In total, the nation’s high schools graduated 2,678,000 students in 2002-03.

Nearly 2 in 3 of these graduates went on to attend one of 4,197 colleges and universities directly after high school, compared to only 45.7% in 1959.

From 1991 to 2003, the 2,487 four-year institutions nationwide (or 60% of the total) have enrolled 60% to 67% of recent high school graduates.