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NOTICE TO USERS

Last year, the Census Bureau announced its intention to offer more information in electronic format while reducing the number of printed reports. This change is now being implemented for the P20 Current Population Reports series. Many P20 reports, such as the School Enrollment report, will now be printed only every other year.

Instead, to keep you informed of the major findings from the Current Population Survey, short data updates will be produced each year. These will be available in both printed and electronic forms. Additionally, the detailed tabulations that have been part of the printed reports will be updated annually in electronic form on the Internet. If you wish to obtain the new tabulations for October 1995, updating School Enrollment—Social and Economic Characteristics of Students: October 1994 (Current Population Reports, P20-487), please see the "Detailed Tabulations" section at the end of this update.

Our decision to modify the format of the P20 series is based on a variety of factors. Ultimately, we hope this decision will provide users with more timely data on a wide variety of topics. If you have comments about this change or the P20 series in general, please contact us on the Internet at: pop@census.gov; or write to: Chief, Population Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233.

DATA HIGHLIGHTS

Detailed tabulations are now available which provide statistics on school enrollment of the civilian, non-institutional population of the United States, based on the October 1995 Current Population Survey. These tables provide information such as:

- Seventy million persons were enrolled in regular school—nursery school through college.
- About 8.3 million children were enrolled in nursery school or kindergarten (4.4 million in nursery school and 3.9 million in kindergarten).
- Elementary school enrollment (grades 1–8) stood at 31.8 million persons.
- High school enrollment totalled 15.0 million persons.

- The annual high school dropout rate (from grades 10–12) was 5.4 percent.
- The dropout pool (persons not enrolled and not a high school graduate) of young adults 18 to 24 years old totalled 3.5 million or 13.9 percent of this age group.
- The number of persons enrolled in college totalled 14.7 million. About 6.0 million college students, or 41 percent, were 25 years old and over.

DETAILED TABULATIONS

A paper version of these tables, along with related historical tables, is available as PPL-55 for \$31.40. To receive a paper copy, send your request for "PPL-55, School Enrollment—Social and Economic Characteristics of Students: October 1995," along with a check or money order in the amount of \$31.40 payable to Commerce-Census-88-00-9010, to U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, P.O. Box 277943, Atlanta, GA 30384-7943, or call our Statistical Information Office on 301-457-2422. A copy of these tabulations will be made available to any existing CPR P20 subscriber without charge, provided that the request is made within 3 months of the issue date of this report. Contact our Statistical Information Office on 301-457-2422.

The electronic version of these tables is available on the Internet, at the Census Bureau's World Wide Web site (<http://www.census.gov>). Once on the site, click on Subjects A–Z, then School Enrollment.

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The data in the detailed tables are estimates based on a sample survey (the Current Population Survey), and are subject to sampling variability since they are not based on a complete enumeration of the population. For information on the source of the data, the accuracy of the estimates, the use of standard errors, and the computation of standard errors, contact Genny Burns, Demographic Statistical Methods Division (301-457-4214) or via Internet e-mail (gbruns@info.census.gov).