

**Table 309.—Percent distribution of enrollment and completion status of first-time postsecondary students starting during the 1989–90 academic year, by type of institution and other student characteristics: 1994**

Student and institution characteristics	Students starting in 2-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	Certificate	Associate	Bachelor's			Total, any degree	Certificate	Associate	Bachelor's		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>38.4</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>60.4</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>24.4</b>
Male .....	34.6	13.0	16.2	5.5	16.2	49.2	56.5	2.4	3.9	50.2	17.3	26.3
Female .....	41.9	14.4	20.9	6.6	11.2	46.8	63.9	3.3	4.4	56.2	13.4	22.7
Age (as of 12/31/89)												
18 years or younger .....	46.8	9.9	25.8	11.0	14.7	38.5	64.4	2.4	4.0	58.0	15.3	20.3
19 years .....	33.2	13.6	19.3	0.2	17.4	49.5	47.8	4.7	3.0	40.0	16.7	35.5
20 to 29 years .....	31.2	18.8	9.9	2.5	12.0	56.8	34.8	5.3	6.9	22.5	12.7	52.5
30 years or over .....	27.3	18.4	8.0	0.8	8.4	64.3	23.5	7.9	6.4	9.2	11.1	65.4
Socioeconomic status in 1989–90												
Low (25 percent) .....	31.9	18.1	11.8	1.9	9.6	58.4	33.5	2.8	4.9	25.8	17.4	49.1
Middle (50 percent) .....	36.9	14.9	16.6	5.4	14.8	48.3	53.8	3.7	5.0	45.1	17.0	29.2
High (25 percent) .....	45.4	8.9	26.6	9.9	13.9	40.7	67.3	2.4	3.5	61.3	13.8	19.0
Race												
White, non-Hispanic .....	39.0	13.1	19.6	6.4	12.2	48.8	61.4	2.7	4.4	54.3	14.1	24.4
Black, non-Hispanic .....	35.2	17.8	14.1	3.2	11.3	53.5	50.8	4.6	4.3	41.9	21.3	27.9
Hispanic .....	38.2	15.3	16.4	6.6	20.5	41.3	50.6	1.3	2.1	47.2	21.3	28.1
Asian/Pacific Islander .....	37.6	15.0	16.7	5.9	23.0	39.3	67.6	2.7	1.7	63.1	18.5	13.9
Highest education level of parents												
Less than high school diploma .....	30.3	19.2	9.1	2.0	10.2	59.5	55.8	7.1	6.6	42.0	14.7	29.6
High school diploma .....	39.6	14.6	18.7	6.3	9.8	50.7	50.5	4.6	4.6	41.3	16.7	32.8
Some postsecondary .....	39.0	11.4	20.9	6.8	16.3	44.7	58.1	2.1	4.9	51.2	14.9	26.9
Bachelor's or higher .....	43.0	9.8	25.0	8.2	21.1	35.9	68.1	1.8	3.2	63.1	14.7	17.2
Dependency status in 1989–90												
Dependent .....	43.5	11.7	23.5	8.4	14.6	41.8	62.9	2.6	4.0	56.3	15.3	21.8
Independent .....	28.8	17.6	9.4	1.8	11.7	59.5	33.1	6.2	5.4	21.5	14.1	52.8
Dependent student family income in 1989–90												
Less than \$20,000 .....	40.6	12.7	22.3	5.6	14.4	45.1	52.5	3.0	4.9	44.5	18.2	29.3
\$20,000 to \$39,999 .....	44.0	13.1	21.5	9.3	12.6	43.4	58.1	2.5	4.0	51.5	16.5	25.5
\$40,000 to \$59,999 .....	44.5	12.1	23.3	9.1	12.5	43.0	64.8	3.3	4.1	57.4	15.5	19.6
\$60,000 or more .....	46.1	5.9	30.5	9.8	23.6	30.2	72.2	1.7	3.4	67.1	12.2	15.6
Delayed postsecondary enrollment												
Did not delay <sup>1</sup> .....	46.4	11.1	25.8	9.5	15.1	38.5	64.1	2.4	4.0	57.7	15.5	20.4
Delayed entry .....	28.4	17.1	9.6	1.7	11.6	60.0	32.6	6.4	5.4	20.8	12.7	54.7
Attendance status when began at first institution												
Full-time .....	48.0	12.6	25.6	9.8	13.7	38.3	63.9	2.6	4.0	57.4	14.9	21.2
Part-time .....	27.3	15.0	10.6	1.8	14.4	58.2	33.3	6.4	8.2	18.7	14.9	51.9
Intensity of enrollment through first degree												
Exclusively part-time .....	12.6	10.9	1.6	0.2	7.7	79.8	9.7	5.5	2.5	1.7	5.9	84.4
Mixed full-time and part-time .....	46.5	14.3	24.7	7.5	22.3	31.3	59.4	2.9	4.1	52.4	19.8	20.8
Exclusively full-time .....	51.3	15.7	26.1	9.6	7.3	41.4	67.3	2.5	4.4	60.3	11.2	21.6
Degree working towards at first institution												
None .....	13.0	6.0	3.6	3.4	13.8	73.3	30.5	5.3	4.4	20.8	12.4	57.1
Certificate .....	44.0	37.7	6.2	0.2	5.3	50.7	57.3	15.2	9.3	32.8	9.4	33.3
Associate's degree .....	42.6	11.4	23.7	7.5	12.1	45.2	44.0	5.8	16.7	21.5	13.1	43.0
Bachelor's .....	36.9	8.1	21.0	7.9	22.5	40.6	62.6	2.4	3.1	57.1	15.6	21.8
Worked full time while enrolled when began at first institution												
Did not work full time .....	44.9	15.4	22.1	7.3	11.9	43.2	61.9	2.8	4.2	54.9	15.9	22.2
Worked full time .....	26.6	11.6	12.2	2.8	16.7	56.7	55.5	3.5	4.4	47.6	12.5	32.1
Control of first institution												
Public .....	36.7	12.9	17.5	6.3	14.7	48.6	54.8	3.2	4.7	47.0	18.4	26.8
Private, not for profit .....	52.2	14.5	29.6	8.1	12.5	35.3	71.9	2.3	3.0	66.6	8.6	19.5
Private, for profit .....	52.0	22.9	26.8	2.3	1.5	46.5	—	—	—	—	—	—

<sup>1</sup> Students with a standard high school diploma who attended higher education in the same year as their graduation.  
 —Data not available or not applicable.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Beginning Postsecondary Student Longitudinal Survey, 1994. (This table was prepared February 1999.)

NOTE.—Data reflect completion and enrollment status by spring 1994 of first-time postsecondary students starting academic year 1989–90. Some cells in this table have relatively large sampling errors.