

Yale University
Number of Women Enrolled, University-Wide
1871-2009 (a)

Year	Women Enrolled	Year	Women Enrolled	Year	Women Enrolled	Year	Women Enrolled	Year	Women Enrolled
		1900 (b)	247	1930	499	1960	600	1990	4,823
1871	0	1901 (b)	247	1931	476	1961	636	1991	4,815
1872	0	1902	169	1932	480	1962	635	1992	4,947
1873	13	1903	290	1933	464	1963	682	1993	5,055
1874	38	1904	252	1934	462	1964	706	1994	5,083
1875 (b)	20	1905	450	1935	475	1965	770	1995	5,201
1876	13	1906	247	1936	510	1966	878	1996	5,293
1877	18	1907	108	1937	496	1967	956	1997	5,274
1878	23	1908	126	1938	468	1968	1,002	1998	5,305
1879	30	1909	117	1939	465	1969 (c)	1,718	1999	5,312
1880	35	1910	124	1940	475	1970	1,796	2000	5,428
1881	39	1911	128	1941	486	1971	1,866	2001	5,471
1882	34	1912	203	1942	523	1972	2,184	2002	5,602
1883	45	1913	150	1943	545	1973	2,547	2003	5,696
1884	33	1914	177	1944	723	1974	2,918	2004	5,714
1885	43	1915	204	1945	811	1975	3,273	2005 (d)	5,739
1886	36	1916	157	1946	678	1976	3,532	2006	5,699
1887	51	1917	110	1947	581	1977	3,818	2007	5,735
1888	39	1918	91	1948	560	1978	3,975	2008	5,785
1889	33	1919	163	1949	548	1979	4,129	2009	5,837
1890	37	1920	218	1950	514	1980	4,147		
1891	31	1921	209	1951	519	1981	4,273		
1892	47	1922	254	1952	548	1982	4,451		
1893	54	1923	230	1953	570	1983	4,490		
1894	62	1924	299	1954	566	1984	4,734		
1895	62	1925	336	1955	569	1985	4,780		
1896	193	1926	405	1956	565	1986	4,745		
1897	235	1927	396	1957	553	1987	4,850		
1898	259	1928	435	1958	565	1988	4,903		
1899	276	1929	480	1959	554	1989	4,849		

Notes:

(a) The women counted here were those formally registered and enrolled in academic programs as documented by the limited sources available in earlier years. In those early years, names that appeared to be those of women were extracted, primarily from hand-written faculty meeting minutes, University Catalogs, and student directories. These written sources had shortcomings. For example, in 1869 the School of Fine Arts opened as Yale's first coeducational school, but the names of women did not appear in writing until 1873. Because there is no formal, written account of those enrollments, they are not included here. After additional research was done to resolve the identity of many of the names, a number of "ambiguous gender" names (such as Jesse and Lee) was calculated to be women. Since the early 1970's, enrollments have been generally well-documented and are reported here with greater certainty.

(b) Averages are reported for these years. In 1875, the exact number of women enrolled in the School of Fine Arts could not be found. An average of the enrollment for the two years before and after the year 1875 was calculated. In 1900 and 1901, the exact number of women enrolled in the teacher's program could not be found. Consequently, an average of the three years before and after the years 1900 and 1901 was calculated and reported for two years.

(c) First year women were admitted to Yale College.

(d) The 2005 count includes 14 students who were enrolled during the fall semester due to Hurricane Katrina.

(The numbers reported here up to 1992 were prepared for and inscribed on "The Women's Table" sculpture, located in front of Yale University's Sterling Memorial Library. The sculpture was designed by Maya Lin and dedicated to "Women at Yale" in October, 1993.)