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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 Population aged 5–17 years, ¹ in	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
thousands Percent of total population 5–17	11,683 30.3	15,066 30.0	18,473 29.5	21,573 28.4	24,011 26.5	27,571 26.4	31,414 25.8	30,151 23.0	30,223 20.3	43,881 24.7	52,386 26.0	48,041 21.4	44,947 18.2	45,319 18.2	49,013 18.7	49,807 18.8
Total enrollment in elementary and secondary schools, in thousands ²	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 Grades 9–12, in thousands	³ 7,481 ³ 80	9,757 110	12,520 203	14,984 519	16,899 915	19,378 2,200	21,279 4,399	18,833 6,601	19,387 5,725	27,602 8,485	32,513 13,037	28,034 13,616	29,152 11,390	29,878 11,338	32,341 12,500	32,764 12,847
Enrollment as a percent of total population Enrollment as a percent of 5- to	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
17-year-oldsPercent of total enrollment in high schools	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
(grades 9–12 and postgraduate) High school graduates, in thousands	³ 1.1	1.1	1.6 22	3.3 62	5.1 111	10.2 231	17.1 592	26.0 1,143	22.8 1,063	23.5 1,627	28.6 2,589	32.7 2,748	28.1 2,320	27.5 2,235	27.9 2,273	28.2 2,341
Average daily attendance, in thousands Total number of days attended by pupils	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
enrolled, in millions Percent of enrolled pupils attending daily Average length of school term, in days	539 59.3 132.2	801 62.3 130.3	1,098 64.1 134.7	1,535 68.6 144.3	2,011 72.1 157.5	2,615 74.8 161.9	3,673 82.8 172.7	3,858 86.7 175.0	3,964 88.7 177.9	5,782 90.0 178.0	7,501 90.4 178.9	⁴ 6,835 ⁴ 90.1 ⁴ 178.5	_ _ _	 179.8	_ _ _	_ _ _
Average number of days attended per pupil	78.4	81.1	86.3	99.0	113	121.2	143	151.7	157.9	160.2	161.7	4160.8	_	_	_	_
Total instructional staff, in thousands Supervisors, in thousands Principals, in thousands Teachers, librarians, and other	=	=	_ _ _	_ _ _	=======================================	678 7 14	880 7 31	912 5 32	963 — 43	1,457 — 64	2,286 — 91	2,406 — 106	2,986 — 126	3,051 — 127	3,352 — 121	3,448 — 124
nonsupervisory instructional staff, ⁵ . in thousands	201 78 123 38.7	287 123 164 42.8	364 126 238 34.5	423 127 296 29.9	523 110 413 21.1	657 93 585 14.1	843 140 703 16.6	875 195 681 22.2	920 196 724 21.3	1,393 4404 4989 429.0	2,195 ⁴ 711 ⁴ 1,484 ⁴ 32.4	2,300 4782 41,518 434.0	2,860 — — —	2,924 — — —	3,231 — — —	3,324 — — —
	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 State governments	_	_	_	_		2 160	7 354	40 684	156 2,166	652 5,768	3,220 16,063	9,504 45,349	12,701 98,239	13,776 105,325	19,104 136,671	20,081 146,434
Local sources, including intermediate Percent distribution of revenue receipts	_	_	_	=	_	808	1,728	1,536	3,116	8,327	20,985	42,029	97,608	104,240	131,928	138,537
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 Local sources, including intermediate		_	_	_	_	16.5 83.2	16.9 82.7	30.3 68.0	39.8 57.3	39.1 56.5	39.9 52.1	46.8 43.4	47.1 46.8	47.2 46.7	47.5 45.9	48.0 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	⁷ 270,152
Capital outlay 8 Interest on school debt	=	_	26 —	35	70 —	154 18	371 93	258 131	1,014 101	2,662 490	4,659 1,171	6,506 1,874	17,781 3,776	19,771 4,325	27,556 6,259	31,434 6,899
Other current expenditures 9 Percent distribution of total expenditures	_	_	_	_	_	3	10	13	36	133	636	10 598	2,983	3,296	4,725	4,647
Current expenditures 6	_	_	81.3 18.7	83.5	83.6	83.1 14.8	79.6	82.8 11.0	80.3	⁷ 79.0	⁷ 84.1	⁷ 90.6	⁷ 88.5 8.4	⁷ 88.1	⁷ 86.9	⁷ 86.3
Capital outlay ⁸ Interest on school debt Other current expenditures ⁹	_		18.7	16.5 — —	16.4 — —	14.8 1.8 0.3	16.0 4.0 0.4	5.6 0.6	17.4 1.7 0.6	17.0 3.1 0.8	11.5 2.9 1.6	6.8 2.0 10 0.6	1.8 1.4	8.6 1.9 1.4	9.4 2.1 1.6	10.0 2.2 1.5

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Amounts in current dollars															
Annual salary of instructional staff 11 Personal income per member of labor	\$189	\$195	\$252	\$325	\$485	\$871	\$1,420	\$1,441	\$3,010	\$5,174	\$9,047	¹² \$16,715	¹² \$32,638	¹² \$34,401	¹² \$39,465	¹² \$40,562
force 1	_	_	_	_	_	_	1,732	1,318	3,391	5,769	9,653	19,586	36,337	38,113	45,895	47,970
Total school expenditures per capita of total population	1.59 —	1.56	2.23	2.83 —	4.71 —	9.91 —	19.01 710	17.89 556	39 1,456	88 2,328	202 3,999	427 9,256	862 17,816	920 18,650	1,118 22,544	1,181 23,591
A.D.A. ¹⁴	15.55 —	12.71 —	13.99 17.23 —	16.67 20.21 —	27.85 33.23 —	53.32 64.16 —	86.70 108.49 4,068	88.09 105.74 3,303	210 260 9,747	375 471 12,744	816 955 19,206	2,272 2,491 54,285	4,980 5,550 116,333	5,258 5,885 121,065	6,147 6,962 142,734	6,392 7,299 148,029
A.D.A. 6 Total expenditure per day per pupil in	_	_	0.10	0.12	0.18	0.33	0.50	0.50	1.17	2.11	4.56	12.73	_	_	-	_
A.D.A	0.12	0.10	0.13	0.14	0.21	0.40	0.63	0.60	1.46	2.65	5.34	13.95	_	_	_	_
	Amounts in constant 1996–97 dollars															
Annual salary of instructional staff 11 Personal income per member of labor	_	_	_	_	_	\$7,263	\$13,183	\$16,385	\$20,196	\$27,982	\$38,058	¹² \$34,214	12\$40,846	12 \$40,821	12 \$40,591	12 \$40,562
force ¹	_	_	_	_	_	_	16,083	14,988	22,751	31,198	40,606	40,091	45,475	45,226	47,204	47,970
total population	_ _	_	_	_ _	_ _	83 —	176 6,589	203 6,318	263 9,769	475 12,588	850 16,824	875 18,945	1,079 22,296	1,091 22,131	1,149 23,187	1,181 23,591
Current expenditure 6,13 per pupil in A.D.A. 14	_	_	_	_	_	445	805	1,002	1,409	2,029	3,433	4,650	6,232	6,239	6,322	6,392
Total expenditure ¹⁵ per pupil in A.D.A	_	_	_	_	_	535	1,007	1,202	1,747	2,547	4,017	5,099	6,946	6,983	7,160	7,299
National income per pupil in A.D.A	_	_	_	_	_	_	37,763	37,556	65,400	68,924	80,795	111,116	145,589	143,657	146,807	148,029
Current expenditure per day ¹⁶ per pupil in A.D.A. ⁶	_	_	_	_	_	2.75	4.6	5.7	7.9	11.4	19.2	26.1	_	_	_	_
A.D.A	_	_	_	_	_	3.34	5.8	6.8	9.8	14.3	22.5	28.6	_	_	_	_

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.

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 1959–60, 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 Secondary Education, FY 1980; Common Core of Data surveys; and Council of Economic Advisers, Economic Report of the President. (This table was prepared August 1999.)

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.

⁵ Prior to 1919–20, data are for the number of different persons employed rather than number of positions.

⁶ Prior to 1919–20, includes interest on school debt.

⁷Because of the modification of the scope of "current expenditures for elementary and secondary schools," data for 1959–60 and later years are not entirely comparable with prior years.

⁸ Beginning in 1969–70, includes capital outlay by state and local school building authorities.

⁹ Includes summer schools, community colleges, and adult education. Beginning in 1959–60, also includes community 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 &}quot;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 leht

¹⁶ Per-day rates derived by dividing annual rates by average length of term.

⁻Data not collected.