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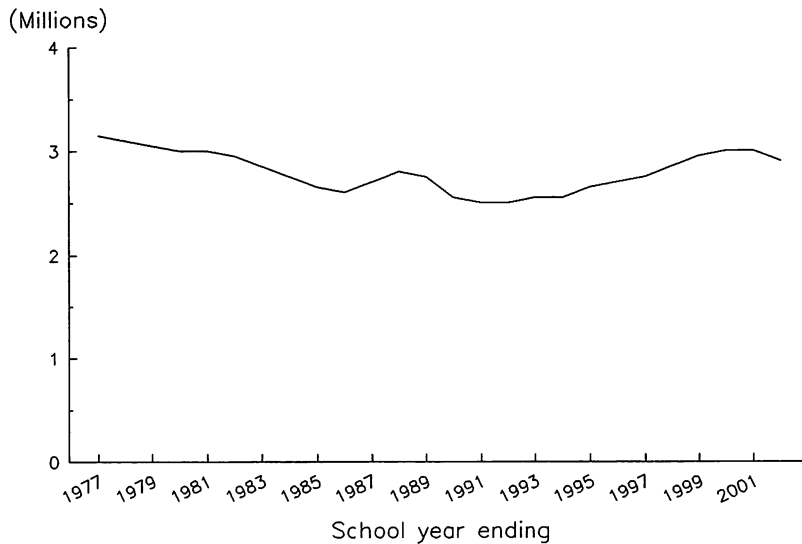
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High School Graduates

The number of high school graduates from public and private schools decreased from 3.2 million in 1976-77 to 2.6 million in 1985-86, this number increased to 2.8 million in 1987-88. Then, it decreased to 2.6 million in 1989-90, a decrease of 18 percent from 1976-77, or an average annual rate of decline of 1.5 percent. Over the projection period, the total number of high school graduates is expected to fluctuate and then decrease to 2.5 million in 1993-94. Thereafter, it is projected to rise to 2.9 million in 1993-94. Thereafter, it is projected to rise to 2.9 million by 2001-2002, an increase of 11 percent from 1989-90, or an average annual growth rate of 0.9 percent. During the projection period, the growth rate will be lower in the first half of the projection period (1989-90 to 1995-96) than in the second half (1995-96 to 2001-2002), 0.1 percent versus 1.6 percent.

High school graduates with projections:
1976-77 to 2001-2002



Source: *Projections of Education Statistics to 2002*, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, NCES 91-490, (pp. 51-52).