

Section 1

Overall Persistence and Attainment of Highest Degree – Total

Table 1.1—Percentage distribution of 1989–90 beginning postsecondary students according to overall persistence and attainment of highest degree as of spring 1994, by first institution attended, first degree working toward, and first degree attained

	Highest degree attained				Overall persistence and attainment		
	None	Certificate	Associate's degree	Bachelor's degree	Attained degree	No degree, enrolled	No degree, not enrolled
Total	50.0	12.9	11.2	25.8	50.0	13.3	36.8
Level and control of first institution							
4-year							
Public	45.2	3.2	4.7	47.0	54.8	18.4	26.8
Private, not-for-profit	28.1	2.3	3.0	66.6	71.9	8.6	19.5
Private, for-profit	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2-year							
Public	63.3	12.9	17.5	6.3	36.7	14.7	48.6
Private, not-for-profit	47.8	14.5	29.6	8.1	52.2	12.5	35.3
Private, for-profit	48.0	22.9	26.8	2.3	52.0	1.5	46.5
Less-than-2-year							
Public	45.1	52.6	2.3	0	54.9	1.6	43.5
Private, not-for-profit	37.2	40.3	22.5	0	62.8	14.9	22.3
Private, for-profit	36.0	60.9	1.8	1.2	64.0	2.1	33.9
Level of first institution							
4-year	39.6	2.9	4.2	53.3	60.4	15.2	24.4
2-year	61.6	13.8	18.6	6.1	38.4	13.6	48.0
Less-than-2-year	38.0	58.3	2.8	0.9	62.0	2.5	35.5
Control of first institution							
Public	55.8	10.2	12.2	21.8	44.2	15.8	40.1
Private, not-for-profit	30.5	4.5	6.3	58.8	69.5	9.1	21.3
Private, for-profit	40.4	46.9	11.1	1.6	59.6	1.9	38.6
Degree working toward at first institution							
None	82.8	7.6	3.7	5.9	17.2	13.2	69.6
Certificate	45.2	48.3	4.8	1.7	54.8	3.8	41.4
Associate's degree	56.8	11.3	22.7	8.9	43.2	12.1	44.7
Bachelor's degree	43.2	3.8	7.2	45.8	56.8	17.0	26.1
First type of degree attained							
None	100.0	†	†	†	†	26.5	73.5
Certificate	†	95.8	3.1	1.1	100.0	†	†
Associate's degree	†	†	82.2	17.8	100.0	†	†
Bachelor's degree	†	†	†	100.0	100.0	†	†

—Too few cases for a reliable estimate.

†Not applicable.

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

Table 1.2—Percentage distribution of 1989–90 beginning postsecondary students according to overall persistence and attainment of highest degree as of spring 1994, by attendance patterns through first degree attained (if any) or last enrollment

	Highest degree attained				Overall persistence and attainment		
	None	Certificate	Associate's degree	Bachelor's degree	Attained degree	No degree, enrolled	No degree, not enrolled
Total	50.0	12.9	11.2	25.8	50.0	13.3	36.8
Number of months enrolled through first degree*							
Less than 12 months	72.6	25.4	1.7	0.4	27.5	0.6	72.0
12–24 months	53.7	20.3	17.4	8.7	46.3	8.2	45.5
25–36 months	39.8	7.4	24.0	28.9	60.2	10.5	29.3
37–48 months	31.2	1.8	8.4	58.6	68.8	22.6	8.6
More than 48 months	49.7	1.0	2.9	46.4	50.3	45.5	4.2
Intensity of enrollment through first degree*							
Exclusively part time	81.3	16.5	1.5	0.7	18.7	6.4	74.9
Mixed	46.4	9.5	14.2	29.9	53.6	20.7	25.7
Exclusively full time	38.8	15.0	12.7	33.5	61.2	8.4	30.5
Number of institutions attended through first degree*							
One	50.8	12.2	11.0	26.0	49.2	8.3	42.5
More than one	48.8	14.1	11.5	25.6	51.2	20.9	28.0
Enrollment continuity through first degree*							
Continuously enrolled	43.9	13.2	11.5	31.5	56.1	8.4	35.4
Not continuously enrolled	64.9	12.4	10.5	12.2	35.1	24.8	40.1
Transfer status through first degree*							
Did not transfer	48.2	11.1	11.3	29.4	51.8	9.0	39.2
Transferred	54.7	17.5	11.0	16.8	45.3	23.8	30.9
Academic year of last enrollment							
1989–90	84.6	15.4	0	0	15.4	†	84.6
1990–91	56.5	34.5	9.0	0	43.5	†	56.5
1991–92	57.0	17.7	18.9	6.5	43.0	†	57.0
1992–93	19.0	5.0	11.6	64.3	80.9	†	19.0
1993–94	44.1	7.5	13.8	34.6	55.9	31.7	12.4
Transfer status and enrollment continuity through first degree*							
Did not transfer, continuously enrolled	44.2	12.6	11.2	32.0	55.8	5.4	38.8
Did not transfer, not continuously enrolled	64.4	5.2	11.6	18.8	35.6	23.6	40.8
Transferred, continuously enrolled	42.6	15.8	12.6	29.0	57.4	21.4	21.1
Transferred, not continuously enrolled	65.3	18.9	9.6	6.2	34.7	25.9	39.4

*Through first degree (if any) or last enrollment.

†Not applicable.

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

Table 1.3—Percentage distribution of 1989–90 beginning postsecondary students according to overall persistence and attainment of highest degree as of spring 1994, by demographic characteristics

	Highest degree attained				Overall persistence and attainment		
	None	Certificate	Associate's degree	Bachelor's degree	Attained degree	No degree, enrolled	No degree, not enrolled
Total	50.0	12.9	11.2	25.8	50.0	13.3	36.8
Gender							
Male	54.0	11.3	10.2	24.5	46.0	15.6	38.4
Female	46.6	14.4	12.1	26.9	53.4	11.2	35.4
Age when began at first institution							
18 years or younger	42.2	7.2	12.5	38.1	57.8	14.6	27.6
19 years	59.2	15.8	12.6	12.5	40.8	15.6	43.6
20–29 years	62.3	24.8	8.2	4.7	37.7	10.2	52.1
30 years or older	67.0	24.9	6.4	1.7	33.0	7.2	59.8
Socioeconomic status							
Lowest quartile	62.1	23.2	8.9	6.1	37.9	9.0	53.1
Middle quartiles	54.6	15.2	11.4	18.7	45.4	14.4	40.2
Highest quartile	40.4	6.6	11.9	41.1	59.6	13.5	26.9
Race–ethnicity of student							
American Indian/Alaskan Native	49.5	22.8	11.9	15.8	50.5	21.5	28.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	45.4	11.4	8.4	34.8	54.6	19.8	25.6
Black, non-Hispanic	58.2	16.1	8.8	16.9	41.8	13.5	44.7
Hispanic	55.0	15.7	11.5	17.8	45.0	18.7	36.3
White, non-Hispanic	48.8	12.3	11.6	27.3	51.2	12.3	36.5
Marital status when began at first institution							
Not married	46.9	11.3	12.0	29.8	53.1	14.1	32.8
Married	64.9	22.7	8.1	4.4	35.1	7.7	57.2
Separated	59.0	37.4	2.5	1.1	41.0	1.2	57.7
Parental education							
Less than high school diploma	59.5	24.3	7.2	9.1	40.5	9.3	50.3
High school diploma	54.7	15.8	12.2	17.4	45.3	11.1	43.5
Some postsecondary	49.4	11.2	12.2	27.2	50.6	14.5	34.9
Bachelor's or higher	41.2	6.2	11.8	40.8	58.8	16.9	24.3
Dependency status in 1989–90							
Dependent	45.2	9.1	12.5	33.3	54.8	14.4	30.8
Independent	64.2	23.9	7.5	4.4	35.8	10.0	54.1
Income and dependency status in 1989–90							
Dependent							
Less than \$20,000	52.6	12.1	13.7	21.6	47.4	14.7	37.9
\$20,000–39,999	48.8	9.8	12.7	28.7	51.2	14.2	34.6
\$40,000–59,999	42.8	9.3	12.0	35.9	57.2	13.8	29.0
\$60,000 or more	35.3	4.9	11.3	48.5	64.8	15.2	20.0
Independent							
Less than \$10,000	57.0	28.3	8.8	5.9	43.0	9.4	47.7
\$10,000–19,999	66.6	22.4	7.4	3.6	33.4	11.0	55.6
\$20,000 or more	71.6	19.4	6.0	3.0	28.4	10.1	61.5

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

Table 1.4—Percentage distribution of 1989–90 beginning postsecondary students according to overall persistence and attainment of highest degree as of spring 1994, by persistence risk factors when they began postsecondary education

	Highest degree attained				Overall persistence and attainment		
	None	Certificate	Associate's degree	Bachelor's degree	Attained degree	No degree, enrolled	No degree, not enrolled
Total	50.0	12.9	11.2	25.8	50.0	13.3	36.8
Number of risk factors when began at first institution ¹							
None	37.1	7.2	12.6	43.1	62.9	14.6	22.5
One	50.2	9.9	12.7	27.2	49.8	13.9	36.3
Two	58.2	20.6	13.5	7.7	41.8	12.1	46.2
Three or more	68.4	22.1	6.6	2.9	31.6	10.9	57.5
High school diploma or equivalency status							
High school diploma	49.0	12.1	11.6	27.3	51.0	13.8	35.2
GED or high school equivalent ²	65.5	25.4	5.7	3.4	34.5	5.3	60.3
Delayed postsecondary enrollment							
Did not delay	42.7	8.3	12.9	36.2	57.3	14.8	27.9
Delayed	65.3	22.6	7.7	4.4	34.7	10.1	55.1
Attendance status when began at first institution							
Full time	42.0	11.3	12.6	34.2	58.0	13.3	28.7
Part time	69.7	16.6	9.6	4.1	30.3	14.0	55.7
Dependency status when began at first institution							
Dependent	41.1	8.9	12.6	37.5	59.0	14.0	27.0
Independent	63.9	19.7	9.2	7.3	36.1	12.1	51.8
Number of children when began at first institution							
None	48.0	10.0	11.8	30.1	52.0	14.4	33.6
One or more	61.9	28.3	7.5	2.3	38.1	7.7	54.2
Single parent status when began at first institution							
Not a single parent	48.7	11.4	11.7	28.1	51.3	13.7	35.0
Single parent	59.0	33.6	5.2	2.2	41.0	6.0	53.1
Worked full time while enrolled when began at first institution							
Did not work full time	45.1	13.6	12.1	29.2	54.9	12.7	32.4
Worked full time	61.8	11.9	9.0	17.4	38.2	14.6	47.2

¹Risk factors included delayed enrollment, being a GED recipient, being financially independent, having children, being a single parent, part time attendance, and working full time while enrolled.

²Passed tests of General Educational Development or high school equivalent, also includes a small number of cases with no high school diploma.

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

Table 1.5—Percentage of 1989–90 beginning postsecondary students who ever attended selected types of institutions as of spring 1994, by first institution attended, first degree working toward, and highest degree attained

	Ever attended a 2-year public institution	Ever attended a 4-year institution	Ever attended a private for-profit institution
Total	56.3	54.8	14.1
Level and control of first institution			
4-year			
Public	25.1	100.0	1.9
Private, not-for-profit	20.8	100.0	1.6
Private, for-profit	—	—	—
2-year			
Public	100.0	25.4	6.3
Private, not-for-profit	34.5	39.7	5.3
Private, for-profit	14.1	12.8	100.0
Less-than-2-year			
Public	20.8	5.9	8.6
Private, not-for-profit	41.6	25.4	12.3
Private, for-profit	13.1	5.4	100.0
Level of first institution			
4-year	23.7	100.0	1.8
2-year	91.2	24.9	13.4
Less-than-2-year	15.9	6.3	76.9
Control of first institution			
Public	69.3	53.6	4.7
Private, not-for-profit	22.8	91.8	2.2
Private, for-profit	13.5	8.2	100.0
Degree working toward at first institution			
None	87.0	22.3	11.7
Certificate	45.5	8.3	50.9
Associate's degree	83.7	31.5	13.4
Bachelor's degree	40.5	86.5	3.4
Highest degree attained			
None	65.7	43.7	9.6
Certificate	55.5	15.9	56.0
Associate's degree	81.4	48.6	14.5
Bachelor's degree	27.5	98.4	1.5

—Too few cases for a reliable estimate.

†Not applicable.

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

Table 1.6—Percentage distribution of 1989–90 beginning postsecondary students according to control of transfer institutions as of spring 1994, by first institution attended, first degree working toward, and highest degree attained

	Did not transfer	Control of transfer institution			Other transfers
		Public to public	Private, not-for-profit to public	Public to private, not-for-profit	
Total	65.5	21.1	3.7	2.6	7.1
Level and control of first institution					
4-year					
Public	72.0	22.5	†	4.1	1.4
Private, not-for-profit	71.3	†	21.0	†	7.7
Private, for-profit	—	†	†	†	—
2-year					
Public	57.8	33.3	†	3.2	5.6
Private, not-for-profit	37.6	†	44.8	†	17.6
Private, for-profit	68.2	†	†	†	31.8
Less-than-2-year					
Public	74.1	16.0	†	1.4	8.4
Private, not-for-profit	46.4	†	21.5	†	32.1
Private, for-profit	77.9	†	†	†	22.0
Level of first institution					
4-year	71.8	15.1	6.8	2.8	3.5
2-year	57.9	29.6	1.6	2.9	8.1
Less-than-2-year	75.9	3.5	0.8	0.3	19.5
Control of first institution					
Public	63.7	28.7	†	3.5	4.1
Private, not-for-profit	67.1	†	23.6	†	9.3
Private, for-profit	74.3	†	†	†	25.6
Degree working toward at first institution					
None	59.9	22.0	2.7	3.1	12.3
Certificate	80.0	3.4	0.9	1.2	14.4
Associate's degree	57.8	28.2	2.6	3.5	7.9
Bachelor's degree	65.6	22.5	5.3	2.5	4.0
Highest degree attained					
None	67.6	21.8	4.1	2.3	4.1
Certificate	55.8	14.4	1.9	1.6	26.3
Associate's degree	44.9	39.0	3.6	3.9	8.6
Bachelor's degree	75.1	15.2	3.9	3.0	2.8

—Too few cases for a reliable estimate.

†Not applicable.

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