

**Table 65.—Public and private elementary and secondary teachers and pupil/teacher ratios, by level:  
Fall 1955 to fall 1999**

| Year                             | Public and private elementary and secondary |            |           | Public elementary and secondary |            |           | Private elementary and secondary |            |           |
|----------------------------------|---|------------|-----------|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------------------------------|------------|-----------|
|                                  | Kindergarten to grade 12                    | Elementary | Secondary | Kindergarten to grade 12        | Elementary | Secondary | Kindergarten to grade 12         | Elementary | Secondary |
| 1                                | 2   | 3          | 4         | 5                               | 6          | 7         | 8                                | 9          | 10        |
| Number of teachers, in thousands |   |            |           |                                 |            |           |                                  |            |           |
| 1955 .....                       | 1,286                                       | 827        | 459       | 1,141                           | 733        | 408       | 1 145                            | 1 94       | 1 51      |
| 1960 .....                       | 1,600                                       | 991        | 609       | 1,408                           | 858        | 550       | 1 192                            | 1 133      | 1 59      |
| 1965 .....                       | 1,933                                       | 1,112      | 822       | 1,710                           | 965        | 746       | 223                              | 147        | 76        |
| 1970 .....                       | 2,292                                       | 1,283      | 1,009     | 2,059                           | 1,130      | 929       | 233                              | 153        | 80        |
| 1971 .....                       | 2,293                                       | 1,263      | 1,030     | 2,063                           | 1,111      | 952       | 1 230                            | 1 152      | 1 78      |
| 1972 .....                       | 2,337                                       | 1,296      | 1,041     | 2,106                           | 1,142      | 964       | 1 231                            | 1 154      | 1 77      |
| 1973 .....                       | 2,372                                       | 1,308      | 1,064     | 2,136                           | 1,151      | 985       | 1 236                            | 1 157      | 1 79      |
| 1974 .....                       | 2,410                                       | 1,330      | 1,079     | 2,165                           | 1,166      | 998       | 1 245                            | 1 164      | 1 81      |
| 1975 .....                       | 2,453                                       | 1,353      | 1,100     | 2,198                           | 1,181      | 1,017     | 1 255                            | 1 172      | 1 83      |
| 1976 .....                       | 2,457                                       | 1,351      | 1,106     | 2,189                           | 1,168      | 1,021     | 268                              | 183        | 85        |
| 1977 .....                       | 2,488                                       | 1,375      | 1,113     | 2,209                           | 1,185      | 1,024     | 279                              | 190        | 89        |
| 1978 .....                       | 2,479                                       | 1,376      | 1,103     | 2,207                           | 1,191      | 1,016     | 272                              | 185        | 87        |
| 1979 .....                       | 2,461                                       | 1,379      | 1,082     | 2,185                           | 1,191      | 994       | 1 276                            | 1 188      | 1 88      |
| 1980 .....                       | 2,485                                       | 1,401      | 1,084     | 2,184                           | 1,189      | 995       | 301                              | 212        | 89        |
| 1981 .....                       | 2,440                                       | 1,404      | 1,037     | 2,127                           | 1,183      | 945       | 1 313                            | 1 221      | 1 92      |
| 1982 .....                       | 2,458                                       | 1,413      | 1,045     | 2,133                           | 1,182      | 951       | 1 325                            | 1 231      | 1 94      |
| 1983 .....                       | 2,476                                       | 1,426      | 1,050     | 2,139                           | 1,186      | 953       | 337                              | 240        | 97        |
| 1984 .....                       | 2,508                                       | 1,451      | 1,057     | 2,168                           | 1,208      | 960       | 1 340                            | 1 243      | 1 97      |
| 1985 .....                       | 2,549                                       | 1,483      | 1,066     | 2,206                           | 1,237      | 969       | 343                              | 246        | 97        |
| 1986 .....                       | 2,592                                       | 1,521      | 1,071     | 2,244                           | 1,271      | 973       | 1 348                            | 1 250      | 1 98      |
| 1987 .....                       | 2,631                                       | 1,563      | 1,068     | 2,279                           | 1,306      | 973       | 1 353                            | 1 257      | 1 95      |
| 1988 .....                       | 2,668                                       | 1,604      | 1,064     | 2,323                           | 1,353      | 970       | 1 345                            | 1 251      | 1 94      |
| 1989 .....                       | 2,734                                       | 1,662      | 1,072     | 2,357                           | 1,387      | 970       | 1 377                            | 1 275      | 1 102     |
| 1990 .....                       | 2,753                                       | 1,683      | 1,070     | 2,398                           | 1,429      | 969       | 1 355                            | 1 254      | 1 101     |
| 1991 .....                       | 2,787                                       | 1,722      | 1,065     | 2,432                           | 1,468      | 964       | 1 355                            | 1 254      | 1 101     |
| 1992 .....                       | 2,822                                       | 1,752      | 1,070     | 2,459                           | 1,492      | 967       | 1 363                            | 1 260      | 1 103     |
| 1993 .....                       | 2,870                                       | 1,775      | 1,095     | 2,504                           | 1,513      | 991       | 1 366                            | 1 262      | 1 104     |
| 1994 .....                       | 2,926                                       | 1,791      | 1,135     | 2,552                           | 1,525      | 1,027     | 1 374                            | 1 266      | 1 108     |
| 1995 .....                       | 2,978                                       | 1,794      | 1,184     | 2,598                           | 1,525      | 1,073     | 1 380                            | 1 269      | 1 111     |
| 1996 .....                       | 3,054                                       | 1,856      | 1,198     | 2,667                           | 1,582      | 1,085     | 1 387                            | 1 274      | 1 113     |
| 1997 .....                       | 3,134                                       | 1,928      | 1,206     | 2,746                           | 1,653      | 1,093     | 2 388                            | 2 275      | 2 113     |
| 1998 .....                       | 3,217                                       | 1,978      | 1,239     | 2,826                           | 1,701      | 1,125     | 2 391                            | 2 277      | 2 114     |
| 1999 <sup>2</sup> .....          | 3,284                                       | 2,014      | 1,270     | 2,887                           | 1,733      | 1,154     | 2 397                            | 2 281      | 2 116     |
| Pupil/teacher ratios             |   |            |           |                                 |            |           |                                  |            |           |
| 1955 .....                       | 27.4  | 31.4       | 20.3      | 26.9                            | 30.2       | 20.9      | 1 31.7                           | 1 40.4     | 1 15.7    |
| 1960 .....                       | 26.4  | 29.4       | 21.4      | 25.8                            | 28.4       | 21.7      | 1 30.7                           | 1 36.1     | 1 18.6    |
| 1965 .....                       | 25.1  | 28.4       | 20.6      | 24.7                            | 27.6       | 20.8      | 28.3                             | 33.3       | 18.4      |
| 1970 .....                       | 22.4  | 24.6       | 19.5      | 22.3                            | 24.3       | 19.8      | 23.0                             | 26.5       | 16.4      |
| 1971 .....                       | 22.4  | 25.0       | 19.1      | 22.3                            | 24.9       | 19.3      | 1 22.6                           | 1 25.7     | 1 16.7    |
| 1972 .....                       | 21.7  | 23.9       | 18.9      | 21.7                            | 23.9       | 19.1      | 1 21.6                           | 1 24.0     | 1 16.9    |
| 1973 .....                       | 21.3  | 23.0       | 19.1      | 21.3                            | 23.0       | 19.3      | 1 21.2                           | 1 23.6     | 1 16.5    |
| 1974 .....                       | 20.8  | 22.6       | 18.5      | 20.8                            | 22.6       | 18.7      | 1 20.4                           | 1 22.6     | 1 16.0    |
| 1975 .....                       | 20.3  | 21.7       | 18.6      | 20.4                            | 21.7       | 18.8      | 1 19.6                           | 1 21.5     | 1 15.7    |
| 1976 .....                       | 20.1  | 21.7       | 18.3      | 20.2                            | 21.8       | 18.5      | 19.3                             | 20.9       | 15.8      |
| 1977 .....                       | 19.6  | 20.9       | 17.9      | 19.7                            | 21.1       | 18.2      | 18.4                             | 20.0       | 15.1      |
| 1978 .....                       | 19.2  | 20.9       | 17.1      | 19.3                            | 21.0       | 17.3      | 18.7                             | 20.2       | 15.6      |
| 1979 .....                       | 19.0  | 20.5       | 17.0      | 19.1                            | 20.6       | 17.2      | 1 18.1                           | 1 19.7     | 1 14.8    |
| 1980 .....                       | 18.6  | 20.1       | 16.6      | 18.7                            | 20.4       | 16.8      | 17.7                             | 18.8       | 15.0      |
| 1981 .....                       | 18.7  | 20.0       | 16.8      | 18.8                            | 20.3       | 16.9      | 1 17.6                           | 1 18.6     | 1 15.2    |
| 1982 .....                       | 18.4  | 19.8       | 16.4      | 18.6                            | 20.2       | 16.6      | 1 17.2                           | 1 18.2     | 1 14.9    |
| 1983 .....                       | 18.2  | 19.6       | 16.2      | 18.4                            | 19.9       | 16.4      | 17.0                             | 18.0       | 14.4      |
| 1984 .....                       | 17.9  | 19.3       | 16.0      | 18.1                            | 19.7       | 16.1      | 1 16.8                           | 1 17.7     | 1 14.4    |
| 1985 .....                       | 17.6  | 19.1       | 15.6      | 17.9                            | 19.5       | 15.8      | 16.2                             | 17.1       | 14.0      |
| 1986 .....                       | 17.4  | 18.8       | 15.5      | 17.7                            | 19.3       | 15.7      | 1 15.7                           | 1 16.5     | 1 13.6    |
| 1987 .....                       | 17.3  | 18.8       | 15.0      | 17.6                            | 19.3       | 15.2      | 1 15.5                           | 1 16.5     | 1 13.1    |
| 1988 .....                       | 17.0  | 18.6       | 14.7      | 17.3                            | 19.0       | 14.9      | 1 15.2                           | 1 16.1     | 1 12.8    |
| 1989 .....                       | 16.8  | 18.4       | 14.3      | 17.2                            | 19.0       | 14.6      | 1 14.2                           | 1 15.1     | 1 11.7    |
| 1990 .....                       | 16.9  | 18.5       | 14.3      | 17.2                            | 18.9       | 14.6      | 1 14.7                           | 1 16.1     | 1 11.3    |
| 1991 .....                       | 17.0  | 18.4       | 14.6      | 17.3                            | 18.8       | 15.0      | 1 14.6                           | 1 16.0     | 1 11.1    |
| 1992 .....                       | 17.1  | 18.4       | 14.8      | 17.4                            | 18.8       | 15.2      | 1 14.8                           | 1 16.2     | 1 11.3    |
| 1993 .....                       | 17.1  | 18.5       | 14.7      | 17.4                            | 18.9       | 15.1      | 1 14.9                           | 1 16.3     | 1 11.5    |
| 1994 .....                       | 17.0  | 18.6       | 14.4      | 17.3                            | 19.0       | 14.8      | 1 15.0                           | 1 16.4     | 1 11.4    |
| 1995 .....                       | 17.0  | 18.9       | 14.0      | 17.3                            | 19.3       | 14.4      | 1 14.9                           | 1 16.6     | 1 10.8    |
| 1996 .....                       | 16.8  | 18.4       | 14.2      | 17.1                            | 18.9       | 14.4      | 1 14.9                           | 1 16.4     | 1 11.5    |
| 1997 .....                       | 16.6  | 18.1       | 14.2      | 16.8                            | 18.3       | 14.5      | 2 15.1                           | 2 16.6     | 2 11.6    |
| 1998 .....                       | 16.3  | 17.8       | 14.0      | 16.5                            | 18.0       | 14.2      | 2 15.2                           | 2 16.6     | 2 11.6    |
| 1999 <sup>2</sup> .....          | 16.0  | 17.4       | 13.9      | 16.2                            | 17.6       | 14.1      | 2 15.0                           | 2 16.4     | 2 11.5    |

<sup>1</sup> Estimated.  
<sup>2</sup> Projected.

small number of nursery school teachers and students. Some data have been revised from previously published figures. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

NOTE: Data for teachers are expressed in full-time equivalents. Distribution of unclassified teachers by level is estimated. Distribution of elementary and secondary school teachers by level is determined by reporting units. Kindergarten includes a relatively

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Statistics of Public Elementary and Secondary Day Schools*; Common Core of Data surveys; and *Projections of Education Statistics to 2010*. (This table was prepared September 2000.)