

Table 56. Enrollment in grades 9 to 12 in public and private schools compared with population 14 to 17 years of age: Selected years, 1889–90 to fall 2002

[Numbers in thousands]

Year	Enrollment, grades 9 to 12 ¹			Population 14 to 17 years of age ²	Enrollment as a ratio of population 14 to 17 years of age ³
	All schools	Public schools	Private schools		
1	2	3	4	5	6
1889–90	298	203	95	5,355	5.6
1899–1900	630	519	111	6,152	10.2
1909–10	1,032	915	117	7,220	14.3
1919–20	2,414	2,200	214	7,736	31.2
1929–30	4,741	4,399	⁴ 341	9,341	50.7
1939–40	7,059	6,601	⁵ 458	9,720	72.6
1949–50	6,397	5,725	672	8,405	76.1
1951–52	6,538	5,882	656	8,516	76.8
1953–54	7,038	6,290	747	8,861	79.4
1955–56	7,696	6,873	823	9,207	83.6
1957–58	8,790	7,860	931	10,139	86.7
Fall 1959	9,306	8,271	1,035	11,155	83.4
Fall 1961	10,489	9,369	1,120	12,046	87.1
Fall 1963	12,170	10,883	1,287	13,492	90.2
Fall 1965	13,010	11,610	1,400	14,146	92.0
Fall 1966	13,294	11,894	1,400	14,398	92.3
Fall 1967	13,650	12,250	1,400	14,727	92.7
Fall 1968	14,118	12,718	1,400	15,170	93.1
Fall 1969	14,337	13,037	⁶ 1,300	15,549	92.2
Fall 1970	14,647	13,336	1,311	15,921	92.0
Fall 1971	15,053	13,753	⁶ 1,300	16,326	92.2
Fall 1972	15,148	13,848	⁶ 1,300	16,637	91.0
Fall 1973	15,344	14,044	⁶ 1,300	16,864	91.0
Fall 1974	15,403	14,103	⁶ 1,300	17,033	90.4
Fall 1975	15,604	14,304	⁶ 1,300	17,125	91.1
Fall 1976	15,656	14,314	1,342	17,117	91.5
Fall 1977	15,546	14,203	1,343	17,042	91.2
Fall 1978	15,441	14,088	1,353	16,944	91.1
Fall 1979	14,916	13,616	⁶ 1,300	16,610	89.8
Fall 1980	14,570	13,231	1,339	16,143	90.3
Fall 1981	14,164	12,764	⁶ 1,400	15,609	90.7
Fall 1982	13,805	12,405	⁶ 1,400	15,057	91.7
Fall 1983	13,671	12,271	1,400	14,740	92.7
Fall 1984	13,704	12,304	⁶ 1,400	14,725	93.1
Fall 1985	13,750	12,388	1,362	14,888	92.4
Fall 1986	13,669	12,333	⁶ 1,336	14,824	92.2
Fall 1987	13,323	12,076	1,247	14,502	91.9
Fall 1988	12,893	11,687	⁶ 1,206	14,023	91.9
Fall 1989	12,553	11,390	⁶ 1,163	13,536	92.7
Fall 1990	12,488	11,338	1,150	13,329	93.7
Fall 1991	12,703	11,541	1,162	13,491	94.2
Fall 1992	12,882	11,735	⁶ 1,147	13,775	93.5
Fall 1993	13,093	11,961	1,132	14,096	92.9
Fall 1994	13,376	12,213	⁶ 1,163	14,637	91.4
Fall 1995	13,697	12,500	1,197	15,013	91.2
Fall 1996	14,060	12,847	⁶ 1,213	15,443	91.0
Fall 1997	14,272	13,054	1,218	15,769	90.5
Fall 1998	14,428	13,193	⁶ 1,235	15,829	91.1
Fall 1999	14,623	13,369	1,254	16,007	91.4
Fall 2000	14,802	13,515	⁶ 1,287	16,096	92.0
Fall 2001	15,058	13,736	⁶ 1,322	16,204	92.9
Fall 2002 ⁷	15,332	13,976	1,356	16,365	93.7

¹ Includes a relatively small number of secondary ungraded and postgraduate students.

² Data for 1890 through 1950 are from the decennial censuses of population. The other figures are Bureau of the Census estimates as of July 1 preceding the opening of the school year.

³ Gross enrollment ratio based on school enrollment of all ages in grades 9 to 12 divided by the 14- to 17-year-old population. Differs from enrollment rates in other tables which are based on the enrollment of persons in the given age group only.

⁴ Data are for 1927–28.

⁵ Data are for 1940–41.

⁶ Estimated.

⁷ Projected.

NOTE: Allocation of ungraded students to secondary levels based on proportions derived from prior years. Includes enrollment in public schools that are a part of state and local school systems and also in most private schools, both religiously affiliated and non-sectarian. Some data have been revised from previously published figures. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Annual Reports of the Commissioner of Education*, 1870 through 1910; *Biennial Survey of Education in the United States*, 1919–20 through 1949–50; *Statistics of State School Systems, Statistics of Public Elementary and Secondary School Systems; Statistics of Nonpublic Elementary and Secondary Schools*; 1959 through 1980, The NCES Common Core of Data (CCD); 1981 through 2001 and *Projections of Education Statistics to 2013*. (This table was prepared September 2003.)