

MORE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON SCHOOLS

Additional Information From Catechism Issued By Teachers Assn.

Following are more questions and answers from the "Public School Catechism."

How much have teachers' wages increased since 1913?

In 1913 Illinois teachers received on an average \$662.07 for 32 weeks of actual teaching. In 1924 the average was \$1,489.35 for 36.4 weeks of actual teaching.

How does the increase in wages per week of actual teaching compare with the increase of weekly wages of union labor?

While the wages per week of actual teaching have increased 97.7 per cent since 1913, the weekly wages of plumbers have increased 99 per cent; of painters, 120 per cent; of plasterers, 112 per cent; of hod-carriers, 123 per cent; of carpenters, 116 per cent; of common building labor, 122 per cent; of brick layers, 99 per cent; of all union labor, 114.3 per cent.

Are teachers better trained than they were in 1913?

The number of our teachers who are graduates of normal, of college, or of both college and normal has increased 125 per cent since 1913.

Are Illinois teachers' salaries higher than those in other states?

Medium salaries of teachers in Illinois and in United States, 1925, as given in the N. E. A. Research Bulletin, Vol. III, No. 1 and 2.

Elementary teachers medium salary:

One teacher schools—In Illinois \$741.00; in U. S. \$755.00.

Cities of 2,500 to 5,000 population—In Illinois, \$1,100.00; in U. S. \$1,129.00.

Cities of 5,000 to 10,000 population—In Illinois, \$1,064.00; in U. S. \$1,231.00.

Cities of 10,000 to 30,000 population—In Illinois, \$1,193.00; in U. S. \$1,354.00.

Cities of 30,000 to 100,000 population—In Illinois, \$1,442.00; in U. S. \$1,528.00.

What is the whole tax bill of the people and corporations of Illinois?

Approximately \$540,000,000.00 per year. (Includes local and state taxes, special assessments, licenses, and the internal revenues but not the custom duties of the federal government).

How much of this goes for common schools?

In 1924 the state and local taxes for common school purposes amounted to \$108,000,000 or about 20 per cent of the whole tax bill.

How much do we spend on the common schools in Illinois?

The net expenditures in the school year ending in 1924 amounted to \$112,535,304; also for debt service there was paid \$4,758,920. This is about \$17 per capita of the estimated total population in 1924.

Is Illinois able to support good schools?

The estimated tangible wealth of Illinois in 1922 was \$22,232,794,000, and if the intangible wealth be included it is estimated that the total reached \$40,000,000,000.

In 1924 the estimated income for Illinois was five and one-quarter billion dollars.

In ability to support good schools, how does Illinois compare with other states?

Among the forty-eight states of the union, Illinois ranks 9th in per capita income; 4th in per capita federal taxes or amusements; 7th in total income of internal revenue payments per capita; and 4th in income taxes paid per capita of population. Yet with the latest data available, Illinois can be ranked not higher than 16th according to the Ayres Index for measuring the efficiency of state school systems.

How do our expenditures for common schools compare with some of our other expenses?

We spend each year considerably more for tobacco than for education; three times as much for joy-riding, races, pleasure resorts, and the like as we spend for education; and as much for soft drinks, perfumeries, and cosmetics as for education.

How much do we spend each year per child in school?

The average for both grades and high schools in 1924 was \$69.80 per pupil enrolled for current expenses and \$85.51 for all expenses.

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