Table 39.-Historical summary of public elementary and secondary school statistics: 1869-70 to 1996-97

| Item | 1869-70 | 1879-80 | 1889-90 | $\begin{aligned} & 1899- \\ & 1900 \end{aligned}$ | 1909-10 | 1919-20 | 1929-30 | 1939-40 | 1949-50 | 1959-60 | 1969-70 | 1979-80 | 1989-90 | 1990-91 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Population, pupils, and instructional staff |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total population, 1 in thousands ................ | 38,558 | 50,156 | 62,622 | 75,995 | 90,490 | 104,514 | 121,878 | 131,028 | 149,188 | 177,830 | 201,385 | 224,567 | 246,819 | 249,439 | 262,765 | 265,190 |
| Population aged 5-17 years, ${ }^{1}$ in thousands | 11,683 | 15,066 | 18,473 | 21,573 | 24,011 | 27,571 | 31,414 | 30,151 | 30,223 | 43,881 | 52,386 | 48,041 | 44,947 | 45,319 | 49,013 | 49,807 |
| Percent of total population 5-17.. | 30.3 | 30.0 | 29.5 | 28.4 | 26.5 | 26.4 | 25.8 | 23.0 | 20.3 | 24.7 | 26.0 | 21.4 | 18.2 | 18.2 | 18.7 | 18.8 |
| Total enrollment in elementary and secondary schools, in thousands ${ }^{2}$ $\qquad$ | ${ }^{3} 7,562$ | 9,867 | 12,723 | 15,503 | 17,814 | 21,578 | 25,678 | 25,434 | 25,112 | 36,087 | 45,550 | 41,651 | 40,543 | 41,217 | 44,840 | 45,611 |
| Kindergarten and grades 1-8, in thousands $\qquad$ | ${ }^{3} 7,481$ | 9,757 | 12,520 | 14,984 | 16,899 | 19,378 | 21,279 | 18,833 | 19,387 | 27,602 | 32,513 | 28,034 | 29,152 | 29,878 | 32,341 | 32,764 |
| Grades 9-12, in thousands ............... | ${ }^{3} 80$ | 110 | 203 | 519 | 915 | 2,200 | 4,399 | 6,601 | 5,725 | 8,485 | 13,037 | 13,616 | 11,390 | 11,338 | 12,500 | 12,847 |
| Enrollment as a percent of total population | ${ }^{3} 19.6$ | 19.7 | 20.3 | 20.4 | 19.7 | 20.6 | 21.1 | 19.4 | 16.8 | 20.3 | 22.6 | 18.5 | 16.4 | 16.5 | 17.1 | 17.2 |
| Enrollment as a percent of 5 - to 17-year-olds | ${ }^{3} 64.7$ | 65.5 | 68.9 | 71.9 | 74.2 | 78.3 | 81.7 | 84.4 | 83.1 | 82.2 | 87.0 | 86.7 | 90.2 | 90.9 | 91.5 | 91.6 |
| Percent of total enrollment in high schools (grades 9-12 and postgraduate) | ${ }^{3} 1.1$ | 1.1 | 1.6 | 3.3 | 5.1 | 10.2 | 17.1 | 26.0 | 22.8 | 23.5 | 28.6 | 32.7 | 28.1 | 27.5 | 27.9 | 28.2 |
| High school graduates, in thousands ........ |  |  | 22 | 62 | 111 | 231 | 592 | 1,143 | 1,063 | 1,627 | 2,589 | 2,748 | 2,320 | 2,235 | 2,273 | 2,341 |
| Average daily attendance, in thousands ..... | 4,077 | 6,144 | 8,154 | 10,633 | 12,827 | 16,150 | 21,265 | 22,042 | 22,284 | 32,477 | 41,934 | 38,289 | 37,799 | 38,427 | 41,502 | 42,262 |
| Total number of days attended by pupils enrolled, in millions $\qquad$ | 539 | 801 | 1,098 | 1,535 | 2,011 | 2,615 | 3,673 | 3,858 | 3,964 | 5,782 | 7,501 | 46,835 | - | - | - | - |
| Percent of enrolled pupils attending daily ................... | 59.3 | 62.3 | 64.1 | 68.6 | 72.1 | 74.8 | 82.8 | 86.7 | 88.7 | 90.0 | 90.4 | ${ }^{4} 90.1$ | - | - | - | - |
| Average length of school term, in days ...... | 132.2 | 130.3 | 134.7 | 144.3 | 157.5 | 161.9 | 172.7 | 175.0 | 177.9 | 178.0 | 178.9 | ${ }^{4} 178.5$ | - | 179.8 | - | - |
| Average number of days attended per pupil $\qquad$ | 78.4 | 81.1 | 86.3 | 99.0 | 113 | 121.2 | 143 | 151.7 | 157.9 | 160.2 | 161.7 | ${ }^{4} 160.8$ | - | - | - | - |
| Total instructional staff, in thousands ........ | - | - | - | - | - | 678 | 880 | 912 | 963 | 1,457 | 2,286 | 2,406 | 2,986 | 3,051 | 3,352 | 3,448 |
| Supervisors, in thousands ...................... | - | - | - | - | - | 7 | 7 | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Principals, in thousands ....................... | - | - | - | - | - | 14 | 31 | 32 | 43 | 64 | 91 | 106 | 126 | 127 | 121 | 124 |
| Teachers, librarians, and other nonsupervisory instructional staff, 5 . |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| in thousands ............................... | 201 | 287 | 364 | 423 | 523 | 657 | 843 | 875 | 920 | 1,393 | 2,195 | 2,300 | 2,860 | 2,924 | 3,231 | 3,324 |
| Men, in thousands ........................................ | 78 | 123 | 126 | 127 | 110 | 93 | 140 | 195 | 196 | ${ }^{4} 404$ | ${ }^{4} 711$ | 4782 41518 | - | - | - | - |
| Women, in thousands ....................... | 123 | 164 | 238 | 296 | 413 | 585 | 703 | 681 | 724 | ${ }^{4} 989$ | 41,484 | ${ }^{41,518}$ | - | - | - | - |
| Percent men ......................................... | 38.7 | 42.8 | 34.5 | 29.9 | 21.1 | 14.1 | 16.6 | 22.2 | 21.3 | ${ }^{4} 29.0$ | ${ }^{4} 32.4$ | ${ }^{4} 34.0$ | - | - | - | - |
|  | Amounts in millions of current dollars |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Revenues and expenditures |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total revenue receipts ... | - | - | \$143 | \$220 | \$433 | \$970 | \$2,089 | \$2,261 | \$5,437 | \$14,747 | \$40,267 | \$96,881 | \$208,548 | \$223,341 | \$287,703 | \$305,052 |
| Federal government ............................ | - | - |  | - | - | 2 | 7 | 40 | 156 | 652 | 3,220 | 9,504 | 12,701 | 13,776 | 19,104 | 20,081 |
| State governments ............................ | - | - | - | - | - | 160 | 354 | 684 | 2,166 | 5,768 | 16,063 | 45,349 | 98,239 | 105,325 | 136,671 | 146,434 |
| Local sources, including intermediate ..... | - | - | - | - | - | 808 | 1,728 | 1,536 | 3,116 | 8,327 | 20,985 | 42,029 | 97,608 | 104,240 | 131,928 | 138,537 |
| Percent distribution of revenue receipts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Federal government ........................ | - | - | - | - | - | 0.3 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 2.9 | 4.4 | 8.0 | 9.8 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.6 | 6.6 |
| State governments ............................. | - |  | - | - | - | 16.5 | 16.9 | 30.3 | 39.8 | 39.1 | 39.9 | 46.8 | 47.1 | 47.2 | 47.5 | 48.0 |
| Local sources, including intermediate ..... | - | - | 41 | 15 | - | 83.2 | 82.7 | 68.0 | 57.3 | 56.5 | 52.1 | 43.4 | 46.8 | 46.7 | 45.9 | 45.4 |
| Total expenditures for public schools ........ | \$63 | \$78 | \$141 | \$215 | \$426 | \$1,036 | \$2,317 | \$2,344 | \$5,838 | \$15,613 | \$40,683 | \$95,962 | \$212,770 | \$229,430 | \$293,646 | \$313,131 |
| Current expenditures ${ }^{6}$......................... | - | - | 114 | 180 | 356 | 861 | 1,844 | 1,942 | 4,687 | 712,329 | 734,218 | 786,984 | 7188,229 | 7202,038 | 7255,107 | 7270,152 |
|  | - | - | 26 | 35 | 70 | 154 | 371 | 258 | 1,014 | 2,662 | 4,659 1,171 | 6,506 | 17,781 | 19,771 | 27,556 | 31,434 |
| Interest on school debt ......................... | - | - | - | - | - | 18 3 | 93 | 131 | 101 | 490 | 1,171 | 1,874 10598 | 3,776 | 4,325 | 6,259 | 6,899 |
| Other current expenditures ${ }^{9}$................. Percent distribution of total expenditures | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 10 | 13 | 36 | 133 | 636 | 10598 | 2,983 | 3,296 | 4,725 | 4,647 |
| Percent distribution of total expenditures Current expenditures ${ }^{6}$.................... | - | - | 81.3 | 83.5 | 83.6 | 83.1 | 79.6 | 82.8 | 80.3 | 779.0 | ${ }^{7} 84.1$ | 790.6 | 788.5 | 788.1 | 786.9 | 786.3 |
| Capital outlay ${ }^{8}$................................. | - | - | 18.7 | 16.5 | 16.4 | 14.8 | 16.0 | 11.0 | 17.4 | 17.0 | 11.5 | 6.8 | 8.4 | 8.6 | 9.4 | 10.0 |
| Interest on school debt ......................... | - | - | - | - | - | 1.8 | 4.0 | 5.6 | 1.7 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.2 |
| Other current expenditures ${ }^{9}$................. | - | - | - | - | - | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.6 | ${ }^{10} 0.6$ | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.5 |

Table 39.—Historical summary of public elementary and secondary school statistics: 1869-70 to 1996-97—Continued

${ }^{1}$ Data on population and labor force are from the Bureau of the Census, and data on personal income and national income are from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce. Population data through 1900 are
based on total population from the decennial census. From 1909-10 to 1959-60, population data are total population including armed forces overseas, as of July 1. Data for later years are for resident population that excludes armed
forces overseas.
2 Data for 1869-70 through 1959-60 are school year enrollment. Data for later years are fall enrollment
${ }^{3}$ Data for 1870-71
${ }^{4}$ Estimated by the National Center for Education Statistics
${ }^{6}$ Prior to 1919-20, data are for the number of different persons employed rather than number of positions.
for 1959-60 and later years are not entirely comparable with prior years
Beginning in $1969-70$, includes capital outlay by state and local school building authoritie
Includes summer schools, community colleges, and adult education. Beginning in 1959-60, also includes
nity services, formerly classified with "current expenditures for elementary and secondary schools."
${ }^{10}$ Excludes community colleges and adult education
${ }^{11}$ Average includes supervisors, principals, teachers, and other nonsupervisory instructional staff.
${ }^{12}$ Estimated by the National Education Association.
${ }^{13}$ Excludes current expenditures not allocable to pupil costs.
14 "ADA" means average daily attendance in elementary and secondary schools.
${ }^{15}$ Expenditure figure is the sum of current expenditures allocable to pupil costs, capital outlay, and interest on school debt.
${ }^{16}$ Per-day rates derived by dividing annual rates by average length of term.
-Data not collected.
NOTE.-Kindergarten enrollment includes a relatively small number of nursery school pupils. Because of rounding, details may not add to totals. Some data have been revised from previously published figures. Beginning in 195960, data include Alaska and Hawaii.
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Statistics of State School Systems, Statistics of Public Elementary and Secondary School Systems; Revenues and Expenditures for Public Elementary and of the President. (This table was prepared August 1999.)

