Table 4. Age Distribution of College Students 14 Years Old and Over, by Sex: October 1972 to October 1979

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

Age and sex	1979	1978	1977	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972
NUMBER								
Both Sexes								
Total, 14 years and over	11,380	11,141	11,546	11,139	10,880	9,852	8,966	9,096
14 to 17 years	311	274	274	281	293	309	295	295
18 and 19 years	2,844	2,899	2,913	2,937	2,943	2,597	2,517	2,680
20 and 21 years	2,353	2,298	2,430	2,398	2,313	2,192	2,073	2,116
22 to 24 years	1,794	1,798	1,799	1,846	1,679	1,527	1,465	1,461
25 to 29 years	1,679	1,619	1,809	1,686	1,616	1,482	1,278	1,229
30 to 34 years	996	950	992	803	853	720	551	531
35 years and over	1,402	1,303	1,329	1,189	1,183	1,025	787	783
Male								
Total, 14 years and over	5,480	5,580	5,889	5,785	5,911	5,402	5,048	5,218
14 to 17 years	129	106	112	105	128	145	121	141
18 and 19 years	1,341	1,391	1,396	1,391	1,426	1,262	1,293	1,366
20 and 21 years	1,192	1,202	1,280	1,209	1,256	1,206	1,130	1,170
22 to 24 years	975	1,028	1,036	1,073	1,011	943	937	998
25 to 29 years	893	922	1,035	1,067	1,025	951	867	848
30 to 34 years	463	474	511	451	496	420	329	330
35 years and over	487	457	520	489	569	476	371	365
Female								
Total, 14 years and over	5,900	5,559	5,657	5,354	4,969	4,449	3,918	3,877
14 to 17 years	183	168	162	176	164	165	174	153
18 and 19 years	1,503	1,507	1,517	1,546	1,517	1,335	1,224	1,314
20 and 21 years	1,161	1,096	1,151	1,189	1,058	986	944	946
22 to 24 years	818	770	763	773	668	584	528	464
25 to 29 years	786	697	774	619	590	531	411	381
30 to 34 years	533	476	481	352	357	300	222	200
35 years and over	914	845	809	700	614	548	416	418
PERCENT								
Both Sexes								
Total, 14 years and over	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
14 to 17 years	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.7	3.1	3.3	3.2
18 and 19 years	25.0	26.0	25.2	26.4	27.0	26.4	28.1	29.5
20 and 21 years	20.7	20.6	21.0	21.5	21.3	22.2	23.1	23.3
22 to 24 years	15.8	16.1	15.6	16.6	15.4	15.5	16.3	16.1
25 to 29 years	14.8	14.5	15.7	15.1	14.9	15.0	14.3	13.5
30 to 34 years	8.8	8.5	8.6	7.2	7.8	7.3	6.1	5.8
35 years and over	12.3	11.7	11.5	10.7	10.9	10.4	8.8	8.6
Male								
Total, 14 years and over	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
14 to 17 years	2.4	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.2	2.7	2.4	2.7
18 and 19 years	24.5	24.9	23.7	24.0	24.1	23.4	25.6	26.2
20 and 21 years	21.8	21.5	21.7	20.9	21.2	22.3	22.4	22.4
22 to 24 years	17.8	18.4	17.6	18.6	17.1	17.5	18.6	19.1
25 to 29 years	16.3	16.5	17.6	18.4	17.3	17.6	17.2	16.3
30 to 34 years	8.4	8.5	8.7	7.8	8.4	7.8	6.5	6.3
35 years and over	8.9	8.2	8.8	8.5	9.6	8.8	7.3	7.0
Female								
Total, 14 years and over	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
14 to 17 years	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.7	4.4	3.9
18 and 19 years	25.5	27.1	26.8	28.9	30.5	30.0	31.2	33.9
20 and 21 years	19.7	19.7	20.3	22.2	21.3	22.2	24.1	24.4
22 to 24 years	13.9	13.9	13.5	14.4	13.4	13.1	13.5	12.0
25 to 29 years	13.3	12.5	13.7	11.6	11.9	11.9	10.5	9.8
30 to 34 years	9.0	8.6	8.5	6.6	7.2	6.7	5.7	5.2
35 years and over	15.5	15.2	14.3	13.1	12.4	12.3	10.6	10.8