

**Table 6.—Percent of the population 3 to 34 years old enrolled in school,¹ by age:
April 1940 to October 2000**

| Year | Total, 3 to 34 years | 3 and 4 years | 5 and 6 years | 7 to 13 years | 14 to 17 years | 18 and 19 years | 20 to 24 years | | | 25 to 29 years | 30 to 34 years |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | | | | Total | 20 and 21 years | 22 to 24 years | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 1940 ² | — | — | — | 95.0 | 79.3 | 28.9 | 6.6 | — | — | — | — |
| 1945 | — | — | — | 98.1 | 78.4 | 20.7 | 3.9 | — | — | — | — |
| 1947 | — | — | 73.8 | 98.5 | 79.3 | 24.3 | 10.2 | — | — | 3.0 | — |
| 1948 | — | — | 74.7 | 98.1 | 81.8 | 26.9 | 9.7 | — | — | 2.6 | — |
| 1949 | — | — | 76.2 | 98.6 | 81.6 | 25.3 | 9.2 | — | — | 3.8 | — |
| 1950 | — | — | 74.4 | 98.7 | 83.7 | 29.4 | 9.0 | — | — | 3.0 | 0.9 |
| 1951 | — | — | 73.6 | 99.1 | 85.2 | 26.2 | 8.6 | — | — | 2.5 | — |
| 1952 | — | — | 75.2 | 98.8 | 85.2 | 28.8 | 9.7 | — | — | 2.6 | 1.2 |
| 1953 | — | — | 78.6 | 99.4 | 85.9 | 31.2 | 11.1 | — | — | 2.9 | 1.7 |
| 1954 | — | — | 77.3 | 99.4 | 87.1 | 32.4 | 11.2 | — | — | 4.1 | 1.5 |
| 1955 | — | — | 78.1 | 99.2 | 86.9 | 31.5 | 11.1 | — | — | 4.2 | 1.6 |
| 1956 | — | — | 77.6 | 99.3 | 88.2 | 35.4 | 12.8 | — | — | 5.1 | 1.9 |
| 1957 | — | — | 78.6 | 99.5 | 89.5 | 34.9 | 14.0 | — | — | — | — |
| 1958 | — | — | 80.4 | 99.5 | 89.2 | 37.6 | 13.4 | — | — | — | — |
| 1959 | — | — | 80.0 | 99.4 | 90.2 | 36.8 | 12.7 | — | — | — | — |
| 1960 | — | — | 80.7 | 99.5 | 90.3 | 38.4 | 13.1 | — | — | 4.9 | 2.4 |
| 1961 | — | — | 81.7 | 99.3 | 91.4 | 38.0 | 13.7 | — | — | — | — |
| 1962 | — | — | 82.2 | 99.3 | 92.0 | 41.8 | 15.6 | — | — | — | — |
| 1963 | — | — | 82.7 | 99.3 | 92.9 | 40.9 | 17.3 | — | — | — | — |
| 1964 | — | — | 83.3 | 99.0 | 93.1 | 41.6 | 16.8 | — | — | 5.2 | 2.6 |
| 1965 | 55.5 | 10.6 | 84.9 | 99.4 | 93.2 | 46.3 | 19.0 | 27.6 | 13.2 | 6.1 | 3.2 |
| 1966 | 56.1 | 12.5 | 85.8 | 99.3 | 93.7 | 47.2 | 19.9 | 29.9 | 13.2 | 6.5 | 2.7 |
| 1967 | 56.6 | 14.2 | 87.4 | 99.3 | 93.7 | 47.6 | 22.0 | 33.3 | 13.6 | 6.6 | 4.0 |
| 1968 | 56.7 | 15.7 | 87.6 | 99.1 | 94.2 | 50.4 | 21.4 | 31.2 | 13.8 | 7.0 | 3.9 |
| 1969 | 57.0 | 16.1 | 88.4 | 99.2 | 94.0 | 50.2 | 23.0 | 34.1 | 15.4 | 7.9 | 4.8 |
| 1970 | 56.4 | 20.5 | 89.5 | 99.2 | 94.1 | 47.7 | 21.5 | 31.9 | 14.9 | 7.5 | 4.2 |
| 1971 | 56.2 | 21.2 | 91.6 | 99.1 | 94.5 | 49.2 | 21.9 | 32.2 | 15.4 | 8.0 | 4.9 |
| 1972 | 54.9 | 24.4 | 91.9 | 99.2 | 93.3 | 46.3 | 21.6 | 31.4 | 14.8 | 8.6 | 4.6 |
| 1973 | 53.5 | 24.2 | 92.5 | 99.2 | 92.9 | 42.9 | 20.8 | 30.1 | 14.5 | 8.5 | 4.5 |
| 1974 | 53.6 | 28.8 | 94.2 | 99.3 | 92.9 | 43.1 | 21.4 | 30.2 | 15.1 | 9.6 | 5.7 |
| 1975 | 53.7 | 31.5 | 94.7 | 99.3 | 93.6 | 46.9 | 22.4 | 31.2 | 16.2 | 10.1 | 6.6 |
| 1976 | 53.1 | 31.3 | 95.5 | 99.2 | 93.7 | 46.2 | 23.3 | 32.0 | 17.1 | 10.0 | 6.0 |
| 1977 | 52.5 | 32.0 | 95.8 | 99.4 | 93.6 | 46.2 | 22.9 | 31.8 | 16.5 | 10.8 | 6.9 |
| 1978 | 51.2 | 34.2 | 95.3 | 99.1 | 93.7 | 45.4 | 21.8 | 29.5 | 16.3 | 9.4 | 6.4 |
| 1979 | 50.3 | 35.1 | 95.8 | 99.2 | 93.6 | 45.0 | 21.7 | 30.2 | 15.8 | 9.6 | 6.4 |
| 1980 | 49.7 | 36.7 | 95.7 | 99.3 | 93.4 | 46.4 | 22.3 | 31.0 | 16.3 | 9.3 | 6.4 |
| 1981 | 48.9 | 36.0 | 94.0 | 99.2 | 94.1 | 49.0 | 22.5 | 31.6 | 16.5 | 9.0 | 6.9 |
| 1982 | 48.6 | 36.4 | 95.0 | 99.2 | 94.4 | 47.8 | 23.5 | 34.0 | 16.8 | 9.6 | 6.3 |
| 1983 | 48.4 | 37.5 | 95.4 | 99.2 | 95.0 | 50.4 | 22.7 | 32.5 | 16.6 | 9.6 | 6.4 |
| 1984 | 47.9 | 36.3 | 94.5 | 99.2 | 94.7 | 50.1 | 23.7 | 33.9 | 17.3 | 9.1 | 6.3 |
| 1985 | 48.3 | 38.9 | 96.1 | 99.2 | 94.9 | 51.6 | 24.0 | 35.3 | 16.9 | 9.2 | 6.1 |
| 1986 | 48.2 | 38.9 | 95.3 | 99.2 | 94.9 | 54.6 | 23.6 | 33.0 | 17.9 | 8.8 | 6.0 |
| 1987 | 48.6 | 38.3 | 95.1 | 99.5 | 95.0 | 55.6 | 25.5 | 38.7 | 17.5 | 9.0 | 5.8 |
| 1988 | 48.7 | 38.2 | 96.0 | 99.7 | 95.1 | 55.6 | 26.1 | 39.1 | 18.2 | 8.3 | 5.9 |
| 1989 | 49.1 | 39.1 | 95.2 | 99.3 | 95.7 | 56.0 | 27.0 | 38.5 | 19.9 | 9.3 | 5.7 |
| 1990 | 50.2 | 44.4 | 96.5 | 99.6 | 95.8 | 57.2 | 28.6 | 39.7 | 21.0 | 9.7 | 5.8 |
| 1991 | 50.7 | 40.5 | 95.4 | 99.6 | 96.0 | 59.6 | 30.2 | 42.0 | 22.2 | 10.2 | 6.2 |
| 1992 | 51.4 | 39.7 | 95.5 | 99.4 | 96.7 | 61.4 | 31.6 | 44.0 | 23.7 | 9.8 | 6.1 |
| 1993 | 51.8 | 40.4 | 95.4 | 99.5 | 96.5 | 61.6 | 30.8 | 42.7 | 23.6 | 10.2 | 5.9 |
| 1994 | 53.3 | ³ 47.3 | 96.7 | 99.4 | 96.6 | 60.2 | 32.0 | 44.9 | 24.0 | 10.8 | 6.7 |
| 1995 | 53.7 | ³ 48.7 | 96.0 | 98.9 | 96.3 | 59.4 | 31.5 | 44.9 | 23.2 | 11.6 | 5.9 |
| 1996 | 54.1 | ³ 48.3 | 94.0 | 97.7 | 95.4 | 61.5 | 32.5 | 44.4 | 24.8 | 11.9 | 6.1 |
| 1997 | 55.6 | ³ 52.6 | 96.5 | 99.1 | 96.6 | 61.5 | 34.3 | 45.9 | 26.4 | 11.8 | 5.7 |
| 1998 | 55.8 | ³ 52.1 | 95.6 | 98.9 | 96.1 | 62.2 | 33.0 | 44.8 | 24.9 | 11.9 | 6.6 |
| 1999 | 56.0 | ³ 54.2 | 96.0 | 98.7 | 95.8 | 60.6 | 32.8 | 45.3 | 24.5 | 11.1 | 6.2 |
| 2000 | 55.9 | ³ 52.1 | 95.6 | 98.2 | 95.7 | 61.2 | 32.5 | 44.1 | 24.6 | 11.4 | 6.7 |

—Not available.

¹ Includes enrollment in any type of graded public, parochial, or other private schools. Includes nursery schools, kindergartens, elementary schools, high schools, colleges, universities, and professional schools. Attendance may be on either a full-time or part-time basis and during the day or night. Enrollments in "special" schools, such as trade schools, business colleges, or correspondence schools, are not included.

² Data are as of April 1940. Data for all other years are as of October.

³ Preprimary enrollment collected using new procedures. May not be comparable to figures for earlier years.

NOTE: Data are based upon sample surveys of the civilian noninstitutional population.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1970; Current Population Reports, Series P-20*, various years; and Current Population Survey, unpublished data. (This table was prepared July 2001.)