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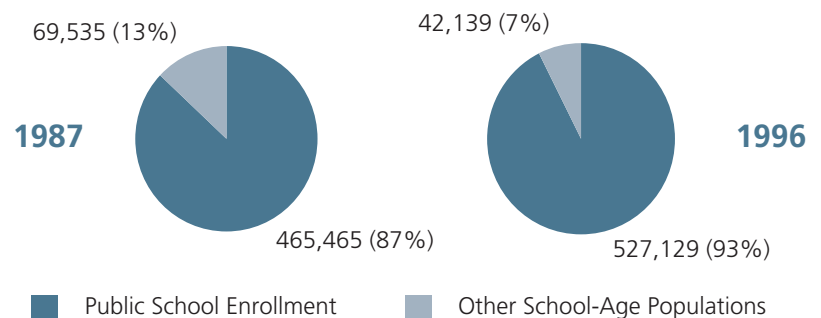
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GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

1987	1996	Demographics
465,465	527,129	Students in public elementary and secondary schools
970	1,027	Public schools
35,050	36,551	Teachers in public elementary and secondary schools
5,009	5,009	Land area in square miles
92.9	105.2	Public school students per square mile
19.4	20.5	Public schools per 100 square miles

Figure 1

School-age population in public elementary and secondary schools



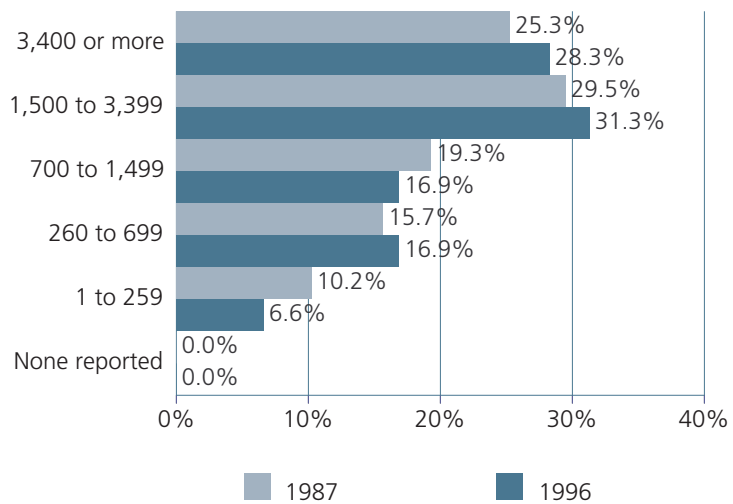
1987	1996	Fiscal summary
3,247	3,267	State population (in thousands)
\$2,479	\$4,440	State revenue per capita
\$2,298	\$4,228	State expenditure per capita
\$317	\$540	State expenditure for elem. and secondary education per capita
\$167,743	\$217,904	Gross state product per school-age child

AGENCY/SCHOOL INFORMATION

1987		1996		Distribution of agencies by type
100%	176	100%	179	Total public education agencies
94.3%	166	92.7%	166	Regular school districts
3.4%	6	3.4%	6	Regional service agencies
2.3%	4	2.2%	4	State-operated agencies
0.0%	0	1.7%	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
2.3%	4	2.2%	4	25 to 99 schools
13.1%	23	14.0%	25	10 to 24 schools
30.7%	54	29.1%	52	5 to 9 schools
52.3%	92	54.2%	97	1 to 4 schools
1.7%	3	0.6%	1	No schools reported

Figure 2
Regular school districts by student membership size



1987		1996		Distribution of schools by type
100%	970	100%	1,027	Total public elementary and secondary schools reported
94.6%	918	92.7%	952	Regular schools
1.8%	17	2.2%	23	Special education schools
1.9%	18	1.7%	17	Vocational schools
1.8%	17	3.4%	35	Other and alternative schools

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

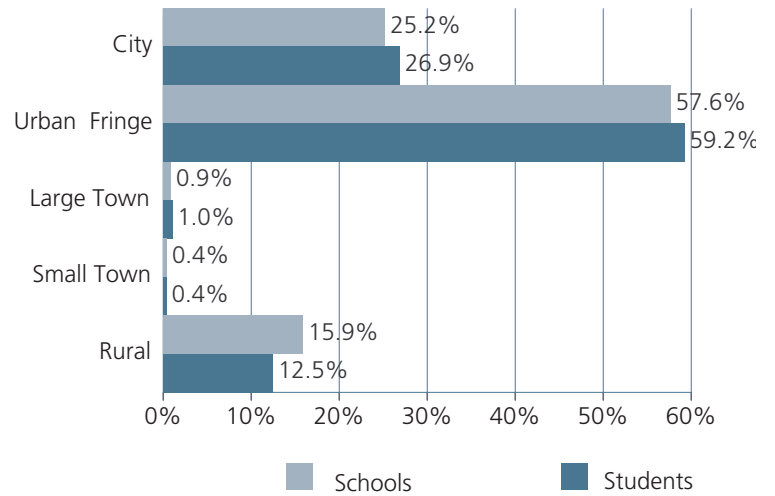
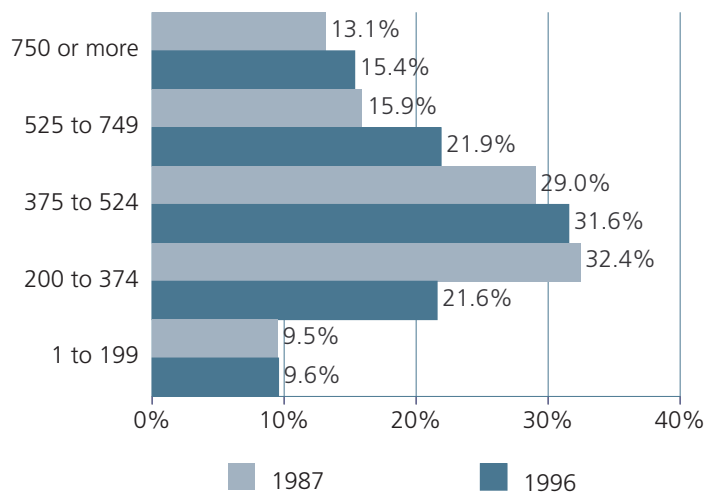


Figure 4
Public schools by size of student membership

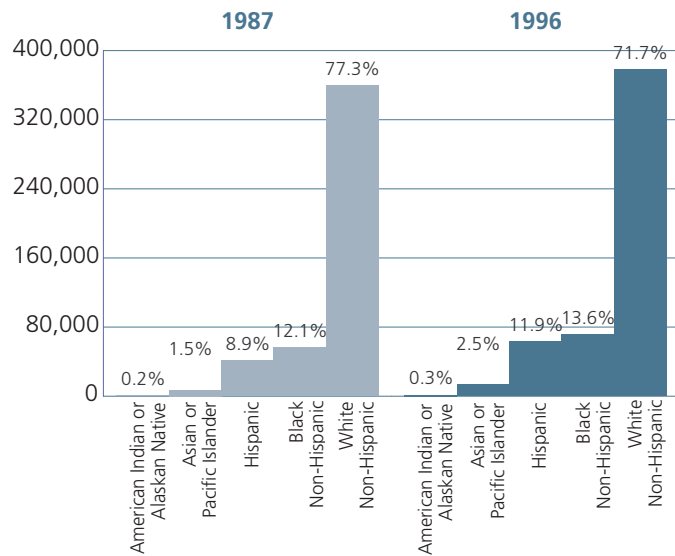


	1987	1996	Number of public schools by grade span category	
51.8%	502	51.5%	529	PK, K, 1 to 3, 4, 5, 6
5.7%	55	3.9%	40	PK, K, 1 to 8
10.1%	98	13.8%	142	4, 5, 6, to 6, 7, 8
6.3%	61	2.9%	30	7 to 8, 9
2.0%	19	1.3%	13	7, 8 to 12
14.8%	144	15.4%	158	9, 10, 11 to 12
7.4%	72	10.5%	108	Other grades
1.8%	17	0.3%	3	Ungraded
0.2%	2	0.4%	4	Not reported

STUDENT INFORMATION

1987	1996	Public school membership by grade
3,830	9,147	Prekindergarten
38,426	43,213	Kindergarten
39,627	46,391	First
35,361	44,172	Second
33,953	43,092	Third
32,489	41,969	Fourth
31,986	41,354	Fifth
30,877	40,511	Sixth
31,984	39,816	Seventh
31,729	37,991	Eighth
34,707	41,003	Ninth
34,202	35,800	Tenth
35,480	32,068	Eleventh
34,805	28,882	Twelfth
16,009	1,720	Ungraded

Figure 5
Public school student membership by racial/ethnic category

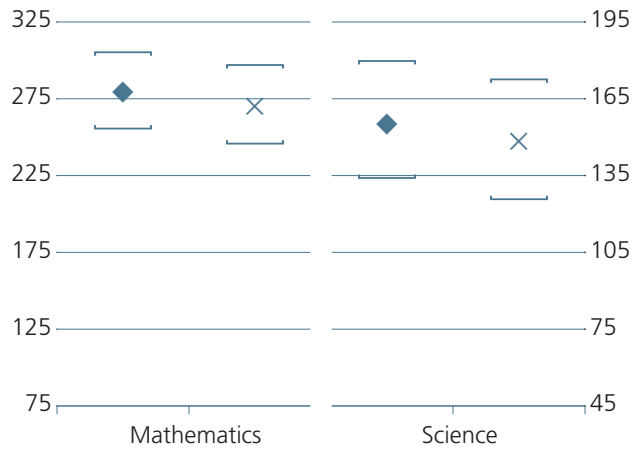


1987	1996	
—	14.6%	Students in special education with IEPs
—	20.3%	School membership eligible for free lunch
—	10.5%	School-age children below poverty

1987		1995		High school completers and dropouts
87.1%	31,141	94.1%	26,319	Regular diploma
	—	0.3%	80	Other diploma
12.9%	4,612	5.6%	1,574	High school equivalency
	—		—	Other completers
	—		4.8%	Dropouts
			57.0%	Dropouts who were male
			52.3%	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

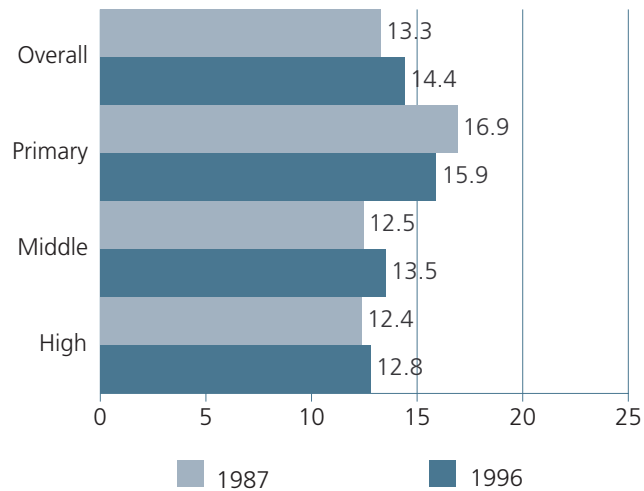


Grade 4	Grade 8	1996 Mathematics and Science achievement levels
232	279.6	Average Mathematics scale score [scale 0 to 500]
25.3%	29.7%	Students below basic level
74.7%	70.3%	Students at or above basic level
30.6%	30.6%	Students at or above proficient level
2.9%	5.1%	Students at advanced level
—	155.1	Average Science scale score [scale 0 to 300]
	32.5%	Students below basic level
	67.5%	Students at or above basic level
	35.6%	Students at or above proficient level
	3.3%	Students at advanced level

STAFF INFORMATION

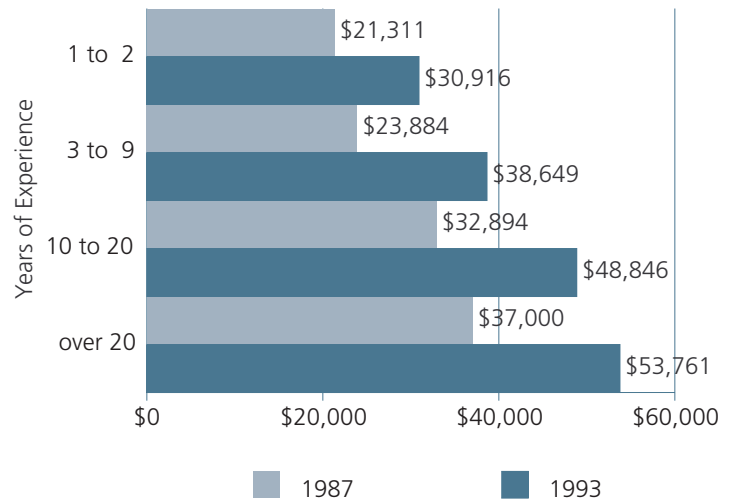
1987		1996		Educational staff
100%	40,214	100%	68,861	Total education staff
Instructional staff				
87.2%	35,050	53.1%	36,551	Teachers
—	—	10.9%	7,506	Instructional aides
Support staff				
5.1%	2,055	1.6%	1,123	Guidance counselors/directors
1.6%	635	2.1%	1,433	Librarians/library support
—	—	6.1%	4,219	Administrative support
—	—	21.3%	14,692	Other support services
Administrators				
3.6%	1,457	2.7%	1,825	School-based
2.5%	1,017	2.2%	1,512	School district officials/administrators

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



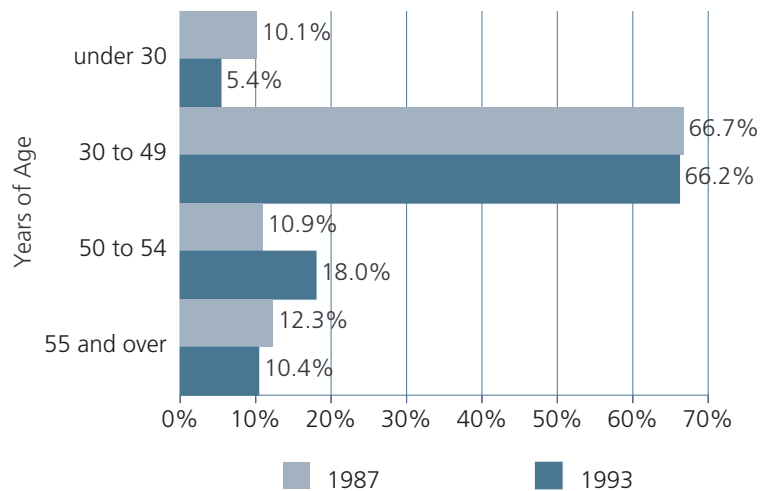
1987	1996	
6.8	1.1	Teacher to all other staff ratio
14.2	11.0	Teacher to administrator ratio

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



	1987	1996	
	\$20,712	\$29,154	Average beginning teacher salary
	\$33,776	\$51,181	Average teacher salary

Figure 9
Distribution of public school teachers
by age



1987	1993	Preparation of teachers: highest degree earned
0.3%	0.6%	Public school teachers with no degree
23.2%	19.8%	Public school teachers with a Bachelor's or lower degree
58.6%	62.4%	Public school teachers with a Master's degree
17.9%	17.2%	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)
\$18,462	\$43,482	National school lunch
\$1,616	\$8,891	National school breakfast
\$47,713	\$54,620	Title I
\$23,159	\$42,582	Education for the handicapped
\$10,413	\$11,463	Vocational and adult education
\$9,123	\$19,952	School improvement
\$6,912	\$5,453	School assistance (federally affected areas)
\$408	\$1,459	Bilingual education
\$19	—	Indian education

Figure 10
Revenues by source

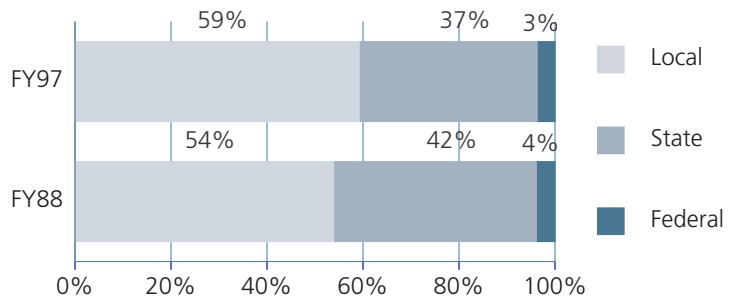
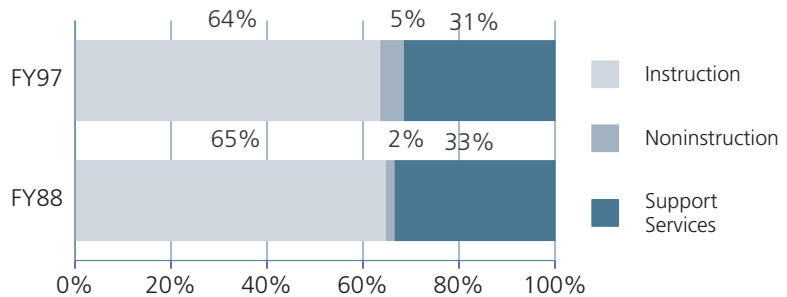


Figure 11
Current expenditures by function



FY88	FY97	Revenues and expenditures (in current dollars)
\$2,890,957	\$4,899,850	Revenues (in thousands of dollars)
\$6,211	\$9,295	Revenue per pupil in membership
\$2,748,567	\$4,522,716	Current expenditures (in thousands of dollars)
\$5,905	\$8,580	Current expenditure per pupil in membership