

Indicator 39. Extracurricular Activities

Percent of high school seniors who participate in selected school-sponsored extracurricular activities: 1972, 1980, and 1992

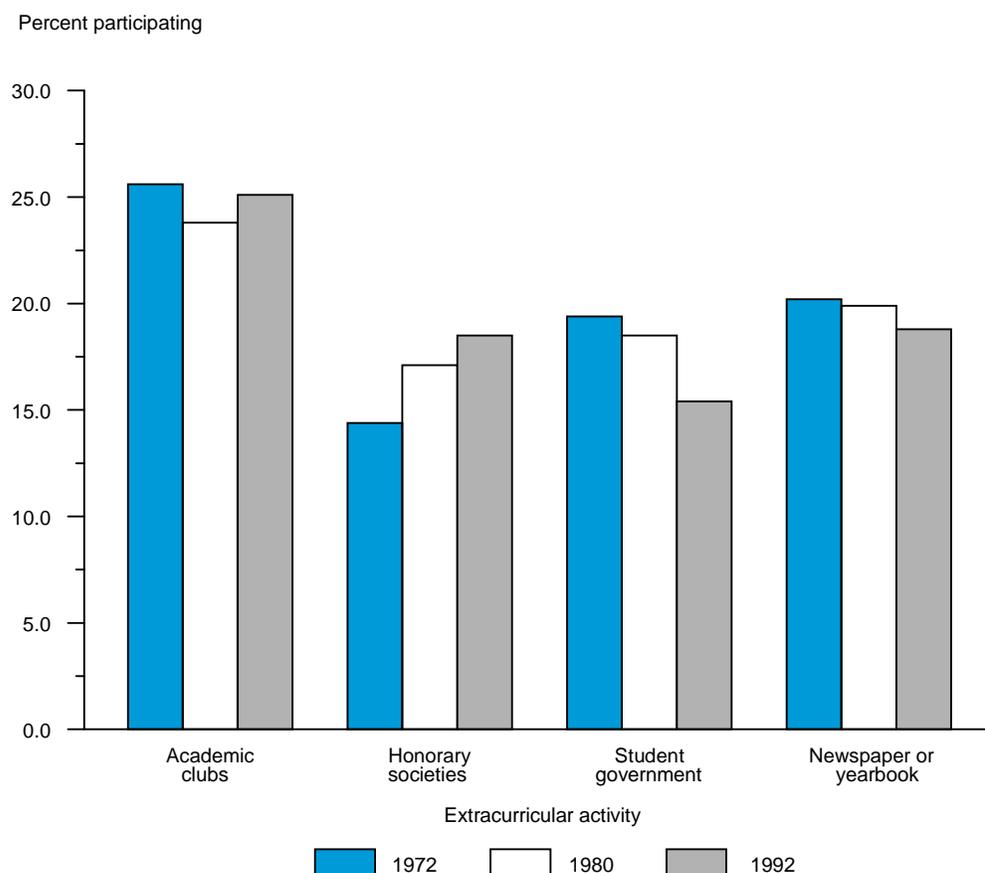
Student and school characteristics	Academic clubs			Honorary societies			Student government			Newspaper or yearbook		
	1972	1980	1992	1972	1980	1992	1972	1980	1992	1972	1980	1992
All seniors	25.6	23.8	25.1	14.4	17.1	18.5	19.4	18.5	15.4	20.2	19.9	18.8
Male	20.3	19.0	22.8	10.7	13.8	14.4	18.1	15.8	13.1	14.7	15.4	14.0
Female	30.9	28.3	27.4	18.1	20.1	22.7	20.8	21.0	17.7	25.5	24.0	23.5
Race/ethnicity												
White	25.0	22.9	25.8	15.1	17.8	19.6	19.2	17.7	15.4	20.4	20.1	19.7
Black	33.1	28.8	20.6	11.7	13.7	14.0	25.3	23.1	16.7	20.7	17.8	14.3
Hispanic	24.2	24.7	22.6	10.2	11.9	12.4	16.0	16.7	14.6	16.2	15.8	16.8
Asian	26.6	29.6	32.3	23.6	23.4	27.2	24.9	23.6	14.6	16.2	21.4	18.9
Math and reading composite test performance quartile												
Lowest	24.6	23.5	18.1	4.8	6.1	5.6	13.9	12.0	10.8	16.6	14.6	12.0
Middle two quartiles	24.3	23.3	23.3	10.1	12.6	11.1	18.4	17.6	14.4	18.7	18.7	17.1
Highest	29.0	27.1	37.1	33.7	36.3	42.2	27.4	25.4	20.2	26.7	27.1	27.9
Socioeconomic status ¹												
Low	24.4	22.6	19.4	10.3	11.1	10.2	14.0	13.3	11.5	17.6	15.7	14.2
Middle	25.2	23.8	24.5	13.2	16.3	16.8	18.6	18.0	15.2	20.2	19.2	17.5
High	27.7	25.7	31.7	21.2	25.1	29.7	26.6	25.2	19.6	22.8	25.3	25.5
High school program												
General	21.2	19.6	18.3	8.1	9.6	9.1	15.1	14.4	11.0	17.1	16.7	14.6
Academic	29.6	28.7	34.2	22.3	29.0	30.9	26.0	26.7	21.6	24.3	26.9	24.9
Vocational	23.8	23.1	14.7	7.3	8.9	5.8	11.9	11.5	8.9	16.0	13.2	11.2

¹ Socioeconomic status was measured by a composite score on parental education and occupations, and family income. The "low" SES group is the lowest quartile; the "middle" SES group is the middle two quartiles; and the "high" SES group is the upper quartile.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Longitudinal Study of 1972, "Base Year" survey; High School and Beyond, "1980 Senior Cohort;" and National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988, "Second Followup" survey.

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Change in participation of high school seniors in school-sponsored extracurricular activities, by type of activity: 1980 to 1992



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During the 1972 to 1992 period, the proportion of seniors participating in a variety of extracurricular activities changed relatively little. There has been some decline in the percent of students participating in student government and an increase in participation in honorary societies. Academic clubs remained a popular activity, with about 25 percent of seniors participating in 1992.