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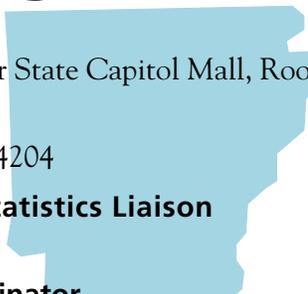
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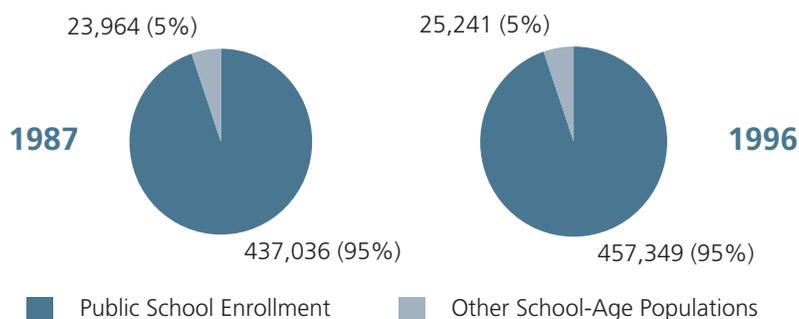
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GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

1987	1996	Demographics
437,036	457,349	Students in public elementary and secondary schools
1,112	1,104	Public schools
25,572	26,681	Teachers in public elementary and secondary schools
53,104	53,104	Land area in square miles
8.2	8.6	Public school students per square mile
2.1	2.1	Public schools per 100 square miles

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



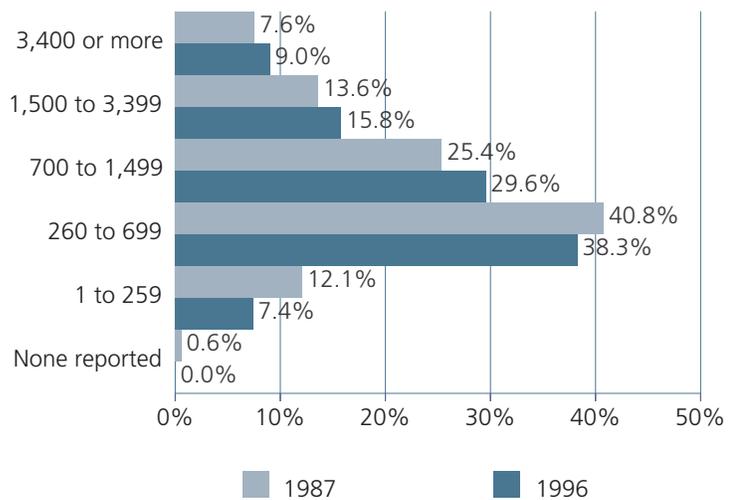
1987	1996	Fiscal summary
2,342	2,506	State population (in thousands)
\$1,689	\$3,506	State revenue per capita
\$1,524	\$3,046	State expenditure per capita
\$344	\$645	State expenditure for elem. and secondary education per capita
\$74,485	\$116,905	Gross state product per school-age child

AGENCY/SCHOOL INFORMATION

1987		1996		Distribution of agencies by type
100%	352	100%	331	Total public education agencies
94.0%	331	94.0%	311	Regular school districts
5.1%	18	4.8%	16	Regional service agencies
0.9%	3	1.2%	4	State-operated agencies
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	Federally operated and other types

1987		1996		Distribution of agencies by number of schools
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100 or more schools
0.9%	3	0.9%	3	25 to 99 schools
2.6%	9	3.3%	11	10 to 24 schools
9.9%	35	10.3%	34	5 to 9 schools
80.1%	282	80.7%	267	1 to 4 schools
6.5%	23	4.8%	16	No schools reported

Figure 2
Regular school districts by student membership size



1987		1996		Distribution of schools by type
100%	1,112	100%	1,104	Total public elementary and secondary schools reported
100.0%	1,112	99.9%	1,103	Regular schools
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	Special education schools
0.0%	0	0.1%	1	Vocational schools
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	Other and alternative schools

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

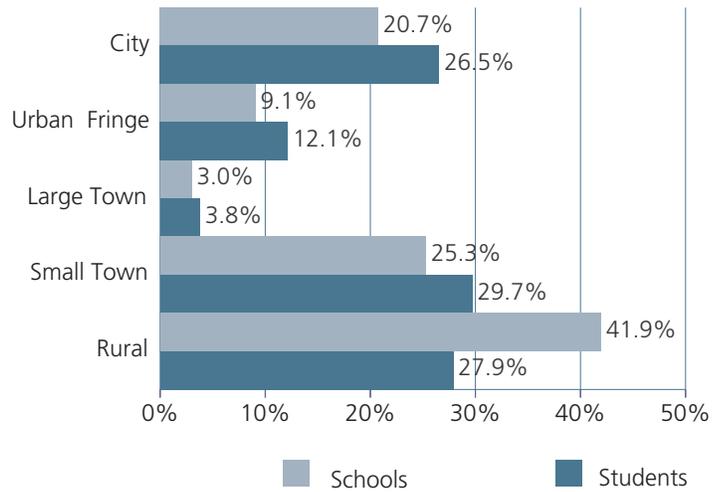
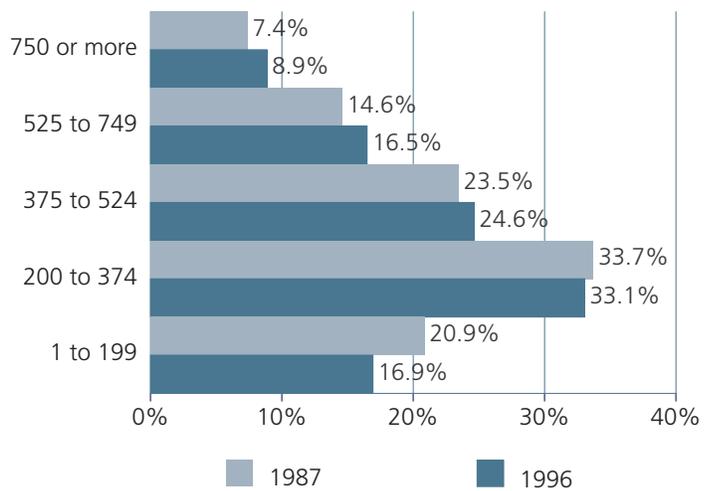


Figure 4
Public schools by size of student membership

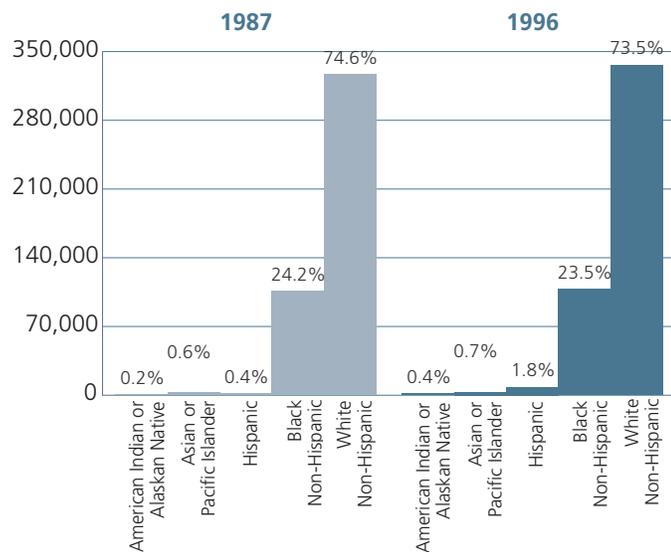


	1987	1996	Number of public schools by grade span category	
48.7%	541	46.5%	513	PK, K, 1 to 3, 4, 5, 6
0.4%	5	0.6%	7	PK, K, 1 to 8
6.8%	76	8.6%	95	4, 5, 6, to 6, 7, 8
7.0%	78	6.8%	75	7 to 8, 9
21.3%	237	18.9%	209	7, 8 to 12
9.2%	102	10.1%	111	9, 10, 11 to 12
6.6%	73	8.5%	94	Other grades
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	Ungraded
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	Not reported

STUDENT INFORMATION

1987	1996	Public school membership by grade
—	1,980	Prekindergarten
33,695	36,442	Kindergarten
37,225	37,370	First
35,263	35,236	Second
33,693	34,021	Third
32,468	33,855	Fourth
32,686	34,270	Fifth
32,110	35,288	Sixth
33,743	36,779	Seventh
33,810	37,064	Eighth
33,489	37,160	Ninth
33,337	35,335	Tenth
32,346	31,889	Eleventh
29,499	27,613	Twelfth
3,672	3,047	Ungraded

Figure 5
Public school student membership by racial/ethnic category

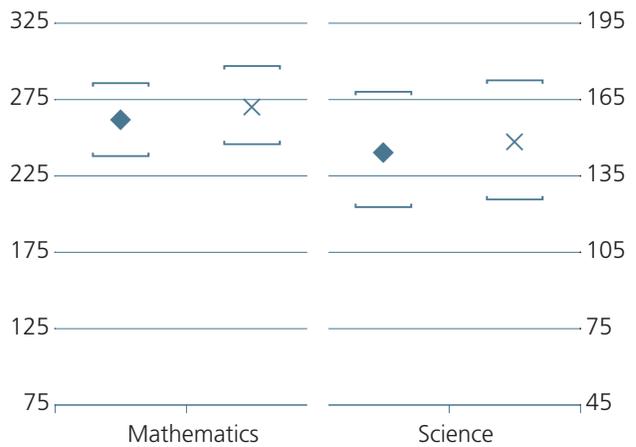


1987	1996	
—	10.4%	Students in special education with IEPs
—	36.4%	School membership eligible for free lunch
—	23.8%	School-age children below poverty

1987		1995		High school completers and dropouts
100.0%	27,101	85.6%	25,094	Regular diploma
—	—	—	—	Other diploma
—	—	13.8%	4,045	High school equivalency
—	—	0.6%	180	Other completers
—	—	—	4.1%	Dropouts
—	—	—	57.9%	Dropouts who were male
—	—	—	37.3%	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

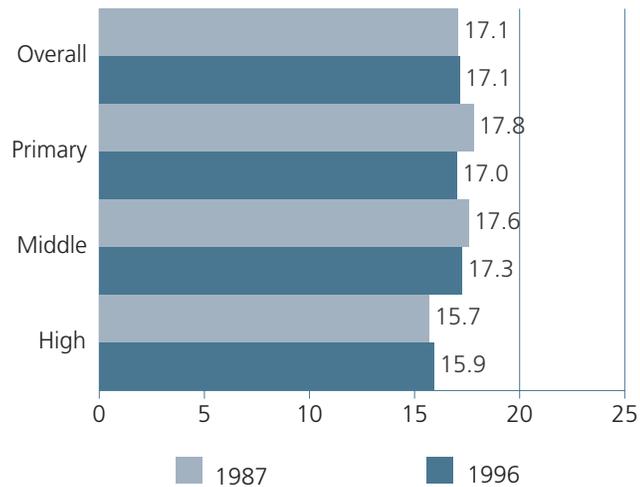


Grade 4	Grade 8	1996 Mathematics and Science achievement levels
215.8	261.7	Average Mathematics scale score [scale 0 to 500]
45.9%	48.1%	Students below basic level
54.1%	51.9%	Students at or above basic level
13.3%	13.1%	Students at or above proficient level
0.7%	1.6%	Students at advanced level
—	144.2	Average Science scale score [scale 0 to 300]
—	45.4%	Students below basic level
—	54.6%	Students at or above basic level
—	22.2%	Students at or above proficient level
—	1.2%	Students at advanced level

STAFF INFORMATION

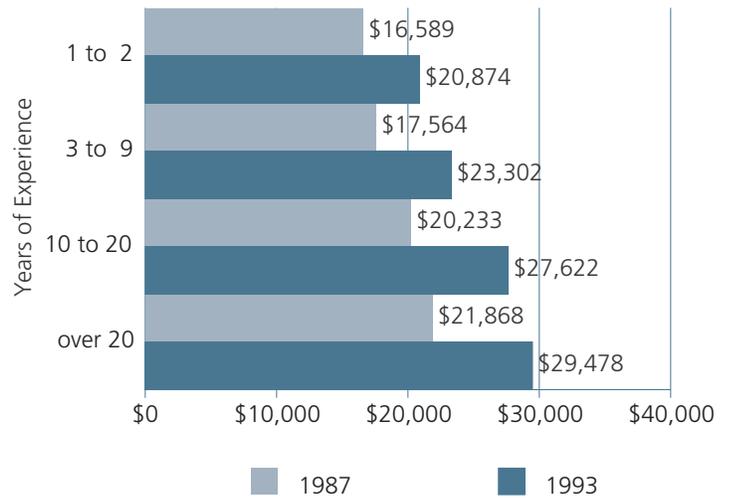
1987		1996		Educational staff
100%	47,741	100%	51,005	Total education staff
				Instructional staff
53.6%	25,572	52.3%	26,681	Teachers
5.4%	2,587	7.5%	3,837	Instructional aides
				Support staff
2.0%	976	2.4%	1,213	Guidance counselors/directors
1.9%	897	2.2%	1,110	Librarians/library support
5.1%	2,414	4.7%	2,402	Administrative support
26.8%	12,774	26.6%	13,544	Other support services
				Administrators
2.7%	1,306	2.9%	1,482	School-based
2.5%	1,215	1.4%	736	School district officials/administrators

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



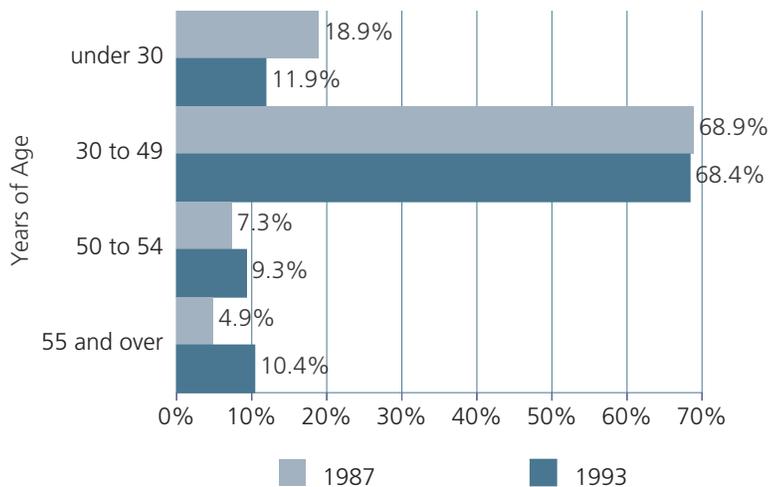
1987	1996	
1.2	1.1	Teacher to all other staff ratio
10.1	12.0	Teacher to administrator ratio

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



1987	1996	
\$16,012	\$20,680	Average beginning teacher salary
\$21,133	\$30,987	Average teacher salary

Figure 9
Distribution of public school teachers
by age



1987	1993	Preparation of teachers: highest degree earned
0.2%	0.3%	Public school teachers with no degree
66.6%	64.9%	Public school teachers with a Bachelor's or lower degree
30.0%	32.5%	Public school teachers with a Master's degree
3.3%	2.3%	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)
\$35,694	\$64,604	National school lunch
\$6,260	\$17,672	National school breakfast
\$57,336	\$81,047	Title I
\$17,213	\$31,712	Education for the handicapped
\$11,087	\$15,065	Vocational and adult education
\$7,781	\$14,823	School improvement
\$2,174	\$410	School assistance (federally affected areas)
\$144	\$89	Bilingual education
\$75	\$14	Indian education

Figure 10
Revenues by source

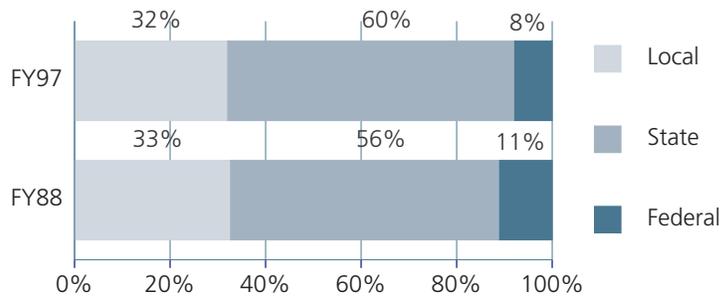
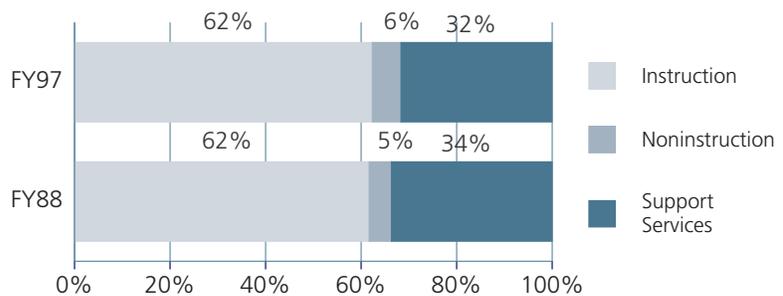


Figure 11
Current expenditures by function



FY88	FY97	Revenues and expenditures (in current dollars)
\$1,211,164	\$2,371,834	Revenues (in thousands of dollars)
\$2,771	\$5,186	Revenue per pupil in membership
\$1,211,156	\$2,074,113	Current expenditures (in thousands of dollars)
\$2,771	\$4,535	Current expenditure per pupil in membership