

Yale University
Number of Women Enrolled, University-Wide, 1871-1999 (a)

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

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.

* Averages for the 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.

(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.)

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