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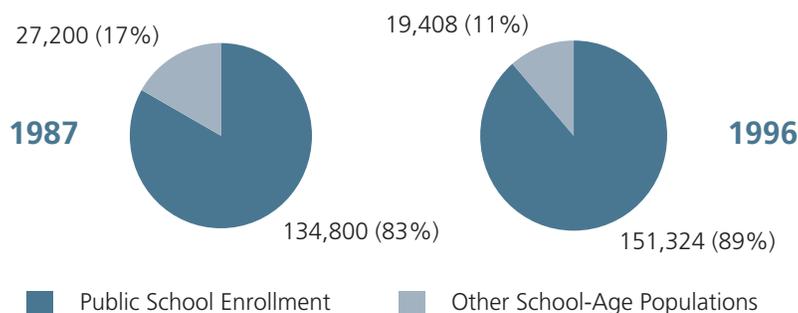
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## GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

1987	1996	Demographics
134,800	151,324	Students in public elementary and secondary schools
298	316	Public schools
8,934	10,656	Teachers in public elementary and secondary schools
1,214	1,214	Land area in square miles
111.0	124.6	Public school students per square mile
24.5	26.0	Public schools per 100 square miles

**Figure 1**

School-age population in public elementary and secondary schools



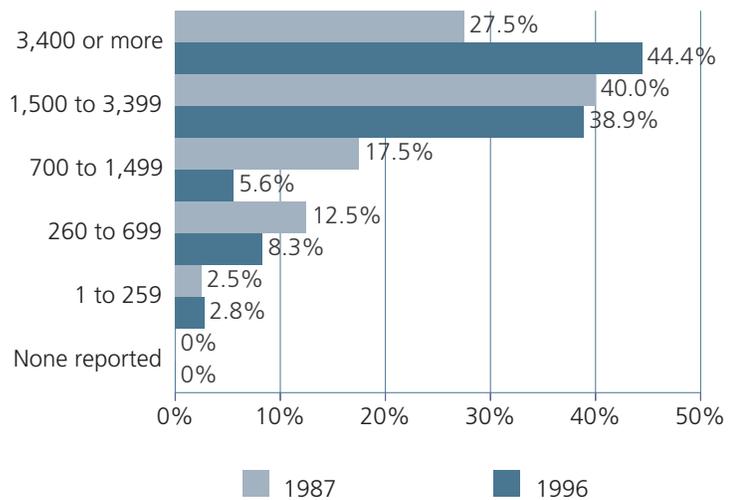
1987	1996	Fiscal summary
990	988	State population (in thousands)
\$2,729	\$4,283	State revenue per capita
\$2,490	\$4,053	State expenditure per capita
\$297	\$466	State expenditure for elem. and secondary education per capita
\$121,588	\$150,112	Gross state product per school-age child

## AGENCY/SCHOOL INFORMATION

1987		1996		Distribution of agencies by type
100%	41	100%	37	Total public education agencies
97.6%	40	97.3%	36	Regular school districts
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	Regional service agencies
2.4%	1	2.7%	1	State-operated agencies
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	Federally operated and other types

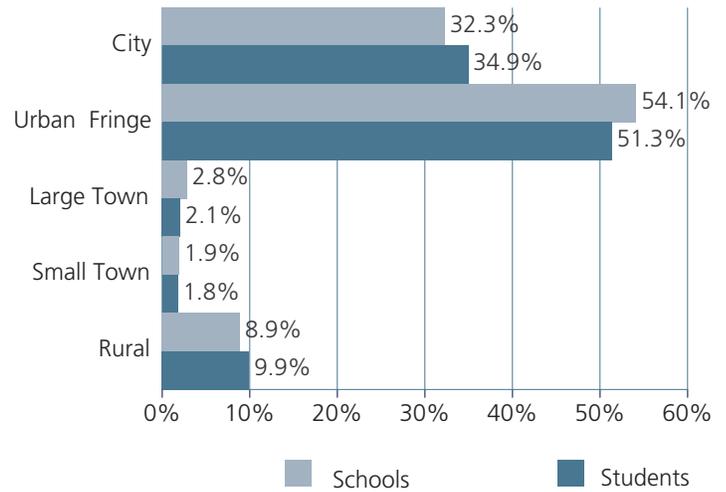
1987		1996		Distribution of agencies by number of schools
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100 or more schools
4.9%	2	5.4%	2	25 to 99 schools
12.2%	5	16.2%	6	10 to 24 schools
43.9%	18	54.1%	20	5 to 9 schools
36.6%	15	24.3%	9	1 to 4 schools
2.4%	1	0.0%	0	No schools reported

**Figure 2**  
Regular school districts by student membership size

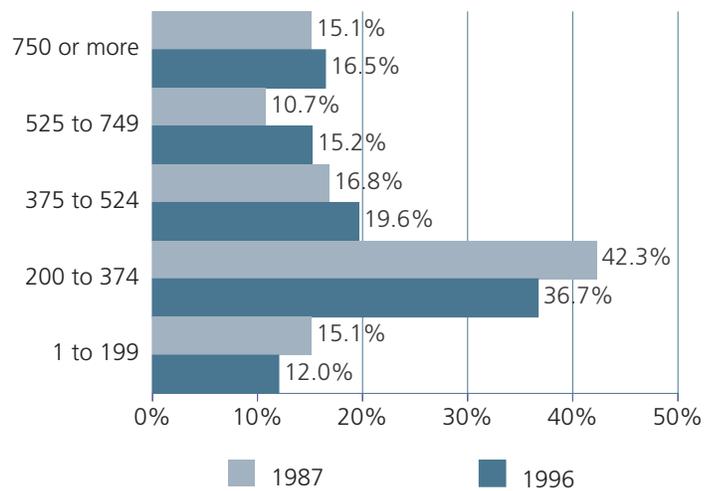


1987		1996		Distribution of schools by type
100%	298	100%	316	Total public elementary and secondary schools reported
97.3%	290	96.8%	306	Regular schools
1.7%	5	1.3%	4	Special education schools
0.7%	2	0.9%	3	Vocational schools
0.3%	1	0.9%	3	Other and alternative schools

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



**Figure 4**  
Public schools by size of student membership

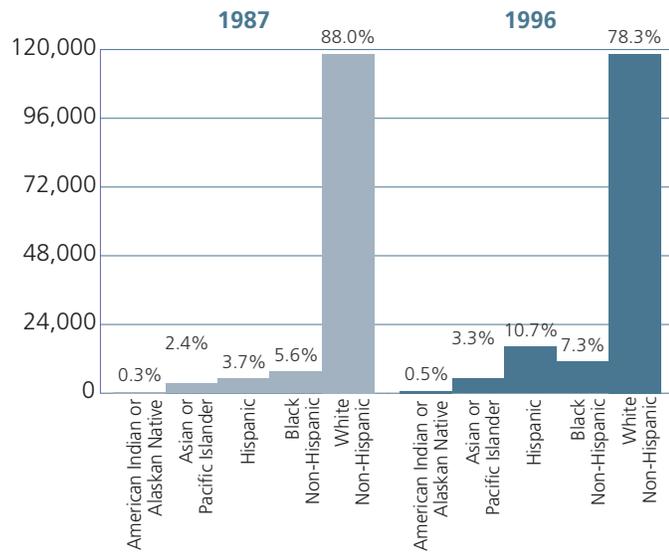


	1987	1996	Number of public schools by grade span category	
56.0%	167	57.3%	181	PK, K, 1 to 3, 4, 5, 6
1.7%	5	1.3%	4	PK, K, 1 to 8
7.0%	21	12.0%	38	4, 5, 6, to 6, 7, 8
6.7%	20	4.1%	13	7 to 8, 9
3.4%	10	0.9%	3	7, 8 to 12
9.7%	29	12.3%	39	9, 10, 11 to 12
13.1%	39	11.1%	35	Other grades
2.3%	7	0.9%	3	Ungraded
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	Not reported

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

1987	1996	Public school membership by grade
303	666	Prekindergarten
10,103	11,366	Kindergarten
12,439	13,177	First
10,440	12,390	Second
9,815	12,136	Third
9,449	11,829	Fourth
9,417	11,518	Fifth
9,022	11,472	Sixth
9,633	11,758	Seventh
9,543	11,104	Eighth
10,712	12,191	Ninth
10,311	10,609	Tenth
9,993	9,453	Eleventh
9,558	8,428	Twelfth
4,062	3,227	Ungraded

**Figure 5**  
Public school student membership by racial/ethnic category

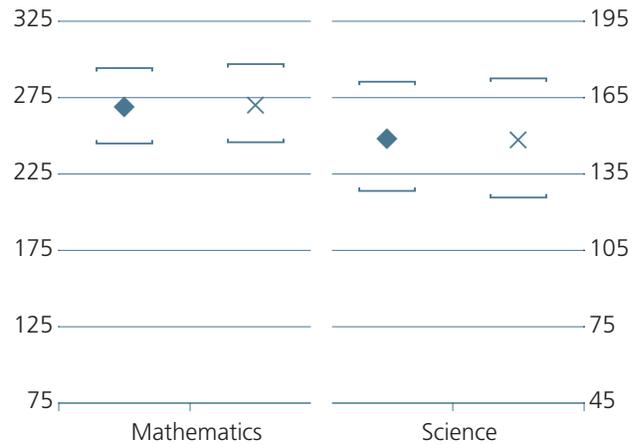


1987	1996	
—	17.3%	Students in special education with IEPs
19.7%	28.0%	School membership eligible for free lunch
—	21.4%	School-age children below poverty

1987		1995		High school completers and dropouts
96.2%	8,771	91.5%	7,689	Regular diploma
	—	0.0%	4	Other diploma
3.6%	328	8.5%	714	High school equivalency
0.2%	15	0.0%	0	Other completers
	—		4.6%	Dropouts
			58.2%	Dropouts who were male
			31.8%	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

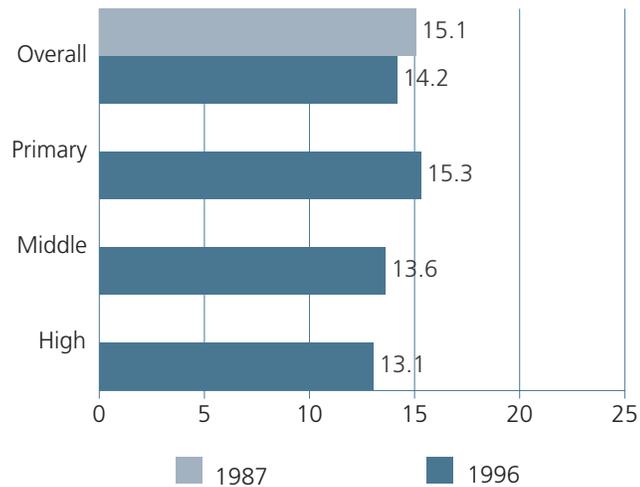


Grade 4	Grade 8	1996 Mathematics and Science achievement levels
220.4	268.9	Average Mathematics scale score [scale 0 to 500]
39.1%	40.1%	Students below basic level
60.9%	59.9%	Students at or above basic level
17.4%	20.4%	Students at or above proficient level
1.3%	2.5%	Students at advanced level
—	148.9	Average Science scale score [scale 0 to 300]
	40.9%	Students below basic level
	59.1%	Students at or above basic level
	26.0%	Students at or above proficient level
	1.8%	Students at advanced level

## STAFF INFORMATION

	1987	1996	Educational staff	
100%	14,569	100%	16,823	<b>Total education staff</b>
				<b>Instructional staff</b>
61.3%	8,934	63.3%	10,656	Teachers
6.2%	901	9.5%	1,594	Instructional aides
				<b>Support staff</b>
2.3%	328	1.8%	307	Guidance counselors/directors
2.0%	288	1.1%	177	Librarians/library support
8.2%	1,188	6.7%	1,135	Administrative support
15.5%	2,259	14.2%	2,385	Other support services
				<b>Administrators</b>
3.6%	526	2.2%	367	School-based
1.0%	145	1.2%	202	School district officials/administrators

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



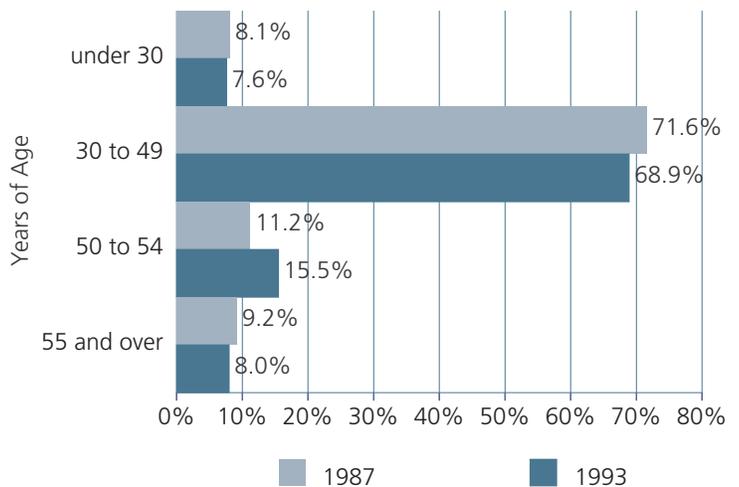
	1987	1996	
	1.6	1.7	Teacher to all other staff ratio
	13.3	18.7	Teacher to administrator ratio

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



1987	1996	
\$17,447	\$25,497	Average beginning teacher salary
\$32,858	\$43,084	Average teacher salary

**Figure 9**  
Distribution of public school teachers  
by age

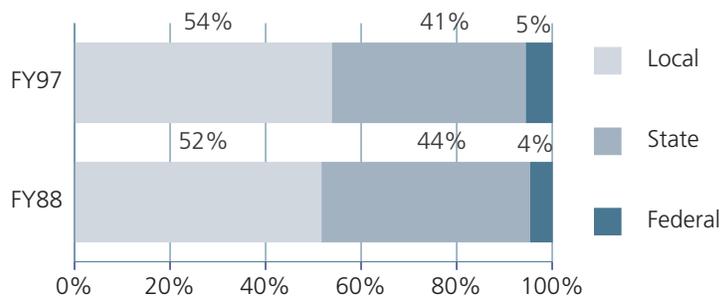


1987	1993	Preparation of teachers: highest degree earned
0.0%	0.0%	Public school teachers with no degree
37.1%	40.1%	Public school teachers with a Bachelor's or lower degree
53.5%	53.3%	Public school teachers with a Master's degree
9.4%	6.6%	Public school teachers with a degree beyond Master's

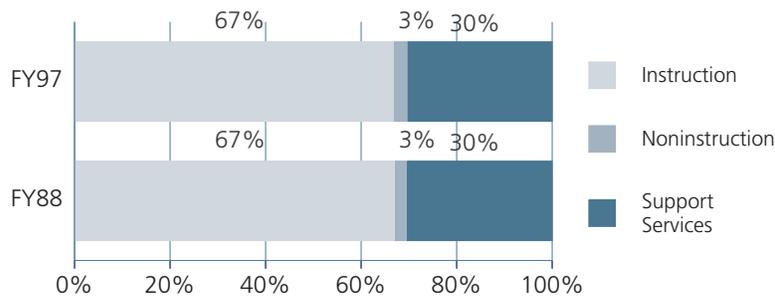
**FISCAL INFORMATION**

FY88	FY97	Federal aid to education under selected programs (in thousands of current dollars)
\$6,936	\$15,604	National school lunch
\$795	\$1,952	National school breakfast
\$15,630	\$23,652	Title I
\$7,885	\$13,404	Education for the handicapped
\$5,173	\$6,502	Vocational and adult education
\$3,903	\$6,744	School improvement
\$2,811	\$729	School assistance (federally affected areas)
\$714	\$735	Bilingual education
\$36	—	Indian education

**Figure 10**  
Revenues by source



**Figure 11**  
Current expenditures by function



FY88	FY97	Revenues and expenditures (in current dollars)
\$682,486	\$1,193,754	Revenues (in thousands of dollars)
\$5,063	\$7,889	Revenue per pupil in membership
\$663,800	\$1,151,888	Current expenditures (in thousands of dollars)
\$4,924	\$7,612	Current expenditure per pupil in membership