

Population Characteristics

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SCHOOL ENROLLMENT INCREASES 17 PERCENT 1958 TO 1963

(Advance data, October 1963 survey)

School enrollment in the United States is continuing to increase steadily, according to the results of the Current Population Survey conducted in October 1963 by the Bureau of the Census. The survey showed that about 50.4 million persons were enrolled in regular schools and colleges at that date compared with 42.9 million in 1958, or an increase of 17.4 percent over the five-year period.

Of the 50.4 million persons enrolled in school, 2.3 million were enrolled in kindergarten, 31.2 million at the elementary school level (grades 1 to 8), 12.4 million in high school (grades 9 to 12), and 4.3 million in college or professional school. The largest numerical increase between 1958 and 1963 has been at the kindergarten and elementary school level, 3.4 million as compared with 2.9 million at the high school level and 1.1 million at the

college and professional school level. The relative increase in the last five years, however, has been greatest at the college level-- 34 percent as compared with 31 percent for high schools and 11 percent for kindergarten and elementary schools. Increased enrollment in colleges and professional schools over the last five years reflects an increase in the proportion of the population 18 to 24 years old who are enrolled in school as well as an increase in the total population 18 to 24 years old.

School enrollment rates by age in 1963 were generally similar to those for 1962. Almost all (99 percent) children 7 to 13 years old in 1963 were in school. About 93 percent of youths 14 to 17 were enrolled, but only 41 percent of 18- and 19-year-olds and still smaller percentages of those in the older age groups.

Table 1.--FALL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION 5 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY AGE, FOR THE UNITED STATES; OCTOBER 1963 AND 1958
(Numbers in thousands, Minus sign (-) denotes decrease)

Age	1963	1958	Increase, 1958 to 1963	
			Number	Percent
Total, 5 to 34 years.....	50,356	42,900	7,456	17.4
5 to 13 years.....	32,971	29,724		10.9
5 and 6 years.....	6,768	6,101		10.9
7 to 13 years.....	26,203	23,623		10.9
14 to 34 years.....	17,385	13,175		32.0
14 to 17 years.....	12,517	9,446		32.5
18 to 24 years.....	4,075	2,871		41.9
25 to 34 years.....	793	858		-7.6

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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 1958 TO 1963

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

Level of school and age	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
LEVEL OF SCHOOL						
Total, 5 to 34 years old.....	50,356	48,704	47,708	46,259	44,370	42,900
Kindergarten.....	2,340	2,319	2,299	2,092	2,032	1,991
Elementary school (grades 1 to 8).....	31,247	30,661	30,718	30,349	29,382	28,184
High school (grades 9 to 12).....	12,433	11,516	10,959	10,249	9,616	9,282
College and professional school.....	4,336	4,208	3,731	3,570	3,340	3,242
AGE						
Number Enrolled						
Total, 5 to 34 years old.....	50,356	48,704	47,708	46,259	44,370	42,900
5 to 13 years old.....	32,971	32,285	32,439	32,059	30,848	29,724
5 and 6 years old.....	6,768	6,651	6,638	6,438	6,222	6,101
7 to 13 years old.....	26,203	25,634	25,801	25,621	24,626	23,623
14 to 17 years old.....	12,517	11,740	11,163	10,242	9,839	9,446
18 and 19 years old.....	2,061	2,144	1,952	1,817	1,601	1,564
20 to 24 years old.....	2,014	1,725	1,468	1,350	1,283	1,307
20 and 21 years old.....	1,269	1,070	936	817	769	(1)
22 to 24 years old.....	745	655	532	533	514	(1)
25 to 29 years old.....	518	522	456	514	538	603
30 to 34 years old.....	275	288	230	278	261	255
Percent Enrolled						
Total, 5 to 34 years old.....	58.5	57.8	56.8	56.4	55.5	54.8
5 to 13 years old.....	95.4	95.2	95.1	95.1	94.8	94.8
5 and 6 years old.....	82.7	82.1	81.7	80.7	80.0	80.4
7 to 13 years old.....	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.5	99.4	99.5
14 to 17 years old.....	92.9	92.0	91.4	90.3	90.2	89.2
18 and 19 years old.....	40.9	41.8	38.0	38.4	36.8	37.6
20 to 24 years old.....	17.3	15.6	13.7	13.1	12.7	13.4
20 and 21 years old.....	25.0	23.0	21.5	19.4	18.8	(1)
22 to 24 years old.....	11.4	10.3	8.4	8.7	8.6	(1)
25 to 29 years old.....	4.9	5.0	4.4	4.9	5.1	5.7
30 to 34 years old.....	2.5	2.6	2.0	2.4	2.2	2.2

¹ Not available.