

**Table 21. Degree Credit\* Enrollment Trends in North Carolina  
Colleges and Universities, Fall 1900 - Fall 2005**

Year (Fall)	Public Institutions**		Private Institutions***		Grand Total
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
1900	1,766	37.6%	2,932	62.4%	4,698
1910	2,581	39.2%	4,005	60.8%	6,586
1920	4,751	59.7%	3,210	40.3%	7,961
1930	9,324	49.3%	9,605	50.7%	18,929
1940	15,233	47.7%	16,713	52.3%	31,946
1950	23,870	53.4%	20,872	46.6%	44,742
1960	35,894	53.1%	31,679	46.9%	67,573
1965	60,922	58.1%	43,930	41.9%	104,852
1966	67,065	59.5%	45,740	40.5%	112,805
1967	73,708	61.1%	46,850	38.9%	120,558
1968	79,076	62.3%	47,763	37.7%	126,839
1969	84,427	63.9%	47,708	36.1%	132,135
1970	92,597	65.9%	47,888	34.1%	140,485
1971	96,371	66.0%	49,636	34.0%	146,007
1972	98,407	66.5%	49,618	33.5%	148,025
1973	101,378	67.5%	48,883	32.5%	150,261
1974	108,638	68.9%	49,040	31.1%	157,678
1975	119,294	70.7%	49,350	29.3%	168,644
1976	117,468	69.8%	50,788	30.2%	168,256
1977	120,684	69.9%	51,862	30.1%	172,546
1978	122,148	70.0%	52,248	30.0%	174,396
1979	127,078	70.3%	53,756	29.7%	180,834
1980	132,381	70.6%	55,133	29.4%	187,514
1981	133,283	70.8%	54,895	29.2%	188,178
1982	134,607	71.2%	54,563	28.8%	189,170
1983	134,833	70.9%	55,468	29.1%	190,301
1984	139,961	71.5%	55,883	28.5%	195,844
1985	145,325	71.9%	56,660	28.1%	201,985
1986	149,681	72.5%	56,852	27.5%	206,533
1987	151,442	72.1%	58,500	27.9%	209,942
1988	158,806	72.1%	61,397	27.9%	220,203
1989	165,968	72.5%	63,106	27.5%	229,074
1990	170,422	72.7%	63,881	27.3%	234,303
1991	175,881	74.1%	61,494	25.9%	237,375
1992	182,526	74.3%	63,011	25.7%	245,537
1993	185,279	74.4%	63,622	25.6%	248,901
1994	188,774	74.8%	63,647	25.2%	252,421
1995	192,066	74.9%	64,268	25.1%	256,334
1996	192,469	74.5%	66,024	25.5%	258,493
1997	190,728	73.8%	67,744	26.2%	258,472
1998	194,124	73.8%	68,847	26.2%	262,971
1999	199,720	74.2%	69,415	25.8%	269,135
2000	201,130	74.0%	70,507	26.0%	271,637
2001	210,659	73.5%	75,797	26.5%	286,456
2002	220,519	73.9%	78,028	26.1%	298,547
2003	227,866	73.9%	80,296	26.1%	308,162
2004	236,262	74.4%	81,300	25.6%	317,562
2005	243,200	74.5%	83,156	25.5%	326,356

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\*University of North Carolina institutions include extension credit beginning in 2000.

\*\*Includes only college transfer students (AA, AFA, AS) in community colleges.

\*\*\*Includes seminary and Bible colleges and includes extension credit beginning in 2001.