

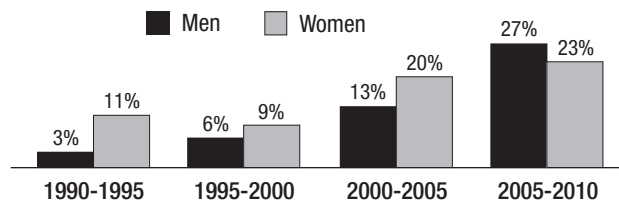


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REPORTING SIGNIFICANT TRENDS AFFECTING EDUCATION PROGRESS IN THE SREB STATES

College Enrollment Increases, SREB States



Source: National Center for Education Statistics.

Men's Increase in College Enrollment Breaks Long-Term Trend — Rises Faster Than Rate for Women

From 2005 to 2010, in an historic turn-around, the number of men enrolled in college increased faster than the number of women in the SREB region, the West and the Northeast. The Midwest was the only region where enrollment by women increased faster than for men over this period.

In the SREB region, men's enrollment went up 27 percent, while the number of women in college increased 23 percent. In 2010, women still outnumbered men in college almost six to four. Total college enrollment in SREB states topped 7 million in 2010 — 33.5 percent of the national total.

For many years the increases in the college enrollment of women in the SREB region outpaced the gains for men. In the first half of the 1990s, the number of women increased 11 percent, while the number of men went up only 3 percent. That meant 251,211 more women enrolled in college compared with 61,238 more men during the period.

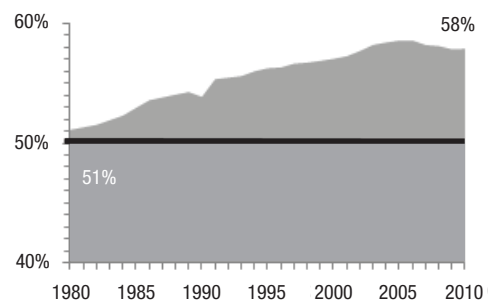
In the last half of the 1990s, 232,995 more women enrolled (a 9 percent increase) and 114,284 more men (a 6 percent increase). Growth then accelerated after 2000. From 2000 to 2005, the number of men went up

13 percent (266,102) and the number of women went up 20 percent (550,695).

The 2005 to 2010 rates of increase in men's enrollment exceeded those of women in every SREB state except Georgia and Kentucky; in all but four of the 13 Western states; in all but five of the 12 Midwestern states; and in all nine Northeastern states.

For 30 years, women have outnumbered men among college students. This contrasts with the general population, where men outnumber women until age 25. The population is evenly divided for 25- to 44- year-olds, and women outnumber men beginning at age 45.

Women as a Percent of Total College Enrollment, SREB States



Source: National Center for Education Statistics.

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Enrollment Changes By Gender¹

(Updates Table 23, *SREB Fact Book on Higher Education, 2011*)

	Percent Change, 2005 to 2010		Number Change, 2005 to 2010	
	Women	Men	Women	Men
50 states and D.C.	18.7	20.9	1,870,726	1,553,939
SREB states	23.1	26.5	758,977	619,071
as a percent of U.S.			40.6	39.8
Alabama	26.2	28.4	39,309	30,233
Arkansas	21.5	24.1	18,318	13,954
Delaware	4.5	11.0	1,396	2,233
Florida	27.6	29.4	141,674	105,627
Georgia	31.9	30.5	81,187	52,446
Kentucky	18.2	18.1	25,423	19,026
Louisiana ²	32.4	34.6	38,484	27,289
Maryland	15.3	23.4	28,485	29,851
Mississippi	17.0	20.4	15,745	11,762
North Carolina	17.5	22.9	50,790	44,348
Oklahoma	9.3	12.8	10,974	11,546
South Carolina	17.6	24.6	22,661	20,142
Tennessee	22.2	24.6	36,818	28,865
Texas	23.0	24.6	162,304	131,783
Virginia	25.7	31.0	65,170	57,625
West Virginia	36.0	74.7	20,239	32,341
West	18.0	19.5	454,695	384,829
as a percent of U.S.			24.3	24.8
Alaska	10.3	12.8	1,896	1,526
Arizona	54.2	32.2	174,642	71,866
California	10.0	16.5	134,064	174,466
Colorado	22.9	22.7	38,996	29,971
Hawaii	14.1	19.2	5,587	5,295
Idaho	10.3	8.8	4,430	3,063
Montana	8.3	15.2	2,183	3,279
Nevada	11.9	18.4	7,434	8,891
New Mexico	18.0	29.5	14,042	15,710
Oregon	22.1	28.2	24,588	25,033
Utah	29.0	22.1	28,702	22,522
Washington	8.8	13.9	17,262	21,112
Wyoming	4.6	12.9	869	2,095
Midwest	19.4	19.0	458,117	338,633
as a percent of U.S.			24.5	21.8
Illinois	7.5	10.5	35,601	37,315
Indiana	28.0	25.5	55,932	41,215
Iowa	79.6	51.8	103,407	50,627
Kansas	11.9	12.3	12,647	10,460
Michigan	8.6	14.4	30,969	38,368
Minnesota	32.2	23.5	67,479	35,765
Missouri	19.0	17.7	41,168	28,005
Nebraska	18.9	19.8	12,678	10,768
North Dakota	14.1	16.5	3,633	3,881
Ohio	18.8	20.7	66,179	54,769
South Dakota	21.1	17.8	5,843	3,759
Wisconsin	11.7	16.6	22,581	23,701
Northeast	11.8	16.6	210,678	217,752
as a percent of U.S.			11.3	14.0
Connecticut	10.0	13.7	10,258	9,915
Maine	9.2	14.6	3,584	3,850
Massachusetts	13.0	17.0	33,115	31,871
New Hampshire	6.0	11.1	2,445	3,256
New Jersey	12.3	22.5	26,743	36,772
New York	11.0	16.4	73,840	79,254
Pennsylvania	14.5	15.7	56,939	47,242
Rhode Island	2.5	7.2	1,164	2,525
Vermont	11.6	17.4	2,590	3,067
District of Columbia ³	-18.8	-14.9	-11,741	-6,346

¹ Figures represent enrollments in all degree-granting institutions eligible for federal Title IV student financial aid in the 50 states and the District of Columbia, excluding service schools.

² Figures reflect the effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

³ In prior years, Strayer University reported all their campuses nationwide in the figures for the District of Columbia campus. Now, District of Columbia figures represent only the District of Columbia campus.

Source: SREB analysis of National Center for Education Statistics fall enrollment surveys — (www.nces.ed.gov/ipeds).

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