

Table 52.—Public school pupils transported at public expense and current expenditures for transportation: 1929–30 to 1996–97

School year	Average daily attendance, all students	Pupils transported at public expense		Expenditures for transportation (in current dollars)		Expenditures for transportation (in constant 1996–97 dollars)	
		Number	Percent of total	Total ¹ (in thousands)	Average per pupil transported	Total ¹ (in thousands)	Average per pupil transported
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1929–30	21,265,000	1,902,826	8.9	\$54,823	\$29	\$508,957	\$267
1931–32	22,245,000	2,419,173	10.9	58,078	24	640,151	265
1933–34	22,458,000	2,794,724	12.4	53,908	19	646,912	231
1935–36	22,299,000	3,250,658	14.6	62,653	19	724,499	223
1937–38	22,298,000	3,769,242	16.9	75,637	20	839,045	223
1939–40	22,042,000	4,144,161	18.8	83,283	20	947,001	229
1941–42	21,031,000	4,503,081	21.4	92,922	21	947,027	210
1943–44	19,603,000	4,512,412	23.0	107,754	24	982,667	218
1945–46	19,849,000	5,056,966	25.5	129,756	26	1,130,318	224
1947–48	20,910,000	5,854,041	28.0	176,265	30	1,202,142	205
1949–50	22,284,000	6,947,384	31.2	214,504	31	1,439,277	207
1951–52	23,257,000	7,697,130	33.1	268,827	35	1,625,338	211
1953–54	25,643,871	8,411,719	32.8	307,437	37	1,816,681	216
1955–56	27,740,149	9,695,819	35.0	353,972	37	2,092,363	216
1957–58	29,722,275	10,861,689	36.5	416,491	38	2,317,521	213
1959–60	32,477,440	12,225,142	37.6	486,338	40	2,630,194	215
1961–62	34,682,340	13,222,667	38.1	576,361	44	3,047,055	230
1963–64	37,405,058	14,475,778	38.7	673,845	47	3,471,868	240
1965–66	39,154,497	15,536,567	39.7	787,358	51	3,921,195	252
1967–68	40,827,965	17,130,873	42.0	981,006	57	4,583,913	268
1969–70	41,934,376	18,198,577	43.4	1,218,557	67	5,126,101	282
1971–72	42,254,272	19,474,355	46.1	1,507,830	77	5,822,752	299
1973–74	41,438,054	21,347,039	51.5	1,858,141	87	6,332,943	297
1975–76	41,269,720	21,772,483	52.8	2,377,313	109	6,811,895	313
1977–78	40,079,590	² 21,800,000	54.4	2,731,041	² 125	6,929,003	² 318
1979–80	38,288,911	21,713,515	56.7	3,833,145	177	7,846,114	361
1980–81	37,703,744	² 22,272,000	59.1	² 4,408,000	² 198	² 8,086,000	² 363
1981–82	37,094,652	² 22,246,000	60.0	² 4,793,000	² 215	² 8,093,000	² 364
1982–83	36,635,868	² 22,199,000	60.6	² 5,000,000	² 225	² 8,095,000	² 365
1983–84	36,362,978	² 22,031,000	60.6	² 5,284,000	² 240	² 8,250,000	² 374
1984–85	36,404,261	² 22,320,000	61.3	² 5,722,000	² 256	² 8,597,000	² 385
1985–86	36,523,103	² 22,041,000	60.3	² 6,123,000	² 278	² 8,942,000	² 406
1986–87	36,863,867	² 22,397,000	60.8	² 6,551,000	² 292	² 9,359,000	² 418
1987–88	37,050,707	² 22,158,000	59.8	² 6,888,000	² 311	² 9,449,000	² 426
1988–89	37,268,072	² 22,635,000	60.7	² 7,550,000	² 334	² 9,900,000	² 437
1989–90	37,799,296	² 22,459,000	59.4	8,030,990	² 358	10,050,707	² 448
1990–91	38,426,543	² 22,000,000	57.3	8,678,954	² 394	10,298,583	² 468
1991–92	38,960,783	² 23,165,000	59.5	8,769,754	² 379	10,083,237	² 435
1992–93	39,570,462	² 23,439,000	59.2	9,252,300	² 395	10,315,836	² 440
1993–94	40,146,393	² 23,858,000	59.4	9,627,155	² 404	10,462,750	² 439
1994–95	40,720,763	² 23,693,000	58.2	9,889,034	² 417	10,447,892	² 441
1995–96	41,501,596	² 24,155,000	58.2	10,396,426	² 430	10,693,043	² 443
1996–97	42,261,976	² 24,090,000	57.0	10,989,797	² 456	10,989,797	² 456

¹ Excludes capital outlay for years through 1979–80, and 1989–90 to 1996–97. From 1980–81 to 1988–89 total transportation figures include capital outlay.
² Estimate based on data appearing in January issues of *School Bus Fleet*.

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NOTE.—Constant dollars are adjusted for inflation using the Consumer Price Index computed on a school year basis. Some data have been revised from previously published figures.