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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	249,623	279,040	281,422
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	45,359	52,811	53,134
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	18.9	18.9
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	46,857	47,204
Prekindergarten and grades 1-8, in thousands	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	33,488	33,688
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	13,369	13,515
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	16.8	16.8
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	88.7	88.8
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	28.5	28.6
High school graduates, in thousands	—	—	22	62	111	231	592	1,143	1,063	1,627	2,589	2,748	2,320	2,235	2,554	2,569
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	43,807	44,086
Total number of days attended by pupils enrolled, in millions	539	801	1,098	1,535	2,011	2,615	3,673	3,858	3,964	5,782	7,501	6,835	—	—	—	—
Percent of enrolled pupils attending daily	59.3	62.3	64.1	68.6	72.1	82.8	86.7	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	78.4	81.1	86.3	99.0	113.0	121.2	143.0	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	3,820	3,877
Supervisors, in thousands	—	—	—	—	—	7	7	5	43	64	91	106	126	127	137	142
Principals, in thousands	—	—	—	—	—	14	31	32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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	3,683	3,735
Men, in thousands	78	123	126	127	110	93	140	195	196	404	471	478	—	—	—	—
Women, in thousands	123	164	238	296	413	585	703	681	724	989	1,484	1,518	—	—	—	—
Percent men	38.7	42.8	34.5	29.9	21.1	14.1	16.6	22.2	21.3	29.0	32.4	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	\$372,944	\$400,919
Federal government	—	—	—	—	—	2	7	40	156	652	3,220	9,504	12,701	13,776	27,098	29,086
State governments	—	—	—	—	—	160	354	684	2,166	5,768	16,063	45,349	98,239	105,325	184,613	199,147
Local sources, including intermediate	—	—	—	—	—	808	1,728	1,536	3,116	8,327	20,985	42,029	97,608	104,240	161,233	172,686
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	7.3	7.3
State governments	—	—	—	—	—	16.5	16.9	30.3	39.8	39.1	39.9	46.8	47.1	47.2	49.5	49.7
Local sources, including intermediate	—	—	—	—	—	83.2	82.7	68.0	57.3	56.5	52.1	43.4	46.8	46.7	43.2	43.1
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	\$381,838	\$411,518
Current expenditures ⁶	—	—	114	180	356	861	1,844	1,942	4,687	12,329	34,218	78,984	188,229	202,038	323,889	348,170
Capital outlay ⁸	—	—	26	35	70	154	371	258	1,014	2,662	4,659	6,506	17,781	19,771	43,357	47,118
Interest on school debt	—	—	—	—	—	18	93	131	101	117	1,171	1,874	3,776	4,325	9,135	10,165
Other current expenditures ⁹	—	—	—	—	—	3	10	13	36	133	636	1,058	2,983	3,296	5,457	6,065
Percent distribution of total expenditures																
Current expenditures ⁶	—	—	81.3	83.5	83.6	83.1	79.6	82.8	80.3	79.0	78.4	78.5	78.5	78.1	78.8	78.6
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	11.4	11.4
Interest on school debt	—	—	—	—	—	1.8	4.0	5.6	1.7	3.1	2.9	2.0	1.8	1.9	2.4	2.5
Other current expenditures ⁹	—	—	—	—	—	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.6	10.0	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5

See notes at end of table.

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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 classroom teachers ¹¹	\$189	\$195	\$252	\$325	\$485	\$871	\$1,420	\$1,441	\$3,010	\$4,995	\$8,626	\$15,970	\$31,367	\$33,084	\$41,827	\$43,400
Personal income per member of labor force ¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,734	1,324	3,397	5,763	9,671	19,831	37,134	38,964	55,870	58,959
Total school expenditures per capita of total population	1.59	1.56	2.23	2.83	4.71	9.91	19.01	17.89	39	88	202	427	862	919	1,368	1,462
National income ¹ per capita	—	—	—	—	—	—	712.19	556.37	1,453	2,314	3,986	9,243	17,795	18,596	26,766	28,372
Current expenditure ^{6,12} per pupil in ADA ¹³	—	—	13.99	16.67	27.85	53.32	86.70	88.09	210	375	816	2,272	4,980	5,258	7,394	7,898
Total expenditure ¹⁴ per pupil in ADA	15.55	12.71	17.23	20.21	33.23	64.16	108.49	105.74	260	471	955	2,491	5,550	5,885	8,592	9,197
National income per pupil in ADA	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,082	3,307	9,724	12,671	19,142	54,209	116,195	120,805	170,492	181,110
Current expenditure per day ¹⁵ per pupil in ADA ⁶	—	—	0.10	0.12	0.18	0.33	0.50	0.50	1.17	2.11	4.56	12.73	—	—	—	—
Total expenditure per day per pupil in ADA	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 2000-01 dollars																
Annual salary of classroom teachers ¹¹	—	—	—	—	—	\$8,002	\$14,525	\$18,054	\$22,253	\$29,765	\$39,983	\$36,018	\$43,253	\$43,256	\$43,260	\$43,400
Personal income per member of labor force ¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,742	16,583	25,116	34,340	44,827	44,726	51,206	50,944	57,784	58,959
Total school expenditures per capita of total population	—	—	—	—	—	91	194	224	289	523	936	964	1,189	1,202	1,415	1,462
National income ¹ per capita	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,285	6,971	10,739	13,789	18,475	20,846	24,538	24,314	27,683	28,372
Current expenditure ^{6,12} per pupil in ADA ¹³	—	—	—	—	—	490	887	1,104	1,553	2,235	3,782	5,124	6,867	6,874	7,647	7,898
Total expenditure ¹⁴ per pupil in ADA	—	—	—	—	—	589	1,110	1,325	1,925	2,807	4,427	5,618	7,653	7,694	8,886	9,197
National income per pupil in ADA	—	—	—	—	—	—	41,753	41,437	71,894	75,503	88,725	122,262	160,227	157,948	176,333	181,110
Current expenditure per day ¹⁵ per pupil in ADA ⁶	—	—	—	—	—	3.0	5.1	6.3	8.6	12.6	21.1	28.7	—	—	—	—
Total expenditure per day per pupil in ADA	—	—	—	—	—	3.7	6.4	7.5	10.8	15.8	24.8	31.5	—	—	—	—

—Not available.
¹Data 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.
²Data for 1869-70 through 1959-60 are school year enrollment. Data for later years are fall enrollment.
³Data for 1870-71.
⁴Estimated by the National Center for Education Statistics.
⁵Prior to 1919-20, data are for the number of different persons employed rather than number of positions.
⁶Prior 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.
⁸Beginning in 1969-70, includes capital outlay by state and local school building authorities.
⁹Includes 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."
¹⁰Excludes community colleges and adult education.
¹¹Prior to 1959-60, average includes supervisors, principals, teachers, and other nonsupervisory instructional staff. Data for 1959-60 and later years are estimated by the National Education Association.
¹²Excludes current expenditures not allocable to pupil costs.
¹³"ADA" means average daily attendance in elementary and secondary schools.
¹⁴Expenditure figure is the sum of current expenditures allocable to pupil costs, capital outlay, and interest on school debt.
¹⁵Per-day rates derived by dividing annual rates by average length of term.
 NOTE: Kindergarten enrollment includes nursery school pupils. Some data have been revised from previously published figures. Beginning in 1959-60, data include Alaska and Hawaii. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.
 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 1960*; The NCES Common Core of Data (CCD), "State Nonfiscal Survey of Public Elementary/Secondary Education," 1989-90 through 2001-02, and "National Public Financial Survey," 1989-90 through 2000-01; Council of Economic Advisors, *Economic Report of the President*, various years; Census Bureau, unpublished data; Bureau of Economic Analysis, unpublished data; Bureau of Labor Statistics, unpublished data. (This table was prepared October 2003.)