

Indicator **30. Pupil/Teacher Ratios and Expenditures per Student**

Pupil/teacher ratios and expenditures per student in public elementary and secondary schools: 1955–56 to 1995–96

Fall	Pupil/teacher ratios			Expenditures per student in average daily attendance		
	Elementary and secondary	Elementary	Secondary	School year	Current dollars	1995–96 constant dollars
1955	26.9	30.2	20.9	1955–56	\$294	\$1,697
1960	25.8	28.4	21.7	1960–61	—	—
1965	24.7	27.6	20.8	1965–66	538	2,616
1970	22.3	24.4	19.9	1970–71	911	3,558
1975	20.4	21.7	18.8	1975–76	1,504	4,208
1980	18.7	20.3	16.8	1980–81	2,502	4,481
1981	18.8	20.3	16.9	1981–82	2,726	4,494
1982	18.7	20.2	16.6	1982–83	2,955	4,671
1983	18.5	19.9	16.4	1983–84	3,173	4,837
1984	18.1	19.7	16.1	1984–85	3,470	5,090
1985	17.9	19.5	15.8	1985–86	3,756	5,355
1986	17.7	19.3	15.7	1986–87	3,970	5,537
1987	17.6	19.3	15.2	1987–88	4,240	5,679
1988	17.3	19.0	14.9	1988–89	4,645	5,946
1989	17.2	19.0	14.6	1989–90	4,972	6,075
1990	17.2	19.0	14.6	1990–91	5,258	6,091
1991	17.3	19.0	14.7	1991–92	5,421	6,085
1992	17.4	18.9	15.1	1992–93	5,594	6,089
1993	17.4	18.8	15.2	1993–94 ¹	5,903	6,264
1994 ¹	17.3	19.0	14.9	1994–95 ¹	6,084	6,276
1995 ²	17.4	19.1	14.9	1995–96 ²	6,300	6,300

—Data not available.

¹ Estimated.

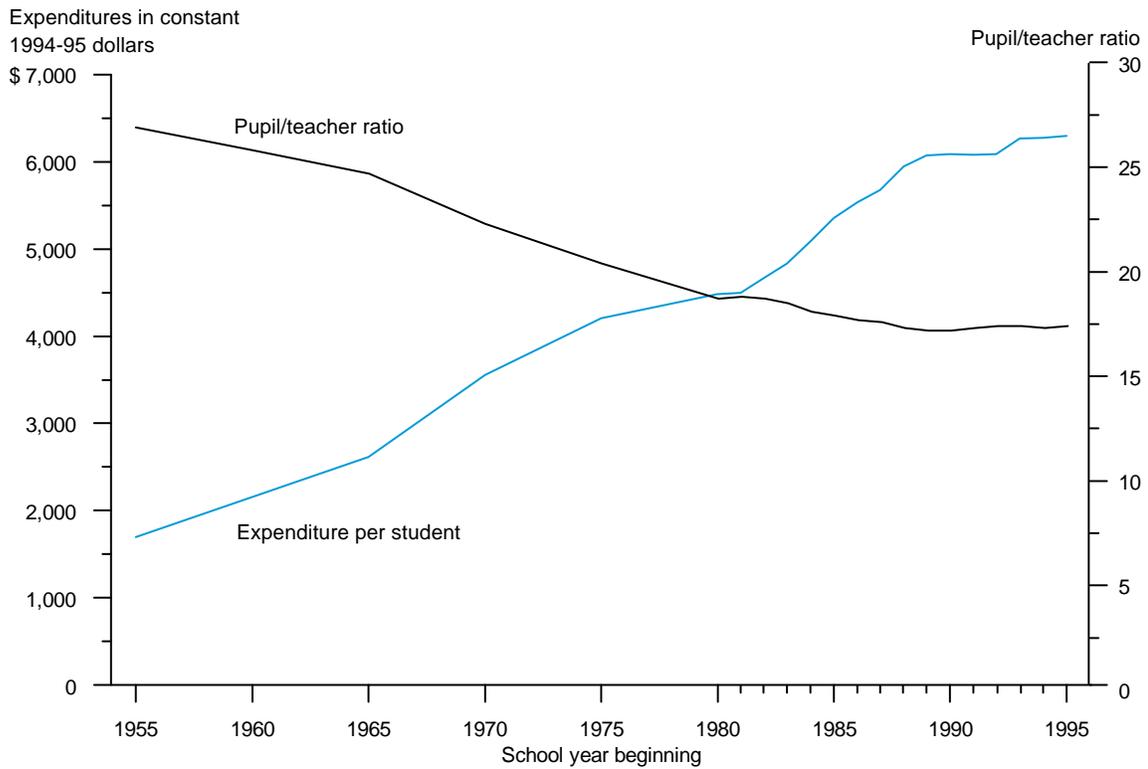
² Projected.

NOTE: Elementary includes nursery school and kindergarten teachers and students. Some data have been revised from previously published figures.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Digest of Education Statistics, 1995*.

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NOTE: Expenditures per student not available for 1960–61.

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Between 1955 and 1988, the pupil/teacher ratio declined, from 27 to 17, but there have been only small changes since then. Partially as a result of the lower pupil/teacher ratio, per pupil expenditures in public elementary and secondary schools increased substantially. Between 1980–81 and 1990–91, expenditures per student (after adjustment for inflation) rose 36 percent, but showed only a small increase from 1990–91 to 1995–96.