

**Table 65.—Public and private elementary and secondary teachers and pupil/teacher ratios, by level:
Fall 1955 to fall 1998**

Year	Public and private elementary and secondary			Public elementary and secondary			Private elementary and secondary		
	Kindergarten to grade 12	Elementary	Secondary	Kindergarten to grade 12	Elementary	Secondary	Kindergarten to grade 12	Elementary	Secondary
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Number of teachers, in thousands									
1955	1,286	827	459	1,141	733	408	1 145	194	151
1960	1,600	991	609	1,408	858	550	1 192	1 133	1 59
1965	1,933	1,112	822	1,710	965	746	1 223	147	76
1968	2,161	1,223	938	1,936	1,076	860	1 225	147	78
1969	2,245	1,260	986	2,016	1,109	908	1 229	1 151	1 78
1970	2,292	1,283	1,009	2,059	1,130	929	1 233	153	80
1971	2,293	1,263	1,030	2,063	1,111	952	1 230	1 152	1 78
1972	2,337	1,296	1,041	2,106	1,142	964	1 231	1 154	1 77
1973	2,372	1,308	1,064	2,136	1,151	985	1 236	1 157	1 79
1974	2,410	1,330	1,079	2,165	1,166	998	1 245	1 164	1 81
1975	2,453	1,353	1,100	2,198	1,181	1,017	1 255	1 172	1 83
1976	2,457	1,351	1,106	2,189	1,168	1,021	1 268	183	85
1977	2,488	1,375	1,113	2,209	1,185	1,024	1 279	190	89
1978	2,479	1,376	1,103	2,207	1,191	1,016	1 272	185	87
1979	2,461	1,379	1,082	2,185	1,191	994	1 276	1 188	1 88
1980	2,485	1,401	1,084	2,184	1,189	995	1 301	212	89
1981	2,440	1,404	1,037	2,127	1,183	945	1 313	1 221	1 92
1982	2,458	1,413	1,045	2,133	1,182	951	1 325	1 231	1 94
1983	2,476	1,426	1,050	2,139	1,186	953	1 337	240	97
1984	2,508	1,451	1,057	2,168	1,208	960	1 340	1 243	1 97
1985	2,549	1,483	1,066	2,206	1,237	969	1 343	246	97
1986	2,592	1,521	1,071	2,244	1,271	973	1 348	1 250	1 98
1987	2,631	1,563	1,068	2,279	1,306	973	1 353	1 257	1 95
1988	2,668	1,604	1,064	2,323	1,353	970	1 345	1 251	1 94
1989	2,734	1,662	1,072	2,357	1,387	970	1 377	1 275	1 102
1990	2,753	1,683	1,070	2,398	1,429	969	1 355	1 254	1 101
1991	2,787	1,722	1,065	2,432	1,468	964	1 355	1 254	1 101
1992	2,822	1,752	1,070	2,459	1,492	967	1 363	1 260	1 103
1993	2,870	1,775	1,095	2,504	1,513	991	1 366	1 262	1 104
1994	2,926	1,791	1,135	2,552	1,525	1,027	1 374	1 266	1 108
1995	2,978	1,794	1,184	2,598	1,525	1,073	1 380	1 269	1 111
1996	3,053	1,856	1,197	2,666	1,582	1,084	1 387	1 274	1 113
1997 ²	3,103	1,882	1,222	2,710	1,604	1,106	1 394	1 278	1 116
1998 ³	3,126	1,894	1,233	2,728	1,612	1,116	1 399	281	117
Pupil/teacher ratios									
1955	27.4	31.4	20.3	26.9	30.2	20.9	1 31.7	1 40.4	1 15.7
1960	26.4	29.4	21.4	25.8	28.4	21.7	1 30.7	1 36.1	1 18.6
1965	25.1	28.4	20.6	24.7	27.6	20.8	1 28.3	1 33.3	1 18.4
1968	23.5	26.0	20.2	23.2	25.4	20.4	1 25.8	1 29.9	1 17.9
1969	22.7	25.1	19.7	22.6	24.7	20.0	1 24.0	1 27.8	1 16.7
1970	22.4	24.6	19.5	22.3	24.3	19.8	1 23.0	1 26.5	1 16.4
1971	22.4	25.0	19.1	22.3	24.9	19.3	1 22.6	1 25.7	1 16.7
1972	21.7	23.9	18.9	21.7	23.9	19.1	1 21.6	1 24.0	1 16.9
1973	21.3	23.0	19.1	21.3	23.0	19.3	1 21.2	1 23.6	1 16.5
1974	20.8	22.6	18.5	20.8	22.6	18.7	1 20.4	1 22.6	1 16.0
1975	20.3	21.7	18.6	20.4	21.7	18.8	1 19.6	1 21.5	1 15.7
1976	20.1	21.7	18.3	20.2	21.8	18.5	1 19.3	1 20.9	1 15.8
1977	19.6	20.9	17.9	19.7	21.1	18.2	1 18.4	1 20.0	1 15.1
1978	19.2	20.9	17.1	19.3	21.0	17.3	1 18.7	1 20.2	1 15.6
1979	19.0	20.5	17.0	19.1	20.6	17.2	1 18.1	1 19.7	1 14.8
1980	18.6	20.1	16.6	18.7	20.4	16.8	1 17.7	1 18.8	1 15.0
1981	18.7	20.0	16.8	18.8	20.3	16.9	1 17.6	1 18.6	1 15.2
1982	18.4	19.8	16.4	18.6	20.2	16.6	1 17.2	1 18.2	1 14.9
1983	18.2	19.6	16.2	18.4	19.9	16.4	1 17.0	1 18.0	1 14.4
1984	17.9	19.3	16.0	18.1	19.7	16.1	1 16.8	1 17.7	1 14.4
1985	17.6	19.1	15.6	17.9	19.5	15.8	1 16.2	1 17.1	1 14.0
1986	17.4	18.8	15.5	17.7	19.3	15.7	1 15.7	1 16.5	1 13.6
1987	17.3	18.8	15.0	17.6	19.3	15.2	1 15.5	1 16.5	1 13.1
1988	17.0	18.6	14.7	17.3	19.0	14.9	1 15.2	1 16.1	1 12.8
1989	16.8	18.4	14.3	17.2	19.0	14.6	1 14.2	1 15.1	1 11.7
1990	16.9	18.5	14.3	17.2	18.9	14.6	1 14.7	1 16.1	1 11.3
1991	17.0	18.4	14.6	17.3	18.8	15.0	1 14.6	1 16.0	1 11.1
1992	17.1	18.4	14.8	17.4	18.8	15.2	1 14.8	1 16.2	1 11.3
1993	17.1	18.5	14.7	17.4	18.9	15.1	1 14.9	1 16.3	1 11.5
1994	17.0	18.6	14.4	17.3	19.0	14.8	1 15.0	1 16.4	1 11.4
1995	17.0	18.9	14.1	17.3	19.3	14.4	1 15.0	1 16.5	1 11.4
1996	16.8	18.4	14.3	17.1	18.8	14.6	1 14.9	1 16.4	1 11.5
1997 ²	16.7	18.3	14.2	17.0	18.6	14.5	1 14.9	1 16.3	1 11.4
1998 ³	16.9	18.5	14.4	17.2	18.9	14.7	1 14.9	1 16.3	1 11.4

¹ Estimated.

² Preliminary data.

³ Projected.

small number of nursery school teachers and students. Some data have been revised from previously published figures. Because of rounding, details may not add to totals.

NOTE.—Data for teachers are expressed in full-time equivalents. Distribution of unclassified teachers by level is estimated. Distribution of elementary and secondary school teachers by level is determined by reporting units. Kindergarten includes a relatively

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Statistics of Public Elementary and Secondary Day Schools*; Common Core of Data surveys; and *Projections of Education Statistics to 2008*. (This table was prepared July 1998.)