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## SCHOOLS AND CLASSES FOR THE BLIND, 1926-27

This report contains statistics concerning schools and classes for blind pupils for the year 1926-27. Reports are included for 80 schools and institutions. Data concerning sight-saving classes are not included where it is possible to separate them from data concerning classes for the blind. For schools that failed to report, statistics for a previous year, the latest available, are included. In States having separate departments for white and for colored blind pupils, their institutions are counted as two schools. Seventeen schools receive both blind and deaf pupils. Financial items are prorated in schools accepting both white and colored pupils in separate departments, and in schools accepting both blind and deaf pupils.

Of the 80 institutions included in the report, 47 are State institutions, 21 are schools or classes in city school systems, 5 are private institutions, 5 others are private institutions supported partly or largely by State funds; 1 school is in the Philippine Islands and 1 school in Porto Rico.

### INSTRUCTORS

Institutions for the blind report a total of 863 instructors, of which number 220 are men and 643 are women. This is an increase over 1918 of 19 male instructors and of 122 female instructors.

Perkins Institute, Watertown, Mass., offers courses which prepare teachers for blind children. Pennsylvania Institute for the Instruction of the Blind, Overbrook, Pa., has a training course for prospective home teachers of the blind. George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn., gives special courses during the summer sessions for teachers of the blind and semisighted.

### PUPILS

The total enrollment in schools for the blind for 1927 is 6,084, of which number 3,355 are boys and 2,729 are girls. This is an increase of 22 per cent over the 1918 enrollment. During 1927 pupils in instrumental music numbered 2,688, and 2,729 were given vocal culture, and 3,499 were enrolled in industrial courses. The number graduated from high-school departments was 177; 101 being boys, and 76 girls.

In the kindergartens were enrolled 336 pupils—188 boys and 148 girls; in classes corresponding to grades 1 to 4 were 1,254 boys and

921 girls; in grades corresponding to 5 to 8 were 1,068 boys and 909 girls; in classes corresponding to high-school grades were 633 boys and 603 girls, a total of 1,236.

#### EXPENDITURES

The total expenditure in 67 institutions which reported was \$3,993,404. Those institutions which were able to distribute expenditures report instructional costs amounting to \$1,147,441, other current expenses of \$2,278,423, and costs of buildings and improvements amounting to \$539,258.

#### RECEIPTS

Receipts are slightly higher than expenditures, being \$4,028,145 for the year for 67 institutions. Schools which were able to distribute receipts according to source show \$3,264,812 from State, county, or city; \$77,768 from private benefactions; \$259,316 from endowment funds; and \$289,021 from other sources.

#### PROPERTY

The total value of buildings and grounds of the 67 institutions reporting these items was \$17,283,141; the value of scientific apparatus, furniture, libraries, etc., was \$2,151,091; the permanent endowment funds totaled \$5,707,168; in the libraries were 157,380 volumes in raised type and 46,324 in ink.

TABLE 1.—Summary of statistics of schools for the blind, 1900 to 1927

Items	1900	1905	1910	1915	1922	1927
Number of schools reporting	37	40	48	62	64	80
Instructors:						
Men	144	175	178	311	201	220
Women	293	330	353	491	521	643
Total	437	505	531	702	722	863
Pupils:						
Boys	2,104	2,401	2,263	2,731	2,719	3,355
Girls	1,917	2,040	2,060	2,522	2,228	2,729
Total	4,021	4,441	4,323	5,253	4,947	6,084
Graduates from high school:						
Boys			39	57	66	101
Girls			50	55	60	76
Total	171	170	89	112	126	177
Pupils in industrial courses	2,235	3,201	2,855	2,702	3,339	3,499
Instrumental music	1,883	2,354	1,753	2,417	2,256	2,688
Vocal culture	1,815	2,211	1,317	2,228	2,053	2,729
Volumes in the library:						
In raised type			80,774	127,247	140,905	157,478
In ink			34,754	54,788	61,785	46,577
Total	94,689	125,681	115,528	182,035	202,690	204,055

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TABLE 2.—Statistics of schools for the blind, 1926-27

Location	Institution	Instructors		Pupils enrolled		Pupils in kindergarten		In classes corresponding to grades 1 to 4		In classes corresponding to grades 5 to 8		In classes corresponding to high school grades		Orad- uages in 1927		Pupils in—		Property		Permanent endow- ment					
		Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	In type raised	In ink		Value of buildings and grounds	Value of scientific apparatus, furniture, library, etc.			
Tallahassee, Ala.		3	6	6	6	7	6	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
Do.	Alabama Institute for the Deaf and the Blind (negro).	4	0	78	46			31	21	28	15	14	10	3	3	28	46	65	36	3, 185	624	\$150, 600	30, 500	23	
Tucson, Ariz.	Alabama Institute for the Deaf and the Blind (negro).	2	0	14	13			14	13													22, 500	900	23	
Little Rock, Ark.	Arizona School for the Deaf and the Blind <sup>1</sup> .	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
Do.	Arkansas School for the Blind.	4	8	66	60	30	26	28	28	28	28	8	7	2	2	126					50	19, 412	200	23	
Berkeley, Calif.	Arkansas School for the Blind (negro).	2	1	12	15	7	8	3	3	0	2	2	1	1	1	14	11	0	0			211, 962	47, 177	23	
Los Angeles, Calif.	California School for the Deaf and the Blind.	6	12	55	53	19	17	16	20	20	16	4	5	4	5	64	35	22	50	5, 000	500	228, 052	62, 353	23	
Colorado Springs, Colo.	Public school classes for the blind.	1	6	30	14	17	6	8	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	71	36	43	28	2, 708	61	2, 500	2, 500	23	
Hartford, Conn.	Colorado School for Deaf and Blind.	7	11	43	28	20	17	17	17	8	6	4	0	0	0	66	28	28	30	2, 339	400	255, 681	57, 000	23	
St. Augustine, Fla.	Connecticut Institute for the Blind (school department).	2	8	35	31	20	13	3	10	12	8	2	3	2	3	66	28	28	30	2, 200	600	152, 251	3, 800	23	
Do.	Florida State School for the Deaf and the Blind.	2	7	37	21	8	7	13	7	11	5	2	2			33	43	28	15					23	
Do.	Florida State School for the Deaf and the Blind (negro).	1	0	8	5											12								23	
Macon, Ga.	Georgia Academy for the Blind <sup>1</sup> .	5	14	57	49			31	30	21	11	5	8	8	1	16	78	50	49	3, 000	1, 000	200, 000	14, 000	23	
Gooding, Idaho	Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind.	2	7	11	10			6	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	21	21	11	10	1, 000	100	28, 680	11, 920	23	
Chicago, Ill.	Public school classes for the blind.	0	6	40	25			18	10	16	10	6	5												23
Jacksonville, Ill.	Illinois State School for the Blind.	8	21	125	110	8	7	47	33	40	40	30	30	4	4	90	102	87	78	251	3, 500	475, 200	304, 427	23	
Indianapolis, Ind.	Indiana School for the Blind.	5	11	85	62			63	28	25	17	7	17	1	2	96	48	83	62	2, 008	3, 864	2, 232, 255	53, 802	23	
Vinton, Iowa	Iowa College for the Blind <sup>1</sup> .	2	8	17	65	65	5	25	16	25	15	14	19	3	3	114	51	45	0	4, 848	1, 000	800, 000	60, 000	23	
Kansas City, Kan.	Kansas State School for the Blind.	2	10	60	37	7	5	14	18	18	23	21	17	4	4	17	42	64	0	1, 400	850	407, 550	15, 928	23	
Louisville, Ky.	Kentucky School for the Blind.	1	3	10	5			13	7	30	19	10	5	1	0	0	75	75	40	75	25	25, 000	23, 500	23	
Do.	Kentucky School for the Blind (negro).	1	3	10	5			13	7	30	19	10	5	1	0	0	75	75	40	75	25	25, 000	23, 500	23	
Baton Rouge, La.	Louisiana State School for the Blind.	4	8	41	29	6	1	9	10	8	6	7	9	11	4	60	35	31	18	1, 133	200	200, 000	8, 000	23	

<sup>1</sup> Estimated distribution.

<sup>2</sup> Data for 1921-22.

<sup>3</sup> This amount is the value of the old site, which becomes the property of the Indiana World War Memorial Commission on completion of new plant for the School for the Blind.

<sup>4</sup> Prorated with school for the deaf.



TABLE 2.—Statistics of schools for the blind, 1926-27—Continued

Location	Institution	In-structors		Pupils en-rolled		Pupils in high-gar-tens		In classes correspond-ing to grades 1 to 4		In classes correspond-ing to high-school grades 5 to 8		In classes correspond-ing to high-school grades 9 to 12		Grad-uates in 1927		Pupils in—		Property								
		Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Vocal culture	Instrumental music	Boys	Girls	Volumes in library	In ink type	In ink	Value of buildings and grounds	Value of scientific ap-paratus, furniture, library, etc.	Permanent endow-ment	
New Orleans, La.	Public school classes for the blind	0	1	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Portland, Me.	Maine Institution for the Blind	6	14	54	36	6	6	16	14	9	9	0	0	0	0	1	1	20	7	5,000	5,000	84,728	105,709	\$12,850		
Owles, Md.	Maryland School for the Blind	2	2	11	13	2	2	5	4	5	5	0	0	0	0	2	2	22	10	100,000	100,000	105,709	105,709	812,850		
Do.	Maryland School for the Colored Blind and Deaf	0	1	3	9	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	15	22	10	115	115	105,709	105,709	812,850		
Salem, Mass.	Public school classes for the blind	9	42	150	147	14	8	46	34	63	63	38	40	4	4	5	52	82	139	20,820	20,820	105,709	105,709	812,850		
Watertown, Mass.	Packins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind	0	2	13	15	0	1	9	7	4	4	0	4	4	4	3	12	65	67	6,500	1,423	416,957	105,078	812,850		
Detroit, Mich.	Public school classes for the blind	0	3	13	15	0	7	24	20	24	21	26	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,544	1,544	812,850		
Lansing, Mich.	Michigan School for the Blind	0	3	13	15	0	4	2	6	8	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,544	1,544	812,850		
Duluth, Minn.	Public school classes for the blind	0	6	13	15	0	10	10	22	12	16	12	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	79,000	79,000	20,000		
Faribault, Minn.	Minnesota School for the Blind	0	11	50	43	0	24	12	20	27	6	12	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	500	500	79,000	79,000	20,000		
Minneapolis, Minn.	Public school classes for the blind	0	6	28	32	0	13	5	11	17	4	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	60	1,814	1,814	812,850		
St. Paul, Minn.	do	0	6	28	32	0	13	5	11	17	4	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	60	1,814	1,814	812,850		
Jackson, Miss.	Mississippi Institute for the Blind	2	9	44	31	4	3	18	5	11	6	7	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2,450	2,450	68,000	68,000	30,000		
St. Louis, Mo.	Missouri School for the Blind	1	14	50	63	7	7	16	16	18	11	14	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	945	945	442,000	68,000	30,000		
Nebraska City, Nebr.	Nebraska School for the Blind	3	5	32	23	2	4	8	13	12	10	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	19	19	138,650	42,000	30,000		
Jersey City, N. J.	Public school classes for the blind	0	1	6	1	4	2	7	2	5	2	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	180	180	118,000	36,500	25,000		
Newark, N. J.	do	0	4	19	7	4	2	7	2	5	2	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	300	300	118,000	36,500	25,000		
Summit, N. J.	Arthur Home and Kindergarten for Blind Babies and Small Blind Children	0	5	25	30	13	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	118,000	36,500	25,000		
Alamogordo, N. Mex.	Babies and Small Blind Children	2	8	44	40	4	4	20	15	16	17	4	4	4	4	56	41	23	23	660	660	200,000	29,139	25,000		
Batavia, N. Y.	New Mexico School for the Blind	5	14	87	72	16	11	23	17	33	19	15	26	1	1	3	3	3	3	6,000	6,000	263,000	37,500	25,000		
Bath Beach, N. Y.	New York State School for the Blind	0	2	10	5	0	0	4	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,325	4,325	25,000		
New York (Bronx), N. Y.	International Sunshine Branch for the Blind	2	5	17	17	1	1	17	5	4	8	1	2	2	2	22	20	12	14	150	150	65,780	65,780	25,000		
New York (2201 Wil-iamsbridge Rd.), N. Y.	Catholic Institute for the Blind	9	13	85	40	1	1	44	18	21	11	30	11	11	11	74	59	51	34	2,500	2,500	2,190,638	102,123	2,252,933		
New York, N. Y.	New York Institute for the Education of the Blind	8	1	50	53	1	0	21	19	22	16	6	19	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
New York, N. Y.	Public school classes for the blind	0	1	6	1	4	2	7	2	5	2	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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State	0	4	8	9	6	10	7	13	5	2	3	1	0	2	9	14	14	3	3	150	1,472	\$ 24,074	\$ 4,741
Port Jefferson, N. Y.																							
Brooklyn Home for Blind, Crippled and Deaf Children																							
State School for the Blind and the Deaf	5	20	78	67	10	7																	
State School for the Blind and the Deaf (negro)	2	5	41	33																			
North Dakota School for the Blind	1	4	16	19																			
Public school classes for the blind	0	1	6	10																			
do.	0	1	8	40	41																		
do.	1	3	22	16																			
Ohio State School for the Blind	12	19	124	118	10	13																	
Public school classes for the blind	0	1	7	7																			
do.	0	2	10	6																			
do.	0	6	2	1	4																		
do.	0	2	10	6																			
Ohio State School for the Blind	6	14	76	67																			
Public school classes for the blind	2	4	29	19																			
The Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind	9	26	151	117	7	4	37	47	32	19	31	28	3	3	57	55	100	80	19	851	6,511		
Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind	5	15	76	71	10	8	28	20	24	13	9	3	2	11	107	64	60	600					
School for the Deaf and the Blind	0	6	18	3																			
Instituto de Nifios Ciegos	0	4	16	12																			
South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind	1	8	34	31																			
South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind (negro)	1	2	20	10																			
South Dakota School for the Blind	3	6	21	18																			
Tennessee School for the Blind	8	21	146	90	8	2	46	28	55	31	42	29	1	6	199	150	146	90	6,000	600			
Texas Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institute for Colored Youths	1	8	62	37	10	7	27	18	14	6	11	6	4	2	81	66	63	37					
Texas School for the Blind	11	19	133	107	14	7	48	33	33	38	34	1	2	60	64	106	89						
Utah School for the Blind	1	6	19	15																			
Virginia State School for Colored Blind and Deaf Children	2	2	20	7																			
Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind	5	8	40	32																			
Public school classes for the blind	0	1	4	0																			
do.	0	2	6	15																			
Washington State School for the Blind	3	10	36	23																			
West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind	6	12	63	49																			
Wisconsin School for the Blind	7	17	71	68	4	2	23	18	34	25	19	18	4	5	80	70	50	48	4,561	2,275	455,235	123,940	
Public school classes for the blind	0	2	8	6	0	1	1	1	1	4	2	3	2	1	1								
do.	0	1	5	0																			

\* Data for 1921-22. † Includes department for the deaf. ‡ Includes both white and colored.



TABLE 3.—Statistics of receipts and expenditures of schools for the blind, 1926-27

Location	Institution	Receipts				Expenditures				
		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Tallahassee, Ala.	Alabama Institution for the Deaf and the Blind.	\$39,740				\$40,430		\$12,843	\$29,501	\$39,346
Do.	Alabama Institution for the Deaf and the Blind (negro).	18,844				10,145		1,323	17,703	19,206
Tucson, Ariz.	Arizona School for the Deaf and the Blind.	1,333	1,301		960	1,353		706	647	10,177
Little Rock, Ark.	Arkansas School for the Blind.									
Do.	Arkansas School for the Blind (negro).	35,148			4,722	39,870		9,167	46,103	55,270
Berkeley, Calif.	California School for the Deaf and the Blind.	1106,425				1106,425		35,000	1,41,948	1,112,123
Los Angeles, Calif.	Public school classes for the blind.	21,189				21,189		16,550	4,639	21,189
Colorado Springs, Colo.	Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind.	163,184				167,051		16,961	(?)	177,161
Hartford, Conn.	Connecticut Institute for the Blind.	35,363	180		13,867	37,151		4,459		31,540
Macon, Ga.	Georgia Academy for the Blind.	40,000	\$150	\$1,418		40,000		16,271	23,542	39,813
Gooding, Idaho	Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind.	113,730		1,322		117,052		1,152	19,303	121,138
Jacksonville, Ill.	Illinois State School for the Blind.	208,309				208,309		53,676	98,930	308,208
Indianapolis, Ind.	Indiana School for the Blind.	196,261			662	196,823		10,511	49,666	93,583
Vinton, Iowa.	Iowa College for the Blind.	110,825				110,825		4,000	26,194	96,560
Kansas City, Kans.	Kansas State School for the Blind.	58,207			9,023	64,230		1,516	45,460	60,389
Louisville, Ky.	Kentucky School for the Blind.	69,600			439	69,979		38,074	31,865	69,939
Do.	Kentucky School for the Blind (negro).	9,500				9,500		2,529	5,107	9,499
Baton Rouge, La.	Louisiana State School for the Blind.	77,600				77,600		5,000	29,210	54,500
Portland, Me.	Maine Institution for the Blind.	10,865			18,654	9,519		48	25,322	28,997
Overles, Md.	Maryland School for the Blind.								75,187	90,301
Do.	Maryland School for the Colored Blind and Deaf.								13,682	12,222
Watertown, Mass.	Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind.	72,300	1,413	184,432	49,861	308,116		4,131	224,803	281,964
Lansing, Mich.	Michigan School for the Blind.	119,324				119,324			98,376	119,324
Duluth, Minn.	Public school classes for the blind.	5,163			37	5,200				5,246
Faribault, Minn.	Minnesota School for the Blind.	76,250			6,800	82,850		4,000	54,500	80,450
Minneapolis, Minn.	Public school classes for the blind.	24,250		780		24,250			4,756	24,250
St. Paul, Minn.	do.	12,359				12,359			9,501	12,359
Jackson, Miss.	Mississippi Institute for the Blind.	34,701		803		37,719		6,121	14,631	37,583
St. Louis, Mo.	Missouri School for the Blind.	67,706				67,706			19,180	67,706
Nebraska City, Nebr.	Nebraska School for the Blind.	62,841				62,841		2,500	49,526	62,841
Jersey City, N. J.	Public school classes for the blind.	4,503				4,503			(?)	4,503
Newark, N. J.	do.	9,977				9,977			9,084	9,977
Summit, N. J.	Arthur Home and Kindergarten for Blind Babies and Small Blind Children.	19,448	14,560		2,833	36,841		2,830	23,704	34,018



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Alamogordo, N. Mex.	94,254	2,161	97,415	41,114	15,323	37,263	93,700
Batavia, N. Y.	122,274	1,695	123,969	3,905	25,499	94,565	123,969
New York (Bronx), N. Y.			28,400				28,252
New York (220) W. H. Hambridge Rd., N. Y.	61,471	143,000	265,260	131,122	34,003	175,923	341,648
New York, N. Y.			29,922		29,922	( <sup>1</sup> )	29,922
Port Jefferson, N. Y.	14,849	1,565	11,115	12,262	1,388	19,358	112,008
Raleigh, N. C.	139,277		139,277	133,334	34,003	174,224	142,161
Do.				200	9,740	13,386	23,328
Bathgate, N. Dak.	12,000	405	22,443	200	21,802	( <sup>1</sup> )	21,802
Cincinnati, Ohio	21,802		21,802		50,000	72,770	200,354
Columbus, Ohio	210,970		210,970	77,614	1,800		2,050
Lima, Ohio	2,050		2,050	250			2,882
Mansfield, Ohio	2,882		2,882		4,263	619	2,882
Toledo, Ohio	16,749		16,749	115	14,678	1,938	16,749
Muskogee, Okla.	89,540		89,540	18,600	23,480	68,060	108,140
Salem, Oreg.	25,400		25,400	2,636	5,073	15,700	23,411
Johnstown, Pa.	2,338		2,338		2,328	58	2,396
Philadelphia, Pa.	118,567	27,264	201,133	18,030	72,943	123,450	214,323
Pittsburgh, Pa.	80,644	97	80,494		20,428	81,820	101,948
Senturce (Box AA), P. R.	25,080		25,080		5,000	15,000	30,000
Cedar Spring, S. C.	28,728		28,728	3,240		13,493	125,913
Do.							
Gary, S. Dak.	18,750	5,800	24,550		6,863	12,840	18,220
Nashville, Tenn.	72,500	6,500	79,000	3,500	37,350	41,650	82,600
Austin, Tex.	161,100		161,100		14,700	41,830	158,500
Do.	113,510		118,510	4,500	64,085	49,925	118,510
Ogden, Utah	20,700		20,700		9,428	12,659	22,076
Newport News, Va.	19,408		10,405	1,102	12,564	16,772	10,458
Staunton, Va.	26,304		27,201	1,212	11,739	15,229	12,480
Tacoma, Wash.	2,330		2,330		1,944	2,330	2,330
Vancouver, Wash.	57,000		57,000	3,976	11,353	39,678	54,908
Romney, W. Va.	149,300		149,300	17,250	120,470	20,300	154,020
Janesville, Wis.	117,650		117,650	9,277	28,605	109,482	147,364
Racine, Wis.	3,019		3,019		2,826		3,019

\* Prorated.  
 \* Data for 1921-22.  
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 \* Prorated with Utah School for the Deaf.

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