

**Table 52.—Public school pupils transported at public expense and current expenditures for transportation: 1929–30 to 1997–98**

School year	Average daily attendance, all students	Pupils transported at public expense		Expenditures for transportation (in current dollars)		Expenditures for transportation (in constant 1997–98 dollars)	
		Number	Percent of total	Total <sup>1</sup> (in thousands)	Average per pupil transported	Total <sup>1</sup> (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	\$518,034	\$272
1931–32 .....	22,245,000	2,419,173	10.9	58,078	24	651,568	269
1933–34 .....	22,458,000	2,794,724	12.4	53,908	19	658,449	236
1935–36 .....	22,299,000	3,250,658	14.6	62,653	19	737,420	227
1937–38 .....	22,298,000	3,769,242	16.9	75,637	20	854,009	227
1939–40 .....	22,042,000	4,144,161	18.8	83,283	20	963,890	233
1941–42 .....	21,031,000	4,503,081	21.4	92,922	21	963,917	214
1943–44 .....	19,603,000	4,512,412	23.0	107,754	24	1,000,192	222
1945–46 .....	19,849,000	5,056,966	25.5	129,756	26	1,150,477	228
1947–48 .....	20,910,000	5,854,041	28.0	176,265	30	1,223,582	209
1949–50 .....	22,284,000	6,947,384	31.2	214,504	31	1,464,946	211
1951–52 .....	23,257,000	7,697,130	33.1	268,827	35	1,654,325	215
1953–54 .....	25,643,871	8,411,719	32.8	307,437	37	1,849,081	220
1955–56 .....	27,740,149	9,695,819	35.0	353,972	37	2,129,678	220
1957–58 .....	29,722,275	10,861,689	36.5	416,491	38	2,358,852	217
1959–60 .....	32,477,440	12,225,142	37.6	486,338	40	2,677,102	219
1961–62 .....	34,682,340	13,222,667	38.1	576,361	44	3,101,397	235
1963–64 .....	37,405,058	14,475,778	38.7	673,845	47	3,533,786	244
1965–66 .....	39,154,497	15,536,567	39.7	787,358	51	3,991,126	257
1967–68 .....	40,827,965	17,130,873	42.0	981,006	57	4,665,663	272
1969–70 .....	41,934,376	18,198,577	43.4	1,218,557	67	5,217,521	287
1971–72 .....	42,254,272	19,474,355	46.1	1,507,830	77	5,926,596	304
1973–74 .....	41,438,054	21,347,039	51.5	1,858,141	87	6,445,886	302
1975–76 .....	41,269,720	21,772,483	52.8	2,377,313	109	6,933,379	318
1977–78 .....	40,079,590	<sup>2</sup> 21,800,000	54.4	2,731,041	<sup>2</sup> 125	7,052,577	<sup>2</sup> 324
1979–80 .....	38,288,911	21,713,515	56.7	3,833,145	177	7,986,044	368
1980–81 .....	37,703,744	<sup>2</sup> 22,272,000	59.1	<sup>2</sup> 4,408,000	<sup>2</sup> 198	<sup>2</sup> 8,230,000	<sup>2</sup> 370
1981–82 .....	37,094,652	<sup>2</sup> 22,246,000	60.0	<sup>2</sup> 4,793,000	<sup>2</sup> 215	<sup>2</sup> 8,238,000	<sup>2</sup> 370
1982–83 .....	36,635,868	<sup>2</sup> 22,199,000	60.6	<sup>2</sup> 5,000,000	<sup>2</sup> 225	<sup>2</sup> 8,240,000	<sup>2</sup> 371
1983–84 .....	36,362,978	<sup>2</sup> 22,031,000	60.6	<sup>2</sup> 5,284,000	<sup>2</sup> 240	<sup>2</sup> 8,397,000	<sup>2</sup> 381
1984–85 .....	36,404,261	<sup>2</sup> 22,320,000	61.3	<sup>2</sup> 5,722,000	<sup>2</sup> 256	<sup>2</sup> 8,750,000	<sup>2</sup> 392
1985–86 .....	36,523,103	<sup>2</sup> 22,041,000	60.3	<sup>2</sup> 6,123,000	<sup>2</sup> 278	<sup>2</sup> 9,101,000	<sup>2</sup> 413
1986–87 .....	36,863,867	<sup>2</sup> 22,397,000	60.8	<sup>2</sup> 6,551,000	<sup>2</sup> 292	<sup>2</sup> 9,526,000	<sup>2</sup> 425
1987–88 .....	37,050,707	<sup>2</sup> 22,158,000	59.8	<sup>2</sup> 6,888,000	<sup>2</sup> 311	<sup>2</sup> 9,617,000	<sup>2</sup> 434
1988–89 .....	37,268,072	<sup>2</sup> 22,635,000	60.7	<sup>2</sup> 7,550,000	<sup>2</sup> 334	<sup>2</sup> 10,076,000	<sup>2</sup> 445
1989–90 .....	37,799,296	<sup>2</sup> 22,459,000	59.4	8,030,990	<sup>2</sup> 358	10,229,954	<sup>2</sup> 455
1990–91 .....	38,426,543	<sup>2</sup> 22,000,000	57.3	8,678,954	<sup>2</sup> 394	10,482,250	<sup>2</sup> 476
1991–92 .....	38,960,783	<sup>2</sup> 23,165,000	59.5	8,769,754	<sup>2</sup> 379	10,263,064	<sup>2</sup> 443
1992–93 .....	39,570,462	<sup>2</sup> 23,439,000	59.2	9,252,300	<sup>2</sup> 395	10,499,811	<sup>2</sup> 448
1993–94 .....	40,146,393	<sup>2</sup> 23,858,000	59.4	9,627,155	<sup>2</sup> 404	10,649,345	<sup>2</sup> 446
1994–95 .....	40,720,763	<sup>2</sup> 23,693,000	58.2	9,889,034	<sup>2</sup> 417	10,634,222	<sup>2</sup> 449
1995–96 .....	41,501,596	<sup>2</sup> 24,155,000	58.2	10,396,426	<sup>2</sup> 430	10,883,745	<sup>2</sup> 451
1996–97 .....	42,262,004	<sup>2</sup> 24,090,000	57.0	10,989,809	<sup>2</sup> 456	11,185,804	<sup>2</sup> 464
1997–98 .....	42,854,612	<sup>2</sup> 24,342,000	56.8	11,465,499	<sup>2</sup> 471	11,465,499	<sup>2</sup> 471

<sup>1</sup> Excludes capital outlay for years through 1979–80, and 1989–90 to 1997–98. From 1980–81 to 1988–89 total transportation figures include capital outlay.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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