	3.6 (0.9)	3.6 (0.9)	3.5 (0.9)	55.8 (2.4)	33.6 (2.3)
Attendance status when first enrolled												
Full-time	30.5 (1.7)	2# (1.5)	10.5 (1.1)	# #	32.4 (2.0)	37.2 (2.0)	4.0 (0.4)	1.1 (0.2)	2.1 (0.3)	0.8 (0.2)	79.6 (0.9)	16.5 (0.8)
Part-time	14.4 (2.1)	11.8 (2.0)	2.5 (0.7)	0.1 (0.1)	36.8 (2.9)	48.9 (3.0)	7.3 (1.6)	5.2 (1.5)	1.6 (0.7)	0.6 (0.4)	56.9 (3.2)	35.9 (3.1)
Intensity of enrollment through 1998												
Always part-time	11.5 (2.7)	11.4 (2.7)	0.1 (0.1)	# #	18.5 (2.8)	70.1 (3.5)	4.0 (2.2)	5.1 (1.9)	1.6 (1.1)	# #	24.9 (4.8)	68.4 (5.0)
Mixed	17.2 (2.0)	12.0 (1.7)	5.1 (1.1)	0.1 (0.1)	52.6 (3.0)	30.1 (2.9)	4.8 (0.9)	2.8 (0.7)	1.2 (0.4)	0.8 (0.4)	77.0 (1.7)	18.3 (1.6)
Always full-time	36.6 (2.2)	23.5 (1.9)	13.0 (1.5)	# #	26.7 (2.2)	36.7 (2.3)	6.7 (0.4)	1.0 (0.2)	2.2 (0.3)	0.8 (0.2)	79.8 (0.9)	16.2 (0.9)
Degree goal at first institution												
None	14.0 (2.3)	10.4 (1.8)	3.5 (1.4)	# #	26.6 (4.0)	59.4 (4.1)	5.5 (1.3)	3.7 (1.1)	1.6 (0.6)	0.5 (0.5)	50.1 (3.7)	44.4 (3.7)
Certificate	52.3 (3.3)	50.9 (3.2)	2.0 (0.7)	# #	8.2 (1.9)	39.0 (3.2)	24.8 (5.9)	14.4 (4.9)	9.7 (3.5)	# #	39.0 (7.2)	36.2 (7.5)
Associate degree	20.5 (1.8)	6.2 (0.9)	13.9 (1.6)	0.1 (0.1)	37.1 (2.4)	42.4 (2.7)	22.6 (3.9)	5.6 (3.0)	15.7 (2.8)	# #	38.1 (4.0)	39.3 (4.6)
Bachelor's degree	³ 8.1 (1.9)	³ 2.3 (0.9)	³ 5.6 (1.7)	³ # #	³ 60.2 (3.9)	³ 31.7 (3.7)	3.8 (0.4)	1.2 (0.2)	1.7 (0.3)	1.0 (0.2)	81.1 (0.7)	15.1 (0.6)
Worked while enrolled 1995–96												
Did not work	33.3 (2.5)	25.2 (2.1)	7.8 (1.4)	# #	26.3 (2.6)	40.5 (3.0)	4.5 (0.7)	1.5 (0.4)	2.4 (0.5)	0.8 (0.3)	82.0 (1.1)	13.4 (0.9)
Worked part time	25.0 (2.0)	13.2 (1.6)	11.5 (1.4)	0.1 (0.1)	42.8 (2.3)	32.2 (2.1)	4.5 (0.5)	1.3 (0.3)	2.1 (0.3)	1.1 (0.3)	78.4 (1.0)	17.1 (0.9)
Worked full time	18.9 (2.4)	14.8 (2.2)	3.8 (1.0)	# #	25.0 (2.5)	56.1 (3.0)	6.1 (1.2)	3.5 (0.9)	1.6 (0.5)	0.9 (0.6)	55.6 (2.9)	38.4 (2.9)
Control of first institution												
Public	16.4 (1.5)	9.5 (1.2)	6.7 (0.9)	# #	4# (1.9)	43.6 (2.0)	3.9 (0.5)	1.4 (0.3)	1.8 (0.3)	0.8 (0.3)	77.3 (1.1)	18.8 (1.0)
Private, not for profit	42.3 (3.9)	14.3 (2.8)	25.9 (3.0)	1.3 (1.3)	20.1 (3.1)	37.6 (3.7)	4.3 (0.6)	1.5 (0.4)	2.0 (0.3)	0.7 (0.2)	78.5 (1.4)	17.2 (1.2)
Private, for profit	56.4 (2.5)	47.5 (2.5)	8.2 (1.1)	# #	8.8 (1.3)	34.8 (2.4)	25.2 (5.3)	7.6 (2.9)	13.9 (4.6)	3.2 (3.1)	41.3 (6.0)	33.6 (6.2)

Rounds to zero.

¹ Includes a small percent of students who have attained a degree and are still enrolled. Includes recipients of degrees not shown separately.

² Includes students with a standard high school diploma who enrolled in postsecondary education in the same year as their graduation.

³ Includes students whose goal is to transfer to a 4-year institution.

NOTE: Data reflect completion and enrollment status by spring 1998 of first-time postsecondary students starting in academic year 1995–96. Some cells in this table have relatively large sampling errors. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Standard errors appear in parentheses.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 1995–96 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study, First Follow-up. (This table was prepared May 2001.)