

Table 419.—Percent of public schools and school classrooms having access to the Internet, by school characteristics: 1994 to 1998

Schools, computers, instruction rooms, and access	All public schools	Instructional level ¹		Size of school enrollment			Metropolitan status				Percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch			
		Elementary	Secondary	Less than 300	300 to 999	1,000 or more	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Less than 11 percent	11 to 30 percent	31 to 70 percent	71 percent or more
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Estimated number of schools														
1995	77,853	57,705	18,083	20,673	50,044	7,136	17,906	18,464	19,539	21,944	13,192	21,876	28,017	14,651
1997	79,125	59,695	19,430	20,540	51,169	7,416	21,071	23,419	12,637	21,998	10,677	21,686	32,666	14,097
Percent of schools having access to the Internet														
1994	35	30	49	30	35	58	40	38	29	35	—	—	—	—
1995	50	46	65	39	52	69	47	59	47	48	62	59	47	31
1996	65	61	77	57	66	80	64	75	61	60	78	72	58	53
1997	78	75	89	75	78	89	74	78	84	79	88	83	78	63
1998	89	88	94	87	89	95	92	85	90	92	87	94	91	80
Number of computers, in thousands														
1995 ²	5,621	3,453	2,021	850	3,600	1,171	1,497	1,526	1,404	1,195	1,017	1,712	1,919	951
1997	5,959	3,701	2,258	839	3,767	1,353	1,727	2,084	934	1,214	1,008	1,782	2,211	959
Mean number of computers per school														
1995	72	60	112	41	72	164	84	83	72	54	77	78	68	65
1997	75	62	116	41	74	183	82	89	74	55	94	82	68	68
Number of computers with Internet access, in thousands														
1995	448	232	187	59	315	73	96	131	126	94.279	111	163	123	39
Percent of all computers with access to the Internet 1995	8	7	9	7	9	6	6	9	9	8	11	10	6	4
Number of instructional rooms, ³ in thousands.														
1997	2,625	1,720	906	335	1,725	566	830	902	388	505	412	758	976	480
Percent of instructional rooms ³ with access to the Internet														
1994	3	3	4	3	3	3	4	4	3	3	—	—	—	—
1995	8	8	8	9	8	4	6	8	8	8	9	10	7	3
1996	14	13	16	15	13	16	12	16	14	14	18	16	14	7
1997	27	24	32	27	28	25	20	29	34	30	36	32	27	14
1998	51	51	52	54	53	45	47	50	55	57	62	53	52	39

¹ Excludes combined elementary/secondary schools because of small sample size.

² Includes computers used for instructional or administrative purposes.

³ Includes all classrooms, computer labs, and library/media centers.

—Data not available.

NOTE.—Data are derived from sample surveys and are subject to sampling error. Details may not add to totals because of rounding of weighted estimates.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, *Internet Access in Public Schools and Classrooms: 1994–98*; *Internet Access in U.S. Public Elementary and Secondary Schools, and Classrooms: 1994–98*; and *Advanced Telecommunications in U.S. Public Elementary and Secondary Schools, 1995*; and unpublished data. (This table was prepared March 1999.)