

Table 89.—Public elementary and secondary students, schools, pupil/teacher ratios, and finances, by type of locale: 1996 and 1997

Characteristic	Total	Large central city ¹	Mid-size central city ²	Urban fringe of large city ³	Urban fringe of mid-size city ⁴	Large town ⁵	Small town ⁶	Rural ⁷
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Schools, enrollment, and teachers, 1997–98								
Enrollment, in thousands	46,241	8,485	7,717	13,788	4,310	794	5,293	5,854
Schools	89,505	12,368	13,358	21,812	7,902	1,625	12,688	19,752
Average school size ⁸	525	718	585	637	554	499	424	299
Pupil/teacher ratio ⁹	17.3	18.6	17.1	18.0	17.3	16.9	16.4	15.4
Enrollment (percentage distribution)	100.0	18.4	16.7	29.8	9.3	1.7	11.4	12.7
Schools (percent distribution)	100.0	13.8	14.9	24.4	8.8	1.8	14.2	22.1
Revenues and expenditures, 1995–96 (in millions)								
Total revenue	\$279,836	\$53,740	\$46,071	\$87,522	\$24,563	\$4,245	\$28,711	\$34,982
Federal	18,100	5,085	3,365	3,432	1,328	325	2,287	2,278
Impact aid	746	100	91	151	55	14	138	196
Bilingual education	19	5	3	3	1	1	3	3
Indian education	45	4	4	3	1	2	14	18
Children with disabilities	2,077	479	387	563	170	39	230	209
Eisenhower science awards	157	41	28	37	12	3	18	17
Drug Free schools	276	72	52	70	20	5	30	27
Chapter 2 (block grants)	298	87	53	63	22	6	34	35
Vocational education	501	148	97	89	37	11	68	51
Chapter 1	6,270	1,886	1,233	973	427	115	834	803
Other and unclassified	7,711	2,263	1,416	1,481	583	130	918	919
State	135,917	25,555	23,939	36,475	12,362	2,362	16,067	19,158
State school lunch programs	572	112	110	146	56	6	57	85
Local	125,819	23,101	18,767	47,615	10,874	1,558	10,358	13,546
Property tax ¹⁰	85,426	14,193	12,223	34,398	6,860	1,061	7,359	9,332
Parent government contribution ¹⁰	22,198	6,031	3,602	7,666	2,183	171	887	1,658
Lunch sales	4,310	520	682	1,439	442	75	521	630
Transportation	40	5	6	18	3	1	5	3
Other	13,845	2,353	2,254	4,094	1,386	250	1,586	1,923
Total revenue (percentage distribution)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Federal	6.5	9.5	7.3	3.9	5.4	7.7	8.0	6.5
State	48.6	47.6	52.0	41.7	50.3	55.6	56.0	54.8
Local	45.0	43.0	40.7	54.4	44.3	36.7	36.1	38.7
Total expenditures	\$279,107	\$54,023	\$45,669	\$87,470	\$24,442	\$4,207	\$28,671	\$34,625
Current expenditures	250,933	48,850	41,418	78,215	21,740	3,847	25,979	30,883
Instruction	155,475	30,256	25,493	48,415	13,697	2,398	16,164	19,052
Operation and maintenance	25,048	5,265	4,158	7,928	2,025	385	2,425	2,862
Food service	10,349	2,018	1,762	2,609	947	178	1,343	1,491
Other	60,061	11,311	10,005	19,264	5,070	886	6,047	7,478
Capital outlay	22,395	4,146	3,379	7,242	2,144	283	2,187	3,013
Interest on school debt	5,779	1,027	872	2,012	557	78	506	728
Current expenditures (percentage distribution)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Instruction	62.0	61.9	61.6	61.9	63.0	62.3	62.2	61.7
Operation and maintenance	10.0	10.8	10.0	10.1	9.3	10.0	9.3	9.3
Food service	4.1	4.1	4.3	3.3	4.4	4.6	5.2	4.8
Other	23.9	23.2	24.2	24.6	23.3	23.0	23.3	24.2
Current expenditure per student	\$5,638	\$5,949	\$5,549	\$6,017	\$5,236	\$4,928	\$5,004	\$5,407
Instruction expenditure per student	3,493	3,685	3,416	3,724	3,299	3,071	3,114	3,336

¹ Central city of metropolitan statistical area (MSA) with population of 400,000 or more or a population density of 6,000 or more persons per square mile.
² Central city of an MSA but not designated as a large central city.
³ Place within the MSA of a large central city.
⁴ Place within the MSA of a mid-size central city.
⁵ Place not within an MSA but with population of 25,000 or more and defined as urban.
⁶ Place not within an MSA with a population of at least 2,500 but less than 25,000.
⁷ Place with a population of less than 2,500.
⁸ Average for schools reporting enrollment.
⁹ Ratio for schools reporting both FTE teachers and fall enrollment data.

¹⁰ Property tax and parent government contributions are determined on the basis of independence or dependence of the local school system and are mutually exclusive.

NOTE.—Enrollments by locale were used to distribute school district revenue and expenditure amounts by locale classification.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data survey; and U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Survey of Local Government Finances*, unpublished data. (This table was prepared August 1999.)