## Employment and postsecondary persistence and attainment

> Faced with the rising costs of higher education, students are increasingly opting to work in order to help finance their postsecondary education. Although the experience gained from working while enrolled may ease students' transition to full-time employment after completing a degree, students who work full time have less time available to commit to studies.

- Five years after their initial enrollment in 198990, 89 percent of beginning postsecondary students had worked at some time while enrolled. The majority of students ( 75 percent) worked part time (less than 34 hours per week), but 15 percent worked full time ( 34 or more hours per week).
- Students who first enrolled in 4-year institutions were more likely than those who started at public 2 -year or private, for-profit institutions to work 1-15 hours per week, while students in public 2year or private, for-profit institutions were more likely than those in 4 -year institutions to have worked 34 or more hours per week. Students who first enrolled in private, for-profit institutions were less likely than students who started in other types of institutions to report working while enrolled.

Regardless of the type of institution first attended, students who worked full time were less likely than students who worked part time ( $1-33$ hours)
to have attained a degree or to still be enrolled 5 years after their initial entry into postsecondary education. Overall, 31 percent of students who worked full time while enrolled attained a degree or were still enrolled compared to 79 percent of students who worked $1-15$ hours per week and 65 percent of those who worked 15-33 hours per week.

Students who work full time may need to adjust the intensity of their enrollment. Students who worked full time (34 or more hours per week) were more likely than students who worked part time to attend exclusively part time (see supplemental table 13-1). At each type of institution, those who attended exclusively part time were less likely to persist and attain 5 years after their initial entry into postsecondary education than their counterparts who attended sometimes or always full time (see supplemental table 13-2).

Percentage of 1989-90 beginning postsec ondary students, by average hours worked per week while enrolled and control and type of first institution: 1994

| Control and type |  | Average hours worked per week while enrolled* |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| of first institution | Did not work | Less than 15 hours | $15-33$ hours | 34 or more hours |
| Total | 10.9 | 31.2 | 43.4 | 14.5 |
| Public 4-year | 5.4 | 41.1 | 46.7 | 6.8 |
| Private, not-for-profit 4-year | 5.7 | 52.8 | 36.5 | 4.9 |
| Public 2-year | 9.8 | 22.2 | 46.2 | 21.8 |
| Private, for-profit | 32.2 | 15.9 | 34.6 | 17.3 |

Percentage of 1989-90 beginning postsecondary students who attained a degree or were still enrolled by spring 1994, by control and type of first institution and average hours worked per week while enrolled

|  |  | Control and type of first institution |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Average hours worked  <br> perweek while enrolled*  | Public | Private, not-for- | Public | Private, <br> for-profit |  |
| Total | 63.0 | 73.2 | 80.5 | 51.4 | 61.4 |
| Did not work | 51.8 | 55.9 | 72.8 | 43.1 | 55.2 |
| Less than 15 hours | 78.8 | 83.7 | 86.6 | 68.5 | 73.4 |
| 15-33 hours | 65.3 | 72.0 | 78.0 | 56.9 | 70.4 |
| 34 ormore hours | 30.7 | 30.7 | 40.3 | 26.1 | 45.3 |

* "Average hours worked per week while enrolled" was calculated relative to students' enrollment and included only hours for those months students were both working and enrolled up to first atta inment (if any) or last enrollment.

NOTE: Does not include students enrolled in either public less-than-2-year or private, not-for-profit less-than-4-year institutions.
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center of Education Statistics, 1990 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study, Second Follow-up (BPS:90/94).

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* "Average hours worked per week while enrolled" was calculated relative to students' enrollment and included only hours for those months students were both working and enrolled up to first atta inment (if any) or last enrollment.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 1990 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study, Second Follow-up (BPS:90/94).

## Note to Indicator 13: Employment and postsecondary persistence and attainment

This analysis was constructed using data from the Beginning Postsecondary Student Longitudinal Study (BPS:90/94). BPS is based on a sub-sample of the 1990 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:90) which consists of students beginning their postsecondary education for the first time at community colleges, vocational schools, and institutions granting bachelor's degrees during the 1989-90 academic year. The first BPS follow-up survey was conducted in the spring of 1992, two years following the student's entry into postsecondary education and the second follow-up was conducted during the spring of 1994. BPS provides detailed information regarding individual students' attendance patterns for five years following their first enrollment into postsecondary education.

The analysis examines the relationship between students' cumulative working status and their postsecondary outcomes according to the first type of institution in which they enrolled. Postsecondary outcomes were defined as whether the student had attained a degree or was still enrolled 5 years after initial entry into postsecondary education.

Average hours worked per week while enrolled
Students were divided into four categories based on the average number of hours they worked per week while enrolled up to their first attainment (if any) or last enrollment. These categories included no work, worked 1-15 hours per week, worked 1533 hours per week, and worked 34 or more hours per week while enrolled. Average hours worked while enrolled was calculated relative to students' enrollment and included only hours for those months that students were both working and enrolled up to their first attainment (if any) or last enrollment. Students missing employment or enrollment information for any part of this period were excluded from the analysis.

Percentage of 1989-90 beginning postsecondary students, by average hours
worked per week while enrolled and control and type of first institution: 1994
Control and type Average hours worked per week while enrolled

| of first institution | Did not work | Average hours worked per week while enroled |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Less than 15 hours | 15-33 hours | 34 or more hours |
| Total | 10.9 | 31.2 | 43.4 | 14.5 |
| Public 4-year | 5.4 | 41.1 | 46.1 | 0.8 |
| Private, not-tor-protit 4-year | 5.1 | 52.8 | 36.5 | 4.9 |
| Public '2-year | 4.8 | 22.2 | 46.2 | 21.8 |
| Private, tor-protit | 32.2 | 15.9 | 34.6 | $1 / .3$ |

* "Average hours worked per week while enrolled" was calculated relative to students' enrollment and included only hours for those months students were both working and enrolled up to first attainment (if any) or last enrollment.

NOTE: Does not include students enrolled in either public less-than-2-year or private, not-for-profit less-than-4-year institutio
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center of Education Statistics, 1990 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study, Second Follow-up (BPS:90/94).

Percentage of 1989-90 beginning postsecondary students who attained a degree or were still enrolled by spring 1994, by control and type of first institution and average hours worked per week while enrolled

| Average hours worked per week while enrolled* | Total | Control and type of first institution |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Public } \\ & \text { 4-year } \end{aligned}$ | Private, not-forprofit 4-year | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Public } \\ & \text { 2-year } \end{aligned}$ | Private, for-profit |
| Total | 63.0 | 73.2 | 80.5 | 51.4 | 61.4 |
| Did not work | 51.8 | 53.9 | /2.8 | 43.1 | 53.2 |
| Less than ib hours | /8.8 | 83.1 | 86.6 | 68.5 | 13.4 |
| 15-33 hours | 65.3 | 12.0 | 18.0 | 56.9 | /U.4 |
| 34 or more hours | 30.1 | 30.1 | 40.3 | 26. 1 | 45.3 |

* "Average hours worked per week while enrolled" was calculated relative to students' enrollment and included only hours for those months students were both working and enrolled up to first attainment (if any) or last enrollment. NOTE: Does not include students enrolled in either public less-than-2-year or private, not-for-profit less-than-4-year institutions.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center of Education Statistics, 1990 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study, Second Follow-up (BPS:90/94).

Table 13-1 Percentage of 1989-90 beginning postsecondary students, by average hours worked per week while enrolled, attendance status up to tirst attainment, it any, or last enrollment, and selected characteristics

| Selected characteristics | Did not work | Average hours worked per week wnie enromea |  |  | Attendance status |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Less than } \\ & 15 \text { hours } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 15-33 } \\ & \text { hours } \end{aligned}$ | 34 or more hours | Exclusively part time | More than part time |
| Total | 10.9 | 31.2 | 43.4 | 14.5 | 18.8 | 81.2 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 8.1 | 29.6 | 45.4 | 16.9 | 19.5 | 80.5 |
| Female | 13.3 | 32.6 | 41.7 | 12.5 | 18.2 | 81.8 |
| Age as of 12/31/89 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 years or younger | 5.7 | 39.1 | 46.5 | 8.8 | 7.0 | 93.0 |
| 19 years | 10.0 | 31.5 | 44.6 | 13.9 | 15.0 | 85.0 |
| 20 years or older | 22.0 | 14.9 | 36.4 | 26.7 | 45.2 | 54.8 |
| Race/ethnicity |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| American Indian/Alaskan Nativ | 5.5 | 24.0 | 59.7 | 10.8 | 32.0 | 68.0 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 17.3 | 44.3 | 25.9 | 12.5 | 13.5 | 86.5 |
| Black | 18.9 | 33.9 | 36.1 | 11.0 | 22.9 | 77.1 |
| Hispanic | 11.4 | 28.0 | 45.0 | 15.5 | 22.4 | 77.6 |
| White | 9.6 | 30.6 | 44.8 | 15.0 | 18.1 | 81.9 |
| Marital status in 1989-90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 7.6 | 34.3 | 46.3 | 11.9 | 12.2 | 87.8 |
| Married | 26.0 | 15.2 | 29.6 | 29.2 | 50.7 | 49.3 |
| Divorced-widowed-separated | 29.5 | 17.8 | 31.6 | 21.1 | 41.8 | 58.2 |
| Number of children in 1989-90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 7.5 | 33.5 | 46.1 | 12.8 | 14.1 | 86.0 |
| One | 26.7 | 16.4 | 29.0 | 28.0 | 40.8 | 59.2 |
| Two | 30.8 | 19.0 | 25.6 | 24.6 | 45.0 | 55.0 |
| Three or more | 35.3 | 13.3 | 32.6 | 18.7 | 39.6 | 60.4 |
| Dependency status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent | 6.6 | 36.8 | 46.4 | 10.3 | 9.5 | 90.5 |
| Independent | 23.3 | 15.2 | 34.7 | 26.8 | 45.5 | 54.5 |
| Income |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than \$20,000 | 11.1 | 31.4 | 46.8 | 10.7 | 13.8 | 86.2 |
| 20,000-39,999 | 5.3 | 33.2 | 49.4 | 12.2 | 11.7 | 88.3 |
| 40,000-59,999 | 4.5 | 37.9 | 47.6 | 10.0 | 7.6 | 92.4 |
| 60,000 or more | 6.2 | 46.2 | 40.1 | 7.5 | 4.3 | 95.7 |
| Independent | 23.3 | 15.2 | 34.7 | 26.8 | 45.5 | 54.5 |
| Socioeconomic status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest quartile | 21.1 | 18.9 | 36.7 | 23.3 | 40.0 | 60.0 |
| Middle two quartiles | 12.7 | 26.4 | 44.2 | 16.7 | 22.6 | 77.4 |
| Highest quartile | 5.1 | 41.1 | 44.9 | 8.9 | 6.7 | 93.3 |
| Parents' educational attainment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than high school | 17.4 | 17.7 | 37.5 | 27.4 | 33.8 | 66.3 |
| High school graduate | 11.4 | 25.7 | 46.4 | 16.5 | 24.6 | 75.4 |
| Some postsecondary | 10.0 | 29.6 | 48.3 | 12.1 | 14.2 | 85.8 |
| Bachelor's degree | 5.8 | 43.2 | 41.2 | 9.9 | 8.3 | 91.7 |
| Advanced degree | 7.6 | 43.8 | 42.2 | 6.5 | 5.3 | 94.7 |

Table 13-1 Percentage of 1989-90 beginning postsecondary students, by average hours worked per week while enrolled, attendance status up to tirst attainment, it any, or last enrollment, and selected characteristics - Continued

| Selected characteristics | Did not work | Average hours worked per week wnile enrouea |  |  | Attendance status |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Less than } \\ & 15 \text { hours } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 15-33 } \\ & \text { hours } \end{aligned}$ | 34 or more | Exclusively part time | More than part time |
| High school diploma or equivalency status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| High school diploma | 9.8 | 32.0 | 44.2 | 14.1 | 17.7 | 82.3 |
| GED/Equivalency certificate | 26.0 | 20.0 | 32.2 | 21.8 | 35.5 | 64.6 |
| Neither | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Expected educational attainment 1989-90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 2 years of postsecondary education | 27.1 | 11.7 | 32.8 | 28.4 | 35.0 | 65.0 |
| 2 to 3 years of postsecondary education | 15.1 | 19.3 | 43.1 | 22.5 | 39.5 | 60.5 |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 7.7 | 35.9 | 45.4 | 11.0 | 12.3 | 87.7 |
| uipioma/ueiayeu eniry siums |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Diploma, did not delay | 6.4 | 38.4 | 46.2 | 9.1 | 7.1 | 92.9 |
| Diploma, delayed entry | 18.5 | 15.5 | 39.1 | 26.8 | 44.8 | 55.2 |
| No diploma | 27.2 | 19.7 | 31.7 | 21.5 | 35.3 | 64.7 |
| Degree working toward 1989-90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Certificate | 28.1 | 13.8 | 32.5 | 25.7 | 36.8 | 63.2 |
| Associate's degree | 9.2 | 24.3 | 49.2 | 17.4 | 22.3 | 77.8 |
| Bachelor's degree | 5.7 | 42.4 | 44.4 | 7.5 | 6.3 | 93.7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public 4-year | 5.4 | 41.1 | 46.7 | 6.8 | 5.1 | 94.9 |
| Private, not-for-profit 4-year | 5.7 | 52.8 | 36.5 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 94.9 |
| Public 2-year | 9.8 | 22.2 | 46.2 | 21.8 | 29.2 | 70.8 |
| Private, for-profit | 32.2 | 15.9 | 34.6 | 17.3 | 31.1 | 68.9 |
| Field of study 1989-90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Humanities and social science؛ | 7.0 | 36.8 | 48.0 | 8.3 | 10.0 | 90.0 |
| Physical and life sciences | 4.1 | 41.1 | 49.6 | 5.2 | 3.3 | 96.7 |
| Engineering, math, and <br> computer science |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Education | 7.1 | 46.0 | 42.1 | 4.9 | 3.8 | 96.2 |
| Business and management | 11.7 | 29.1 | 43.4 | 15.8 | 20.3 | 79.8 |
| Health | 13.6 | 39.6 | 41.4 | 5.4 | 8.1 | 91.9 |
| Vocational / technical | 13.7 | 23.0 | 47.6 | 15.8 | 24.3 | 75.7 |
| Enrollment status in 1989-90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Exclusively part time | 10.8 | 11.5 | 44.4 | 33.3 | 69.8 | 30.2 |
| Mixed | 5.4 | 33.6 | 52.8 | 8.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 |
| Exclusively full time | 10.4 | 35.6 | 45.0 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 |
| Attendance status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Exclusively part time | 16.4 | 5.9 | 37.2 | 40.5 | 100.0 | 0.0 |
| At least some full time | 9.6 | 37.0 | 44.8 | 8.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 |

Table 13-1 Percentage of 1989-90 beginning postsecondary students, by average hours worked per week while enrolled, attendance status up to tirst attainment, it any, or last enrollment, and selected characteristics - Continued

| Selected characteristics | Did not work | Average hours worked per week wnile enrouea |  |  | Attendance status |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Less than } \\ & 15 \text { hours } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 15-33 } \\ & \text { hours } \end{aligned}$ | 34 or more | Exclusively part time | More than part time |
| Received financial aid in 1989-90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No | 8.5 | 28.8 | 44.4 | 18.3 | 23.8 | 76.2 |
| Yes | 13.7 | 34.0 | 42.2 | 10.1 | 12.8 | 87.2 |
| Received grant in 1989-90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No | 9.1 | 29.1 | 44.4 | 17.4 | 22.7 | 77.3 |
| Yes | 13.8 | 34.6 | 41.8 | 9.8 | 12.5 | 87.5 |
| Received loan in 1989-90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No | 10.6 | 29.8 | 43.8 | 15.7 | 21.0 | 79.0 |
| Yes | 11.8 | 36.8 | 41.7 | 9.7 | 9.9 | 90.1 |
| Grade point average in 1989-90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Below 2.75 | 8.2 | 31.7 | 47.0 | 13.1 | 13.9 | 86.1 |
| 2.75 to 3.24 | 7.3 | 34.1 | 45.8 | 12.9 | 16.0 | 84.0 |
| 3.25 or higher | 12.1 | 33.5 | 41.6 | 12.9 | 21.4 | 78.6 |
| Self rating of academic ability |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Above average | 9.9 | 38.9 | 42.3 | 8.9 | 11.7 | 88.3 |
| Average or below | 11.3 | 27.1 | 44.1 | 17.5 | 22.3 | 77.7 |
| acauernic inlegramori in Iyoy-yu |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Low | 12.7 | 17.6 | 37.4 | 32.2 | 44.7 | 55.3 |
| Moderate | 11.2 | 27.0 | 44.4 | 17.5 | 25.4 | 74.7 |
| High | 10.3 | 36.2 | 44.1 | 9.5 | 9.9 | 90.1 |
| social inlegramorini ivoy-yu |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Low | 15.5 | 12.9 | 37.7 | 33.9 | 49.3 | 50.7 |
| Moderate | 12.0 | 31.2 | 42.9 | 13.8 | 17.6 | 82.4 |
| High | 6.8 | 39.3 | 47.1 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 93.4 |
| Average hours worked per week while enrolled |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Did not work | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 28.3 | 71.8 |
| Less than 15 hours | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.6 | 96.5 |
| 15-33 hours | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 16.1 | 83.9 |
| 34 or more hours | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 52.4 | 47.7 |

- Too few cases for a reliable estimate.
average nours workea per week wnime enromed was caicuiatea reiative to stuaents enroirment ana inciuaed oniy nol for those months students were both working and enrolled up to first attainment (if any) or last enrollment.
 high school credentials were considered to have no diploma.

 about academic matters with faculty, or met with an advisor concerning academic plans.
 participated in student assistance centers/programs or school clubs.

NOTE: Due to rounding, details may not add to 100.0.
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 1990 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study, Second Follow-up (BPS:90/94).

Table 13-2 Percentage of 1989-90 beginning postsecondary students who attained a degree or who were still enrolled by spring 1994, by control and type of first institution, average hours worked per week while enrolled, ${ }^{1}$ and attendance status up to first attainment, if any, or last enrollment

| Average hours worked per week wrile entulieu | iolui | Control and type of first institution |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Public 4 -year | Private, not-forprofit 4-year | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Public } \\ & 2 \text {-year } \end{aligned}$ | Private, for-profit |
| Total | 63.0 | 73.2 | 80.5 | 51.4 | 61.4 |
| Did not work | 51.8 | 55.9 | 72.8 | 43.1 | 55.2 |
| Less than 15 hours | 78.8 | 83.7 | 86.6 | 68.5 | 73.4 |
| 15-33 hours | 65.3 | 72.0 | 78.0 | 56.9 | 70.4 |
| 34 or more hours | 30.7 | 30.7 | 40.3 | 26.1 | 45.3 |
| Exclusively part time |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 24.9 | 11.2 | 24.9 | 19.6 | 48.8 |
| Did not work | 19.4 | - | - | - | 43.2 |
| Less than 15 hours | 29.1 | - | - | - | - |
| 15-33 hours | 32.4 | - | 38.5 | 25.8 | 69.4 |
| 34 or more hours | 19.0 | 9.2 | - | 16.2 | 32.7 |
| At least some full time |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 71.9 | 76.6 | 83.5 | 64.5 | 67.1 |
| Did not work | 64.7 | 63.3 | 82.2 | 62.2 | 61.6 |
| Less than 15 hours | 80.7 | 84.7 | 87.5 | 70.9 | 79.1 |
| 15-33 hours | 71.6 | 74.4 | 80.6 | 67.2 | 70.8 |
| 34 or more hours | 43.7 | 40.3 | 50.1 | 41.3 | 54.5 |

[^0]Table S13(a) Standard errors for the first text table in Indicator 13

| Control and type |  | Average hours worked per week while enrolled |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| of first institution | Did not work | Less than 15 hours | $15-33$ hours | 34 or more hours |
| Total | $\mathbf{0 . 7}$ | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.8 |
| Public 4-year | 0.6 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0.8 |
| Private, not-for-profit 4-year | 0.5 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 0.6 |
| Public 2-year | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.7 |
| Private, for-profit | 2.7 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 1.5 |

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 1990 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study, Second Follow-up (BPS:90/94).

Table S13(b) Standard errors for the second text table in Indicator 13

|  |  | Control and type of first institution |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Average hours worked |  | Public | Private, not-for- | Public | Private, <br> per week while enrolled | Total |

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 1990 Beginning Postsecondary
Students Longitudinal Study, Second Follow-up (BPS:90/94).

Table S13-1 Standard errors for table 13-1

| Selected characteristics | Did not work | Average hours worked per week while enrolled |  |  | Attendance status |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Less than 15 hours | $\begin{aligned} & 15-33 \\ & \text { hours } \end{aligned}$ | 34 or more | Exclusively part time | More than part time |
| Total | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Female | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Age as of 12/31/89 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 years or younger | 0.5 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| 19 years | 1.6 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 2.3 |
| 20 years or older | 1.7 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Race/ethnicity |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| American Indian/Alaskan Natiu | 3.1 | 10.3 | 12.3 | 6.7 | 13.2 | 13.2 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 4.1 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| Black | 2.6 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| Hispanic | 2.5 | 3.1 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| White | 0.7 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Marital status in 1989-90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 0.6 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Married | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| Divorced-widowed-separated | 4.6 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| Number of children in 1989-90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 0.6 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| One | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| Two | 4.5 | 3.9 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Three or more | 5.7 | 4.0 | 5.9 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| Dependency status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent | 0.6 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Independent | 1.8 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Income |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than \$20,000 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| 20,000-39,999 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| 40,000-59,999 | 0.9 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| 60,000 or more | 1.2 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Independent | 1.8 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Socioeconomic status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest quartile | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| Middle two quartiles | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Highest quartile | 0.7 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Parents' educational attainment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than high school | 2.6 | 2.4 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| High school graduate | 1.2 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Some postsecondary | 1.4 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Bachelor's degree | 1.0 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Advanced degree | 1.2 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 |

Table S13-1 Standard errors for table 13-1 - Continued

| Selected characteristics | Did not work | Average hours worked per week while enrolled |  |  | Attendance status |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Less than 15 hours | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 15-33 } \\ & \text { hours } \end{aligned}$ | 34 or more | Exclusively part time | More than part time |
| High school diploma or equivalency status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| High school diploma | 0.6 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| GED Equivalency certificate | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Neither | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Expected educational attainment 1989-90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 2 years of postsecondary education | 2.7 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| 2 to 3 years of postsecondary education | 2.3 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 0.6 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Diploma/delayed entry status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Diploma, did not delay | 0.6 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Diploma, delayed entry | 1.6 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| No diploma | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| Degree working toward 1989-90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Certificate | 2.4 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| Associate's degree | 1.2 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| Bachelor's degree | 0.5 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Control and type of first institution |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public 4-year | 0.6 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Private, not-for-profit 4-year | 0.5 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Public 2-year | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| Private, for-profit | 2.7 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Field of study 1989-90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Humanities and social science؛ | 1.3 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| Physical and life sciences | 1.0 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Engineering, math, |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Education | 1.9 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Business and management | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| Health | 2.6 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 1.8 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Vocational / technical | 1.7 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| Enrollment status in 1989-90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Exclusively part time | 1.8 | 2.1 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| Mixed | 1.3 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Exclusively full time | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Attendance status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Exclusively part time | 2.1 | 1.1 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| At least some full time | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Table S13-1 Standard errors for table 13-1 - Continued

| Selected characteristics | Did not work | Average hours worked per week while enrolled |  |  | Attendance status |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Less than 15 hours | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 15-33 } \\ & \text { hours } \end{aligned}$ | 34 or more hours | Exclusively part time | More than part time |
| Received financial aid in 1989-90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No | 0.8 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Yes | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Received grant in 1989-90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Yes | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Received loan in 1989-90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Yes | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Grade point average in 1989-90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Below 2.75 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| 2.75 to 3.24 | 1.2 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| 3.25 or higher | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Self rating of academic ability |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Above average | 1.1 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Average or below | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Academic integration in 1989-90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Low | 2.3 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| Moderate | 1.1 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| High | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Social integration in 1989-90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Low | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| Moderate | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| High | 0.7 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Average hours worked per week while enrolled |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Did not work | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| Less than 15 hours | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| 15-33 hours | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| 34 or more hours | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 3.3 |

- Not available.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 1990 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study, Second Follow-up (BPS:90/94).

Table S13-2 Standard errors for table 13-2

| Average hours worked per week while enrolled | Total | Control and type of first institution |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Public 4-year | Private, not-forprofit 4-year | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Public } \\ & 2 \text {-year } \end{aligned}$ | Private, for-profit |
| Total | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 2.3 |
| Did not work | 3.2 | 5.8 | 4.7 | 7.0 | 3.8 |
| Less than 15 hours | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 3.8 | 4.6 |
| 15-33 hours | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 2.9 | 3.8 |
| 34 or more hours | 2.7 | 5.2 | 6.0 | 3.7 | 4.7 |
| Exclusively part time |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 2.4 | 3.3 | 5.1 | 3.0 | 4.2 |
| Did not work | 3.7 | - | - | - | 5.9 |
| Less than 15 hours | 8.1 | - | - | - | - |
| 15-33 hours | 4.6 | - | 8.4 | 5.9 | 6.8 |
| 34 or more hours | 3.4 | 5.2 | - | 4.1 | 6.7 |
| At least some full time |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 2.4 | 2.5 |
| Did not work | 3.4 | 5.8 | 4.0 | 7.9 | 4.7 |
| Less than 15 hours | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 3.6 | 4.4 |
| 15-33 hours | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 3.3 | 3.9 |
| 34 or more hours | 4.1 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 5.7 |

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 1990 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study, Second Follow-up (BPS:90/94).


[^0]:    - Too few sample observations for a reliable estimate.
     for those months students were both working and enrolled up to first attainment (if any) or last enrollment.
     less-than-4-year institutions.
    SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 1990 Beginning Postsecondary
    Students Longitudinal Study, Second Follow-up (BPS:90/94).

