

Section 3

Overall Persistence and Attainment of First Degree – Total

Table 3.1—Percentage distribution of 1989–90 beginning postsecondary students according to overall persistence and attainment of first degree as of spring 1994, by first institution attended, first degree working toward, and highest degree attained

	First 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	13.5	13.1	23.3	50.0	13.3	36.8
Level and control of first institution							
4-year							
Public	45.2	3.4	5.5	46.0	54.8	18.4	26.8
Private, not-for-profit	28.1	2.9	4.5	64.5	71.9	8.6	19.5
Private, for-profit	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2-year							
Public	63.3	13.4	20.9	2.5	36.7	14.7	48.6
Private, not-for-profit	47.8	15.6	33.5	3.1	52.2	12.5	35.3
Private, for-profit	48.0	23.5	27.2	1.4	52.0	1.5	46.5
Less-than-2-year							
Public	45.1	53.3	1.7	0	54.9	1.6	43.5
Private, not-for-profit	37.2	62.8	0	0	62.8	14.9	22.3
Private, for-profit	36.0	62.4	1.1	0.5	64.0	2.1	33.9
Level of first institution							
4-year	39.6	3.2	5.2	52.0	60.4	15.2	24.4
2-year	61.6	14.2	21.8	2.4	38.4	13.6	48.0
Less-than-2-year	38.0	60.5	1.2	0.4	62.0	2.5	35.5
Control of first institution							
Public	55.8	10.5	14.5	19.1	44.2	15.8	40.1
Private, not-for-profit	30.5	5.6	7.5	56.4	69.5	9.1	21.3
Private, for-profit	40.4	48.0	10.8	0.8	59.6	1.9	38.6
Degree working toward at first institution							
None	82.8	7.6	3.9	5.7	17.2	13.2	69.6
Certificate	45.2	49.7	3.9	1.2	54.8	3.8	41.4
Associate's degree	56.8	12.1	27.7	3.4	43.2	12.1	44.7
Bachelor's degree	43.2	4.1	8.5	44.2	56.8	17.0	26.1
Highest degree attained							
None	100.0	†	†	†	†	26.5	73.5
Certificate	†	100.0	†	†	100.0	†	†
Associate's degree	†	3.7	96.3	†	100.0	†	†
Bachelor's degree	†	0.6	9.1	90.4	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 3.2—Percentage distribution of 1989–90 beginning postsecondary students according to overall persistence and attainment of first degree as of spring 1994, by attendance patterns through first degree attained (if any) or last enrollment

	First 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	13.5	13.1	23.3	50.0	13.3	36.8
Number of months enrolled through first degree*							
Less than 12 months	72.6	26.4	0.9	0.2	27.5	0.6	72.0
12–24 months	53.7	21.1	23.4	1.8	46.3	8.2	45.5
25–36 months	39.8	7.8	26.9	25.5	60.2	10.5	29.3
37–48 months	31.2	1.9	9.4	57.5	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	16.7	1.4	0.6	18.7	6.4	74.9
Mixed	46.4	9.8	16.7	27.0	53.6	20.7	25.7
Exclusively full time	38.8	16.0	14.9	30.2	61.2	8.4	30.5
Number of institutions attended through first degree*							
One	50.8	12.5	13.8	22.8	49.2	8.3	42.5
More than one	48.8	15.0	12.1	24.0	51.2	20.9	28.0
Enrollment continuity through first degree*							
Continuously enrolled	43.9	13.8	14.3	28.1	56.1	8.4	35.4
Not continuously enrolled	64.9	12.8	10.4	11.9	35.1	24.8	40.1
Transfer status through first degree*							
Did not transfer	48.2	11.5	13.9	26.4	51.8	9.0	39.2
Transferred	54.7	18.4	11.3	15.6	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	34.7	8.8	0	43.5	†	56.5
1991–92	57.0	17.9	18.7	6.4	43.0	†	57.0
1992–93	19.0	6.3	13.9	60.8	80.9	†	19.0
1993–94	44.1	8.3	17.6	30.1	55.9	31.7	12.4
Transfer status and enrollment continuity through first degree*							
Did not transfer, continuously enrolled	44.2	13.1	14.3	28.4	55.8	5.4	38.8
Did not transfer, not continuously enrolled	64.4	5.2	12.1	18.3	35.6	23.6	40.8
Transferred, continuously enrolled	42.6	16.9	13.9	26.7	57.4	21.4	21.1
Transferred, not continuously enrolled	65.3	19.7	8.9	6.0	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 3.3—Percentage distribution of 1989–90 beginning postsecondary students according to overall persistence and attainment of first degree as of spring 1994, by demographic characteristics

	First 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	13.5	13.1	23.3	50.0	13.3	36.8
Gender							
Male	54.0	11.6	11.8	22.5	46.0	15.6	38.4
Female	46.6	15.1	14.3	24.0	53.4	11.2	35.4
Age when began at first institution							
18 years or younger	42.2	7.9	15.4	34.5	57.8	14.6	27.6
19 years	59.2	16.0	12.6	12.2	40.8	15.6	43.6
20–29 years	62.3	25.3	9.1	3.3	37.7	10.2	52.1
30 years or older	67.0	25.0	6.6	1.4	33.0	7.2	59.8
Socioeconomic status							
Lowest quartile	62.1	23.4	9.4	5.1	37.9	9.0	53.1
Middle quartiles	54.6	15.9	12.7	16.8	45.4	14.4	40.2
Highest quartile	40.4	7.2	14.9	37.5	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	8.5	34.7	54.6	19.8	25.6
Black, non-Hispanic	58.2	17.0	9.5	15.3	41.8	13.5	44.7
Hispanic	55.0	16.1	15.1	13.8	45.0	18.7	36.3
White, non-Hispanic	48.8	12.9	13.6	24.8	51.2	12.3	36.5
Marital status when began at first institution							
Not married	46.9	11.9	14.1	27.0	53.1	14.1	32.8
Married	64.9	22.9	9.3	3.0	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	24.6	7.8	8.1	40.5	9.3	50.3
High school diploma	54.7	16.1	14.4	14.9	45.3	11.1	43.5
Some postsecondary	49.4	11.8	14.6	24.2	50.6	14.5	34.9
Bachelor's or higher	41.2	7.2	13.6	38.1	58.8	16.9	24.3
Dependency status in 1989–90							
Dependent	45.2	9.7	14.9	30.2	54.8	14.4	30.8
Independent	64.2	24.4	7.9	3.5	35.8	10.0	54.1
Income and dependency status in 1989–90							
Dependent							
Less than \$20,000	52.6	12.4	15.5	19.5	47.4	14.7	37.9
\$20,000–39,999	48.8	10.9	14.5	25.8	51.2	14.2	34.6
\$40,000–59,999	42.8	9.8	15.8	31.6	57.2	13.8	29.0
\$60,000 or more	35.3	5.2	13.6	45.9	64.8	15.2	20.0
Independent							
Less than \$10,000	57.0	28.8	9.4	4.9	43.0	9.4	47.7
\$10,000–19,999	66.6	23.3	6.8	3.3	33.4	11.0	55.6
\$20,000 or more	71.6	19.6	7.0	1.8	28.4	10.1	61.5

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