

more dependent on specialized equipment, however, it must be anticipated that they will have a somewhat higher overall rate of obsolescence. This point deserves emphasis, because much vocational education involves training in quite specific skills and the student who receives his training on out-of-date equipment will enter the market with a very serious handicap.

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As of 1965, based on reports from the States, 613 institutions, either completed or under construction, had been designated area vocational schools. The distribution of these schools by State is shown in table 2. The distribution by population size of city is not known.

Of these 613 schools, 144 represented new construction and 64 had been remodeled since 1963,² but information as to the age of the remaining schools has not been reported.

TABLE 2.—*Distribution of area vocational schools by State, 1965*

Alabama.....	15	New Hampshire.....	
Alaska.....	1	New Jersey.....	17
Arizona.....	8	New Mexico.....	2
Arkansas.....	8	New York.....	8
California.....	78	North Carolina.....	24
Colorado.....	4	North Dakota.....	1
Connecticut.....	25	Ohio.....	
Delaware.....	3	Oklahoma.....	2
District of Columbia.....	6	Oregon.....	11
Florida.....	5	Pennsylvania.....	17
Georgia.....	20	Rhode Island.....	7
Hawaii.....	5	South Carolina.....	
Idaho.....	5	South Dakota.....	1
Illinois.....		Tennessee.....	
Indiana.....	2	Texas.....	
Iowa.....		Utah.....	
Kansas.....	10	Vermont.....	11
Kentucky.....	14	Virginia.....	
Louisiana.....	32	Washington.....	
Maine.....	5	West Virginia.....	
Maryland.....	6	Wisconsin.....	
Massachusetts.....	3	Wyoming.....	
Michigan.....	19	Canal Zone.....	
Minnesota.....	19	Guam.....	
Mississippi.....	18	Puerto Rico.....	
Missouri.....	14	Virgin Islands.....	
Montana.....	2		
Nebraska.....	4	Total.....	
Nevada.....	1		

All of these area schools are publicly owned and are administered either by State or by local boards of education. Based on information furnished by the States, their estimated total value in 1965 was \$1.5 million.

B. COSTS AND USER CHARGES

There are substantial variations, both among regions and within the same region, in the cost of constructing and equipping vocational school facilities. Nationwide, in 1964-65, construction costs ranged

² Among the 208 newly constructed or remodeled schools were: 27 specialized high schools, 62 of comprehensive high schools, 76 technical or vocational schools, and 43 departments in higher education. A similar breakdown by type for the remaining area schools is not available.