Table 8. Field of Study of College Students 14 to 34 Years Old, by Sex: October 1978, 1974, 1972, and 1966

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

Field of study	Both sexes				Male				Female			
	1978	1974	1972	1966	1978	1974	1972	1966	1978	1974	1972	1966
All students	9,838	8,827	8,313	5,999	5,124	4,926	4,853	3,710	4,714	3,901	3,459	2,289
Agriculture[1]	144	104	97	73	82	90	87	71	62	14	11	2
Biological sciences	303	327	257	602	155	193	164	334	148	134	94	268
Health or medical profession	872	801	695		303	286	303		569	514	393	
Business or commerce	1,956	1,376	1,157	888	1,138	940	890	684	819	436	268	204
Education	781	1,158	1,007	1,118	180	318	280	359	601	841	728	760
Engineering	565	410	357	534	498	382	350	524	66	28	7	10
English or journalism	192	264	291	620	68	109	140	304	125	156	150	316
Other humanities[2]	741	404	455		325	209	240		416	194	215	
Mathematics or statistics	142	168	239	236	90	93	156	150	52	75	82	86
Physical science	193	134	157	226	132	97	115	200	61	36	43	25
Social science	763	771	954	642	374	429	501	401	389	342	453	241
Law	220	271	237		150	208	196		70	63	42	
Vocational and technical	359	232	1,503	461	284	173	907	335	75	59	596	126
Other fields	1,062	1,423			544	855			519	568		
No major	461				224				237			
Don't know or not reported	1,085	984	906	600	578	544	525	348	507	440	380	251
PERCENT												
All students	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture[1]	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.3	0.4	0.3	0.1
Biological sciences	3.1	3.7	3.1	10.0	3.0	3.9	3.4	9.0	3.1	3.4	2.7	11.7
Health or medical profession	8.9	9.1	8.4		5.9	5.8	6.2		12.1	13.2	11.4	
Business or commerce	19.9	15.6	13.9	14.8	22.2	19.1	18.3	18.4	17.4	11.2	7.7	8.9
Education	7.9	13.1	12.1	18.6	3.5	6.5	5.8	9.7	12.7	21.6	21.0	33.2
Engineering	5.7	4.6	4.3	8.9	9.7	7.8	7.2	14.1	1.4	0.7	0.2	0.4
English or journalism	2.0	3.0	3.5	10.3	1.3	2.2	2.9	8.2	2.7	4.0	4.3	13.8
Other humanities[2]	7.5	4.6	5.5		6.3	4.2	4.9		8.8	5.0	6.2	
Mathematics or statistics	1.4	1.9	2.9	3.9	1.8	1.9	3.2	4.0	1.1	1.9	2.4	3.8
Physical science	2.0	1.5	1.9	3.8	2.6	2.0	2.4	5.4	1.3	0.9	1.2	1.1
Social science	7.8	8.7	11.5	10.7	7.3	8.7	10.3	10.8	8.3	8.8	13.1	10.5
Law	2.2	3.1	2.9		2.9	4.2	4.0		1.5	1.6	1.2	
Vocational and technical	3.6	2.6	18.1	7.7	5.5	3.5	18.7	9.0	1.6	1.5	17.2	5.5
Other fields	10.8	16.1			10.6	17.4			11.0	14.6		
No major	4.7				4.4				5.0			
Don't know or not reported	11.0	11.1	10.9	10.0	11.3	11.0	10.8	9.4	10.8	11.3	11.0	11.0

[1]Includes home economics in 1978.
[2]Includes liberal arts in 1978.