

Table 167. Public school pupils transported at public expense and current expenditures for transportation: Selected years, 1929–30 to 2000–01

School year	Average daily attendance, all students	Pupils transported at public expense		Expenditures for transportation (in current dollars)		Expenditures for transportation (in constant 2000–01 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	\$560,792	\$295
1931–32	22,245,000	2,419,173	10.9	58,078	24	705,347	292
1933–34	22,458,000	2,794,724	12.4	53,908	19	712,797	255
1935–36	22,299,000	3,250,658	14.6	62,653	19	798,285	246
1937–38	22,298,000	3,769,242	16.9	75,637	20	924,498	245
1939–40	22,042,000	4,144,161	18.8	83,283	20	1,043,448	252
1941–42	21,031,000	4,503,081	21.4	92,922	21	1,043,477	232
1943–44	19,603,000	4,512,412	23.0	107,754	24	1,082,747	240
1945–46	19,849,000	5,056,966	25.5	129,756	26	1,245,436	246
1947–48	20,910,000	5,854,041	28.0	176,265	30	1,324,575	226
1949–50	22,284,000	6,947,384	31.2	214,504	31	1,585,861	228
1951–52	23,257,000	7,697,130	33.1	268,827	35	1,790,871	233
1953–54	25,643,871	8,411,719	32.8	307,437	37	2,001,702	238
1955–56	27,740,149	9,695,819	35.0	353,972	37	2,305,459	238
1957–58	29,722,275	10,861,689	36.5	416,491	38	2,553,549	235
1959–60	32,477,440	12,225,142	37.6	486,338	40	2,898,067	237
1961–62	34,682,340	13,222,667	38.1	576,361	44	3,357,382	254
1963–64	37,405,058	14,475,778	38.7	673,845	47	3,825,461	264
1965–66	39,154,497	15,536,567	39.7	787,358	51	4,320,549	278
1967–68	40,827,965	17,130,873	42.0	981,006	57	5,050,762	295
1969–70	41,934,376	18,198,577	43.4	1,218,557	67	5,648,169	310
1971–72	42,254,272	19,474,355	46.1	1,507,830	77	6,415,771	329
1973–74	41,438,054	21,347,039	51.5	1,858,141	87	6,977,922	327
1975–76	41,269,720	21,772,483	52.8	2,377,313	109	7,505,653	345
1977–78	40,079,590	² 21,800,000	54.4	2,731,041	² 125	7,634,688	² 350
1979–80	38,288,911	21,713,515	56.7	3,833,145	177	8,645,203	398
1980–81	37,703,744	² 22,272,000	59.1	² 4,408,000	² 198	² 8,910,000	² 400
1981–82	37,094,652	² 22,246,000	60.0	² 4,793,000	² 215	² 8,918,000	² 401
1982–83	36,635,868	² 22,199,000	60.6	² 5,000,000	² 225	² 8,920,000	² 402
1983–84	36,362,978	² 22,031,000	60.6	² 5,284,000	² 240	² 9,090,000	² 413
1984–85	36,404,261	² 22,320,000	61.3	² 5,722,000	² 256	² 9,472,000	² 424
1985–86	36,523,103	² 22,041,000	60.3	² 6,123,000	² 278	² 9,852,000	² 447
1986–87	36,863,867	² 22,397,000	60.8	² 6,551,000	² 292	² 10,312,000	² 460
1987–88	37,050,707	² 22,158,000	59.8	² 6,888,000	² 311	² 10,411,000	² 470
1988–89	37,268,072	² 22,635,000	60.7	² 7,550,000	² 334	² 10,908,000	² 482
1989–90	37,799,296	² 22,459,000	59.4	8,030,990	² 358	11,074,323	² 493
1990–91	38,426,543	² 22,000,000	57.3	8,678,954	² 394	11,347,443	² 516
1991–92	38,960,783	² 23,165,000	59.5	8,769,754	² 379	11,110,165	² 480
1992–93	39,570,462	² 23,439,000	59.2	9,252,300	² 395	11,366,453	² 485
1993–94	40,146,393	² 23,858,000	59.4	9,627,155	² 404	11,528,330	² 483
1994–95	40,720,763	² 23,693,000	58.2	9,889,034	² 417	11,511,959	² 486
1995–96	41,501,596	² 24,155,000	58.2	10,396,426	² 430	11,782,077	² 488
1996–97	42,262,004	² 24,090,000	57.0	10,989,809	² 456	12,109,067	² 503
1997–98	42,765,774	² 24,342,000	56.9	11,465,658	² 471	12,412,020	² 510
1998–99	43,186,715	² 24,898,000	57.7	12,224,454	² 491	13,008,254	² 522
1999–2000	43,806,726	² 24,951,000	57.0	13,007,625	² 521	13,453,271	² 539
2000–01	44,085,912	² 24,470,616	55.5	14,060,957	² 575	14,060,957	² 575

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, 1929–30 through 1975–76; Revenues and Expenditures for Public Elementary and Secondary Education, 1977–78 and 1979–80*; The NCES Common Core of Data (CCD), "National Public Education Financial Survey," 1987–88 through 2000–01; and Bobit Publishing Co., *School Bus Fleet*, "School Transportation: 2000–2001 School Year," and unpublished data. (This table was prepared November 2003.)