

TABLE 11.—*Estimated number of rooms in nonpublic schools by population for the United States, 1965-66*

Population of cities	Rooms	Percent
Total.....	227, 000	
500,000 or more.....	51, 000	22.5
100,000 to 499,999.....	58, 000	25.6
50,000 to 99,999.....	36, 000	
10,000 to 49,999.....	41, 000	18.1
2,500 to 9,999.....	9, 000	
Under 2,500.....	32, 000	14.1

(d) *Completion Date of Rooms*

An analysis of structural characteristics of school buildings indicates that three periods of construction are significant: Before 1920, 1920-40, and after 1940. More than one-half (57 percent) of the rooms in use in nonpublic schools have been completed since World War II. For public schools during this same period there were 60 percent. The investment in nonpublic school facilities parallels public school construction with two exceptions. For the period of construction before 1920, nonpublic schools have 21 percent of their classrooms in use today, while public schools have only 14 percent. The numerical difference shows public schools with 214,000 rooms in use today and nonpublic 48,000, which have been in use for over 45 years.

From the construction period between 1920-39 public schools obtained 26 percent of their rooms, while nonpublic schools have 21 percent.

TABLE 12.—*Estimated number and percent of instructional rooms in permanent buildings of nonpublic schools by date of completion for the United States, 1965-66*

Date of completion	Number	Percent
Total.....	227, 000	100
Before 1920.....	48, 000	21
1920 to 1929.....	32, 500	14
1930 to 1939.....	16, 000	7
1940 to 1949.....	19, 000	8
1950 to 1959.....	66, 000	29
1960 to 1966.....	45, 500	20

(e) *Ownership*

Less than 1 percent of the 16,600 school plants are on school sites owned by public authorities. More appropriately, the ownership of non-public-school facilities may be divided by Roman Catholic, other church-related schools, and private school plants (see table 13). A school plant may house one or more schools, such as an elementary school (grades kindergarten to 8) and a high school (9 to 12). Thus, there are approximately 19,000 nonpublic schools in 16,600 school plants.