

**Table 179.—Total fall enrollment in degree-granting institutions, by type and control of institution, attendance status, and sex of student: 1970 to 1999**

| Type and control of institution, sex and attendance status of student | Institutions of higher education |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   | Degree-granting institutions |                   |                   |                   |
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|   | 1970                             | 1975              | 1980 <sup>1</sup> | 1985              | 1990              | 1995              | 1996              | 1997              | 1996                         | 1997              | 1998 <sup>2</sup> | 1999 <sup>3</sup> |
|   | 2                                | 3                 | 4                 | 5                 | 6                 | 7                 | 8                 | 9                 | 10                           | 11                | 12                | 13                |
| <b>Total</b> .....  | <b>8,580,887</b>                 | <b>11,184,859</b> | <b>12,096,895</b> | <b>12,247,055</b> | <b>13,818,637</b> | <b>14,261,781</b> | <b>14,300,255</b> | <b>14,345,416</b> | <b>14,367,520</b>            | <b>14,502,334</b> | <b>14,506,967</b> | <b>14,791,224</b> |
| Full-time .....   | 5,816,290                        | 6,841,334         | 7,097,958         | 7,075,221         | 7,820,985         | 8,128,802         | 8,213,490         | 8,322,362         | 8,302,953                    | 8,438,062         | 8,563,338         | 8,786,494         |
| Men .....   | 3,504,095                        | 3,926,753         | 3,689,244         | 3,607,720         | 3,807,752         | 3,807,392         | 3,815,519         | 3,839,015         | 3,851,208                    | 3,890,442         | 3,933,653         | 4,025,721         |
| Women .....   | 2,312,195                        | 2,914,581         | 3,408,714         | 3,467,501         | 4,013,233         | 4,321,410         | 4,397,971         | 4,483,347         | 4,451,745                    | 4,547,620         | 4,629,685         | 4,760,773         |
| Part-time .....   | 2,764,597                        | 4,343,525         | 4,998,937         | 5,171,834         | 5,997,652         | 6,132,979         | 6,086,765         | 6,023,054         | 6,064,567                    | 6,064,272         | 5,943,629         | 6,004,730         |
| Men .....   | 1,539,547                        | 2,222,244         | 2,185,130         | 2,210,730         | 2,476,157         | 2,535,147         | 2,528,473         | 2,490,945         | 2,501,617                    | 2,505,586         | 2,435,612         | 2,464,925         |
| Women .....   | 1,225,050                        | 2,121,281         | 2,813,807         | 2,961,104         | 3,521,495         | 3,597,832         | 3,558,292         | 3,532,109         | 3,562,950                    | 3,558,686         | 3,508,017         | 3,539,805         |
| <b>4-year, total</b> .....  | <b>6,261,502</b>                 | <b>7,214,740</b>  | <b>7,570,608</b>  | <b>7,715,978</b>  | <b>8,578,554</b>  | <b>8,769,252</b>  | <b>8,802,835</b>  | <b>8,874,676</b>  | <b>8,804,193</b>             | <b>8,896,765</b>  | <b>9,017,653</b>  | <b>9,198,525</b>  |
| Full-time .....   | 4,587,379                        | 5,080,256         | 5,344,163         | 5,384,614         | 5,937,023         | 6,151,755         | 6,226,868         | 6,326,650         | 6,230,648                    | 6,342,891         | 6,477,432         | 6,642,033         |
| Men .....   | 2,732,796                        | 2,891,192         | 2,809,528         | 2,781,412         | 2,926,360         | 2,929,177         | 2,933,912         | 2,950,083         | 2,934,736                    | 2,959,048         | 2,997,232         | 3,056,957         |
| Women .....   | 1,854,583                        | 2,189,064         | 2,534,635         | 2,603,202         | 3,010,663         | 3,222,578         | 3,292,956         | 3,376,567         | 3,295,912                    | 3,383,843         | 3,480,200         | 3,585,076         |
| Part-time .....   | 1,674,123                        | 2,134,484         | 2,226,445         | 2,331,364         | 2,641,531         | 2,617,497         | 2,575,967         | 2,548,026         | 2,573,545                    | 2,553,874         | 2,540,221         | 2,556,492         |
| Men .....   | 936,189                          | 1,092,461         | 1,017,813         | 1,034,804         | 1,124,788         | 1,084,753         | 1,061,989         | 1,044,133         | 1,059,175                    | 1,047,269         | 1,038,699         | 1,046,340         |
| Women .....   | 737,934                          | 1,042,023         | 1,208,632         | 1,296,560         | 1,516,751         | 1,532,744         | 1,513,978         | 1,503,893         | 1,514,370                    | 1,506,605         | 1,501,522         | 1,510,152         |
| <b>Public 4-year</b> .....  | <b>4,232,722</b>                 | <b>4,998,142</b>  | <b>5,128,612</b>  | <b>5,209,540</b>  | <b>5,848,242</b>  | <b>5,814,545</b>  | <b>5,806,904</b>  | <b>5,834,525</b>  | <b>5,806,036</b>             | <b>5,835,433</b>  | <b>5,891,806</b>  | <b>5,969,950</b>  |
| Full-time .....   | 3,086,491                        | 3,469,821         | 3,592,193         | 3,623,341         | 4,033,654         | 4,084,711         | 4,106,094         | 4,164,180         | 4,106,453                    | 4,164,759         | 4,218,990         | 4,292,863         |
| Men .....   | 1,813,584                        | 1,947,823         | 1,873,397         | 1,863,689         | 1,982,369         | 1,951,140         | 1,943,086         | 1,950,899         | 1,943,259                    | 1,951,171         | 1,959,198         | 1,983,766         |
| Women .....   | 1,272,907                        | 1,521,998         | 1,718,796         | 1,759,652         | 2,051,285         | 2,133,571         | 2,163,008         | 2,213,281         | 2,163,194                    | 2,213,588         | 2,259,792         | 2,309,097         |
| Part-time .....   | 1,146,231                        | 1,528,321         | 1,536,419         | 1,586,199         | 1,814,588         | 1,729,834         | 1,700,810         | 1,670,345         | 1,699,583                    | 1,670,674         | 1,672,816         | 1,677,087         |
| Men .....   | 609,422                          | 760,469           | 685,051           | 693,115           | 764,248           | 720,402           | 703,691           | 686,876           | 703,078                      | 686,997           | 685,205           | 685,863           |
| Women .....   | 536,809                          | 767,852           | 851,368           | 893,084           | 1,050,340         | 1,009,432         | 997,119           | 983,469           | 996,505                      | 983,677           | 987,611           | 991,224           |
| <b>Private 4-year</b> .....   | <b>2,028,780</b>                 | <b>2,216,598</b>  | <b>2,441,996</b>  | <b>2,506,438</b>  | <b>2,730,312</b>  | <b>2,954,707</b>  | <b>2,995,931</b>  | <b>3,040,151</b>  | <b>2,998,157</b>             | <b>3,061,332</b>  | <b>3,125,847</b>  | <b>3,228,575</b>  |
| Full-time .....   | 1,500,888                        | 1,610,435         | 1,751,970         | 1,761,273         | 1,903,369         | 2,067,044         | 2,120,774         | 2,162,470         | 2,124,195                    | 2,178,132         | 2,258,442         | 2,349,170         |
| Men .....   | 919,212                          | 943,369           | 936,131           | 917,723           | 943,991           | 978,037           | 990,826           | 999,184           | 991,477                      | 1,007,877         | 1,038,034         | 1,073,191         |
| Women .....   | 581,676                          | 667,066           | 815,839           | 843,550           | 959,378           | 1,089,007         | 1,129,948         | 1,163,286         | 1,132,718                    | 1,170,255         | 1,220,408         | 1,275,979         |
| Part-time .....   | 527,892                          | 606,163           | 690,026           | 745,165           | 826,943           | 887,663           | 875,157           | 877,681           | 873,962                      | 883,200           | 867,405           | 879,405           |
| Men .....   | 326,767                          | 331,992           | 332,762           | 341,689           | 360,532           | 364,351           | 358,298           | 357,257           | 356,097                      | 360,272           | 353,494           | 360,477           |
| Women .....   | 201,125                          | 274,171           | 357,264           | 403,476           | 466,411           | 523,312           | 516,859           | 520,424           | 517,865                      | 522,928           | 513,911           | 518,928           |
| <b>Not-for-profit</b>   | <b>—</b>                         | <b>—</b>          | <b>2,413,693</b>  | <b>2,463,000</b>  | <b>2,671,069</b>  | <b>2,853,890</b>  | <b>2,871,693</b>  | <b>2,897,816</b>  | <b>2,867,181</b>             | <b>2,905,820</b>  | <b>2,939,055</b>  | <b>2,989,285</b>  |
| Full-time .....   | —                                | —                 | 1,733,014         | 1,727,707         | 1,859,124         | 1,989,457         | 2,024,856         | 2,051,308         | 2,021,570                    | 2,056,019         | 2,111,274         | 2,160,126         |
| Men .....   | —                                | —                 | 921,253           | 894,080           | 915,100           | 931,956           | 937,078           | 937,353           | 934,474                      | 939,532           | 957,212           | 972,280           |
| Women .....   | —                                | —                 | 811,761           | 833,627           | 944,024           | 1,057,501         | 1,087,778         | 1,113,955         | 1,087,096                    | 1,116,487         | 1,154,062         | 1,187,846         |
| Part-time .....   | —                                | —                 | 680,679           | 735,293           | 811,945           | 864,433           | 846,508           | 846,508           | 845,611                      | 849,801           | 827,781           | 829,159           |
| Men .....   | —                                | —                 | 327,986           | 336,168           | 352,106           | 351,874           | 342,826           | 341,575           | 341,460                      | 343,344           | 333,576           | 335,443           |
| Women .....   | —                                | —                 | 352,693           | 399,125           | 459,839           | 512,559           | 504,011           | 504,933           | 504,151                      | 506,457           | 494,205           | 493,716           |
| <b>2-year, total</b> .....  | <b>2,319,385</b>                 | <b>3,970,119</b>  | <b>4,526,287</b>  | <b>4,531,077</b>  | <b>5,240,083</b>  | <b>5,492,529</b>  | <b>5,497,420</b>  | <b>5,470,740</b>  | <b>5,563,327</b>             | <b>5,605,569</b>  | <b>5,489,314</b>  | <b>5,592,699</b>  |
| Full-time .....   | 1,228,911                        | 1,761,078         | 1,753,795         | 1,690,607         | 1,883,962         | 1,977,047         | 1,986,622         | 1,995,712         | 2,072,305                    | 2,095,171         | 2,085,906         | 2,144,461         |
| Men .....   | 771,299                          | 1,035,561         | 879,716           | 826,308           | 881,392           | 878,215           | 881,607           | 888,932           | 916,472                      | 931,394           | 936,421           | 968,764           |
| Women .....   | 457,612                          | 725,517           | 874,079           | 864,299           | 1,002,570         | 1,098,832         | 1,105,015         | 1,106,780         | 1,155,833                    | 1,163,777         | 1,149,485         | 1,175,697         |
| Part-time .....   | 1,090,474                        | 2,209,041         | 2,772,492         | 2,840,470         | 3,356,121         | 3,515,482         | 3,510,798         | 3,475,028         | 3,491,022                    | 3,510,398         | 3,403,408         | 3,448,238         |
| Men .....   | 603,358                          | 1,129,783         | 1,167,317         | 1,175,926         | 1,351,377         | 1,450,394         | 1,466,484         | 1,458,812         | 1,442,442                    | 1,458,317         | 1,396,913         | 1,418,585         |
| Women .....   | 487,116                          | 1,079,258         | 1,605,175         | 1,664,544         | 2,004,744         | 2,065,088         | 2,044,314         | 2,028,216         | 2,048,580                    | 2,052,081         | 2,006,495         | 2,029,653         |
| <b>Public 2-year</b> .....  | <b>2,195,412</b>                 | <b>3,836,366</b>  | <b>4,328,782</b>  | <b>4,269,733</b>  | <b>4,996,475</b>  | <b>5,277,829</b>  | <b>5,283,267</b>  | <b>5,311,630</b>  | <b>5,314,463</b>             | <b>5,360,686</b>  | <b>5,245,963</b>  | <b>5,339,449</b>  |
| Full-time .....   | 1,129,165                        | 1,662,621         | 1,595,493         | 1,496,905         | 1,716,843         | 1,840,590         | 1,858,080         | 1,871,120         | 1,872,014                    | 1,891,027         | 1,881,826         | 1,931,251         |
| Men .....   | 720,440                          | 988,701           | 811,871           | 742,673           | 810,664           | 818,605           | 824,832           | 831,754           | 832,839                      | 842,082           | 841,435           | 867,867           |
| Women .....   | 408,725                          | 673,920           | 783,622           | 754,232           | 906,179           | 1,021,985         | 1,033,248         | 1,039,366         | 1,039,175                    | 1,048,945         | 1,040,391         | 1,063,384         |
| Part-time .....   | 1,066,247                        | 2,173,745         | 2,733,289         | 2,772,828         | 3,279,632         | 3,437,239         | 3,425,187         | 3,440,510         | 3,442,449                    | 3,469,659         | 3,364,137         | 3,408,198         |
| Men .....   | 589,439                          | 1,107,680         | 1,152,268         | 1,138,011         | 1,317,730         | 1,417,488         | 1,415,928         | 1,430,701         | 1,423,277                    | 1,443,937         | 1,382,860         | 1,403,685         |
| Women .....   | 476,808                          | 1,066,065         | 1,581,021         | 1,634,817         | 1,961,902         | 2,019,751         | 2,009,259         | 2,009,809         | 2,019,172                    | 2,025,722         | 1,981,277         | 2,004,513         |
| <b>Private 2-year</b> .....   | <b>123,973</b>                   | <b>133,753</b>    | <b>197,505</b>    | <b>261,344</b>    | <b>243,608</b>    | <b>214,700</b>    | <b>214,153</b>    | <b>159,110</b>    | <b>248,864</b>               | <b>244,883</b>    | <b>243,351</b>    | <b>253,250</b>    |
| Full-time .....   | 99,746                           | 98,457            | 158,302           | 193,702           | 167,119           | 136,457           | 128,542           | 124,592           | 200,291                      | 204,144           | 204,080           | 213,210           |
| Men .....   | 50,859                           | 46,860            | 67,845            | 83,635            | 70,728            | 59,610            | 56,775            | 57,178            | 83,633                       | 89,312            | 94,986            | 100,897           |
| Women .....   | 48,887                           | 51,597            | 90,457            | 110,067           | 96,391            | 76,847            | 71,767            | 67,414            | 116,658                      | 114,832           | 109,094           | 112,313           |
| Part-time .....   | 24,227                           | 35,296            | 39,203            | 67,642            | 76,489            | 78,243            | 85,611            | 34,518            | 48,573                       | 40,739            | 39,271            | 40,040            |
| Men .....   | 13,919                           | 22,103            | 15,049            | 37,915            | 33,647            | 32,906            | 50,556            | 16,111            | 19,165                       | 14,380            | 14,053            | 14,900            |
| Women .....   | 10,308                           | 13,193            | 24,154            | 29,727            | 42,842            | 45,337            | 35,055            | 18,407            | 29,408                       | 26,359            | 25,218            | 25,140            |
| <b>Not-for-profit</b>   | <b>—</b>                         | <b>—</b>          | <b>114,094</b>    | <b>108,791</b>    | <b>89,158</b>     | <b>75,154</b>     | <b>68,864</b>     | <b>63,898</b>     | <b>75,375</b>                | <b>71,794</b>     | <b>65,870</b>     | <b>62,341</b>     |
| Full-time .....   | —                                | —                 | 83,009            | 76,547            | 62,003            | 54,033            | 50,202            | 48,893            | 56,434                       | 55,153            | 50,884            | 47,275            |
| Men .....   | —                                | —                 | 34,968            | 30,878            | 25,946            | 23,265            | 21,386            | 21,615            | 24,064                       | 24,367            | 23,384            | 21,536            |
| Women .....   | —                                | —                 | 48,041            | 45,669            | 36,057            | 30,768            | 28,816            | 27,278            | 32,370                       | 30,786            | 27,500            | 25,739            |
| Part-time .....   | —                                | —                 | 31,085            | 32,244            | 27,155            | 21,121            | 18,662            | 15,005            | 18,941                       | 16,641            | 14,986            | 15,066            |
| Men .....   | —                                | —                 | 11,445            | 10,786            | 7,970             | 6,080             | 5,227             | 4,683             | 5,337                        | 5,175             | 4,568             | 4,818             |
| Women .....   | —                                | —                 | 19,640            | 21,458            | 19,185            | 15,041            | 13,435            | 10,322            | 13,604                       | 11,466            | 10,418            | 10,248            |

—Not available.  
<sup>1</sup> Large increase in private 2-year institutions in 198