

# College Attendance Drops

The percentage of young men attending college has dropped significantly from the peak rates of the late 1960s, the Census Bureau reported Saturday.

The bureau said, for example, that 38 per cent of all men 18 and 19 years old are attending college in the current academic year compared with 44 percent in 1969.

The enrollment percentage of men 20 and 21 years old showed a

similar pattern, falling from 45 per cent in 1969 to 36 per cent in the current year.

The bureau gave no reason why, although some people outside the government have suggested that the enrollment rates for men in the late 60s was higher because of the Vietnam war.

The Census study showed that the percentage of women at-

tending college has either increased or remained stable. In 1969, 34.4 per cent of women 18 and 19 were enrolled in college. In the current academic year, the rate is 34.3 per cent.

For women 20 to 21 years old, 24 percent were going to college in 1969 and in the current academic year, 25.6 per cent are enrolled in college.

The Census report disclosed

that total school enrollment is continuing to climb. In the 1972 academic year, 60.1 million people from 3 to 34 years old were enrolled in school.

The report said that the number of students in elementary schools dropped 1.4 million from the fall of 1971 to the fall of 1972. The report said there were a total of 35.4 million pupils enrolled in elementary school, kindergarten through the eighth grade in 1972.

The reason was the decline in

the number of births in the United States during the 1960s, the bureau said.



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