

Ownership

Public school facilities are legally owned by the State and held in by public school districts created by the State educational In an inventory of 93,000 public schools conducted in school officials reported 98.5 percent of the schools as publicly This includes schools owned by public authorities and leased schools. The remainder (1.5 percent) of the schools are not y public school districts or authorities, but are used as in- al facilities.

Estimated Current Value

The estimated current value of public school facilities is \$58 billion, the replacement value at current costs would be \$80 billion.

B. COSTS AND USER CHARGES

1. CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND OPERATING COSTS

- (a) During 1965, based on an analysis of projects reported in *Management*, construction costs per classroom ranged from to \$135,000. There is substantial variation among States, both climatic differences, which are related to type of ion, and other differences, related to wage differentials and factors. Within States, costs vary among urban, suburban, rural communities; they also reflect factors such as the number type of classrooms in a project, structural characteristics, equip- and functional qualities, such as air conditioning, thermal and wall or floor coverings. National average data are ized in table 17. Averages for each State are given in ap- ble B.

17.—Number of projects, rooms, and cost per classroom and per pupil for the United States, 1964

Grade level	Number of projects	Number of rooms	Cost per classroom	Cost per pupil
New.....	1,158	20,513	31,600	1,178
Additions.....	1,517	8,970	32,400	1,100
New.....	859	22,190	47,600	1,811
Additions.....	1,417	10,353	48,800	1,911
All construction.....	4,951	62,026	40,300	1,505

NOTE.—Estimates are based on reports of project costs by individual school districts. They are intended live; that is, to include land, site development, architects fees, construction, and initial equip- However, variations in reporting practices and other factors are known to result in omission of amounts, especially with respect to land and equipment.

Source: *School Management* "Current Trends in School Facilities," July 1965, p. 111.

- (b) For the 1965-66 school year the budgeted maintenance ex- s for the United States were \$610 million. The average nce expenditure per pupil was \$15. Maintenance for includes salaries and expenditures for keeping grounds, , and equipment in a reasonable condition of efficiency through repairs or replacement of property.