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Work of the State Department of Education

The twenty-three counties of the State in 1941-42 enrolled over 180,000 pupils in 1,077 public elementary and secondary schools in charge of 5,326 teachers. Nearly 46,000 of these pupils were in the last four years of work of the 182 high schools distributed over twenty-three counties. In 1941-42 the counties expended on current expenses of public schools approximately \$11,687,000 from public funds, of which \$4,981,000 or nearly 43 per cent, was received by the twenty-three counties from the State of Maryland and Federal vocational funds. Baltimore City received \$986,000 from State and Federal school funds for the maintenance of schools and in addition \$536,890 from State funds toward the City retirement system on account of teachers. For the Maryland Teachers' Retirement System, State aid of