Table 58.—Enrollment in foreign language courses compared with enrollment in grades 9 to 12 in public secondary schools: Fall 1948 to fall 1994

[In thousands]

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Language	Fall 1948	Fall 1960	Fall 1965	Fall 1968	Fall 1970	Fall 1974	Fall 1976	Fall 1978	Fall 1982	Fall 1985	Fall 1990	Fall 1994	Percent change in en- rollment	
													1976 to 1990	1990 to 1994
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Total enrollment, grades 9 to 12	15,602	8,589	11,610	12,718	13,336	14,103	14,314	14,088	12,405	12,388	11,338	12,213	-20.8	7.7
All foreign languages ² Number enrolled Percent of all students	1,170 20.9	2,522 29.4	3,659 31.5	3,890 30.6	3,779 28.3	3,295 23.3	3,174 22.2	3,200 22.7	2,910 23.3	4,029 32.2	4,257 37.5	5,002 41.0	34.1 —	17.5 —
Modern foreign languages Number enrolled Percent of all students	741 13.2	1,867 21.7	3,068 26.4	3,518 27.7	3,514 26.4	3,127 22.1	3,023 21.1	3,048 21.6	2,740 21.9	3,852 31.1	4,093 36.1	4,813 39.4	35.4 —	17.6
Spanish Number enrolled Percent of all students	443 7.9	933 10.9	1,427 12.3	1,698 13.4	1,811 13.6	1,678 11.9	1,717 12.0	1,631 11.6	1,563 12.5	2,334 18.8	2,611 23.0	3,220 26.4	52.1 —	23.3
French Number enrolled Percent of all students	254 4.5	744 8.7	1,251 10.8	1,328 10.4	1,231 9.2	978 6.9	888 6.2	856 6.1	858 6.9	1,134 9.2	1,089 9.6	1,106 9.1	22.6 —	1.5 —
German Number enrolled Percent of all students	43 0.8	151 1.8	328 2.8	423 3.3	411 3.1	393 2.8	353 2.5	331 2.3	267 2.1	312 2.5	295 2.6	326 2.7	-16.2 —	10.3
Russian Number enrolled Percent of all students	_ _	10 0.1	27 0.2	24 0.2	20 0.2	15 0.1	11 0.1	9 0.1	6 (³)	6 (³)	16 0.1	16 0.1	46.6 —	-0.4 —
Italian Number enrolled Percent of all students	_ _	20 0.2	25 0.2	27 0.2	27 0.2	40 0.3	46 0.3	46 0.3	44 0.4	47 0.4	40 0.4	44 0.4	-11.4 —	8.5 —
Japanese ⁴ Number enrolled Percent of all students	_ _	_ _	_ _		_ _		_ _ _	_ _	_	_	25 0.2	42 0.3	_ _	68.3 —
Other modern foreign languages ⁵ Number enrolled Percent of all students	1 (³)	9 0.1	9 0.1	18 0.1	15 0.1	23 0.2	9 0.1	176 1.2	3 (³)	18 0.1	15 0.1	59 0.5	73.0 —	296.1 —
Latin Number enrolled Percent of all students	429 7.7	655 7.6	591 5.1	372 2.9	265 2.0	167 1.2	150 1.1	152 1.1	170 1.4	177 1.4	164 1.4	189 1.5	8.9 —	15.2

¹ Estimated.

—Data not reported, not available, or not applicable.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data survey; and American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Foreign Language Enrollments in Public Secondary Schools, Fall 1989, Fall 1990, and Fall 1994. (This table was prepared February 1999.)

² Includes enrollment in ancient Greek (not shown separately). Fewer than 1,000 students were enrolled in this language in each of the years shown.

³Less than 0.05 percent.

⁴Until 1990, student enrollment in Japanese courses was included in the Other mod-

ern foreign languages category.

⁵ Includes students enrolled in unspecified modern foreign languages. In 1978, a relatively large number of students were not identified by field of study. Since 1990, enrollment in Japanese courses is reported as a separate category.