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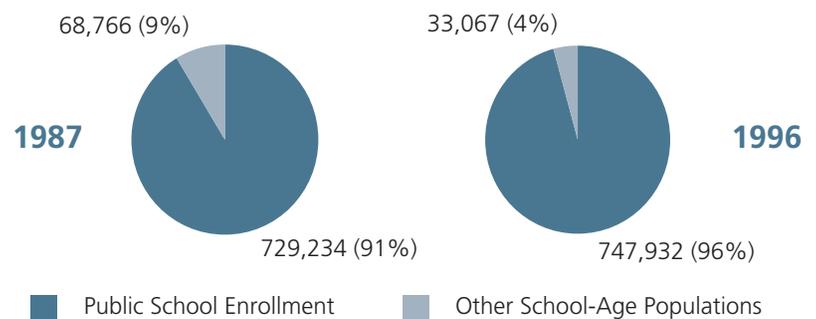
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GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

1987	1996	Demographics
729,234	747,932	Students in public elementary and secondary schools
1,298	1,345	Public schools
37,716	45,035	Teachers in public elementary and secondary schools
51,609	51,609	Land area in square miles
14.1	14.5	Public school students per square mile
2.5	2.6	Public schools per 100 square miles

Figure 1
School-age population in public elementary and secondary schools



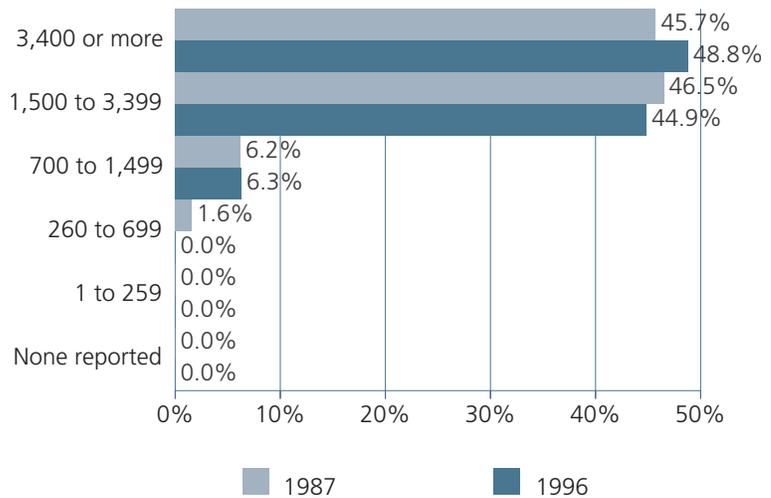
1987	1996	Fiscal summary
4,015	4,287	State population (in thousands)
\$1,994	\$3,243	State revenue per capita
\$1,709	\$2,997	State expenditure per capita
\$346	\$655	State expenditure for elem. and secondary education per capita
\$82,527	\$127,004	Gross state product per school-age child

AGENCY/SCHOOL INFORMATION

1987		1996		Distribution of agencies by type
100%	132	100%	131	Total public education agencies
97.7%	129	96.9%	127	Regular school districts
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	Regional service agencies
0.0%	0	0.8%	1	State-operated agencies
2.3%	3	2.3%	3	Federally operated and other types

1987		1996		Distribution of agencies by number of schools
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100 or more schools
4.5%	6	6.9%	9	25 to 99 schools
23.5%	31	23.7%	31	10 to 24 schools
40.2%	55	42.0%	55	5 to 9 schools
29.5%	39	25.2%	33	1 to 4 schools
2.3%	3	2.3%	3	No schools reported

Figure 2
Regular school districts by student membership size



1987		1996		Distribution of schools by type
100%	1,298	100%	1,345	Total public elementary and secondary schools reported
99.0%	1,285	96.8%	1,302	Regular schools
0.2%	3	1.4%	19	Special education schools
0.3%	4	0.2%	3	Vocational schools
0.5%	6	1.6%	21	Other and alternative schools

Figure 3
Distribution of public schools and students by type of locale: 1996-97

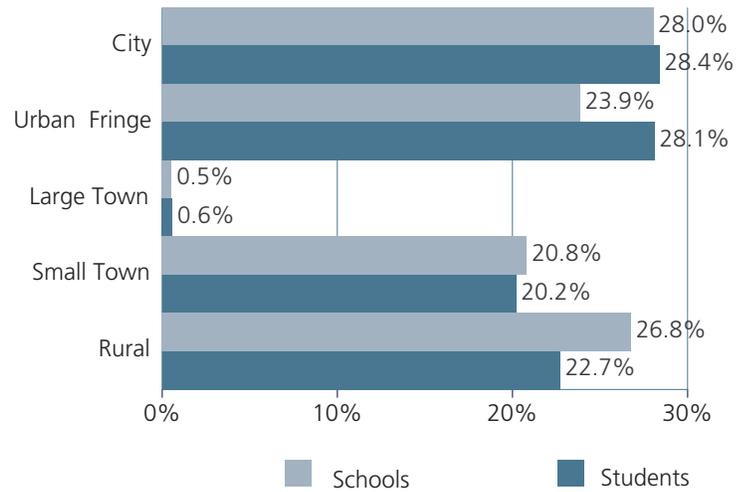
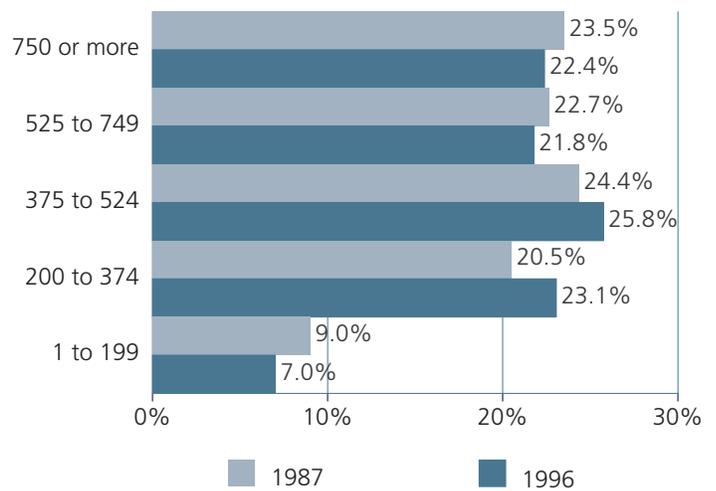


Figure 4
Public schools by size of student membership

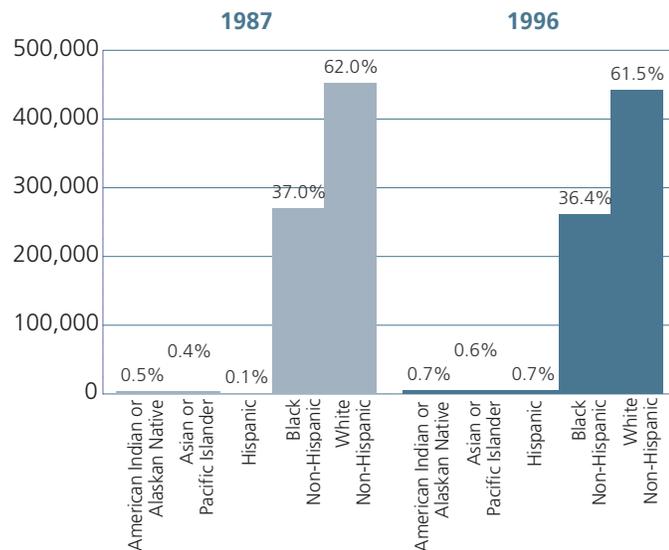


	1987	1996	Number of public schools by grade span category	
37.8%	491	39.6%	532	PK, K, 1 to 3, 4, 5, 6
9.5%	123	5.9%	79	PK, K, 1 to 8
11.3%	147	13.2%	177	4, 5, 6, to 6, 7, 8
2.2%	29	2.8%	37	7 to 8, 9
7.0%	91	6.1%	82	7, 8 to 12
11.5%	149	13.0%	175	9, 10, 11 to 12
20.6%	268	19.2%	258	Other grades
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	Ungraded
0.0%	0	0.4%	5	Not reported

STUDENT INFORMATION

1987	1996	Public school membership by grade
—	9,633	Prekindergarten
54,454	60,949	Kindergarten
62,293	63,665	First
59,613	58,683	Second
60,235	57,435	Third
56,671	57,098	Fourth
56,996	56,550	Fifth
55,025	57,332	Sixth
59,245	60,302	Seventh
56,472	58,305	Eighth
59,480	64,205	Ninth
53,174	52,848	Tenth
49,834	48,417	Eleventh
45,742	42,510	Twelfth
—	—	Ungraded

Figure 5
Public school student membership by racial/ethnic category

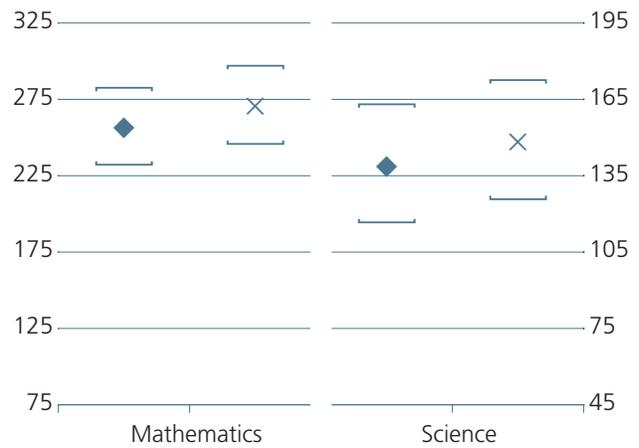


1987	1996	
—	13.1%	Students in special education with IEPs
—	38.8%	School membership eligible for free lunch
—	25.7%	School-age children below poverty

1987		1995		High school completers and dropouts
93.3%	42,463	83.8%	35,043	Regular diploma
	—		—	Other diploma
6.7%	3,041	6.8%	2,840	High school equivalency
	—	9.4%	3,911	Other completers
	—		5.6%	Dropouts
			57.3%	Dropouts who were male
			40.3%	Dropouts who were minority

Figure 6

Grade 8 1996 Mathematics and Science average scale scores for the state (◆) and nation (×) and the 25th (—) and 75th (—) percentiles

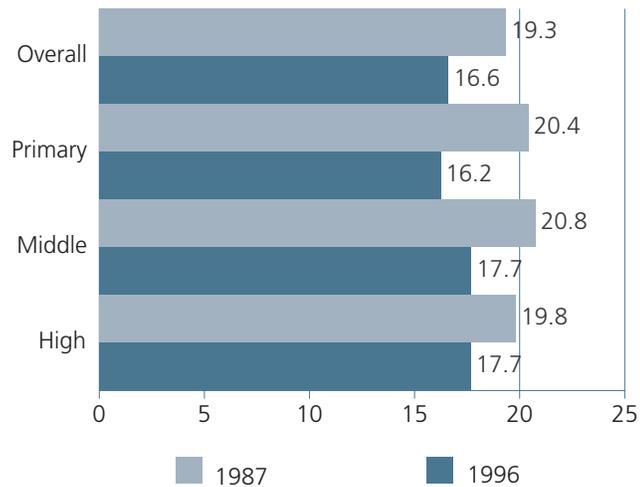


Grade 4	Grade 8	1996 Mathematics and Science achievement levels
211.6	256.6	Average Mathematics scale score [scale 0 to 500]
52.2%	54.8%	Students below basic level
47.8%	45.2%	Students at or above basic level
10.8%	12.0%	Students at or above proficient level
0.9%	1.2%	Students at advanced level
—	138.7	Average Science scale score [scale 0 to 300]
	52.8%	Students below basic level
	47.2%	Students at or above basic level
	17.8%	Students at or above proficient level
	0.8%	Students at advanced level

STAFF INFORMATION

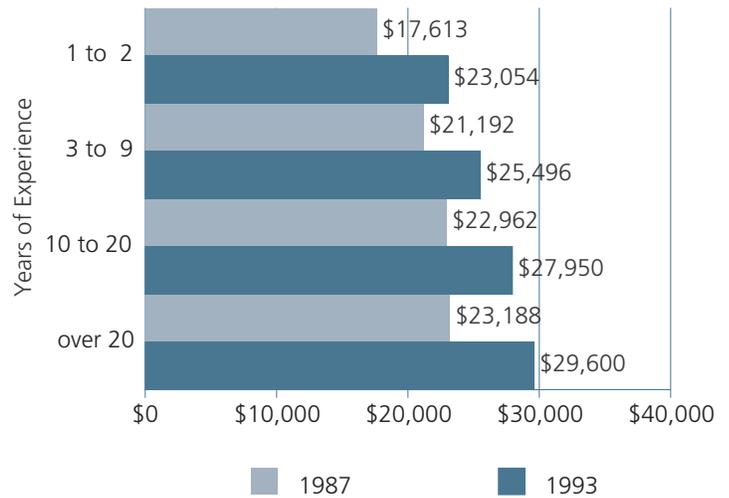
	1987	1996	Educational staff	
100%	70,655	100%	84,909	Total education staff
				Instructional staff
53.4%	37,716	53.0%	45,035	Teachers
5.2%	3,677	8.4%	7,146	Instructional aides
				Support staff
1.4%	1,023	2.0%	1,688	Guidance counselors/directors
1.7%	1,207	1.9%	1,620	Librarians/library support
3.0%	2,147	4.2%	3,551	Administrative support
30.4%	21,495	26.2%	22,217	Other support services
				Administrators
2.7%	1,910	2.6%	2,243	School-based
2.1%	1,480	1.7%	1,409	School district officials/administrators

Figure 7
Average number of students per teacher, by grade level



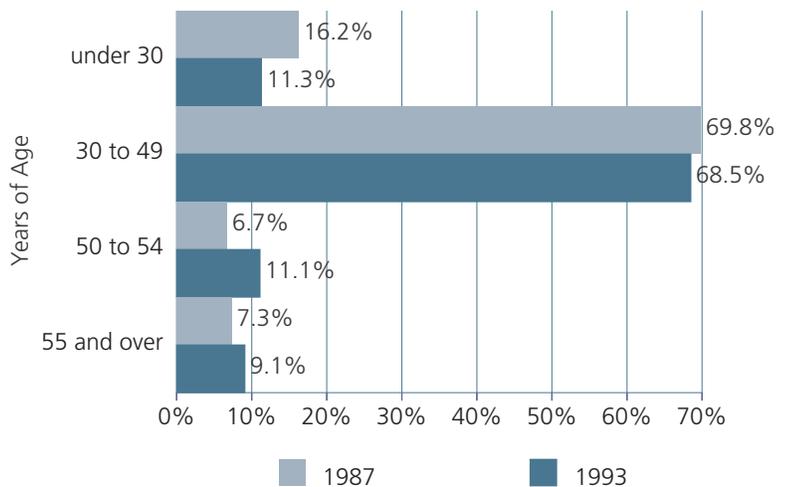
	1987	1996	
	1.1	1.1	Teacher to all other staff ratio
	11.1	12.3	Teacher to administrator ratio

Figure 8
Average salary of full-time teachers by years of experience



1987	1996	
\$18,200	\$26,717	Average beginning teacher salary
\$23,320	\$32,470	Average teacher salary

Figure 9
Distribution of public school teachers by age



1987	1993	Preparation of teachers: highest degree earned
0.1%	0.3%	Public school teachers with no degree
41.4%	38.6%	Public school teachers with a Bachelor's or lower degree
51.0%	52.6%	Public school teachers with a Master's degree
7.5%	8.5%	Public school teachers with a degree beyond Master's

FISCAL INFORMATION

FY88	FY97	Federal aid to education under selected programs (in thousands of current dollars)
\$71,031	\$111,660	National school lunch
\$12,278	\$22,336	National school breakfast
\$80,577	\$130,002	Title I
\$47,057	\$52,868	Education for the handicapped
\$19,106	\$27,852	Vocational and adult education
\$13,427	\$35,713	School improvement
\$5,431	\$2,214	School assistance (federally affected areas)
\$94	\$232	Bilingual education
\$972	\$19	Indian education

Figure 10
Revenues by source

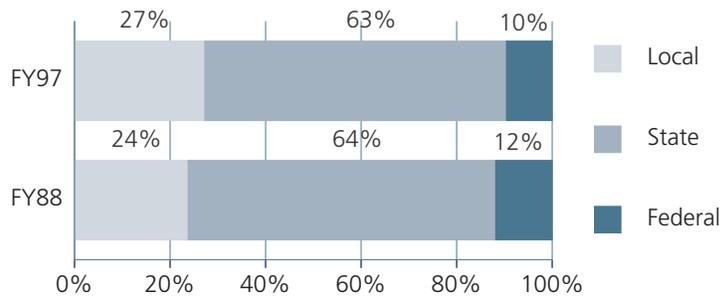
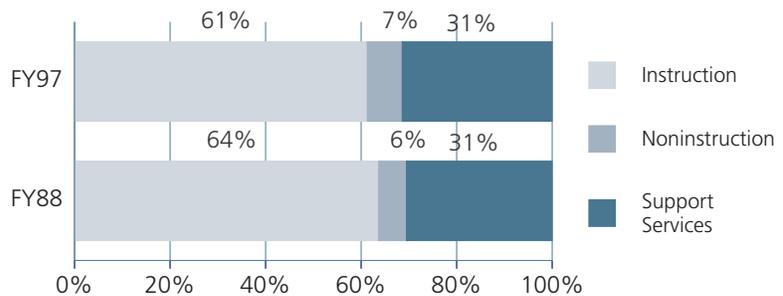


Figure 11
Current expenditures by function



FY88	FY97	Revenues and expenditures (in current dollars)
\$2,171,704	\$3,955,039	Revenues (in thousands of dollars)
\$2,978	\$5,286	Revenue per pupil in membership
\$1,873,390	\$3,436,406	Current expenditures (in thousands of dollars)
\$2,569	\$4,593	Current expenditure per pupil in membership