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ABSTRACT

The data presented in this Department of Education (ED) Tabulation compare how the 1972, 1980, and 1982 high school graduate cohorts differ by type of program, type of institution, and time of entry into postsecondary education (PE). Three tables provide information for each cohort on enrollment in PE by type of postsecondary institution. Three other tables show the mean length of delay in months for each type of school. They also show the percentage of delayed entrants enrolling within 2 years, from 2 to 3 years, and more than 3 years after high school graduation. Data were based on the National Longitudinal Study of 1972 high school seniors, and the High School and Beyond 1980 senior and sophomore cohorts. Data elements used in this analysis for the 1980 senior and sophomore cohorts were drawn from the base year and first through third follow-up surveys. Data for the 1972 senior cohort were drawn from the base year, first through fifth follow-ups, and transcript file. Selected results indicate that: students entering 2-year or 4-year institutions delayed entry less than did those who entered institutions offering less-than-2-year programs; a higher proportion of students who entered 4-year institutions entered in the fall term immediately after high school graduation, as compared to students in other types of institutions; and compared to the 1972 cohort, a higher proportion of the postsecondary students from the 1980 and 1982 graduating classes enrolled in institutions offering programs of less than 2 years. The location of a few key statistics and their standard errors, and a discussion of technical notes and methodology are provided. (RLC)

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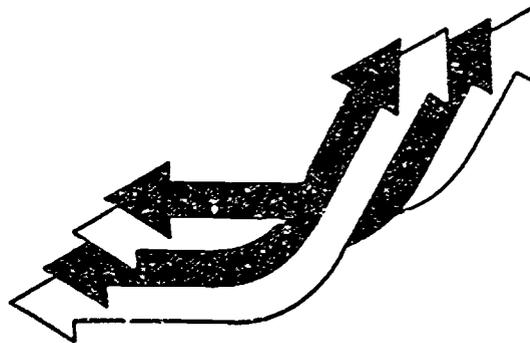
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Introduction

This E.D. Tabulation presents data on the patterns and trends of delayed entry into postsecondary education that 1972, 1980 and 1982 high school graduates experienced. The data compare how these respective cohorts of high school graduates differ by type of program, type of institution, and time of entry into postsecondary education. Tables 1, 3, and 5 provide information for each cohort on enrollment in postsecondary education by type of postsecondary institution. Tables 2, 4, and 6 show the mean length of delay in months for each type of school. They also show the percentage of delayed entrants enrolling within two years, from two to three years, and more than three years after high school graduation.

Patterns of delay

This tabulation provides many detailed findings. The following are a few of the major ones: students entering 2-year or 4-year institutions delayed entry less than those who entered institutions offering less than two year programs; a higher proportion of students who entered 4-year institutions entered in the fall term immediately after high school graduation, as compared to students in other types of institutions; and, compared to the 1972 cohort, a higher proportion of the postsecondary students from the 1980 and 1982 graduating classes enrolled in institutions offering programs of less than two years.

Source of data

The estimates in Tables 1 and 2 of this tabulation were based on the National Longitudinal Study of 1972 high school seniors (NLS-72). The estimates in Tables 3 and 4 were based on the High School and Beyond (HS&B) 1980 senior cohort. The estimates in Tables 5 and 6 were based on the High School and Beyond (HS&B) 1980 sophomore cohort. Data elements used in this analysis for the 1980 senior and sophomore cohorts were drawn from the base year, first follow-up, second follow-up, and third follow-up surveys. Data for the 1972 senior cohort were drawn from the base year, first through the fifth follow-ups, and transcript file.

For more information on the HS&B surveys, interested readers should consult *High School and Beyond 1980 Senior Cohort Third Follow-Up (1986) Data File User's Manual* (Sebring, P., et al, Chicago: National Opinion Research Center, 1987) and the *High School and Beyond 1980 Sophomore Cohort Third Follow-Up (1986) Data File User's Manual* (Sebring, P., et al, Chicago: National Opinion Research Center, 1987). For more information on the NLS-72

surveys, interested readers should consult *National Longitudinal Study of the High School Senior Class of 1972 Fifth Follow-Up (1986) Data File User's Manual* (Tourangeau, R, et al, Chicago: National Opinion Research Center, 1987) and *National Longitudinal Study: Base Year (1972) through Fourth Follow-up (1979) Data File Users Manual*, Volume 1-3. (Ricobono, J, et al, Center for Education Research and Evaluation, Research Triangle, Research Triangle Park, N.C. 2709, 1981). For further details concerning the transcript data, interested readers should consult *National Longitudinal Study of the High School Senior Class of 1972 Postsecondary Education Transcript Study Data File User's Manual* (Jones, C, et al, Chicago: National Opinion Research Center, 1986).

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Table 1.-- Percent of 1972 high school graduates ever entering different types of institutions and percent of entrants who began immediately or delayed entry, by selected student characteristics

	Never in PSE	Total percent ever in <2-year schools	<2-year schls: Percent immed entry	<2-year schls: Percent delayed entry	Total percent ever in 2-year schools	2-year schls: Percent immed entry	2-year schls: Percent delayed entry	Total percent ever in 4-year schools	4-year schls: Percent immed entry	4-year schls: Percent delayed entry	% delay in 4-yr: Immed entry other
TOTAL	31.77	9.05	33.75	66.25	30.16	46.13	53.87	47.65	65.15	34.85	6.76
Sex											
Male	30.54	8.91	28.93	71.07	28.83	48.22	51.78	49.89	66.48	33.52	6.77
Female	32.94	9.19	38.20	61.80	31.42	44.30	55.70	45.52	63.77	36.23	6.74
Race / ethnicity											
Hispanic	43.27	7.00	30.12	69.88	31.55	46.53	53.47	32.06	41.06	58.94	4.74
Asian	11.52	4.11	Low-N	Low-N	41.30	49.14	50.86	73.09	75.23	24.77	11.80
American Indian	24.07	12.33	Low-N	Low-N	53.27	Low-N	Low-N	48.12	Low-N	Low-N	11.00
Black	36.94	10.66	18.14	81.86	26.86	44.45	55.55	43.11	56.84	43.16	5.40
White	30.80	9.07	36.03	63.97	30.02	46.58	53.42	48.95	66.72	33.28	7.00
Hispanic subgroups											
Mexican	52.86	5.26	Low-N	Low-N	32.12	49.90	50.10	21.89	51.76	48.24	5.15
Cuban	10.98	0.00	Low-N	Low-N	51.40	Low-N	Low-N	51.93	Low-N	Low-N	11.20
Puerto Rican	27.39	5.68	Low-N	Low-N	27.70	Low-N	Low-N	48.80	Low-N	Low-N	0.00
Other Hispanic	30.33	12.00	Low-N	Low-N	28.04	32.19	67.81	47.95	28.91	71.09	3.72
Ability quartile											
Lower 25%	60.71	8.49	34.80	65.20	21.19	40.05	59.95	16.86	40.61	59.39	2.37
Middle 50%	30.80	12.20	35.88	64.12	34.92	49.06	50.94	42.53	58.22	41.78	7.92
Upper 25%	9.06	6.59	26.31	73.69	30.45	47.10	52.90	77.74	75.31	24.69	8.46
High school grade average											
A	7.84	5.98	39.66	60.34	26.71	53.46	46.54	82.98	77.01	22.99	10.11
A to B	19.98	8.65	40.65	59.35	29.91	45.81	54.19	63.34	73.45	26.55	7.55
B	27.87	8.93	30.00	70.00	31.10	44.21	55.79	52.14	64.27	35.73	6.71
B to C	36.27	10.82	35.67	64.33	34.29	46.81	53.19	36.84	55.61	44.39	7.02
C	53.05	9.08	32.24	67.76	26.18	42.48	57.52	23.91	39.31	60.69	3.91
D	59.05	8.29	14.61	85.39	26.42	39.74	60.26	15.62	30.67	69.33	2.89

Table 1.-- Percent of 1972 high school graduates ever entering different types of institutions and percent of entrants who began immediately or delayed entry, by selected student characteristics--continued

	Never in PSE	Total percent ever in <2-year schools	<2-year schls: Percent imed entry	<2-year schls: Percent delayed entry	Total percent ever in 2-year schools	2-year schls: Percent imed entry	2-year schls: Percent delayed entry	Total percent ever in 4-year schools	4-year schls: Percent imed entry	4-year schls: Percent delayed entry	% delay in 4-yr: Immed entry other
High school grade avg (recoded)											
Mostly A	15.94	7.76	40.40	59.60	28.84	48.17	51.83	69.88	74.86	25.14	8.41
Mostly B	32.52	9.97	33.40	66.60	32.87	45.71	54.29	43.67	60.23	39.77	6.88
Mostly C	53.05	9.08	72.24	67.76	26.18	42.48	57.52	23.91	39.31	60.69	3.91
Less than C	59.05	8.29	14.61	85.39	26.42	39.74	60.26	15.62	30.67	69.33	2.89
High school program											
General	43.81	8.85	30.10	69.90	30.36	46.94	53.06	31.91	53.18	46.82	5.42
Academic	9.78	8.60	32.27	67.73	33.67	50.44	49.56	75.19	72.43	27.57	10.01
Vocational / technical	57.35	10.25	40.87	59.13	22.88	32.09	67.91	16.61	34.18	65.82	2.31
Handicap status											
Not handicapped	31.45	9.26	33.58	66.42	29.88	47.42	52.58	47.84	65.36	34.44	6.70
Handicapped	48.24	6.48	Low-N	Low-N	30.18	35.14	64.86	25.36	35.76	61.24	6.49
PSE plans in 1972											
No plans for PSE	72.72	4.63	8.50	91.50	17.57	12.66	87.34	9.28	15.63	84.37	0.80
Vocational / technical	44.72	22.16	54.82	45.18	26.14	30.05	69.95	18.80	18.37	81.63	3.78
2 year college	19.42	10.26	36.88	63.12	64.99	68.76	31.24	32.90	17.77	82.23	17.81
4 year college	5.10	6.87	16.91	83.09	30.91	46.42	53.58	85.44	77.34	22.66	9.00
Advanced degree	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N
PSE plans in 1972 (recoded)											
No plans for PSE	72.72	4.63	8.50	91.50	17.57	12.66	87.34	9.28	15.63	84.37	0.80
Voc / tech or 2 year college	18.53	11.66	39.79	60.21	35.78	50.51	49.49	57.68	65.92	34.08	9.17
4 yr college or adv degree	3.98	4.66	13.98	86.02	24.82	47.49	52.51	88.59	80.91	19.09	6.87

Table 1.-- Percent of 1972 high school graduates ever entering different types of institutions and percent of entrants who began immediately or delayed entry, by selected student characteristics--continued

	Never in PSE	Total percent ever in <2-year schools	<2-year schls: Percent imed entry	<2-year schls: Percent delayed entry	Total percent ever in 2-year schools	2-year schls: Percent imed entry	2-year schls: Percent delayed entry	Total percent ever in 4-year schools	4-year schls: Percent imed entry	4-year schls: Percent delayed entry	% delay in 4-yr: imed entry other
SES quartile											
Lower 25%	52.05	9.13	32.85	67.15	23.27	38.55	61.45	26.01	48.81	51.19	3.37
Middle 50%	34.25	9.75	38.29	61.71	30.91	47.16	52.84	42.89	61.84	38.16	6.81
Upper 25%	8.89	7.67	23.64	76.36	34.88	48.88	51.12	76.07	73.67	26.33	9.67
Highest parent education											
Less than high school	53.25	7.69	36.99	63.01	25.23	37.66	62.34	24.90	55.80	44.20	3.24
High school diploma only	41.32	9.87	36.54	63.46	27.90	46.39	53.61	35.48	58.25	41.75	5.84
Some college	20.80	10.45	33.53	66.47	34.96	49.85	50.15	57.25	64.50	35.50	8.39
4 years college	10.12	7.52	27.52	72.48	34.17	44.12	55.88	75.24	74.02	25.98	7.81
Family income in 1972											
Less than \$6,000	45.95	7.89	33.40	66.60	24.82	41.46	58.54	33.78	52.48	47.52	4.19
\$6,000 - 8,999	39.93	10.17	34.96	65.04	29.62	40.99	59.01	34.61	56.74	43.26	4.66
\$9,000 - 11,999	33.35	9.81	32.09	67.91	29.07	51.25	48.75	46.63	63.60	36.40	7.11
\$12,000 - 17,999	24.50	8.21	35.14	64.86	33.67	44.08	55.92	55.35	69.07	30.93	7.51
\$18,000 and over	12.28	6.52	27.94	72.06	32.28	48.23	51.77	72.95	73.94	26.06	8.68
Family size in 1972											
1-3	22.08	10.37	27.73	72.27	33.31	53.55	46.45	57.45	70.88	29.12	7.75
Four	22.26	9.36	38.51	61.49	32.33	51.21	48.79	58.40	67.50	32.50	9.23
Five	25.39	9.08	37.59	62.41	31.08	48.93	51.07	53.91	66.22	33.78	6.78
Six	30.68	7.61	27.91	72.09	33.20	45.69	54.31	50.99	62.80	37.20	8.61
7 or 8	34.93	10.48	35.18	64.82	30.02	41.25	58.75	41.38	61.04	38.96	6.60
9 or more	46.42	9.31	32.80	67.20	24.04	39.81	60.19	33.99	61.28	38.72	3.30
Home language English											
No	32.50	6.75	23.10	76.90	30.66	41.49	58.51	47.63	60.80	39.20	6.14
Yes	31.73	9.17	34.57	65.43	30.06	46.07	53.93	47.65	65.50	34.50	6.76

Table 1.-- Percent of 1972 high school graduates ever entering different types of institutions and percent of entrants who began immediately or delayed entry, by selected student characteristics--continued

	Never in PSE	Total percent ever in <2-year schools	<2-year schls: Percent imed entry	<2-year schls: Percent delayed entry	Total percent ever in 2-year schools	2-year schls: Percent imed entry	2-year schls: Percent delayed entry	Total percent ever in 4-year schools	4-year schls: Percent imed entry	4-year schls: Percent delayed entry	% delay in 4-yr: Immed entry other
High school type											
Public	32.47	9.08	33.70	66.30	30.91	46.48	53.52	46.50	64.18	35.82	6.84
Catholic	22.95	9.13	38.43	61.57	21.48	47.22	52.78	62.30	73.13	26.87	6.22
Private	8.98	10.01	Low-H	Low-H	24.49	51.81	48.19	80.92	73.52	26.48	6.18
Area vocational	41.16	7.67	22.57	77.43	32.25	32.29	67.71	32.84	59.95	40.05	5.68
High school region											
North east	30.72	9.09	40.12	59.88	24.88	42.68	57.32	50.87	66.77	33.23	5.73
North central	31.35	11.22	36.19	63.81	28.20	43.69	56.31	49.41	68.90	31.10	6.52
South	36.10	8.61	26.23	73.77	25.81	43.12	56.88	45.09	64.18	35.82	5.23
West	26.57	5.94	29.84	70.16	49.10	53.97	46.03	44.13	56.62	43.38	11.25
High school urbanicity											
Rural	43.07	10.20	46.44	53.56	23.84	47.95	52.05	36.90	61.09	38.91	5.65
Small city	34.73	10.31	33.02	66.98	28.74	47.94	52.06	44.64	63.79	36.21	6.90
Medium city	30.45	9.24	32.75	67.25	33.12	44.71	55.29	44.05	67.94	32.06	4.52
Suburb of med city	19.50	9.58	36.99	63.01	26.52	44.75	55.25	61.34	75.44	24.56	5.78
Large city	31.11	8.21	29.28	70.72	29.92	45.81	54.19	50.83	66.66	33.34	7.32
Suburb of large city	27.73	9.27	25.03	74.97	28.62	47.45	52.55	52.10	73.59	26.41	5.46
Very large city	24.35	6.14	14.47	85.53	37.39	37.67	62.33	54.31	62.38	37.62	7.14
Suburb of very large city	17.77	6.72	25.49	74.51	44.48	46.80	53.20	60.76	60.63	39.37	11.04
High school urbanicity (recoded)											
Rural	43.07	10.20	46.44	53.56	23.84	47.95	52.05	36.90	61.09	38.91	5.65
Suburban	22.45	8.46	28.19	71.81	33.52	46.67	53.33	57.16	69.28	30.72	7.46
Urban	31.80	9.12	30.41	69.59	30.52	45.20	54.80	47.14	64.66	35.34	6.64

Source: NLS-72 1986

Table 2.-- Percent of 1972 high school graduates delaying entry into postsecondary education at different types of institutions, by length of delay, type of institution, and selected student characteristics

	<2-year school: Average delay (months)	Delay in <2-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in <2-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in <2-year schls: Over 3 yrs	2-year schls: Avg delay (mos.)	Delay in 2-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in 2-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in 2-year schls: Over 3 yrs	4-year schls: Avg delay (mos.)	Delay in 4-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in 4-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in 4-year schls: Over 3 yrs
TOTAL	41.92	19.30	6.40	40.55	31.29	19.22	4.28	30.38	15.29	16.35	3.89	14.62
Sex												
Male	43.85	22.15	5.45	43.47	28.20	20.23	4.59	26.95	13.48	16.03	4.36	13.13
Female	40.14	16.67	7.28	37.85	33.99	18.33	4.00	33.37	17.18	16.68	3.39	16.16
Race / ethnicity												
Hispanic	41.33	11.93	17.52	40.42	32.68	16.74	5.25	31.49	44.72	13.15	5.48	40.30
Asian	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	22.70	21.23	5.86	23.78	6.03	15.07	3.68	6.01
American Indian	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N
Black	56.99	12.87	12.33	56.65	31.96	18.23	7.39	29.93	18.12	20.04	3.22	19.90
White	39.66	20.50	5.29	38.18	30.83	19.36	4.09	29.98	13.99	16.19	3.92	13.17
Hispanic subgroups												
Mexican	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	34.17	16.08	3.09	30.93	21.65	14.78	8.26	25.20
Cuban	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N
Puerto Rican	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N
Other Hispanic	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	LOW-N	35.35	14.15	12.91	40.75	73.72	10.30	2.85	57.93
Ability quartile												
Lower 25%	50.72	13.08	8.04	44.08	34.78	20.72	5.59	33.63	38.03	19.00	6.57	33.83
Middle 50%	39.30	21.05	4.69	38.38	28.32	18.47	4.23	28.23	19.19	18.67	4.76	18.34
Upper 25%	45.91	21.50	6.29	45.90	32.72	17.66	3.36	31.88	8.48	13.07	2.82	8.80
High school grade average												
A	37.15	13.82	10.15	36.37	31.00	15.03	2.17	29.34	7.47	13.18	1.62	8.19
A to B	35.40	19.36	3.23	36.76	33.00	17.02	3.73	33.44	10.69	13.57	3.33	9.65
B	43.96	22.16	3.97	43.87	29.91	22.70	4.41	28.69	14.77	17.45	3.80	14.49
B to C	37.74	19.61	8.00	36.71	28.78	20.10	4.32	28.78	20.58	18.76	5.56	20.07
C	47.94	16.70	6.49	44.57	33.70	19.39	6.66	31.46	37.69	21.79	4.70	34.21
D	67.56	22.56	4.42	58.40	40.30	18.44	7.25	34.56	32.43	29.92	9.98	29.43

Table 2.-- Percent of 1972 high school graduates delaying entry into postsecondary education at different types of institutions, by length of delay, type of institution, and selected student characteristics--continued

	<2-year school: Average delay (months)	Delay in <2-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in <2-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in <2-year schls: Over 3 yrs	2-year schls: Avg delay (mos.)	Delay in 2-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in 2-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in 2-year schls: Over 3 yrs	4-year schls: Avg delay (mos.)	Delay in 4-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in 4-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in 4-year schls: Over 3 yrs
High school grade avg (recoded)												
Mostly A	35.85	17.94	5.01	36.66	32.38	16.40	3.25	32.17	9.41	13.42	2.65	9.07
Mostly B	40.23	20.63	6.39	39.57	29.26	21.20	4.35	28.74	17.48	18.06	4.62	17.09
Mostly C	47.94	16.70	6.49	44.57	33.70	19.39	6.66	31.46	37.69	21.79	4.70	34.21
Less than C	67.56	22.56	4.42	58.40	40.30	18.44	7.25	34.56	32.43	29.92	9.98	29.43
High school program												
General	44.75	21.79	6.29	41.82	31.26	18.24	4.23	30.59	22.75	20.16	5.81	20.85
Academic	42.57	17.18	7.58	42.97	27.24	19.61	3.78	26.18	9.74	15.00	2.83	9.74
Vocational / technical	37.23	19.62	4.60	34.91	42.98	20.06	5.84	42.01	43.69	17.53	7.84	40.44
Handicap status												
Not handicapped	42.35	19.07	6.57	40.78	30.71	18.64	4.40	29.54	15.10	16.11	3.80	14.53
Handicapped	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	33.02	15.35	0.00	49.51	21.19	33.29	11.70	16.24
PSE plans in 1972												
No plans for PSE	57.40	17.53	6.50	67.47	62.12	17.17	8.09	62.08	53.67	26.85	4.58	52.94
Vocational / technical	25.98	20.69	1.50	23.00	46.66	14.75	7.11	48.10	56.80	22.17	11.27	48.18
2 year college	42.61	15.58	5.71	41.84	16.09	12.85	2.90	15.48	39.53	35.65	11.67	34.91
4 year college	55.22	23.32	6.73	53.04	29.37	21.38	3.56	28.65	7.59	12.70	1.96	8.00
PSE plans in 1972 (recoded)												
No plans for PSE	57.40	17.53	6.50	67.47	62.12	17.17	8.09	62.08	53.67	26.85	4.58	52.94
Voc / tech or 2 yr college	38.02	20.72	3.85	35.65	28.45	17.25	4.05	28.20	15.28	15.91	3.80	14.36
4 yr college or adv degree	66.85	11.31	12.31	62.40	29.58	25.88	1.02	25.61	5.07	11.17	2.21	5.70
SES quartile												
Lower 25%	45.89	14.59	5.96	46.60	41.78	14.11	8.50	38.84	27.83	18.89	5.44	26.86
Middle 50%	36.49	20.55	6.56	34.60	30.83	18.71	3.52	30.61	17.70	16.55	4.64	16.97
Upper 25%	50.96	21.21	6.48	48.67	25.81	23.13	3.07	24.93	8.90	15.37	2.59	8.37

Table 2.-- Percent of 1972 high school graduates delaying entry into postsecondary education at different types of institutions, by length of delay, type of institution, and selected student characteristics--continued

	<2-year school: Average delay (months)	Delay in <2-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in <2-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in <2-year schls: Over 3 yrs	2-year schls: Avg delay (mos.)	Delay in 2-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in 2-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in 2-year schls: Over 3 yrs	4-year schls: Avg delay (mos.)	Delay in 4-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in 4-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in 4-year schls: Over 3 yrs
Highest parent education												
Less than high school	42.23	15.03	5.03	42.94	39.08	16.35	6.28	39.71	22.12	17.11	4.69	22.41
High school diploma only	37.37	22.57	5.51	35.38	34.87	16.08	4.10	33.42	21.88	15.37	5.77	20.61
Some college	41.48	18.42	7.43	40.62	25.63	21.47	3.99	24.68	14.41	17.95	3.89	13.66
4 years college	51.07	16.47	4.20	51.81	27.62	25.49	5.36	25.03	9.05	14.64	2.33	9.01
Family income in 1972												
Less than \$6,000	44.17	9.12	9.45	48.03	38.82	16.27	5.60	36.67	26.30	18.05	5.26	24.21
\$6,000 - 8,999	44.30	17.54	2.47	45.02	40.94	13.11	6.07	39.82	19.78	19.60	6.00	17.66
\$9,000 - 11,999	44.39	21.64	3.16	43.11	28.01	13.99	3.50	26.26	15.49	15.22	4.72	16.46
\$12,000 - 17,999	38.47	21.60	5.13	38.13	28.77	20.81	4.89	30.22	12.59	15.23	3.97	11.73
\$18,000 and over	44.19	17.56	14.54	39.96	27.18	22.09	4.53	25.15	10.07	14.37	2.31	9.38
Family size in 1972												
1-3	47.33	21.41	8.27	42.59	23.65	19.03	5.14	22.28	17.74	9.21	3.16	16.75
Four	38.84	23.04	3.83	34.62	27.80	18.96	2.62	27.20	12.79	17.41	2.79	12.30
Five	38.13	19.12	4.57	38.72	27.78	21.55	2.51	27.01	14.18	16.63	4.75	12.40
Six	45.82	18.40	10.19	43.50	26.71	22.78	5.53	26.00	14.02	19.72	4.77	12.71
7 or 8	42.58	16.35	4.75	43.73	36.82	16.26	4.44	38.05	19.49	15.90	4.20	18.86
9 or more	40.07	17.17	8.93	41.09	42.39	16.87	6.45	36.86	17.60	16.52	1.85	20.35
Home language English												
No	46.06	24.55	11.78	40.56	31.09	22.42	4.94	31.15	21.71	16.47	3.97	18.77
Yes	41.35	19.15	5.76	40.52	31.49	19.07	4.34	30.52	14.86	16.29	3.89	14.32

Table 2.-- Percent of 1972 high school graduates delaying entry into postsecondary education at different types of institutions, by length of delay, type of institution, and selected student characteristics--continued

	<2-year school: Average delay (months)	Delay in <2-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in <2-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in <2-year schls: Over 3 yrs	2-year schls: Avg delay (mos.)	Delay in 2-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in 2-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in 2-year schls: Over 3 yrs	4-year schls: Avg delay (mos.)	Delay in 4-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in 4-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in 4-year schls: Over 3 yrs
High school type												
Public	42.07	18.95	6.98	40.36	31.05	18.97	4.36	30.19	16.21	16.37	4.16	15.30
Catholic	22.72	25.85	2.72	33.01	32.48	16.74	3.60	32.44	7.78	18.05	1.53	7.29
Private	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	27.30	20.03	0.00	28.16	10.01	9.02	4.50	12.96
Area vocational	55.72	19.29	0.00	58.13	37.41	30.89	4.14	32.68	18.01	12.81	3.60	23.64
High school region												
North east	38.89	13.38	5.73	40.77	35.02	17.89	4.72	34.70	15.00	14.75	3.28	15.20
North central	42.70	17.87	5.31	40.63	32.00	21.43	4.93	29.96	12.97	16.27	3.30	11.53
South	46.37	23.52	7.19	43.06	35.32	18.21	4.22	34.45	15.74	17.05	3.77	15.00
West	35.11	27.14	9.61	33.41	24.07	18.91	3.33	23.80	19.60	18.05	6.30	19.03
High school urbanicity												
Rural	32.34	19.41	4.90	29.25	34.26	14.80	4.03	33.23	19.07	16.84	5.23	16.83
Small city	47.00	15.33	6.01	45.64	29.75	18.99	3.73	29.33	13.77	19.56	3.46	13.19
Medium city	44.35	15.90	8.15	43.20	38.85	13.39	5.04	36.86	13.58	13.59	3.87	14.60
Suburb of med city	30.68	19.23	8.30	35.48	31.59	20.22	5.21	29.82	11.43	10.20	2.63	11.73
Large city	40.08	23.85	4.11	42.77	32.93	19.17	4.50	30.52	13.25	16.90	4.11	12.33
Suburb of large city	47.11	26.23	10.36	38.38	28.59	16.84	5.78	29.94	10.24	12.60	3.15	10.66
Very large city	57.69	21.39	10.42	53.73	37.82	22.38	5.31	34.63	21.41	12.11	4.58	20.94
Suburb of very large city	47.53	18.78	2.69	53.04	21.83	26.20	3.81	23.19	17.74	21.21	2.86	15.31
High school urbanicity (recoded)												
Rural	32.34	19.41	4.90	29.25	34.26	14.80	4.03	33.23	19.07	16.84	5.23	16.83
Suburban	43.05	22.41	7.74	41.66	26.04	21.71	4.78	26.84	13.28	15.18	2.92	12.62
Urban	46.67	17.37	6.53	45.68	33.26	18.69	4.37	31.74	15.05	16.84	3.84	14.66

Source: NLS-72 1986

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	Never in PSE	Total percent ever in <2-year schools	<2-year schls: Percent immed entry	<2-year schls: Percent delayed entry	Total percent ever in 2-year schools	2-year schls: Percent immed entry	2-year schls: Percent delayed entry	Total percent ever in 4-year schools	4-year schls: Percent immed entry	4-year schls: Percent delayed entry	% delay in 4-yr: Immed entry other
TOTAL	28.82	13.26	38.27	61.73	29.95	51.93	48.07	65.90	73.03	26.97	6.16
Sex											
Male	30.74	11.38	35.82	64.18	28.39	52.18	47.82	46.30	70.54	29.46	6.43
Female	27.06	14.99	39.99	60.01	31.38	51.72	48.28	45.52	75.37	24.63	5.92
Race / ethnicity											
Hispanic	38.12	13.66	27.61	72.39	36.86	58.74	41.26	30.08	61.68	38.32	7.58
American Indian	34.81	22.29	27.19	72.81	30.48	55.76	44.24	30.18	55.58	44.42	7.66
Asian	8.47	7.75	15.79	84.21	50.06	59.26	40.74	67.52	74.72	25.28	14.30
Black	31.11	17.38	27.71	72.29	26.87	44.08	55.92	41.22	75.93	24.07	3.05
White	28.31	12.71	41.70	58.30	29.47	51.83	48.17	47.30	73.25	26.75	6.31
Hispanic subgroups											
Mexican	39.68	14.10	33.37	66.63	38.17	55.14	44.86	25.61	58.26	41.74	7.57
Cuban	8.76	17.87	29.42	70.58	53.12	68.50	31.50	58.12	53.22	46.78	21.84
Puerto Rican	42.91	10.60	Low-H	Low-H	25.94	30.60	69.40	39.65	75.58	24.42	4.67
Other Hispanic	39.86	12.71	12.71	87.29	33.71	70.55	29.45	30.56	66.00	34.00	5.31
Ability quartile											
Lower 25%	51.60	16.96	32.25	67.75	24.58	46.36	53.14	16.37	58.79	41.21	2.84
Middle 50%	27.16	14.92	44.75	55.25	33.30	55.72	44.28	44.25	68.30	31.70	7.54
Upper 25%	7.19	8.31	39.65	60.35	27.96	48.45	51.55	79.35	83.30	16.70	6.57
High school grade average											
A	7.13	6.90	53.53	46.47	20.40	50.60	49.40	83.45	87.48	12.52	5.14
A to B	17.85	13.09	39.10	60.90	30.43	57.25	42.75	61.17	76.32	23.68	8.77
B	25.55	14.20	39.18	60.82	33.03	54.29	45.71	48.94	73.03	26.97	7.47
B to C	33.33	16.21	37.27	62.73	33.08	52.56	47.44	33.68	64.47	35.53	5.43
C	45.34	16.05	33.40	66.60	29.53	49.27	50.73	21.41	44.74	55.26	5.53
D	59.60	13.77	17.84	82.16	21.35	29.42	70.58	12.95	43.94	56.06	1.17

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High school grade avg (recoded)											
Mostly A	13.91	10.82	42.48	57.52	26.74	55.39	44.61	69.35	81.25	18.75	7.44
Mostly B	29.86	15.31	38.06	61.94	33.06	53.33	46.67	40.49	69.09	30.91	6.34
Mostly C	45.34	16.05	33.40	66.60	29.53	49.27	50.73	21.41	44.74	55.26	5.53
Less than C	60.14	12.79	21.81	78.19	21.92	33.37	66.63	13.22	38.68	61.32	2.07
High school program											
General	36.89	13.88	35.01	64.99	30.80	55.49	44.51	33.70	62.31	37.69	6.13
Academic	8.39	10.25	34.83	65.17	29.81	54.36	45.64	76.49	81.13	18.87	7.94
Vocational / technical	45.77	18.90	43.85	56.15	28.18	45.31	54.69	18.43	52.85	47.15	4.35
Handicap status											
Handicapped	34.94	13.91	42.68	57.32	29.00	49.83	50.17	38.30	68.02	31.98	6.15
Not handicapped	27.26	13.16	36.98	63.02	30.24	52.25	47.75	47.78	74.45	25.55	6.12
PSE plans in 1980											
No PSE plans	73.89	9.99	25.60	74.40	11.97	23.01	76.99	5.76	23.56	76.44	0.68
Vocational / technical	43.03	26.88	52.19	47.81	25.92	43.07	56.93	12.05	33.85	66.15	3.29
2 year college	23.86	17.57	43.07	56.93	45.90	65.35	34.65	32.95	52.11	47.89	8.80
4 year college	6.42	9.31	22.35	77.65	34.03	55.62	44.38	77.77	77.23	22.77	9.83
Advanced degree	3.92	7.29	21.55	78.45	30.95	51.26	48.74	85.68	84.15	15.85	7.93

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PSE plans in 1980 (recoded)											
No PSE plans	73.89	9.99	25.60	74.40	11.97	23.01	76.99	5.76	23.56	76.44	0.68
Voc / tech or 2 yr college	34.51	22.74	49.06	50.94	34.80	56.13	43.87	21.34	46.38	53.62	5.74
4 yr college or adv degree	5.30	8.41	2.04	77.96	32.65	53.77	46.23	81.31	80.50	19.50	8.98
SES quartile											
Lower 25%	45.08	15.35	36.75	63.25	23.67	52.53	47.47	25.83	66.47	33.53	3.78
Middle 50%	28.64	14.48	40.74	59.26	31.40	53.17	46.83	43.35	71.71	28.29	6.79
Upper 25%	9.04	10.20	32.34	67.66	32.93	51.65	48.35	74.45	78.51	21.49	8.25
Highest parent education											
Less than high school	56.95	11.39	34.15	65.85	18.95	56.82	43.18	23.12	62.73	37.27	4.42
High school diploma only	39.57	14.78	39.85	60.15	26.18	52.59	47.41	31.01	68.67	31.33	4.43
Less than 2 yrs vocational	34.84	13.85	46.90	53.10	26.49	47.52	52.48	35.02	78.51	21.49	4.28
More than 2 yrs vocational	29.93	17.81	36.57	63.43	33.47	54.38	45.62	37.87	69.53	30.47	6.52
Less than 2 yrs college	20.90	12.49	48.50	51.50	38.40	49.54	50.46	51.25	75.93	24.07	7.48
2-4 yrs college	22.19	16.63	41.07	58.93	38.84	52.76	47.24	45.60	72.03	27.97	7.83
4-5 yrs college	13.38	10.63	32.91	67.09	32.09	50.16	49.84	66.22	76.00	24.00	7.00
MA / MS	9.83	9.83	35.85	64.15	34.23	48.69	51.31	73.35	73.53	26.47	9.03
PhD / MD	8.07	9.93	22.59	77.41	28.09	54.30	45.70	81.77	79.34	20.66	7.24

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Highest parent education (recoded)											
Less than high school	56.95	11.39	34.15	65.85	18.95	56.82	43.18	23.12	62.73	37.27	4.42
High school diploma only	39.57	14.78	39.85	60.15	26.18	52.59	47.41	31.01	68.67	31.33	4.43
Some college	25.96	15.30	42.38	57.62	35.22	51.48	48.52	43.38	73.68	26.32	6.79
BA or more	11.17	10.24	31.68	68.32	31.91	50.44	49.56	71.69	76.02	23.98	7.68
Family income in 1980											
Less than \$7,000	40.13	17.52	28.38	71.62	22.60	43.47	56.53	31.13	74.78	25.22	2.44
\$7,000 - 11,999	36.84	14.82	29.54	70.46	28.02	58.32	41.68	36.51	68.43	31.57	6.77
\$12,000 - 15,999	37.17	13.92	49.73	50.27	26.75	53.20	46.80	35.75	68.61	31.39	4.54
\$16,000 - 19,999	31.41	13.68	32.39	67.61	32.18	55.43	44.57	37.83	71.95	28.05	6.43
\$20,000 - 24,999	24.09	14.80	48.75	51.25	28.11	55.31	44.69	50.30	78.19	21.81	5.91
\$25,000 - 37,999	19.10	13.20	40.07	59.93	34.33	52.10	47.90	58.13	70.17	29.83	9.94
\$38,000 and over	13.13	10.56	28.10	71.90	33.36	46.29	53.71	68.72	78.86	21.14	7.41
Family income in 1980 (recoded)											
Less than \$12,000	37.98	15.76	29.09	70.91	26.15	53.87	46.13	34.65	70.41	29.59	5.27
\$12,000 - 19,999	34.03	13.79	40.36	59.64	29.71	54.51	45.49	36.88	70.48	29.52	5.57
\$20,000 - 37,999	21.55	13.99	44.59	55.41	31.27	53.52	46.48	54.28	73.82	26.18	7.96
\$38,000 and over	13.13	10.56	28.10	71.90	33.36	46.29	53.71	68.72	78.86	21.14	7.41

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Table 3.-- Percent of 1980 high school graduates ever entering different types of institutions and percent of entrants who began immediately or delayed entry, by selected student characteristics--continued

	Never in PSE	Total percent ever in <2-year schools	<2-year schls: Percent imed entry	<2-year schls: Percent delayed entry	Total percent ever in 2-year schools	2-year schls: Percent imed entry	2-year schls: Percent delayed entry	Total percent ever in 4-year schools	4-year schls: Percent imed entry	4-year schls: Percent delayed entry	% delay in 4-yr: Immed entry other
Family size in 1980											
1 to 3	30.48	13.93	26.12	73.88	29.97	54.15	45.85	41.83	68.66	31.34	6.28
Four	22.15	12.64	39.09	60.91	33.53	52.94	47.06	50.73	78.60	21.40	6.35
Five	24.72	14.05	40.90	59.10	29.37	49.28	50.72	51.25	77.49	22.51	5.81
Six	26.36	12.77	37.55	62.45	30.19	56.25	43.75	50.38	72.23	27.77	8.08
Seven	28.73	14.66	36.88	63.12	29.91	57.89	42.11	45.44	72.13	27.87	6.43
8 to 9	36.68	14.02	41.32	58.68	26.70	48.91	51.09	37.77	65.80	34.20	6.46
10 or more	41.32	14.13	35.68	64.32	22.16	43.94	56.06	33.57	62.92	37.08	3.83
Home language English											
No	24.03	11.81	17.70	82.30	41.62	60.20	39.80	48.01	61.48	38.52	11.72
Yes	28.11	13.75	38.44	61.56	29.32	52.19	47.81	46.53	74.01	25.99	6.17
High school type											
Public	30.77	13.55	39.42	60.58	30.26	51.54	48.46	42.98	71.86	28.14	6.23
Catholic	13.35	10.01	22.55	77.45	32.19	61.36	38.64	67.03	80.92	19.08	7.54
Private	10.11	12.28	31.78	68.22	17.31	33.66	66.34	78.00	75.91	24.09	1.53
High school region											
North East	29.22	12.66	36.22	63.78	24.36	47.86	52.14	50.56	77.05	22.95	4.03
North Central	28.02	15.16	47.16	52.84	26.83	45.97	54.03	48.13	74.37	25.63	5.98
South	32.73	12.66	39.37	60.63	26.81	50.82	49.18	42.44	74.96	25.04	5.51
West	23.20	12.00	21.25	78.75	47.62	61.16	38.84	41.64	60.73	39.27	10.40

Table 3.-- Percent of 1980 high school graduates ever entering different types of institutions and percent of entrants who began immediately or delayed entry, by selected student characteristics--continued

	Never in PSE	Total percent ever in <2-year schools	<2-year schls: Percent imed entry	<2-year schls: Percent delayed entry	Total percent ever in 2-year schools	2-year schls: Percent imed entry	2-year schls: Percent delayed entry	Total percent ever in 4-year schools	4-year schls: Percent imed entry	4-year schls: Percent delayed entry	% delay in 4-yr: Immed entry other
High school urbanicity											
Urban	26.90	15.13	35.90	64.10	29.16	48.87	51.13	47.08	74.73	25.27	5.08
Suburban	24.12	13.18	33.18	66.82	34.59	51.30	48.70	48.86	74.07	25.93	6.90
Rural	37.80	12.18	49.26	50.74	22.81	56.03	43.97	40.24	69.67	30.33	5.66

Source: High School and Beyond 1986

Table 4.-- Percent of 1980 high school graduates delaying entry into postsecondary education at different types of institutions, by length of delay, type of institution, and selected student characteristics

	<2-year school: Average delay (months)	Delay in <2-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in <2-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in <2-year schls: Over 3 yrs	2-year schls: Avg delay (mos.)	Delay in 2-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in 2-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in 2-year schls: Over 3 yrs	4-year schls: Avg delay (mos.)	Delay in 4-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in 4-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in 4-year schls: Over 3 yrs
TOTAL	16.86	30.84	9.26	21.63	10.46	30.11	7.15	10.81	5.81	15.57	4.99	6.40
Sex												
Male	16.79	33.33	9.31	21.54	10.57	29.97	7.09	10.76	6.79	16.61	5.78	7.08
Female	16.90	29.09	9.23	21.69	10.56	30.24	7.19	10.85	4.89	14.60	4.26	5.77
Race / ethnicity												
Hispanic	18.56	40.32	7.57	24.50	9.29	24.97	3.98	12.31	9.75	18.30	8.26	11.76
American Indian	19.63	36.98	7.63	28.20	8.16	28.89	5.42	9.93	9.82	32.42	6.24	5.76
Asian	20.78	47.41	15.95	20.85	9.10	25.58	3.46	11.69	6.78	9.92	9.20	6.17
Black	19.32	36.69	11.23	24.38	12.76	33.42	9.03	13.47	4.16	16.14	1.89	6.05
White	16.14	28.54	8.97	20.78	10.39	30.43	7.37	10.37	5.74	15.55	5.04	6.16
Hispanic subgroups												
Mexican	16.19	39.57	3.27	23.80	8.81	28.82	5.12	10.93	10.94	19.72	11.09	10.94
Cuban	25.14	16.85	18.87	34.86	6.94	18.41	2.45	10.65	13.40	12.22	10.61	23.95
Puerto Rican	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	32.03	19.96	0.00	49.43	3.72	18.80	0.00	5.62
Other Hispanic	22.27	47.56	15.13	24.21	6.94	19.09	2.66	7.69	8.41	18.11	5.40	10.49
Ability quartile												
Lower 25%	16.31	39.32	8.21	20.22	11.91	32.01	9.10	12.04	8.94	26.10	5.50	9.60
Middle 50%	15.59	25.19	11.02	19.03	8.88	28.79	8.04	7.45	7.48	17.78	6.10	7.82
Upper 25%	19.24	26.63	7.30	26.43	11.14	32.59	8.09	10.87	2.83	9.74	3.92	3.04

Table 4.-- Percent of 1980 high school graduates delaying entry into postsecondary education at different types of institutions, by length of delay, type of institution, and selected student characteristics continued

	<2-year school: Average delay (months)	Delay in <2-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in <2-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in <2-year schls: Over 3 yrs	2-year schls: Avg delay (mos.)	Delay in 2-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in 2-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in 2-year schls: Over 3 yrs	4-year schls: Avg delay (mos.)	Delay in 4-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in 4-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in 4-year schls: Over 3 yrs
High school grade average												
A	10.49	25.05	15.95	5.47	11.51	28.72	8.62	12.07	1.91	7.38	2.29	2.86
A to B	17.80	30.63	7.90	22.37	9.08	26.12	6.32	10.31	5.00	13.79	4.07	5.82
B	15.96	30.86	9.84	20.12	8.33	32.56	6.22	6.93	6.09	14.14	7.06	5.78
B to C	15.67	35.20	7.93	19.60	9.00	32.56	7.89	6.99	8.33	19.88	7.15	8.49
C	20.76	24.81	13.73	28.06	11.53	29.91	8.36	12.46	14.31	29.66	9.20	16.40
D	24.60	36.46	9.57	36.13	20.20	35.23	10.90	24.45	12.64	35.33	5.17	15.56
High school grade avg (recoded)												
Mostly A	16.09	29.32	9.79	18.41	9.76	26.85	6.96	10.80	3.63	10.95	3.28	4.51
Mostly B	15.79	33.40	8.72	19.81	8.70	32.56	7.15	6.96	7.12	16.79	7.10	7.03
Mostly C	20.76	24.81	13.73	28.06	11.53	29.91	8.36	12.46	14.33	29.66	9.20	16.40
Less than C	23.32	34.64	9.35	34.21	18.69	33.48	12.22	20.94	15.44	35.63	4.46	21.24
High school type												
General	17.28	33.81	10.42	20.76	9.75	27.06	8.00	9.45	8.87	20.51	7.85	9.33
Academic	19.75	28.26	11.87	25.05	8.49	31.72	6.29	7.63	3.53	11.48	3.03	4.36
Vocational / technical	14.11	30.18	7.50	18.47	12.12	33.53	8.79	12.38	13.41	21.18	12.80	13.16
Handicap status												
Handicapped	16.79	26.28	7.82	23.22	10.38	33.47	6.72	9.98	7.08	17.12	7.79	7.07
Not handicapped	16.87	32.18	9.68	21.16	10.54	29.37	7.30	11.09	5.38	15.24	4.32	6.00
PSE plans in 1980												
No PSE plans	20.99	35.48	10.06	28.85	20.35	43.02	11.76	22.21	23.57	33.06	15.33	28.05
Vocational / technical	10.73	28.78	5.45	13.58	12.43	34.06	9.40	13.48	18.63	32.56	11.60	21.99
2 year college	16.62	24.65	10.40	21.88	6.87	21.84	5.75	7.06	12.46	26.58	8.03	13.27
4 year college	24.19	33.65	15.36	28.64	8.54	31.29	5.25	7.84	4.19	14.35	4.54	3.88
Advanced degree	22.88	38.41	13.98	26.06	9.36	32.53	8.38	7.84	2.96	8.32	3.76	3.77

Table 4.-- Percent of 1980 high school graduates delaying entry into postsecondary education at different types of institutions, by length of delay, type of institution, and selected student characteristics continued

	<2-year school: Average delay (months)	Delay in <2-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in <2-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in <2-year schls: Over 3 yrs	2-year schls: Avg delay (mos.)	Delay in 2-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in 2-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in 2-year schls: Over 3 yrs	4-year schls: Avg delay (mos.)	Delay in 4-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in 4-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in 4-year schls: Over 3 yrs
PSE plans in 1980 (recoded)												
No PSE plans	20.99	35.48	10.06	28.85	20.35	43.02	11.76	22.21	23.57	33.06	15.33	28.05
Voc / tech or 2 yr college	12.75	27.37	7.15	16.43	9.17	26.90	7.26	9.72	14.40	28.46	9.16	16.01
4 yr college or adv degree	23.68	35.50	14.82	27.63	8.88	31.81	6.58	7.84	3.61	11.50	4.17	3.83
SES quartile												
Lower 25%	17.81	28.26	10.70	24.29	10.98	26.08	9.61	11.77	7.57	20.55	4.83	8.15
Middle 50%	15.79	31.51	7.85	19.91	9.25	31.22	7.40	8.21	6.71	14.82	6.24	7.22
Upper 25%	18.39	34.17	13.85	19.65	10.22	31.57	6.21	10.57	4.16	12.63	4.07	4.80
Highest parent education												
Less than high school	15.48	34.56	13.35	17.93	10.10	23.75	7.12	12.32	7.86	24.29	4.95	8.02
High school diploma only	16.03	31.20	7.74	21.22	10.98	26.17	10.02	11.22	6.97	18.19	5.46	7.68
Less than 2 yrs college	16.76	22.92	7.31	22.87	9.17	37.49	7.95	7.05	5.66	7.63	5.36	8.50
Greater than 2 yrs college	15.63	34.44	12.01	16.98	8.73	33.18	6.26	6.18	6.47	19.77	5.03	5.68
Less than 2 yrs College	11.63	34.43	4.35	12.72	12.78	29.56	5.67	15.24	5.01	12.70	5.41	5.96
2-4 years college	17.73	26.50	4.59	27.84	9.43	32.49	4.85	9.90	6.81	14.16	6.16	7.64
4-5 years college	22.52	21.92	12.52	32.65	11.79	28.27	7.09	14.49	4.99	13.41	4.68	5.91
MA / MS	13.66	46.05	2.92	15.18	8.90	41.48	3.74	6.09	5.15	16.85	4.08	5.53
PhD / MD	22.42	30.45	30.61	16.36	9.96	25.96	8.36	11.39	3.79	13.02	3.99	3.65
Highest parent education (recoded)												
Less than high school	15.48	34.56	13.35	17.93	10.10	23.75	7.12	12.32	7.86	24.29	4.95	8.02
High school diploma only	16.03	31.20	7.74	21.22	10.98	26.17	10.02	11.22	6.97	18.19	5.46	7.68
Any PSE	15.63	29.94	7.07	20.61	10.23	32.45	5.83	10.24	6.07	13.95	5.57	6.81
BA / BS or adv degree	19.87	30.82	13.37	24.14	10.49	32.22	6.21	11.13	4.75	14.40	4.32	5.25

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Family income in 1980												
Less than \$7,000	21.98	28.04	10.99	32.59	11.85	33.65	8.60	14.28	4.65	16.52	2.29	6.40
\$7,000 - 11,999	19.83	32.70	15.68	22.09	7.87	28.78	4.63	8.28	7.75	17.62	7.09	6.86
\$12,000 - 15,999	14.89	21.76	6.88	21.63	9.75	29.26	7.51	10.03	7.64	16.53	7.85	7.02
\$16,000 - 19,999	18.28	35.23	6.22	26.17	9.23	28.13	8.15	8.28	7.12	13.84	5.51	8.69
\$20,000 - 24,999	12.76	29.07	8.27	13.90	9.22	26.32	9.98	8.39	4.56	12.43	3.74	5.65
\$25,000 - 37,999	15.31	32.96	8.96	18.02	9.67	33.25	5.30	9.35	6.14	17.26	7.08	5.49
\$38,000 and over	17.70	40.08	15.29	16.54	11.12	35.34	7.76	10.61	4.34	12.39	3.53	5.21
Family income in 1980 (recoded);												
Less than \$12,000	20.66	30.91	13.87	26.13	9.07	30.24	5.82	10.07	6.79	17.28	5.59	6.72
\$12,000 - 19,999	16.72	29.04	6.52	24.08	9.44	28.60	7.89	9.00	7.35	15.03	6.54	7.95
\$20,000 - 37,999	13.98	30.94	8.60	15.88	9.47	30.19	7.37	8.92	5.42	15.06	5.55	5.57
\$38,000 and over	17.70	40.08	15.29	16.54	11.12	35.34	7.76	10.61	4.34	12.39	3.53	5.21
Family size in 1980												
1-3	23.15	29.99	13.16	30.73	8.80	29.66	8.64	7.55	7.48	17.82	6.08	7.44
Four	15.43	33.34	7.35	20.22	10.02	29.30	8.03	9.74	4.02	13.17	4.12	4.10
Five	17.02	29.09	8.12	21.90	9.72	35.57	7.27	7.88	5.08	11.23	5.06	6.21
Six	16.71	32.29	10.38	19.78	8.82	27.50	6.83	9.42	6.51	13.22	6.74	7.81
Seven	16.15	36.49	6.14	20.50	9.71	24.35	5.62	12.14	6.12	17.37	4.53	5.97
8 or 9	15.16	28.87	14.10	15.71	10.62	34.18	8.99	7.92	7.72	20.76	5.45	7.99
10 plus	17.44	27.94	12.10	24.27	14.48	29.68	9.18	17.20	7.81	23.92	4.27	8.88
Home language English												
No	24.37	35.61	13.70	33.00	8.43	25.00	4.56	10.24	9.44	21.84	5.78	10.90
Yes	16.65	31.23	9.55	20.78	9.91	30.68	7.68	9.45	5.71	14.51	5.18	6.30

Table 4.-- Percent of 1980 high school graduates delaying entry into postsecondary education at different types of institutions, by length of delay, type of institution, and selected student characteristics continued

	<2-year school: Average delay (months)	Delay in <2-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in <2-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in <2-year schls: Over 3 yrs	2-year schls: Avg delay (mos.)	Delay in 2-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in 2-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in 2-year schls: Over 3 yrs	4-year schls: Avg delay (mos.)	Delay in 4-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in 4-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in 4-year schls: Over 3 yrs
High school type												
Public	16.47	30.72	8.51	21.35	10.24	31.18	7.23	10.05	6.30	15.77	5.33	7.04
Catholic	20.95	33.85	20.51	23.06	11.28	17.36	4.96	16.32	2.65	13.85	3.54	1.69
Private	21.11	29.05	11.83	27.34	17.06	30.51	11.87	23.96	4.35	15.73	2.72	5.64
High school region												
North east	19.02	28.80	10.73	24.25	10.72	33.74	8.12	10.27	4.55	14.58	3.00	5.36
North central	12.33	29.85	7.49	15.50	11.72	34.70	8.79	10.54	4.94	16.31	3.93	5.39
South	17.88	28.38	8.59	23.65	11.59	27.91	7.92	13.36	4.79	14.87	5.01	5.16
West	21.20	39.97	11.91	26.87	8.09	25.48	4.28	9.08	11.18	16.97	10.23	12.07
High school urbanicity												
Urban	16.48	35.37	8.70	20.03	11.34	30.79	8.89	11.46	5.12	13.53	5.72	6.01
Suburban	19.26	31.14	10.06	25.62	10.50	31.59	6.01	11.10	5.70	15.18	4.32	6.44
Rural	12.88	26.64	8.30	15.81	9.62	25.88	8.53	9.56	6.56	17.90	5.79	6.64

Source: High School and Beyond 1986

Table 5.-- Percent of 1982 high school graduates ever entering different types of institutions and percent of entrants who began immediately or delayed entry, by selected student characteristics

	Never in PSE	Total percent ever in <2-year schools	<2-year schls: Percent immed entry	<2-year schls: Percent delayed entry	Total percent ever in 2-year schools	2-year schls: Percent immed entry	2-year schls: Percent delayed entry	Total percent ever in 4-year schools	4-year schls: Percent immed entry	4-year schls: Percent delayed entry	% delay in 4-yr: Immed entry other
TOTAL	33.02	13.17	45.06	54.94	27.05	57.59	42.41	40.95	76.23	23.77	5.00
Sex											
Male	36.22	11.00	44.73	55.27	24.42	55.55	44.45	41.38	74.86	25.14	5.20
Female	30.11	15.15	45.27	54.73	29.45	59.14	40.86	40.55	77.50	22.50	4.81
Race / ethnicity											
Hispanic	41.51	15.14	44.13	55.87	31.23	58.28	41.72	26.20	69.63	30.37	4.68
American Indian	48.39	15.85	20.03	79.97	19.59	50.11	49.89	24.19	53.19	46.81	3.19
Asian	11.30	8.12	28.81	71.19	45.13	55.91	44.09	61.77	81.95	18.05	8.43
Black	39.99	16.79	39.87	60.13	23.62	47.16	52.84	32.45	74.01	25.99	3.34
White	31.23	12.56	46.82	53.18	27.07	59.03	40.97	43.51	76.81	23.19	5.26
Hispanic subgroups											
Mexican	39.86	18.89	45.17	54.83	32.01	49.13	50.87	26.34	69.07	30.93	5.23
Cuban	21.60	8.23	Low-N	Low-N	46.28	70.51	29.49	38.96	66.40	33.60	8.75
Puerto Rican	50.70	16.83	26.13	73.87	18.83	62.28	37.72	21.44	80.63	19.02	0.65
Other Hispanic	43.57	9.43	54.86	45.14	32.74	69.11	30.89	25.89	67.41	32.59	4.82
Ability quartile											
Lower 25%	61.07	14.34	43.98	56.02	19.40	52.35	47.65	11.56	57.33	42.67	1.81
Middle 50%	35.35	15.99	47.89	52.11	30.62	51.18	38.82	32.54	67.84	32.16	6.13
Upper 25%	8.30	7.66	38.29	61.71	25.98	52.57	47.43	76.45	84.70	15.30	5.31
High school grade average											
A	7.77	5.74	57.96	42.04	15.72	61.44	38.56	85.19	89.66	10.34	5.04
A-B	12.54	8.42	45.99	54.01	25.18	61.83	38.17	70.64	84.02	15.98	6.38
B	21.55	12.97	47.13	52.87	31.72	58.85	41.15	52.02	77.11	22.89	6.36
B-C	35.60	15.35	43.93	56.07	29.71	58.76	41.24	33.41	70.01	29.99	5.41
C	50.12	14.65	47.18	52.82	25.24	53.47	46.53	19.91	60.34	39.66	3.09
C-D	65.18	14.80	35.97	64.03	16.67	44.73	55.27	10.93	56.87	43.13	1.96

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Table 5.-- Percent of 1982 high school graduates ever entering different types of institutions and percent of entrants who began immediately or delayed entry, by selected student characteristics--continued

	Never in PSE	Total percent ever in <2-year schools	<2-year schls: Percent imed entry	<2-year schls: Percent delayed entry	Total percent ever in 2-year schools	2-year schls: Percent imed entry	2-year schls: Percent delayed entry	Total percent ever in 4-year schools	4-year schls: Percent imed entry	4-year schls: Percent delayed entry	% delay in 4-yr: Immed entry other
High school grade avg (recoded)											
Mostly A	11.37	7.76	48.16	51.84	22.86	61.77	38.23	74.22	35.61	14.39	6.05
Mostly B	29.29	14.28	45.24	54.76	30.61	58.80	41.20	41.77	73.98	26.02	5.84
Mostly C	50.12	14.65	47.18	52.82	25.84	53.47	46.53	19.91	60.34	39.66	3.09
Less than C	65.30	15.10	33.15	66.85	15.91	44.72	55.28	10.88	58.14	41.86	1.85
High School Program											
General	41.67	14.49	40.86	59.14	28.97	57.07	42.93	26.72	64.49	35.51	4.51
Academic	15.14	10.81	44.71	55.29	28.99	59.84	40.16	64.58	80.98	19.02	6.85
Vocational / technical	55.01	16.13	48.90	51.10	22.41	53.15	46.85	13.89	58.35	41.65	2.37
Handicapped status											
Handicapped	39.56	12.65	44.80	55.20	25.20	59.32	40.68	34.31	73.89	26.11	4.39
Not handicapped	30.06	13.47	45.16	54.84	27.92	56.83	43.17	43.82	77.06	22.94	5.24
PSE plans in 1982											
None	80.72	7.54	33.01	66.99	10.38	26.39	73.61	3.19	29.25	70.75	0.43
Vocational / technical	50.17	27.40	57.16	42.84	20.46	50.45	49.55	8.31	30.02	69.98	2.03
Less than 4 yrs college	22.56	16.50	43.19	56.81	45.41	68.14	31.86	33.84	60.11	39.89	7.57
BA/BS	7.93	8.89	30.23	69.77	32.23	59.97	40.03	74.51	80.59	19.41	8.02
Advanced degree	5.52	5.86	32.95	67.05	26.71	54.89	45.11	82.12	84.97	15.03	6.86
PSE plans in 1982 (recoded)											
No PSE plans	80.72	7.54	33.01	66.99	10.38	26.39	73.61	3.19	29.25	70.75	0.43
Voc / tech or 2 yr college	36.90	22.16	52.16	47.84	32.45	62.35	37.65	20.58	53.80	46.20	4.69
4 yr college or adv degree	6.86	7.54	31.17	68.83	29.77	57.93	42.07	77.91	82.65	17.35	7.50
SES quartile											
Lower 25%	55.96	13.94	50.98	49.02	19.55	50.50	49.50	17.80	68.28	31.72	2.39
Middle 50%	33.45	15.71	42.47	57.53	29.17	58.95	41.05	36.40	71.73	28.27	5.31
Upper 25%	12.00	7.65	45.11	54.89	29.79	59.15	40.85	69.88	82.31	17.69	6.71

Table 5.-- Percent of 1982 high school graduates ever entering different types of institutions and percent of entrants who began immediately or delayed entry, by selected student characteristics--continued

	Never in PSE	Total percent ever in <2-year schools	<2-year schls: Percent imed entry	<2-year schls: Percent delayed entry	Total percent ever in 2-year schools	2-year schls: Percent imed entry	2-year schls: Percent delayed entry	Total percent ever in 4-year schools	4-year schls: Percent imed entry	4-year schls: Percent delayed entry	% delay in 4-yr: Immed entry other
Highest parent education											
Less than high school	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N
High school diploma only	57.64	13.23	44.97	55.03	18.50	57.68	42.32	17.56	63.58	36.42	2.71
Less than 2 yrs vocational	45.61	15.17	48.84	51.16	24.42	57.22	42.78	24.77	71.48	28.52	2.83
More than 2 yrs vocational	42.32	14.80	52.38	47.62	22.79	49.63	50.57	31.79	74.93	25.07	4.61
Less than 2 yrs college	34.04	19.35	44.11	55.89	27.35	59.34	40.66	33.92	72.44	27.56	5.73
2-4 years college	26.46	13.52	42.21	57.79	32.50	60.34	39.66	45.44	76.44	23.56	6.37
4-5 years college	22.18	12.95	38.93	61.07	34.29	60.83	39.17	48.22	71.52	28.48	7.26
MA / MS	14.76	11.08	37.19	62.81	31.27	61.46	38.54	62.96	78.80	21.20	7.96
PHD / MD	9.74	6.34	39.29	60.71	32.36	54.88	45.12	74.46	81.90	18.10	8.05
Highest parent education (recoded)											
Less than high school	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N
High school diploma only	57.64	13.23	44.97	55.03	18.50	57.68	42.32	17.56	63.58	36.42	2.71
Less than 2 yrs vocational	40.43	15.51	47.34	52.66	26.00	57.52	42.48	30.19	73.20	26.80	4.02
More than 2 yrs vocational	15.43	10.24	38.19	61.81	32.45	59.38	40.62	62.06	78.26	21.74	7.79
Family income in 1982											
Less than \$8,000	52.08	14.98	47.89	52.11	17.31	48.77	51.23	22.83	76.34	23.66	2.21
\$8,000 - 14,999	45.43	15.79	50.25	49.75	22.96	54.54	45.46	26.78	72.79	27.21	4.06
\$15,000 - 19,999	37.14	13.94	41.05	58.95	28.24	58.35	41.65	35.02	74.08	25.92	4.46
\$20,000 - 24,999	32.43	16.08	37.26	62.74	28.28	58.48	41.52	39.21	69.73	30.27	6.40
\$25,000 - 29,999	29.14	12.44	44.19	55.81	27.65	60.98	39.02	44.95	74.38	25.62	5.31
\$30,000 - 39,999	25.20	14.20	45.18	54.82	30.27	61.78	38.22	48.25	76.40	23.60	6.83
\$40,000 - 49,999	20.20	8.68	45.29	54.71	31.66	58.78	41.22	56.62	81.35	18.65	5.01
\$50,000 and over	15.10	6.26	36.43	63.57	28.77	55.06	44.94	67.67	83.26	16.74	5.44
Family income in 1982 (recoded)											
Less than \$15,000	47.37	15.55	49.59	50.41	21.31	53.17	46.83	25.63	73.71	26.29	3.52
\$15,000 - 19,999	34.76	15.02	39.00	61.00	28.26	58.41	41.59	37.14	71.76	28.24	5.44
\$20,000 - 39,999	27.02	13.39	44.75	55.25	29.06	61.43	38.57	46.73	75.51	24.49	6.15
\$40,000 and over	17.37	7.34	41.09	58.91	30.06	56.81	43.19	62.75	82.49	17.51	5.25

Table 5.-- Percent of 1982 high school graduates ever entering different types of institutions and percent of entrants who began immediately or delayed entry, by selected student characteristics--continued

	Never in PSE	Total percent ever in <2-year schools	<2-year schls: Percent imed entry	<2-year schls: Percent delayed entry	Total percent ever in 2-year schools	2-year schls: Percent imed entry	2-year schls: Percent delayed entry	Total percent ever in 4-year schools	4-year schls: Percent imed entry	4-year schls: Percent delayed entry	% delay in 4-yr: Immed entry other
Family size in 1982											
1 to 3	37.92	14.90	47.80	52.20	27.44	55.97	44.03	33.86	73.99	26.01	4.84
Four	27.46	13.60	40.61	59.39	30.52	59.88	40.12	44.31	77.72	22.28	6.14
Five	28.00	12.61	46.84	53.16	26.20	55.91	44.09	48.39	78.42	21.58	4.97
Six	31.83	11.44	47.70	52.30	27.19	60.68	39.32	44.00	73.46	26.54	5.68
Seven	35.17	14.13	48.12	51.88	25.76	53.46	46.54	37.50	77.92	22.08	3.31
8 to 9	43.57	13.12	43.56	56.44	23.65	56.18	43.82	30.94	72.42	27.58	3.86
Home language English											
No	30.60	15.58	40.46	59.54	35.05	64.00	36.00	34.05	71.37	28.63	6.13
Yes	32.46	12.92	46.47	53.53	26.77	57.34	42.66	42.07	76.39	23.61	4.99
High school type											
Public	35.43	13.35	44.64	55.36	27.25	57.67	42.33	37.73	75.00	25.00	4.90
Catholic	11.78	11.17	48.75	51.25	31.10	58.94	41.06	66.65	80.65	19.15	6.57
Other private	13.43	12.59	49.93	50.07	13.18	46.75	53.25	72.76	84.22	15.78	3.69
High school region											
East	32.17	12.11	46.49	53.51	22.02	55.56	44.44	47.54	80.38	19.62	4.14
North	32.35	15.28	47.40	52.60	23.56	53.07	46.93	42.04	78.21	21.79	3.89
South	37.65	13.22	45.45	54.55	24.99	58.70	41.30	37.88	73.16	26.84	5.84
West	26.24	10.80	35.79	64.21	44.69	62.10	37.90	35.59	70.51	29.49	6.54
High school urbanicity											
Urban	32.95	15.09	43.97	56.03	25.36	52.84	47.16	40.42	73.86	26.14	3.81
Suburb	29.85	11.40	40.06	59.94	30.50	59.87	40.13	43.90	77.40	22.60	5.83
Rural	39.02	14.75	51.75	48.25	22.71	56.07	43.93	36.67	75.64	24.36	4.42

Source: High School and Beyond 1986

Table 6.-- Percent of 1982 high school graduates delaying entry into postsecondary education at different types of institutions, by length of delay, type of institution and selected student characteristics

	<2-year school: Average delay (months)	Delay in <2-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in <2-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in <2-year schls: Over 3 yrs	2-year schls: Avg delay (mos.)	Delay in 2-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in 2-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in 2-year schls: Over 3 yrs	4-year schls: Avg delay (mos.)	Delay in 4-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in 4-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in 4-year schls: Over 3 yrs
TOTAL	8.08	40.40	12.55	1.99	5.53	32.10	8.35	1.96	3.11	18.03	4.75	0.99
Sex												
Male	7.86	43.39	10.11	1.76	5.87	34.56	7.59	2.30	3.56	18.50	5.41	1.23
Female	8.23	38.41	14.17	2.15	5.27	30.25	8.92	1.69	2.69	17.59	4.14	0.77
Race / ethnicity												
Hispanic	8.96	42.03	10.73	3.11	5.41	28.98	11.50	1.1	4.37	20.40	8.71	1.26
American Indian	12.83	76.60	0.00	3.37	5.33	45.42	2.71	1.70	6.88	37.77	8.09	0.95
Asian	11.72	51.53	19.67	0.00	5.14	37.85	6.24	0.00	1.31	12.91	4.71	0.44
Black	8.01	44.69	14.71	0.72	6.03	46.47	4.30	2.06	3.42	19.46	3.85	2.68
White	7.89	38.57	12.46	2.15	5.50	30.20	8.69	2.08	3.04	17.74	4.65	0.80
Hispanic subgroups												
Mexican	9.35	37.67	13.44	3.72	7.70	33.43	15.98	1.46	4.88	17.90	12.03	1.00
Cuban	Low-H	Low-H	Low-H	Low-H	1.16	27.96	1.52	0.00	2.81	25.22	5.28	3.10
Puerto Rican	13.82	62.61	6.45	4.81	4.85	30.73	4.23	2.76	1.57	17.65	1.38	0.00
Other Hispanic	3.66	40.81	3.98	0.27	2.88	21.69	8.38	0.82	4.86	24.32	6.59	1.68
Ability quartile												
Lower 25%	7.24	44.01	10.86	1.16	6.35	36.02	9.84	1.78	5.66	38.49	2.96	1.22
Middle 50%	7.97	36.91	13.27	1.93	4.95	29.58	7.15	2.10	5.06	23.05	7.94	1.17
Upper 25%	9.42	47.33	10.94	3.44	6.39	35.76	10.04	1.62	1.33	11.94	2.58	0.78



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High school grade average												
A	6.38	32.80	7.77	1.47	3.65	30.66	7.90	0.00	0.19	8.91	1.42	0.01
A to B	7.38	40.07	13.55	0.40	4.48	30.93	5.51	1.73	1.54	12.76	2.39	0.84
B	8.60	36.48	14.00	2.30	5.68	30.28	8.60	2.27	2.92	17.47	4.68	0.75
B to C	8.22	41.45	12.64	1.99	5.15	31.71	7.92	1.61	4.35	22.56	5.91	1.52
C	7.32	41.06	8.95	2.81	5.98	36.30	7.80	2.43	6.47	27.56	10.67	1.43
C to D	8.86	46.17	17.18	0.67	9.95	30.64	22.44	2.20	7.37	33.36	6.77	3.00
High school grade avg (recoded)												
Mostly A	7.19	38.75	12.50	0.60	4.34	30.88	5.92	1.43	1.16	11.67	2.12	0.61
Mostly B	8.38	39.42	13.23	2.11	5.39	31.05	8.24	1.92	3.55	19.71	5.22	1.09
Mostly C	7.32	41.06	8.95	2.81	5.98	36.30	7.80	2.43	6.47	27.56	10.67	1.43
Less than C	9.50	47.61	18.62	0.62	9.85	31.00	1.12	2.16	7.04	32.64	6.39	2.83
High school program												
General	8.74	43.56	12.88	2.70	5.39	32.73	8.27	1.93	5.29	28.30	5.98	1.24
Academic	8.35	41.57	11.28	2.44	4.88	31.24	7.30	1.61	2.19	14.32	3.92	0.78
Vocational / technical	7.27	36.38	13.78	0.94	7.16	33.38	10.75	2.73	6.55	30.07	9.33	2.25
Handicapped status												
Handicapped	8.56	40.51	12.29	2.40	5.06	31.67	7.63	1.38	3.73	18.84	6.03	1.24
Not handicapped	7.89	40.35	12.66	1.83	5.74	32.35	8.64	2.18	2.89	17.67	4.35	0.91
PSE plans in 1992												
No PSE plans	12.11	39.07	23.51	4.41	12.73	50.28	18.83	4.50	11.55	53.09	16.20	1.46
Vocational / technical	5.01	33.66	8.15	1.03	7.43	36.35	9.10	4.10	13.66	47.23	19.35	3.40
Less than 4 yrs college	9.11	39.54	14.35	2.92	3.33	24.15	7.17	0.53	6.29	31.09	7.94	0.86
BA / BS	10.76	56.76	12.40	0.61	4.95	31.76	6.56	1.71	2.35	14.67	3.93	0.81
Advanced degree	10.44	48.30	15.04	3.70	5.65	35.00	7.77	1.99	1.16	11.73	2.33	0.98

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PSE plans (recoded)												
No PSE plans	12.11	39.07	23.51	4.41	12.73	50.28	18.83	4.50	11.55	53.09	16.20	1.46
Voc / tech or 2 yr college	6.47	35.76	10.37	1.70	4.67	28.15	7.80	1.70	7.83	34.47	10.33	1.39
4 yr college or adv degree	10.65	53.83	13.32	1.69	5.23	33.20	7.05	1.82	1.79	13.29	3.18	0.89
SES quartile												
Lower 25%	6.53	34.95	12.54	1.52	7.18	34.65	12.50	2.35	4.36	23.33	6.39	2.00
Middle 50%	8.74	42.50	12.90	2.12	5.36	31.08	8.05	1.91	4.07	21.19	5.90	1.18
Upper 25%	8.24	40.68	11.86	2.35	4.98	32.33	6.69	1.83	1.90	13.79	3.30	0.59
Highest parent education												
Less than high school	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N
High school diploma only	7.13	46.80	7.78	0.45	4.73	34.89	6.05	1.38	4.04	29.15	6.72	0.55
Less than 2 yrs vocational	7.66	34.89	14.37	1.90	6.30	30.18	9.93	2.67	3.89	21.14	5.91	1.47
More than 2 yrs vocational	6.60	31.84	13.75	2.03	8.31	31.95	16.36	2.07	3.20	21.34	2.23	1.50
Less than 2 yrs college	7.47	44.15	10.11	1.63	5.52	30.26	8.45	1.95	3.78	19.51	7.49	0.57
2-4 yrs college	10.41	35.70	18.01	4.08	4.83	30.59	7.84	1.23	3.46	17.21	5.67	0.69
4-5 yrs college	9.29	45.07	11.53	4.46	4.40	30.55	7.44	1.17	4.45	20.29	6.96	1.23
MA / MS	9.34	48.49	12.71	1.61	4.63	30.74	4.92	2.88	2.44	16.41	3.96	0.83
PHD / MD	9.44	44.25	15.49	0.98	4.99	37.16	6.44	1.53	2.21	13.64	3.72	0.74
Highest parent education (recoded)												
Less than high school	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N
High school diploma only	7.13	46.80	7.78	0.45	4.73	34.89	6.05	1.38	4.64	29.15	6.72	0.55
Less than 2 yrs vocational	7.91	36.49	14.00	2.17	6.06	30.43	9.83	2.21	3.69	19.93	5.74	1.13
More than 2 yrs vocational	9.34	46.50	12.78	2.53	4.67	32.53	6.12	1.97	2.81	16.31	4.54	0.88

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Family income in 1982												
Less than \$8,000	7.65	36.94	14.50	0.67	4.33	47.02	3.67	0.54	2.48	19.71	3.85	0.10
\$8,000 - 14,999	7.02	36.76	11.69	1.30	6.92	29.18	13.65	2.64	2.98	21.81	4.96	0.43
\$15,000 - 19,999	9.05	42.01	12.02	4.93	5.50	31.67	7.86	2.12	3.75	17.67	4.42	1.83
\$20,000 - 24,999	9.96	48.02	12.95	1.77	6.09	29.45	10.04	2.03	5.14	21.99	5.24	3.03
\$25,000 - 29,999	8.31	43.15	11.26	1.40	5.57	27.58	8.24	3.20	3.27	18.86	6.49	0.27
\$30,000 - 39,999	8.70	37.96	15.00	1.87	4.40	29.12	8.24	0.86	3.04	19.03	3.97	0.60
\$40,000 - 49,999	7.19	43.22	7.29	4.20	5.41	30.80	7.07	3.35	2.21	14.07	4.04	0.55
\$50,000 and over	10.66	42.27	17.51	3.80	5.90	35.74	8.13	1.07	1.43	12.79	3.50	0.45
Family income (recoded)												
Less than \$15,000	7.20	36.81	12.48	1.12	6.30	33.41	11.28	2.14	2.85	21.27	4.67	0.35
\$15,000 - 19,999	9.54	45.26	12.52	3.22	5.80	30.54	8.97	2.08	4.49	20.91	4.86	2.47
\$20,000 - 39,999	8.53	40.19	13.39	1.67	4.92	28.45	8.24	1.89	3.14	18.95	5.09	0.46
\$40,000 and over	8.83	42.77	12.13	4.01	5.67	33.42	7.64	2.14	1.74	13.31	3.72	0.49
Family size in 1982												
1 to 3	7.22	37.20	11.59	3.41	5.57	30.01	11.67	2.34	3.24	19.18	6.24	0.60
Four	9.10	43.91	12.79	2.69	4.99	30.38	7.95	1.79	3.16	17.00	4.12	1.16
Five	7.64	40.38	10.19	2.59	5.90	34.14	7.67	2.28	2.56	15.67	4.85	1.06
Six	7.50	38.78	12.27	1.25	5.14	31.33	7.47	0.52	3.67	20.48	5.24	0.82
Seven	7.44	36.08	15.66	0.14	5.44	37.85	7.00	1.68	2.62	18.47	3.00	0.61
8 to 9	8.76	41.32	14.52	0.60	6.57	31.76	8.89	3.17	3.69	20.95	5.29	1.34
Home language English												
No	7.71	52.74	6.43	0.36	2.94	30.28	5.12	0.60	4.18	19.58	8.60	0.45
Yes	7.83	39.19	12.59	1.75	5.72	31.92	8.56	2.18	3.09	18.17	4.51	0.93

Table 6.-- Percent of 1982 high school graduates delaying entry into postsecondary education at different types of institutions, by length of delay, type of institution and selected student characteristics--continued

	<2-year school: Average delay (months)	Delay in <2-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in <2-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in <2-year schls: Over 3 yrs	2-year schls: Avg delay (mos.)	Delay in 2-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in 2-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in 2-year schls: Over 3 yrs	4-year schls: Avg delay (mos.)	Delay in 4-year schls: Up to 2 yrs	Delay in 4-year schls: 2 to 3 yrs	Delay in 4-year schls: Over 3 yrs
High school type												
Public	8.16	40.40	13.03	1.93	5.56	31.61	8.78	1.94	3.35	18.82	5.18	0.99
Catholic	7.52	38.87	11.37	1.00	4.87	34.52	4.40	2.14	2.29	14.62	3.40	1.13
Other private	7.03	43.09	1.29	5.70	6.97	47.37	3.85	2.03	1.35	13.58	1.44	0.75
High school region												
East	7.34	40.60	11.24	1.67	5.89	33.03	10.50	0.91	2.75	13.61	4.96	1.04
North	7.19	40.91	10.53	1.17	6.85	33.81	10.37	2.76	2.43	18.35	2.34	1.09
South	8.20	38.96	12.77	2.82	5.00	31.38	7.87	2.05	3.36	21.40	4.93	0.52
West	11.28	42.30	19.33	2.58	4.61	30.63	5.43	1.84	4.68	18.68	9.13	1.67
High school urbanicity												
Urban	7.98	41.82	12.01	2.20	5.91	36.55	8.98	1.63	3.64	17.10	7.29	1.76
Suburb	9.11	45.91	12.14	1.90	5.24	29.59	8.34	2.20	3.09	16.91	4.79	0.90
Rural	6.90	32.87	13.40	1.98	5.89	34.33	7.94	1.66	2.76	20.74	2.97	0.65

Source: High School and Beyond 1986

Selected Standard Errors

The following table displays the location of a few key statistics and their standard errors.

Table	Column	Subgroup	Estimate	Standard Error
1	1	Total	31.77	.883
3	8	Total	45.90	.913
1	1	RACE/White	30.80	.917
1	1	RACE/Am Indian	24.07	9.215
3	8	RACE/White	47.30	1.060
3	8	RACE/Asian	67.52	3.384
1	1	SES/Low	52.05	1.754
1	1	SES/High	8.89	.937
1	2	Total	9.05	.402
3	2	Total	13.26	.548
5	2	Total	13.17	.519
1	3	Total	33.75	.913
1	6	Total	46.13	.498
1	9	Total	65.13	.081
2	1	Total	41.92	1.988
2	5	Total	31.29	1.342
2	9	Total	15.29	.834

Technical Notes and Methodology

Tables 1, 3, and 5 provide information for each cohort on enrollment in postsecondary education by type of postsecondary institution. In addition, the proportion of students is shown who had not enrolled in any postsecondary education by February 1986. The percent enrolling in each type of postsecondary institution is shown for each cohort for the period spanning from their high school graduation to February 1986. This percentage is for all members of the cohort who graduated in that year: 1972, 1980, or 1982. For example, Table 1 shows that 30.16 percent of the 1972 seniors who graduated in 1972 had enrolled in a 2-year institution by the 1985-86 academic year. (See column 5 of Table 1.) Since a student may enroll in more than one type of institution, the sum of the percentages for each school is higher than the percentage ever enrolled. Thus these percentages, summed with the Never in PSE column, will total more than 100%. The denominator for the percentages in Columns 1, 2, 5, and 8 of these tables consists of all students who graduated with their cohort, while the numerator consists of those whose participation in postsecondary education is described by the column heading.

The percentage of students who first entered postsecondary education during various time periods is also given in Tables 1, 3, and 5. The percentage of students who entered each type of postsecondary institution immediately and later is shown in Tables 1, 3, and 5. These percentages are based on the number who entered that type of institution by February 1986 and sum to 100% within each category of institution. Immediate entrants are defined as those who enrolled in that type of institution by October of the year in which they graduated from high school. Delayed entrants entered after that time, whether or not they had enrolled in some other type of institution earlier. For the columns showing the proportion of immediate and delayed entrants, the denominator for the percentages consists of those who enrolled in that type of institution, while the numerator consists of those who either entered that type of postsecondary institution immediately (Columns 3, 6, and 9) or who delayed (Columns 4, 7, and 10).

More detailed information on delayed entrants is shown in Tables 2, 4, and 6. These tables show, for each type of school, the mean length of delay in months (including zero values for those who enrolled immediately after high school graduation). They also show, for each school, the percentage of delayed entrants enrolling within two years, from two to three years, and more than three years after high school graduation. In these columns, the denominator of the percentage is the those who enrolled in that type of institution, while the numerator consists of those who delayed for the period of time shown in the column heading. The sum of the percentages for different lengths of delay entering a particular type of institution equals the percentage of delayed entrants shown for that type of institution in the previous table.

Row variables were selected from the standard set of classification variables included in the data files. Categories were collapsed for some variables to maximize comparability of categories across data sets. Some row variables were repeated with the number of categories reduced. These instances have been noted with the term (recoded) after the variable name.

High School and Beyond and NLS samples, while representative and statistically accurate, are not simple random samples. Students were initially selected within high schools grouped within strata. Sampling rates for schools within different strata varied, resulting in better data for policy purposes, but at a cost to statistical efficiency. Hence, simple random techniques for the estimation of standard errors frequently underestimate the true standard errors for some estimates. To overcome this problem, standard errors for all estimates in this tabulation were calculated using Taylor residual techniques. All estimates, standard errors, unweighted n's and weighted n's are available from the Longitudinal Studies Branch in comma separated form for use with all major spreadsheet software and micro computers.

To compare estimates for separate subgroups, or to understand the quality of the estimates, standard errors are needed. This tabulation presents thousands of estimates, and each estimate has an associated standard error. The standard errors vary in size as a function of sample size and the sample design. Hence, the standard errors of the estimates for some small groups (e.g. Cubans, Puerto Ricans, students who earned D's in high school, students with parents who did not attain high school diplomas) may be so large that the estimates should not be used. (While the estimates based on 19 or fewer cases were suppressed, the computer automatically produced estimates for subgroups with 20 or more cases. Rather than manually identify the poor estimates and remove them, users will be provided with estimates and standard errors upon request.)

Rather than double the length of this document, the standard errors are available separately. For more information or to obtain standard errors, contact Carl M. Schmitt, National Center for Education Statistics, Longitudinal Studies Branch, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20208- 5652 (phone 202 356-6772).

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