

Population Characteristics

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FALL 1964 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT APPROXIMATELY 52 MILLION

(Advance data, October 1964 survey)

About 51.7 million persons 5 to 34 years old were enrolled in school or college in the United States in the fall of 1964, according to the results of the Current Population Survey conducted in October 1964 by the Bureau of the Census. This represents an increase of 5.4 million or 11.7 percent over the 46.3 million enrolled in October 1960.

The increase in enrollment varied considerably by level of school. The number of kindergarten pupils this fall reached approximately 2.5 million (table 1). There were 31.7 million enrolled at the elementary level (grades

1 to 8), 12.8 million at the high school level (grades 9 to 12), and 4.6 million in college or professional schools. These figures represent a gain over 1960 enrollment figures of about 18 percent at the kindergarten level, 5 percent at the elementary school level, and 25 and 30 percent at the high school and college levels, respectively.

Whereas the largest numerical increase was at the high school level, the greatest relative increase since 1960 has been at the college level. Increased enrollment in elementary schools was due primarily to changes in the

Table 1.--FALL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION 5 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY LEVEL OF SCHOOL AND AGE, FOR THE UNITED STATES: OCTOBER 1964, 1962, AND 1960
(Numbers in thousands)

Level of school and age	1964	1962	1960	Percent of increase		
				1962 to 1964	1960 to 1962	1960 to 1964
Total enrolled, 5 to 34 years old....	51,660	48,704	46,259	6.1	5.3	11.7
Level of school:						
Kindergarten.....	2,469	2,319	2,092	6.5	10.9	18.0
Elementary school (grades 1 to 8).....	31,734	30,661	30,349	3.5	1.0	4.6
High school (grades 9 to 12).....	12,812	11,516	10,249	11.3	12.4	25.0
College or professional school.....	4,643	4,208	3,570	10.3	17.9	30.1
Age:						
5 to 13 years.....	33,567	32,285	32,059	4.0	0.7	4.7
5 and 6 years.....	6,842	6,651	6,438	2.9	3.3	6.3
7 to 13 years.....	26,725	25,634	25,621	4.3	0.1	4.3
14 to 34 years.....	18,093	16,419	14,201	10.2	15.6	27.4
14 to 17 years.....	13,014	11,740	10,242	10.9	14.6	27.1
18 to 24 years.....	4,244	3,869	3,167	9.7	22.2	34.0
25 to 34 years.....	835	810	792	3.1	2.3	5.4

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size of the population reaching 8 to 13 years old rather than to changes in the percentages of persons enrolled at these ages. Increased enrollment in high school and in colleges and professional schools since 1960 reflects both an increase in the proportion of persons 14 to 34 years old enrolled in school and an increase in the total population at these ages (table 2 and records).

Enrollment statistics shown in this report refer to the civilian noninstitutional population reported as enrolled in regular public and private schools and colleges by the middle of October, when the Current Population Survey was conducted. The statistics include both full-time and part-time students and persons who were working in addition to attending school. These figures may differ from figures on school enrollment reported by other sources, largely because (1) the Bureau of the Census collects

data by household interviews, whereas information from other sources is generally based on reports from school systems and institutions of higher learning; and (2) there are often differences in definitions and time references. Also, enrollment as of October will usually be lower than enrollment for the whole school year because the latter provides a cumulative count of persons who enter school at different times throughout the year.

Since the figures presented in this report are based on sample data, they may differ from the figures that would have been obtained from a complete census. The sampling variation may be relatively large where the numbers shown are small. A more complete statement on the variability due to sampling, as well as more detailed information about the fall enrollment figures, will be issued in a later report in this series.

Table 2.--FALL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION 5 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY LEVEL OF SCHOOL AND AGE, FOR THE UNITED STATES: OCTOBER 1959 TO 1964

(Numbers in thousands. Statistics since 1960 include Alaska and Hawaii, not included in 1959. Figures are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals, which are independently rounded)

Level of school and age	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
LEVEL OF SCHOOL						
Total enrolled.....	51,660	50,356	48,704	47,708	46,259	44,370
Kindergarten.....	2,469	2,340	2,319	2,299	2,092	2,032
Elementary school (grades 1 to 8).....	31,734	31,247	30,661	30,718	30,349	29,382
High school (grades 9 to 12).....	12,812	12,433	11,516	10,959	10,249	9,616
College and professional school.....	4,643	4,336	4,208	3,731	3,570	3,340
AGE						
Number Enrolled						
Total, 5 to 34 years old.....	51,660	50,356	48,704	47,708	46,259	44,370
5 to 13 years old.....	33,567	32,971	32,285	32,439	32,059	30,848
5 and 6 years old.....	6,842	6,768	6,651	6,638	6,438	6,222
7 to 13 years old.....	26,725	26,203	25,634	25,801	25,621	24,626
14 to 17 years old.....	13,014	12,517	11,740	11,163	10,242	9,839
18 and 19 years old.....	2,196	2,061	2,144	1,952	1,817	1,601
20 to 24 years old.....	2,048	2,014	1,725	1,468	1,350	1,283
20 and 21 years old.....	1,358	1,269	1,070	936	817	769
22 to 24 years old.....	690	745	655	532	533	514
25 to 29 years old.....	559	518	522	456	514	538
30 to 34 years old.....	276	275	288	230	278	261
Percent Enrolled						
Total, 5 to 34 years old.....	58.7	58.5	57.8	56.8	56.4	55.5
5 to 13 years old.....	95.3	95.4	95.2	95.1	95.1	94.8
5 and 6 years old.....	83.3	82.7	82.1	81.7	80.7	80.0
7 to 13 years old.....	99.0	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.5	99.4
14 to 17 years old.....	93.1	92.9	92.0	91.4	90.3	90.2
18 and 19 years old.....	41.6	40.9	41.8	38.0	38.4	36.8
20 to 24 years old.....	16.8	17.3	15.6	13.7	13.1	12.7
20 and 21 years old.....	26.3	25.0	23.0	21.5	19.4	18.8
22 to 24 years old.....	9.9	11.4	10.3	8.4	8.7	8.6
25 to 29 years old.....	5.2	4.9	5.0	4.4	4.9	5.1
30 to 34 years old.....	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.0	2.4	2.2