

Table 51.—Public school pupils transported at public expense and current expenditures for transportation: 1929–30 to 1998–99

| School year | Average daily attendance, all students | Pupils transported at public expense | | Expenditures for transportation (in current dollars) | | Expenditures for transportation (in constant 1998–99 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 | \$527,002 | \$277 |
| 1931–32 | 22,245,000 | 2,419,173 | 10.9 | 58,078 | 24 | 662,847 | 274 |
| 1933–34 | 22,458,000 | 2,794,724 | 12.4 | 53,908 | 19 | 669,848 | 240 |
| 1935–36 | 22,299,000 | 3,250,658 | 14.6 | 62,653 | 19 | 750,186 | 231 |
| 1937–38 | 22,298,000 | 3,769,242 | 16.9 | 75,637 | 20 | 868,793 | 230 |
| 1939–40 | 22,042,000 | 4,144,161 | 18.8 | 83,283 | 20 | 980,576 | 237 |
| 1941–42 | 21,031,000 | 4,503,081 | 21.4 | 92,922 | 21 | 980,604 | 218 |
| 1943–44 | 19,603,000 | 4,512,412 | 23.0 | 107,754 | 24 | 1,017,507 | 225 |
| 1945–46 | 19,849,000 | 5,056,966 | 25.5 | 129,756 | 26 | 1,170,393 | 231 |
| 1947–48 | 20,910,000 | 5,854,041 | 28.0 | 176,265 | 30 | 1,244,764 | 213 |
| 1949–50 | 22,284,000 | 6,947,384 | 31.2 | 214,504 | 31 | 1,490,306 | 215 |
| 1951–52 | 23,257,000 | 7,697,130 | 33.1 | 268,827 | 35 | 1,682,964 | 219 |
| 1953–54 | 25,643,871 | 8,411,719 | 32.8 | 307,437 | 37 | 1,881,091 | 224 |
| 1955–56 | 27,740,149 | 9,695,819 | 35.0 | 353,972 | 37 | 2,166,546 | 223 |
| 1957–58 | 29,722,275 | 10,861,689 | 36.5 | 416,491 | 38 | 2,399,687 | 221 |
| 1959–60 | 32,477,440 | 12,225,142 | 37.6 | 486,338 | 40 | 2,723,446 | 223 |
| 1961–62 | 34,682,340 | 13,222,667 | 38.1 | 576,361 | 44 | 3,155,087 | 239 |
| 1963–64 | 37,405,058 | 14,475,778 | 38.7 | 673,845 | 47 | 3,594,962 | 248 |
| 1965–66 | 39,154,497 | 15,536,567 | 39.7 | 787,358 | 51 | 4,060,219 | 261 |
| 1967–68 | 40,827,965 | 17,130,873 | 42.0 | 981,006 | 57 | 4,746,433 | 277 |
| 1969–70 | 41,934,376 | 18,198,577 | 43.4 | 1,218,557 | 67 | 5,307,844 | 292 |
| 1971–72 | 42,254,272 | 19,474,355 | 46.1 | 1,507,830 | 77 | 6,029,195 | 310 |
| 1973–74 | 41,438,054 | 21,347,039 | 51.5 | 1,858,141 | 87 | 6,557,474 | 307 |
| 1975–76 | 41,269,720 | 21,772,483 | 52.8 | 2,377,313 | 109 | 7,053,407 | 324 |
| 1977–78 | 40,079,590 | ² 21,800,000 | 54.4 | 2,731,041 | ² 125 | 7,174,667 | ² 329 |
| 1979–80 | 38,288,911 | 21,713,515 | 56.7 | 3,833,145 | 177 | 8,124,294 | 374 |
| 1980–81 | 37,703,744 | ² 22,272,000 | 59.1 | ² 4,408,000 | ² 198 | ² 8,373,000 | ² 376 |
| 1981–82 | 37,094,652 | ² 22,246,000 | 60.0 | ² 4,793,000 | ² 215 | ² 8,380,000 | ² 377 |
| 1982–83 | 36,635,868 | ² 22,199,000 | 60.6 | ² 5,000,000 | ² 225 | ² 8,382,000 | ² 378 |
| 1983–84 | 36,362,978 | ² 22,031,000 | 60.6 | ² 5,284,000 | ² 240 | ² 8,542,000 | ² 388 |
| 1984–85 | 36,404,261 | ² 22,320,000 | 61.3 | ² 5,722,000 | ² 256 | ² 8,902,000 | ² 399 |
| 1985–86 | 36,523,103 | ² 22,041,000 | 60.3 | ² 6,123,000 | ² 278 | ² 9,259,000 | ² 420 |
| 1986–87 | 36,863,867 | ² 22,397,000 | 60.8 | ² 6,551,000 | ² 292 | ² 9,691,000 | ² 433 |
| 1987–88 | 37,050,707 | ² 22,158,000 | 59.8 | ² 6,888,000 | ² 311 | ² 9,784,000 | ² 442 |
| 1988–89 | 37,268,072 | ² 22,635,000 | 60.7 | ² 7,550,000 | ² 334 | ² 10,251,000 | ² 453 |
| 1989–90 | 37,799,296 | ² 22,459,000 | 59.4 | 8,030,990 | ² 358 | 10,407,050 | ² 463 |
| 1990–91 | 38,426,543 | ² 22,000,000 | 57.3 | 8,678,954 | ² 394 | 10,663,713 | ² 485 |
| 1991–92 | 38,960,783 | ² 23,165,000 | 59.5 | 8,769,754 | ² 379 | 10,440,733 | ² 451 |
| 1992–93 | 39,570,462 | ² 23,439,000 | 59.2 | 9,252,300 | ² 395 | 10,681,579 | ² 456 |
| 1993–94 | 40,146,393 | ² 23,858,000 | 59.4 | 9,627,155 | ² 404 | 10,833,702 | ² 454 |
| 1994–95 | 40,720,763 | ² 23,693,000 | 58.2 | 9,889,034 | ² 417 | 10,818,317 | ² 457 |
| 1995–96 | 41,501,596 | ² 24,155,000 | 58.2 | 10,396,426 | ² 430 | 11,072,160 | ² 458 |
| 1996–97 | 42,262,004 | ² 24,090,000 | 57.0 | 10,989,809 | ² 456 | 11,379,447 | ² 472 |
| 1997–98 | 42,765,774 | ² 24,342,000 | 56.9 | 11,465,658 | ² 471 | 11,664,146 | ² 479 |
| 1998–99 | 43,187,202 | ² 24,857,000 | 57.6 | 11,982,509 | ² 482 | 11,982,509 | ² 482 |

¹ Excludes capital outlay for years through 1979–80, and 1989–90 to the latest year.

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*.

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.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Statistics of State School Systems; Revenues and Expenditures for Public Elementary and Secondary Education*, Common Core of Data survey; and unpublished data; and Bobbit Publishing Co., *School Bus Fleet*, January issues. (This table was prepared November 2001.)