

Table 75.—Opinions of public school teachers on the overall quality of education that students received at their school, by selected characteristics: 1987 and 1997

Student characteristics	Percent of teachers							
	1987				1997			
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Total	26	64	9	1	37	55	7	1
Urbanicity								
Urban	18	65	15	1	30	56	12	2
Suburban	29	62	8	1	50	47	3	0
Small town	26	64	9	1	36	59	5	0
Rural	26	64	8	2	33	58	8	(1)
Median income of community where most students live								
\$30,000 or less	—	—	—	—	29	59	10	1
More than \$30,000	—	—	—	—	49	48	2	0

¹ Value less than .05 percent.

—Data not available.

SOURCE: Metropolitan Life/Louis Harris Associates, Inc., *The Metropolitan Life Survey of The American Teacher, 1998*. "Building Family-School Partnerships: Views of Teachers and Students." (This table was prepared September 1998.)