

Table 89.—Public school districts and public and private elementary and secondary schools: 1869–70 to 1999–2000

School year	Regular public school districts ¹	Public schools ²				Private schools ^{2,3}			
		Total, all schools ⁴	Total, schools with reported grade spans ⁵	Schools with elementary grades		Schools with secondary grades	Total ⁴	Schools with elementary grades	Schools with secondary grades
				Total	One-teacher				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1869–70	—	116,312	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1879–80	—	178,122	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1889–90	—	224,526	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1899–1900	—	248,279	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1909–10	—	265,474	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1919–20	—	271,319	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1929–30	—	247,289	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1937–38	119,001	—	—	238,306	149,282	23,930	—	9,275	3,258
1939–40	117,108	—	—	221,660	121,178	25,467	—	9,992	3,327
1945–46	101,382	—	—	—	113,600	—	—	11,306	3,568
1947–48	94,926	—	—	160,227	86,563	24,314	—	9,863	3,294
1949–50	83,718	—	—	146,760	75,096	25,484	—	10,071	3,292
1951–52	71,094	—	—	128,225	59,652	24,542	—	10,375	3,331
1953–54	63,057	—	—	123,763	50,742	23,746	—	10,666	3,322
1955–56	54,859	—	—	110,875	42,865	25,637	—	11,739	3,913
1957–58	47,594	—	—	104,427	34,964	26,046	—	12,372	3,887
1959–60	40,520	—	—	95,446	25,341	25,507	—	13,065	3,994
1961–62	35,676	—	—	91,853	20,213	25,784	—	13,574	4,061
1963–64	31,705	—	—	81,910	13,333	25,350	—	14,762	4,129
1965–66	26,983	—	—	77,584	9,895	26,431	—	—	4,451
1967–68	22,010	—	94,197	73,216	6,491	26,597	17,849	15,340	4,606
1970–71	17,995	—	89,372	70,879	4,146	27,011	—	—	—
1973–74	16,730	—	88,655	65,800	1,815	25,352	—	14,372	3,770
1975–76	16,376	88,597	87,034	65,070	1,365	25,906	—	—	—
1976–77	16,271	—	86,501	63,242	1,166	25,330	—	—	—
1978–79	16,014	—	84,816	62,644	1,111	25,378	19,910	16,385	5,904
1979–80	15,929	—	—	61,982	1,056	24,504	19,489	16,097	5,766
1980–81	15,912	87,004	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1982–83	15,824	85,982	83,688	61,069	921	24,362	20,764	16,792	5,678
1983–84	15,747	84,740	82,039	59,656	798	23,988	—	—	—
1984–85	—	84,178	81,418	59,082	838	23,947	⁶ 27,694	⁶ 20,872	⁶ 7,862
1985–86	—	84,007	81,147	58,827	825	23,916	—	—	—
1986–87	⁷ 15,713	—	—	—	—	—	⁶ 25,616	⁶ 20,252	⁶ 7,387
1987–88	⁷ 15,577	83,455	82,190	60,784	763	23,389	—	—	—
1988–89	⁷ 15,376	83,248	81,416	59,754	729	23,841	⁶ 26,807	⁶ 22,959	⁶ 8,418
1989–90	⁷ 15,367	83,165	81,579	60,176	583	23,638	—	—	—
1990–91	⁷ 15,358	83,425	81,880	60,699	630	23,461	—	—	—
1991–92	⁷ 15,358	84,538	82,475	61,340	617	23,460	⁶ 24,690	⁶ 22,223	⁶ 8,989
1992–93	⁷ 15,173	84,578	82,506	61,739	569	23,248	⁶ 25,998	⁶ 23,523	⁶ 9,282
1993–94	⁷ 15,025	84,497	82,896	62,225	430	23,220	—	—	—
1994–95	⁷ 14,881	85,393	83,431	62,726	442	23,379	⁶ 26,093	⁶ 23,543	⁶ 10,555
1995–96	⁷ 14,772	86,221	84,476	63,572	458	23,668	—	—	—
1996–97	⁷ 14,766	87,125	84,958	63,961	474	23,793	27,686	25,153	10,942
1997–98	⁷ 14,841	88,223	86,092	64,785	487	24,287	—	—	—
1998–99	⁷ 14,805	89,508	87,541	65,859	476	24,802	27,402	24,915	10,779
1999–2000	⁷ 14,891	90,874	89,259	67,183	463	25,797	—	—	—
1999–2000	⁷ 14,928	92,012	90,538	68,173	423	26,407	27,223	24,685	10,693

—Not available.

¹ Includes operating and nonoperating districts.² Schools with both elementary and secondary programs are included under elementary schools and also under secondary schools.³ Data for most years are partly estimated.⁴ Includes regular schools and special schools not classified by grade span.⁵ Includes elementary, secondary, and combined elementary/secondary schools.⁶ These data are from sample surveys and should not be compared directly with the data for earlier years.⁷ Because of expanded survey coverage, data are not directly comparable with figures prior to 1986.SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Statistics of State School Systems; Statistics of Public Elementary and Secondary School Systems; Statistics of Nonpublic Elementary and Secondary Schools; Private Schools in American Education*; and Common Core of Data surveys. (This table was prepared October 2001.)