

Table 254. Private Schools: 2005–2006

[(5,058 represents 5,058,000.) 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	28,996	16,812	2,927	9,257	5,058	2,551	859	1,647	435	195	71	170
School type:												
Catholic	7,634	6,251	1,079	305	2,246	1,549	598	100	149	97	43	10
Parochial	3,669	3,467	149	54	982	895	66	22	61	55	5	2
Diocesan	2,972	2,386	505	81	896	589	285	22	58	37	19	2
Private	993	398	425	170	368	65	247	56	30	6	18	6
Other religious	14,445	7,269	838	6,338	1,885	707	136	1,041	175	63	14	98
Conservative												
Christian	5,704	2,054	208	3,441	824	221	34	569	72	19	3	50
Affiliated	3,655	2,249	318	1,089	585	276	58	251	58	26	7	25
Unaffiliated	5,086	2,966	312	1,808	476	210	43	222	45	19	4	23
Nonsectarian												
Regular	6,916	3,292	1,010	2,615	927	295	126	505	111	35	14	62
Special	2,770	1,443	387	939	604	174	86	344	67	19	9	39
Special emphasis	2,626	1,643	384	599	218	110	28	80	26	14	4	9
Special education	1,521	206	239	1,077	104	10	12	82	18	2	2	14
Program emphasis:												
Regular elem/sec	23,368	14,298	2,142	6,928	4,570	2,373	789	1,408	374	173	62	138
Montessori	1,477	1,268	(B)	203	90	73	(B)	16	11	9	(B)	1
Special program emphasis	1,231	598	193	440	206	73	38	95	22	8	4	10
Special education	1,742	247	255	1,240	116	12	13	91	20	2	2	16
Vocational/tech	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Alternative	1,002	267	315	420	66	14	17	36	8	2	2	4
Early childhood	158	134	(X)	(B)	7	6	(X)	(B)	1	1	(X)	(B)
Size:												
Less than 50	9,520	5,189	793	3,538	236	133	19	85	36	18	4	14
50 to 149	8,277	5,065	609	2,602	763	478	55	230	85	48	7	30
150 to 299	6,202	4,262	476	1,464	1,322	905	104	312	106	64	10	31
300 to 499	2,843	1,678	402	763	1,090	642	155	293	84	43	14	27
500 to 749	1,342	527	330	484	805	308	199	298	59	18	14	27
750 or more	812	90	315	406	842	86	328	429	66	5	21	40
Region:												
Northeast	6,548	3,870	934	1,744	1,203	623	279	301	113	48	26	38
Midwest	7,200	4,893	627	1,679	1,233	770	225	238	94	54	17	23
South	9,224	4,494	651	4,079	1,626	632	174	820	149	54	15	81
West	6,024	3,554	715	1,755	995	526	181	288	79	38	14	27

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

Source: U.S. National Center for Education Statistics, *Characteristics of Private Schools in the United States: Results from the 2005–2006 Private School Universe Survey*, NCES 2008-315, March 2008. See Internet site <<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/pss/>>.