

Table 59. Private elementary and secondary school staff and student to staff ratios, by school level, orientation of school, and type of staff: 1999–2000

Orientation of school and type of staff	Full-time-equivalent staff				Students per full-time-equivalent staff member			
	Total	Elemen- tary ¹	Sec- ondary ²	Com- bined ³	Total	Elemen- tary ¹	Secondary ²	Com- bined ³
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Total	662,524 (15,864)	309,282	106,572	246,671	7.9 (0.07)	9.4	7.7	6.2
Principals	24,430 (414)	13,484	2,509	8,437	215.4 (4.81)	216.6	326.4	180.5
Assistant principals	10,159 (455)	4,112	2,262	3,784	518.1 (15.44)	710.2	362.1	402.5
Other managers	16,628 (612)	6,024	4,261	6,343	316.5 (7.93)	484.9	192.2	240.1
Instruction coordinators	5,446 (319)	1,973	1,212	2,261	966.4 (46.87)	1,480.4	675.7	673.7
Teachers	402,475 (10,037)	193,614	64,665	144,196	13.1 (0.09)	15.1	12.7	10.6
Teacher aides	42,877 (2,289)	20,878	1,285	20,713	122.7 (6.59)	139.9	637.1	73.5
Guidance counselors	10,477 (520)	2,972	3,404	4,100	502.3 (21.89)	982.7	240.6	371.5
Librarians/media specialists	10,540 (374)	5,444	1,814	3,281	499.3 (12.05)	536.5	451.3	464.2
Library/media center aides	4,990 (332)	2,488	715	1,787	1,054.8 (74.09)	1,173.7	1,145.7	852.6
Nurses	6,598 (297)	2,631	990	2,977	797.6 (30.69)	1,110.0	827.4	511.6
Student support staff ⁴	19,114 (1,264)	6,413	2,016	10,685	275.3 (18.38)	455.5	406.1	142.6
Secretaries/clerical staff	38,918 (992)	16,900	7,755	14,263	135.2 (2.21)	172.8	105.6	106.8
Food service personnel	24,397 (766)	11,251	5,048	8,098	215.7 (5.96)	259.6	162.2	188.1
Custodial and maintenance	36,990 (1,193)	16,780	7,075	13,135	142.3 (2.86)	174.1	115.7	116.0
Other employees ⁵	8,486 (1,053)	4,318	1,559	2,610	620.1 (75.81)	676.4	525.3	583.7
Catholic								
Total	234,928 (2,717)	153,807	64,508	16,612	10.8 (0.07)	11.8	9.6	7.4
Principals	7,317 (96)	5,822	1,094	401	348.3 (4.87)	310.9	563.1	304.7
Assistant principals	3,389 (133)	1,712	1,374	303	752.1 (28.57)	1,057.7	448.5	402.7
Other managers	4,739 (163)	1,825	2,443	471	537.9 (15.95)	991.9	252.3	259.5
Instruction coordinators	1,306 (119)	480	647	179	1,951.7 (177.42)	3,775.0	951.8	682.9
Teachers	151,594 (1,749)	98,883	41,868	10,843	16.8 (0.11)	18.3	14.7	11.3
Teacher aides	10,168 (426)	9,184	1,897	797	250.7 (11.43)	197.1	3,297.5	153.4
Guidance counselors	4,323 (198)	1,661	2,318	344	589.5 (24.15)	1,089.8	265.8	355.2
Librarians/media specialists	4,808 (102)	3,325	1,192	292	530.1 (10.83)	544.4	517.1	419.1
Library/media center aides	2,112 (130)	1,514	474	123	1,207.0 (77.02)	1,195.5	1,299.9	991.3
Nurses	2,246 (84)	1,684	456	105	1,134.8 (42.68)	1,074.7	1,350.7	1,159.8
Student support staff ⁴	4,493 (204)	3,337	684	473	567.3 (27.00)	542.5	901.4	258.6
Secretaries/clerical staff	13,559 (307)	7,936	4,553	1,070	188.0 (3.29)	228.1	135.3	114.2
Food service personnel	10,024 (322)	6,647	2,929	448	254.3 (7.91)	272.3	210.3	273.0
Custodial and maintenance	13,217 (329)	8,617	3,876	724	192.8 (3.95)	210.1	159.0	168.7
Other employees ⁵	1,634 (173)	1,181	414	39	1,560.0 (172.78)	1,533.1	1,490.0	3,103.3
Other religious orientation								
Total	237,799 (9,461)	100,215	17,750	119,834	7.9 (0.12)	8.3	6.5	7.7
Principals	11,286 (317)	5,015	676	5,595	165.9 (6.18)	165.7	170.3	165.5
Assistant principals	3,759 (262)	1,543	357	1,859	498.0 (26.71)	538.7	322.3	497.9
Other managers	5,821 (373)	2,214	764	2,842	321.6 (15.01)	375.4	150.5	325.7
Instruction coordinators	1,837 (126)	719	187	930	1,019.0 (66.66)	1,155.2	614.0	995.2
Teachers	152,335 (6,417)	63,722	10,893	77,720	12.3 (0.17)	13.0	10.6	11.9
Teacher aides	11,029 (720)	5,896	102	5,031	169.7 (9.55)	141.0	1,126.4	184.0
Guidance counselors	3,034 (214)	651	560	1,822	617.0 (41.20)	1,276.1	205.3	508.0
Librarians/media specialists	3,558 (245)	1,546	290	1,722	526.1 (25.88)	537.5	397.0	537.6
Library/media center aides	2,058 (298)	762	138	1,158	909.3 (151.55)	1,090.7	832.1	799.3
Nurses	1,641 (114)	614	155	872	1,141.0 (71.34)	1,354.2	743.1	1,061.6
Student support staff ⁴	4,090 (596)	1,757	335	1,998	457.7 (79.87)	473.1	342.9	463.3
Secretaries/clerical staff	14,420 (679)	5,645	1,276	7,499	129.8 (3.50)	147.2	90.1	123.5
Food service personnel	7,649 (461)	2,988	715	3,946	244.7 (12.40)	278.1	161.0	234.6
Custodial and maintenance	12,187 (576)	5,344	1,221	5,622	153.6 (5.56)	155.5	94.2	164.7
Other employees ⁵	3,096 (483)	1,799	81	1,216	604.7 (85.12)	462.0	1,411.9	761.6
Non-sectarian								
Total	189,798 (9,078)	55,260	24,313	110,225	4.4 (0.16)	5.1	3.6	4.3
Principals	5,827 (268)	2,647	739	2,441	144.5 (10.10)	105.5	118.7	194.7
Assistant principals	3,011 (315)	858	531	1,622	279.7 (18.70)	325.5	165.2	293.0
Other managers	6,069 (344)	1,985	1,054	3,030	138.8 (8.84)	140.7	83.2	156.9
Instruction coordinators	2,303 (248)	774	377	1,152	365.7 (33.06)	360.9	232.6	412.6
Teachers	98,546 (5,271)	31,009	11,904	55,633	8.5 (0.21)	9.0	7.4	8.5
Teacher aides	21,680 (2,074)	5,799	996	14,885	38.9 (4.44)	48.2	88.0	31.9
Guidance counselors	3,120 (370)	660	526	1,934	270.0 (31.16)	423.3	166.8	245.7
Librarians/media specialists	2,174 (155)	573	333	1,268	387.5 (21.85)	487.6	263.4	374.9
Library/media center aides	820 (87)	212	103	505	1,027.8 (89.82)	1,317.1	855.8	941.2
Nurses	2,712 (251)	333	379	2,000	310.6 (29.93)	838.5	231.6	237.6
Student support staff ⁴	10,530 (1,056)	1,319	997	8,214	80.0 (8.55)	211.7	88.0	57.9
Secretaries/clerical staff	10,939 (509)	3,318	1,926	5,694	77.0 (4.55)	84.2	45.5	83.5
Food service personnel	6,724 (547)	1,616	1,404	3,704	125.3 (10.86)	172.8	62.5	128.3
Custodial and maintenance	11,587 (882)	2,819	1,978	6,789	72.7 (3.43)	99.1	44.3	70.0
Other employees ⁵	3,757 (891)	1,338	1,064	1,355	224.2 (66.13)	208.7	82.4	350.9

¹ Includes schools beginning with grade 6 or below and with no grade higher than 8.
² Schools with no grade lower than 7.
³ Schools with grades lower than 7 and higher than 8.
⁴ Includes student support services professional staff, such as school psychologists, social workers, occupational therapists, and speech therapists.
⁵ Includes health and other non-instructional aides, and other employees not identified by function.

NOTE: Data are based upon a sample survey and may not be strictly comparable with data reported elsewhere. Excludes prekindergarten students from calculations. Includes only schools that offer first or higher grade. Standard errors appear in parentheses. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Schools and Staffing Survey (SASS), "Private School Questionnaire," 1999–2000. (This table was prepared September 2002.)