

**Table 65.—Public and private elementary and secondary teachers, enrollment, and pupil/teacher ratios:
Fall 1955 to fall 2001**

Year	Elementary and secondary teachers, in thousands			Elementary and secondary enrollment, in thousands			Elementary and secondary pupil/teacher ratio		
	Total	Public	Private	Total	Public	Private	Total	Public	Private
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1955	1,286	1,141	¹ 145	35,280	30,680	¹ 4,600	27.4	26.9	¹ 31.7
1960	1,600	1,408	¹ 192	42,181	36,281	¹ 5,900	26.4	25.8	¹ 30.7
1965	1,933	1,710	223	48,473	42,173	6,300	25.1	24.7	28.3
1970	2,292	2,059	233	51,257	45,894	5,363	22.4	22.3	23.0
1971	2,293	2,063	¹ 230	51,271	46,071	¹ 5,200	22.4	22.3	¹ 22.6
1972	2,337	2,106	¹ 231	50,726	45,726	¹ 5,000	21.7	21.7	¹ 21.6
1973	2,372	2,136	¹ 236	50,446	45,446	¹ 5,000	21.3	21.3	¹ 21.2
1974	2,410	2,165	¹ 245	50,073	45,073	¹ 5,000	20.8	20.8	¹ 20.4
1975	2,453	2,198	¹ 255	49,819	44,819	¹ 5,000	20.3	20.4	¹ 19.6
1976	2,457	2,189	268	49,478	44,311	5,167	20.1	20.2	19.3
1977	2,488	2,209	279	48,717	43,577	5,140	19.6	19.7	18.4
1978	2,479	2,207	272	47,635	42,550	5,085	19.2	19.3	18.7
1979	2,461	2,185	¹ 276	46,651	41,651	¹ 5,000	19.0	19.1	¹ 18.1
1980	2,485	2,184	301	46,208	40,877	5,331	18.6	18.7	17.7
1981	2,440	2,127	¹ 313	45,544	40,044	¹ 5,500	18.7	18.8	¹ 17.6
1982	2,458	2,133	¹ 325	45,165	39,566	¹ 5,600	18.4	18.6	¹ 17.2
1983	2,476	2,139	337	44,967	39,252	5,715	18.2	18.4	17.0
1984	2,508	2,168	¹ 340	44,908	39,208	¹ 5,700	17.9	18.1	¹ 16.8
1985	2,549	2,206	343	44,979	39,422	5,557	17.6	17.9	16.2
1986	2,592	2,244	¹ 348	45,205	39,753	¹ 5,452	17.4	17.7	¹ 15.7
1987	2,631	2,279	352	45,487	40,008	5,479	17.3	17.6	15.6
1988	2,668	2,323	¹ 345	45,430	40,189	¹ 5,242	17.0	17.3	¹ 15.2
1989	2,734	2,357	377	45,741	40,543	5,198	16.7	17.2	13.8
1990	2,753	2,398	¹ 355	46,451	41,217	¹ 5,234	16.9	17.2	¹ 14.7
1991	2,787	2,432	355	47,322	42,047	5,275	17.0	17.3	14.9
1992	2,822	2,459	¹ 363	48,145	42,823	¹ 5,322	17.1	17.4	¹ 14.7
1993	2,870	2,504	366	48,813	43,465	5,348	17.0	17.4	14.6
1994	2,926	2,552	¹ 374	49,609	44,111	¹ 5,498	17.0	17.3	¹ 14.7
1995	2,978	2,598	380	50,502	44,840	5,662	17.0	17.3	14.9
1996	3,054	2,667	¹ 387	51,375	45,611	¹ 5,764	16.8	17.1	¹ 14.9
1997	3,134	2,746	388	51,968	46,127	5,841	16.6	16.8	15.1
1998	3,221	2,830	¹ 391	52,476	46,539	¹ 5,937	16.3	16.4	¹ 15.2
1999	3,306	2,911	395	52,875	46,857	6,018	16.0	16.1	15.2
2000	3,343	2,953	¹ 390	53,167	47,223	¹ 5,944	15.9	16.0	¹ 15.2
2001 ¹	3,379	2,988	390	53,520	47,576	5,944	15.8	15.9	15.2

¹ Estimated.

NOTE: Data for teachers are expressed in full-time equivalents. Includes kindergarten and a relatively small number of nursery school teachers and students. Ratios for public schools reflect totals reported by states and differ from totals reported by schools or school districts. Some data have been revised from previously published figures. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

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 2012*. (This table was prepared August 2002.)