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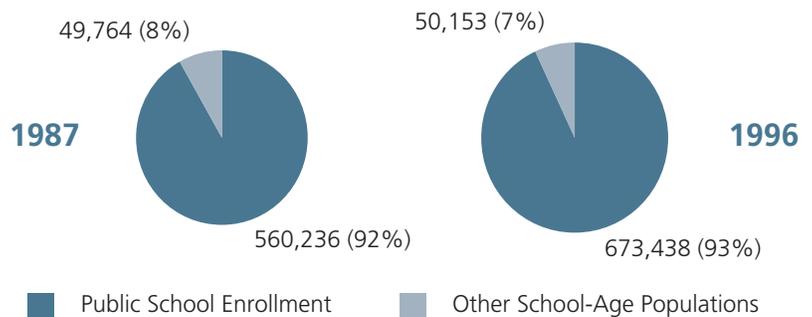
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GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

1987	1996	Demographics
560,236	673,438	Students in public elementary and secondary schools
1,323	1,531	Public schools
31,168	36,398	Teachers in public elementary and secondary schools
104,247	104,247	Land area in square miles
5.4	6.5	Public school students per square mile
1.3	1.5	Public schools per 100 square miles

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



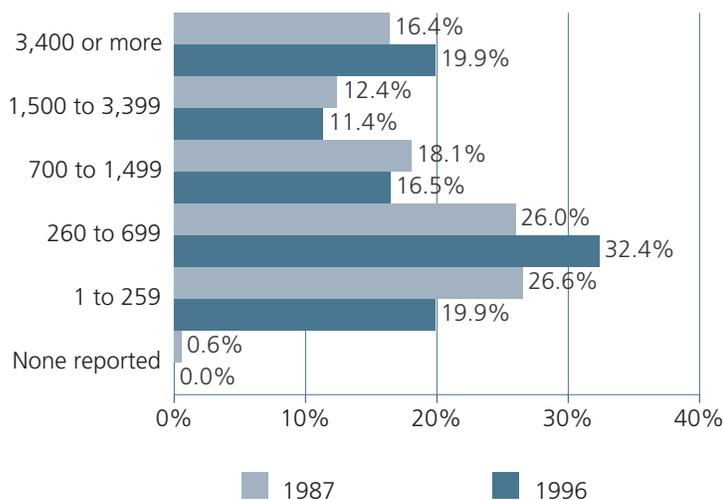
1987	1996	Fiscal summary
3,260	3,816	State population (in thousands)
\$2,001	\$3,283	State revenue per capita
\$1,723	\$2,790	State expenditure per capita
\$318	\$503	State expenditure for elem. and secondary education per capita
\$108,913	\$160,625	Gross state product per school-age child

AGENCY/SCHOOL INFORMATION

1987		1996		Distribution of agencies by type
100%	199	100%	194	Total public education agencies
88.9%	177	90.7%	176	Regular school districts
10.6%	21	9.3%	18	Regional service agencies
0.5%	1	0.0%	0	State-operated agencies
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	Federally operated and other types

1987		1996		Distribution of agencies by number of schools
1.0%	2	1.0%	2	100 or more schools
5.5%	11	7.2%	14	25 to 99 schools
6.5%	13	8.8%	17	10 to 24 schools
13.6%	27	13.9%	27	5 to 9 schools
64.3%	128	67.0%	130	1 to 4 schools
9.0%	18	2.1%	4	No schools reported

Figure 2
Regular school districts by student membership size



1987		1996		Distribution of schools by type
100%	1,323	100%	1,531	Total public elementary and secondary schools reported
95.9%	1,269	91.8%	1,406	Regular schools
0.9%	12	0.8%	13	Special education schools
1.1%	14	0.5%	7	Vocational schools
2.1%	28	6.9%	105	Other and alternative schools

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

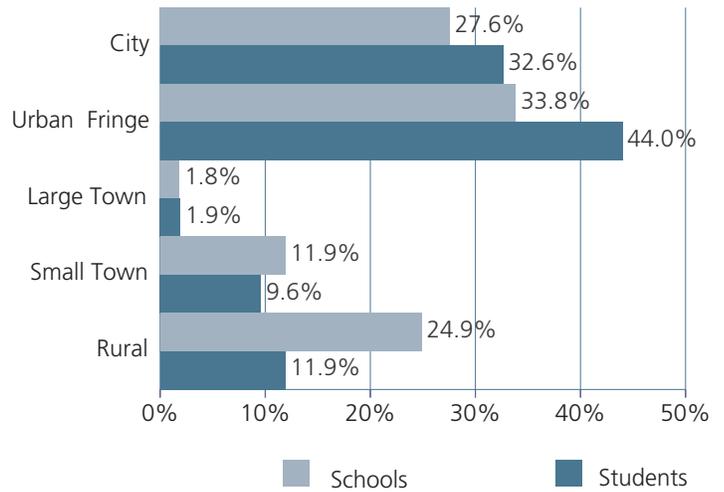
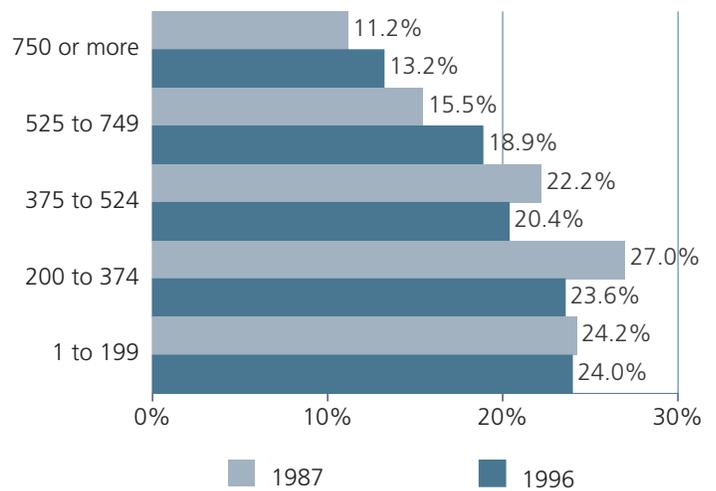


Figure 4
Public schools by size of student membership

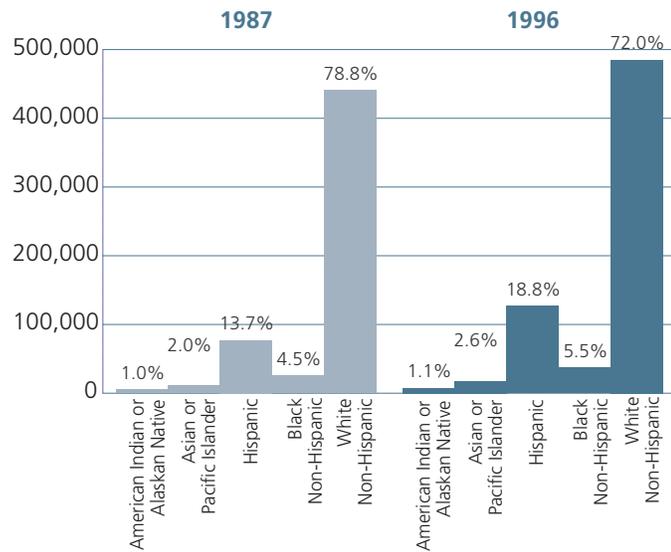


	1987	1996	Number of public schools by grade span category	
55.0%	727	50.3%	770	PK, K, 1 to 3, 4, 5, 6
1.2%	16	1.2%	19	PK, K, 1 to 8
9.1%	121	13.7%	209	4, 5, 6, to 6, 7, 8
8.1%	107	3.2%	49	7 to 8, 9
5.2%	69	4.2%	65	7, 8 to 12
14.4%	190	14.6%	224	9, 10, 11 to 12
4.3%	57	8.0%	123	Other grades
1.1%	14	0.6%	9	Ungraded
1.7%	22	4.1%	63	Not reported

STUDENT INFORMATION

1987	1996	Public school membership by grade
2,333	12,520	Prekindergarten
47,065	50,707	Kindergarten
49,274	54,565	First
46,132	52,947	Second
43,793	52,377	Third
41,406	52,524	Fourth
40,805	53,400	Fifth
39,316	52,942	Sixth
39,752	52,486	Seventh
38,541	52,269	Eighth
42,018	55,219	Ninth
41,889	49,058	Tenth
42,006	44,244	Eleventh
39,231	37,179	Twelfth
6,675	1,001	Ungraded

Figure 5
Public school student membership by racial/ethnic category

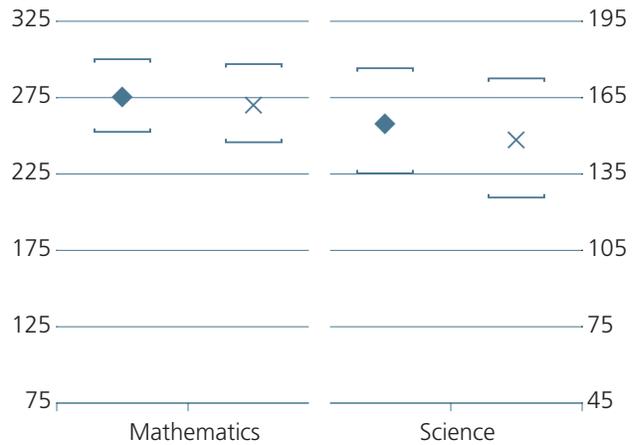


1987	1996	
—	9.9%	Students in special education with IEPs
—	22.4%	School membership eligible for free lunch
—	9.4%	School-age children below poverty

	1987	1995	High school completers and dropouts
100.0%	34,200	84.9%	32,608
—	—	—	Regular diploma
—	—	13.5%	5,194
—	—	1.6%	599
—	—	—	Other completers
—	—	—	Dropouts
—	—	—	Dropouts who were male
—	—	—	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

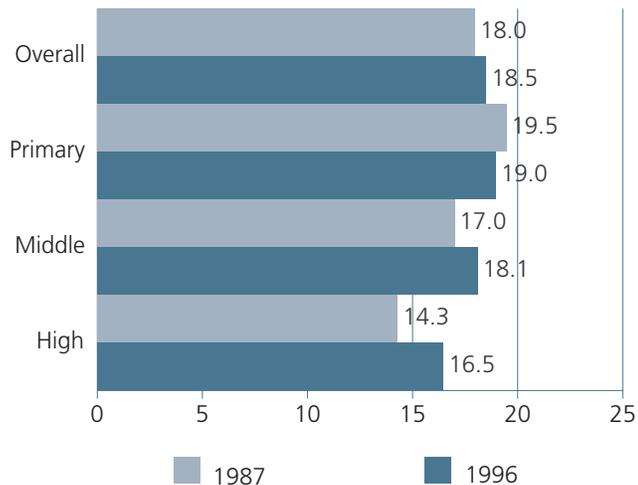


Grade 4	Grade 8	1996 Mathematics and Science achievement levels
225.8	275.6	Average Mathematics scale score [scale 0 to 500]
33.1%	33.4%	Students below basic level
66.9%	66.6%	Students at or above basic level
22.2%	25.4%	Students at or above proficient level
1.7%	3.2%	Students at advanced level
—	154.6	Average Science scale score [scale 0 to 300]
—	32.4%	Students below basic level
—	67.6%	Students at or above basic level
—	32.4%	Students at or above proficient level
—	2.2%	Students at advanced level

STAFF INFORMATION

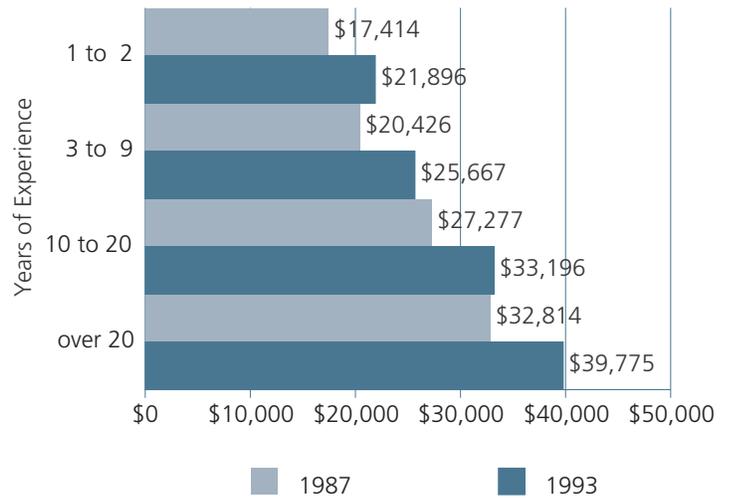
1987		1996		Educational staff
100%	59,263	100%	71,226	Total education staff
				Instructional staff
52.6%	31,168	51.1%	36,398	Teachers
6.8%	4,052	9.2%	6,532	Instructional aides
				Support staff
1.7%	990	1.6%	1,121	Guidance counselors/directors
2.9%	1,690	2.7%	1,941	Librarians/library support
8.6%	5,101	8.7%	6,223	Administrative support
21.7%	12,854	21.5%	15,289	Other support services
				Administrators
4.1%	2,421	2.7%	1,899	School-based
1.7%	987	2.6%	1,823	School district officials/administrators

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



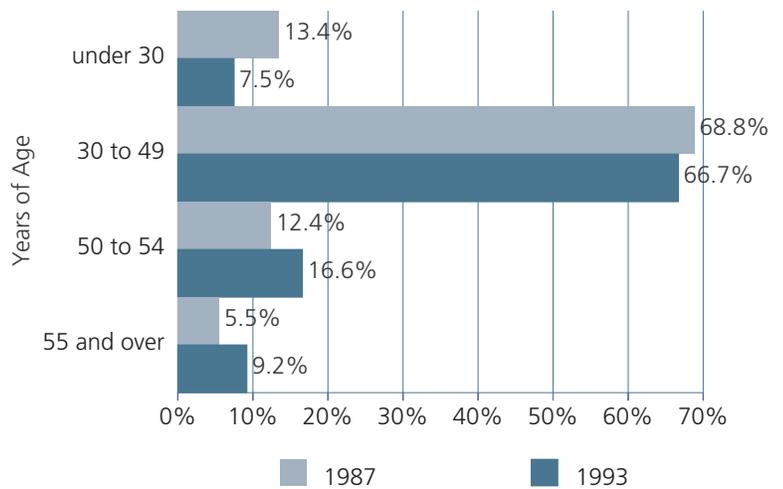
1987	1996	
1.1	1.0	Teacher to all other staff ratio
9.1	9.8	Teacher to administrator ratio

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



1987	1996	
\$16,813	\$23,068	Average beginning teacher salary
\$28,651	\$36,271	Average teacher salary

Figure 9
Distribution of public school teachers
by age



1987	1993	Preparation of teachers: highest degree earned
0.2%	0.6%	Public school teachers with no degree
50.6%	47.0%	Public school teachers with a Bachelor's or lower degree
43.8%	49.4%	Public school teachers with a Master's degree
5.4%	3.0%	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)
\$28,532	\$53,953	National school lunch
\$2,588	\$7,781	National school breakfast
\$38,971	\$70,875	Title I
\$16,803	\$42,969	Education for the handicapped
\$11,362	\$21,993	Vocational and adult education
\$9,779	\$18,421	School improvement
\$7,851	\$7,086	School assistance (federally affected areas)
\$2,495	\$2,568	Bilingual education
\$522	\$7	Indian education

Figure 10
Revenues by source

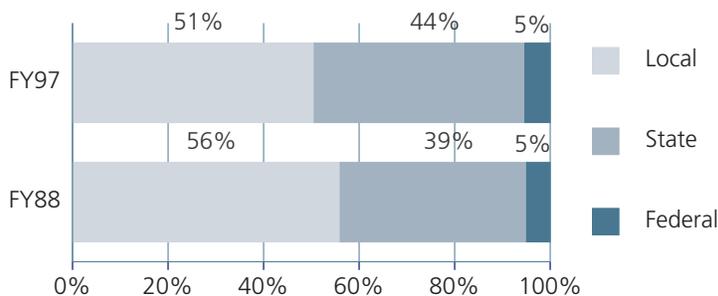
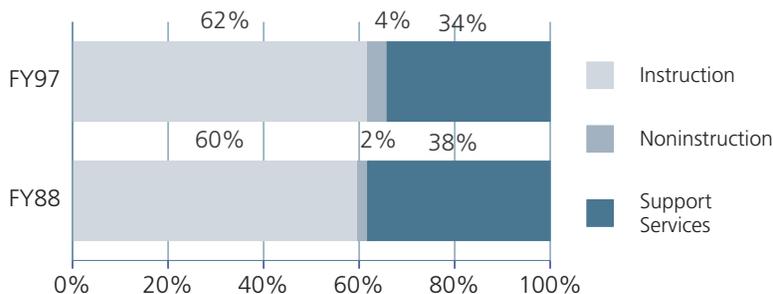


Figure 11
Current expenditures by function



FY88	FY97	Revenues and expenditures (in current dollars)
\$2,443,132	\$4,045,015	Revenues (in thousands of dollars)
\$4,361	\$6,007	Revenue per pupil in membership
\$2,172,563	\$3,577,211	Current expenditures (in thousands of dollars)
\$3,878	\$5,312	Current expenditure per pupil in membership