

Table 256. Private Schools: 2003–2004

[5,123 represents 5,123,000. Based on the Private School Survey, conducted every 2 years; see source for details. For composition of regions, see map, inside front cover]

Characteristic	Schools				Students (1,000)				Teachers (1,000) ¹			
	Number	Elementary	Secondary	Combined	Total	Elementary	Secondary	Combined	Total	Elementary	Secondary	Combined
Total	28,384	17,197	2,694	8,494	5,123	2,694	845	1,583	425	199	68	158
School type:												
Catholic	7,919	6,539	1,096	284	2,365	1,659	610	97	153	101	43	9
Parochial	4,074	3,852	171	51	1,097	1,006	75	17	67	60	6	1
Diocesan	2,947	2,367	504	76	909	593	291	25	57	36	19	2
Private	897	319	420	157	359	60	244	55	28	5	18	5
Other religious	13,659	7,278	758	5,623	1,836	734	117	984	163	63	11	88
Conservative												
Christian	5,060	1,838	195	3,026	774	216	25	533	65	18	2	45
Affiliated	3,398	2,110	329	959	553	264	61	229	51	24	6	22
Unaffiliated	5,201	3,330	234	1,637	508	255	31	222	47	22	3	22
Nonsectarian	6,806	3,380	840	2,587	922	301	118	502	110	35	14	61
Regular	2,963	1,606	320	1,036	603	179	87	337	67	19	10	38
Special emphasis	2,392	1,550	303	539	214	109	21	84	25	13	3	9
Special education	1,451	223	217	1,011	105	14	10	81	18	3	2	14
Program emphasis:												
Regular elem/sec	22,896	14,709	1,981	6,206	4,639	2,511	784	1,345	365	177	61	127
Montessori	1,318	1,195	(B)	118	83	72	(B)	10	10	9	(B)	1
Special program emphasis	961	465	126	369	170	59	28	84	18	6	3	9
Special education	1,634	272	233	1,129	115	16	11	88	20	3	2	15
Vocational/tech	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Alternative	1,454	443	343	668	110	32	21	57	12	4	2	6
Early childhood	116	112	(X)	(B)	5	4	(X)	(B)	(Z)	(Z)	(X)	(B)
Size:												
Less than 50	8,741	5,053	654	3,033	224	129	16	79	33	17	3	13
50 to 149	8,206	5,190	605	2,411	760	490	55	215	81	48	7	27
150 to 299	6,324	4,465	424	1,435	1,352	953	92	307	106	66	9	31
300 to 499	3,000	1,823	399	778	1,154	699	155	300	85	44	13	27
500 to 749	1,298	562	278	458	777	328	169	281	55	18	12	25
750 or more	816	103	334	378	856	95	358	403	64	5	24	35
Region:												
Northeast	6,558	4,035	844	1,679	1,273	683	296	294	111	50	25	36
Midwest	7,226	5,169	644	1,413	1,271	818	233	220	94	56	17	21
South	8,820	4,467	573	3,780	1,612	657	160	795	143	54	13	76
West	5,780	3,526	633	1,621	967	537	155	275	77	38	12	26

B Does not meet standard of reliability or precision. X Not applicable. Z Less than 500. ¹ Full-time equivalents.

Source: U.S. National Center for Education Statistics, *Characteristics of Private Schools in the United States: Results from the 2003–2004 Private School Universe Survey*, NCES 2006-319, March 2006. See Internet site <<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/ps/>>.