

THE EFFECT OF NEOLIBERAL POLICIES ON EDUCATION EXPENDITURES IN TURKIYE

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PROBLEM STATUS

With the rise of neoliberalism, significant transformations have taken place in basic areas such as education since the 1980s.

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- Is education a social good or personal good?

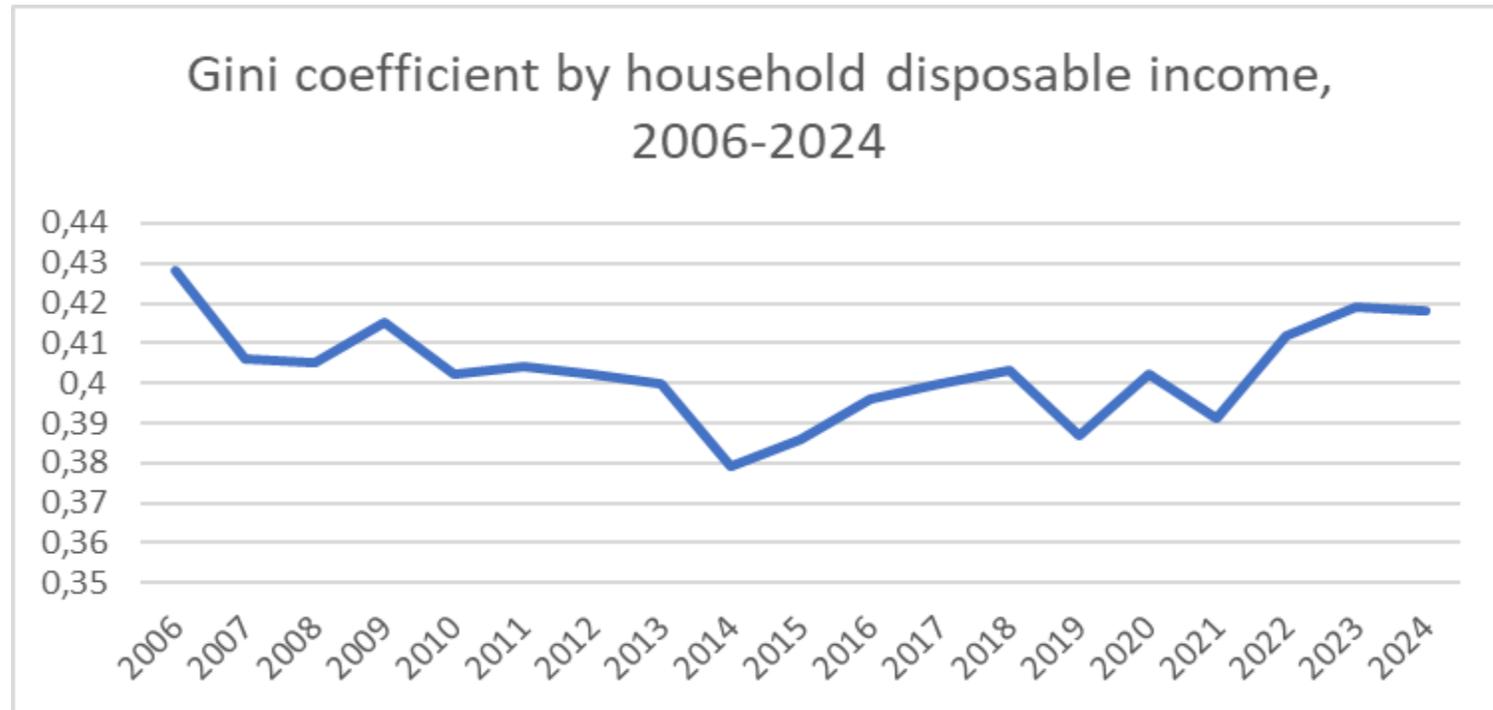
Social good → Education Right

Personal good → Who benefit from this service?





Table 1. GINI coefficient by household disposable income, 2006-2024



INEQUALITY

The GINI coefficient is a number between 0 and 1. As it approaches 1, it is understood that income inequality increases.

Table 2. Mean annual income at main job by level of education, 2019-2024 (TL)

Level of education	Total	With no degree	Less than high school	High school or equivalent	Higher education
2019	34 733	16 670	26 833	34 115	51 888
2020	43 118	20 539	32 838	41 855	63 085
2021	47 886	23 524	35 344	47 326	68 229
2022	62 826	30 858	46 916	62 835	87 451
2023	116 297	56 568	89 012	114 374	157 851
2024	231 823 (\$6360)	106 478 (\$2921)	168 407 (\$ 4620)	240 470 (\$6579)	309 721 (\$ 8497)



AIM OF RESEARCH

The aim of this study is to identify the inequalities created by neoliberalism by determining the education expenditures made by public education institutions, private education institutions and households in Turkiye between 2011-2023 through TUIK(Turkish Statistical Institute) statistics. In this context, it is tried to reveal the changes in the expenditure structures of public education institutions and private education institutions.

METHODOLOGY

This study is a document analysis. In order to determine the actual rate of increase or decrease in the expenditures of public expenditures, private education institutions and households in Turkiye, the expenditures were converted to 2011 constant prices.

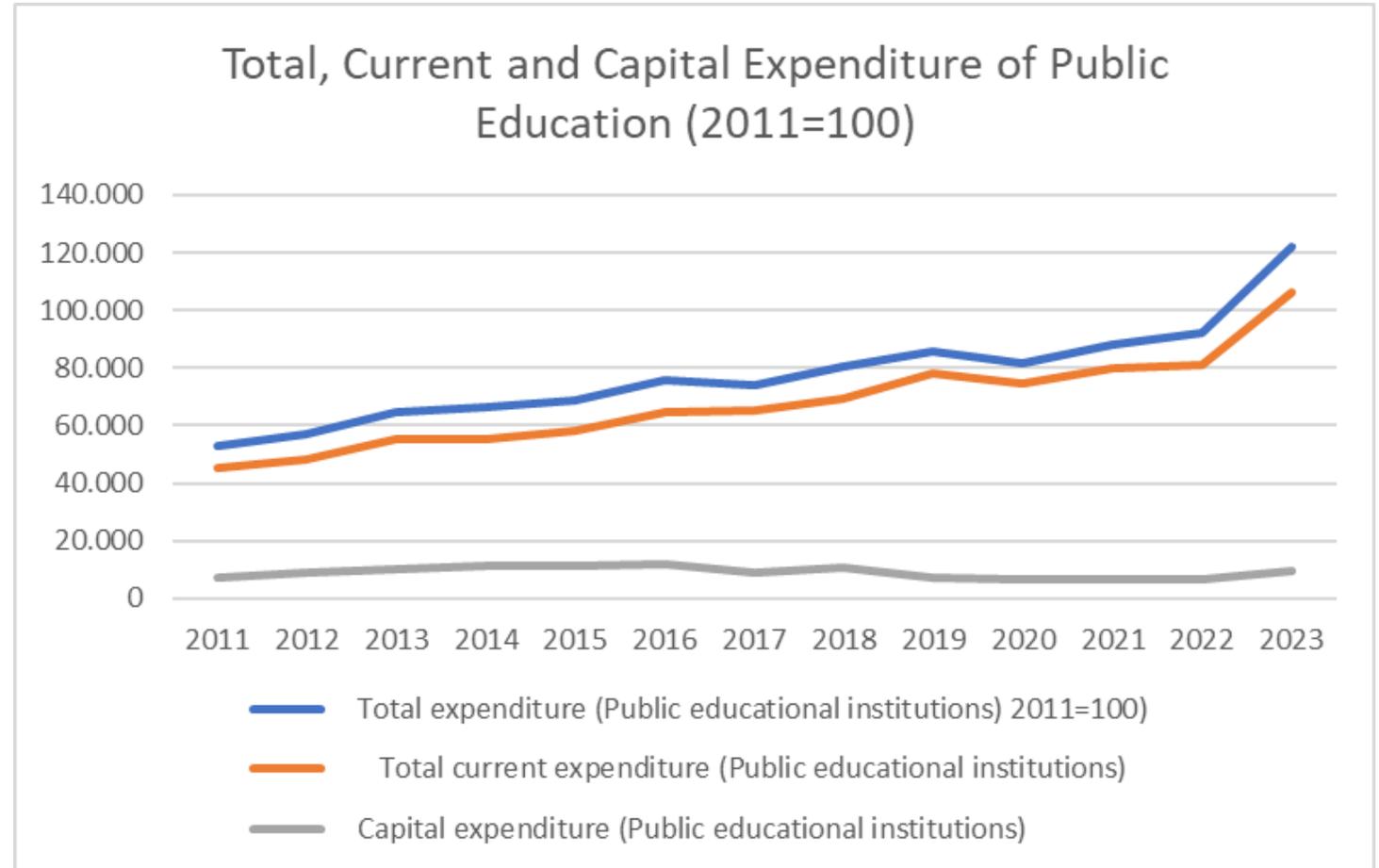
The consumer price index is used to convert current expenditures into constant prices, while the wholesale price index is used for investment expenditures.

FINDINGS

- Total Expenditure (Million TL)
(Public Educational Institutions)

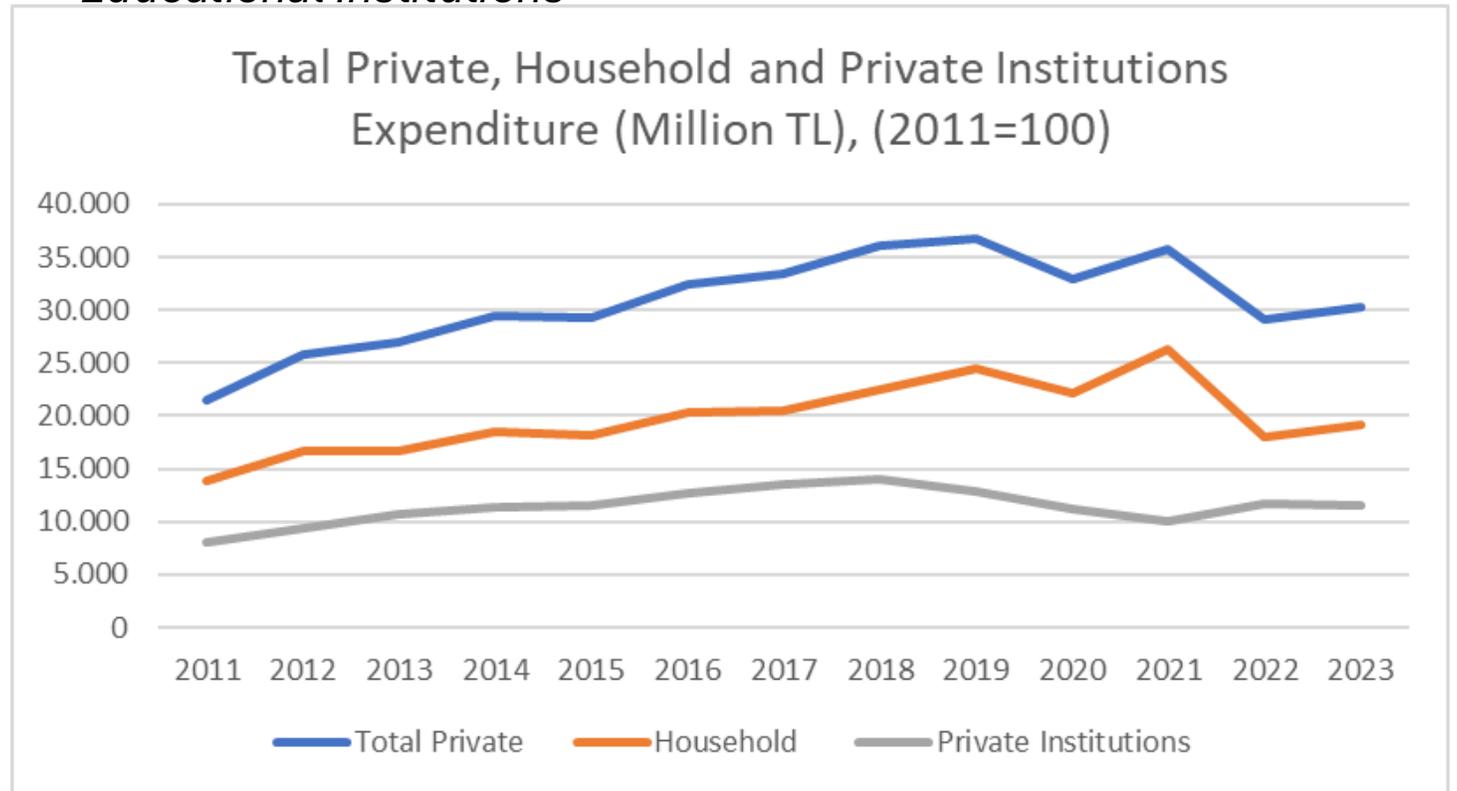
Despite the increase in expenditures, the amount of expenditure per student in Turkey lags behind the average of OECD countries.

Table 4. Total expenditure (Million TL) (Public educational institutions) (2011 Fixed Price)



Total Private, Household and Private Institutions Expenditures (Million TL) (2011=100)

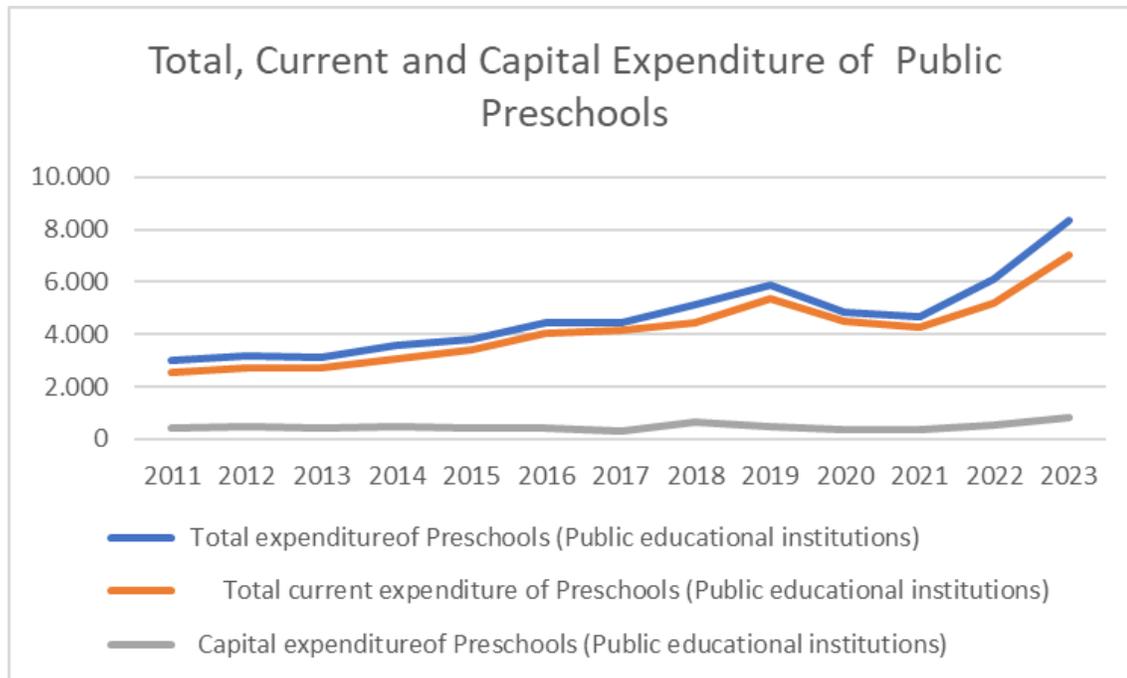
Table 5. Between The 2011-2023 Years Total Expenditure of Private Educational Institutions



- According to the table, it is seen that households pay a large portion of the expenditures on education.

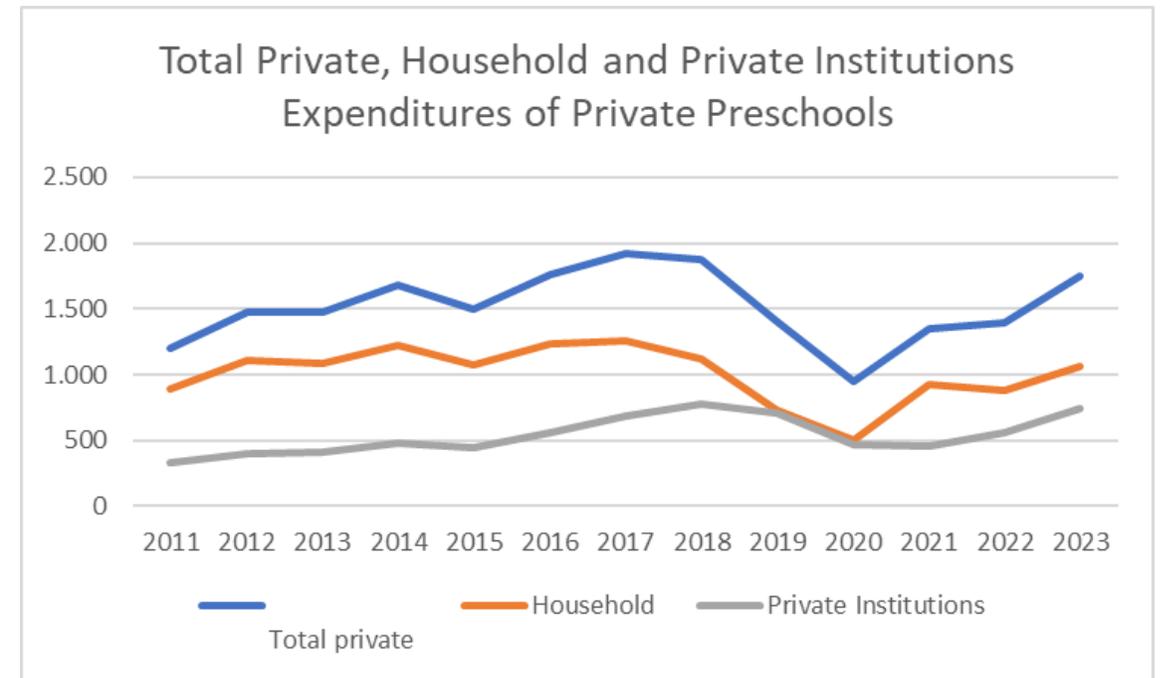
Total, Current and Capital Expenditure of Public Preschools

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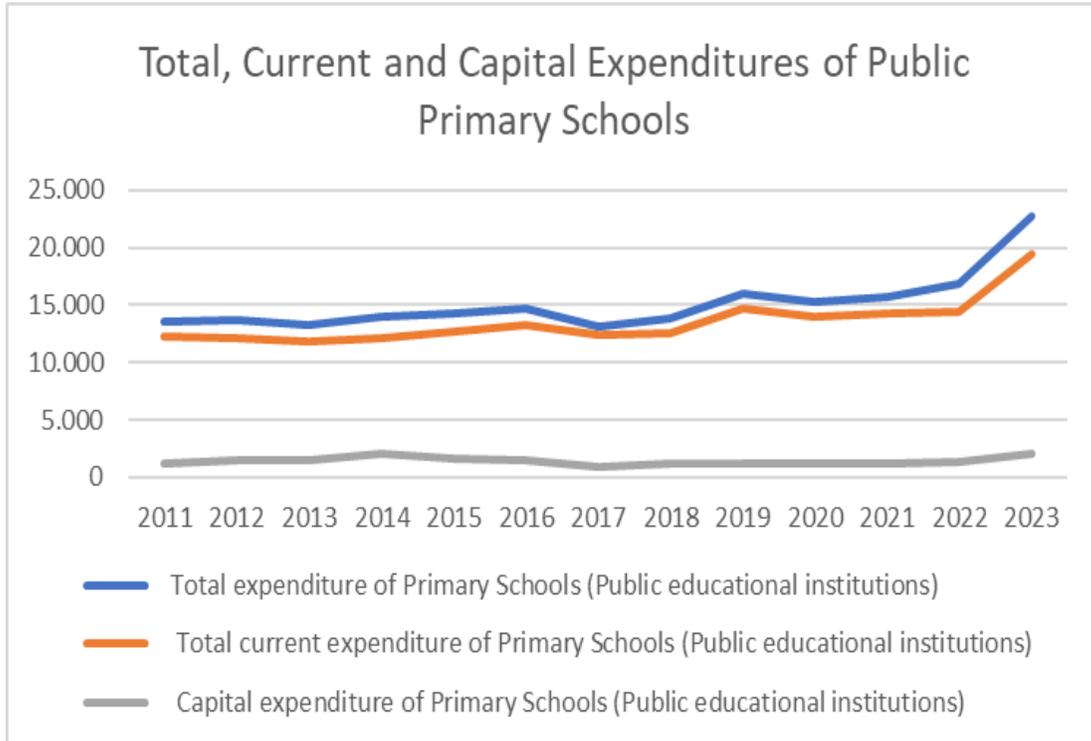
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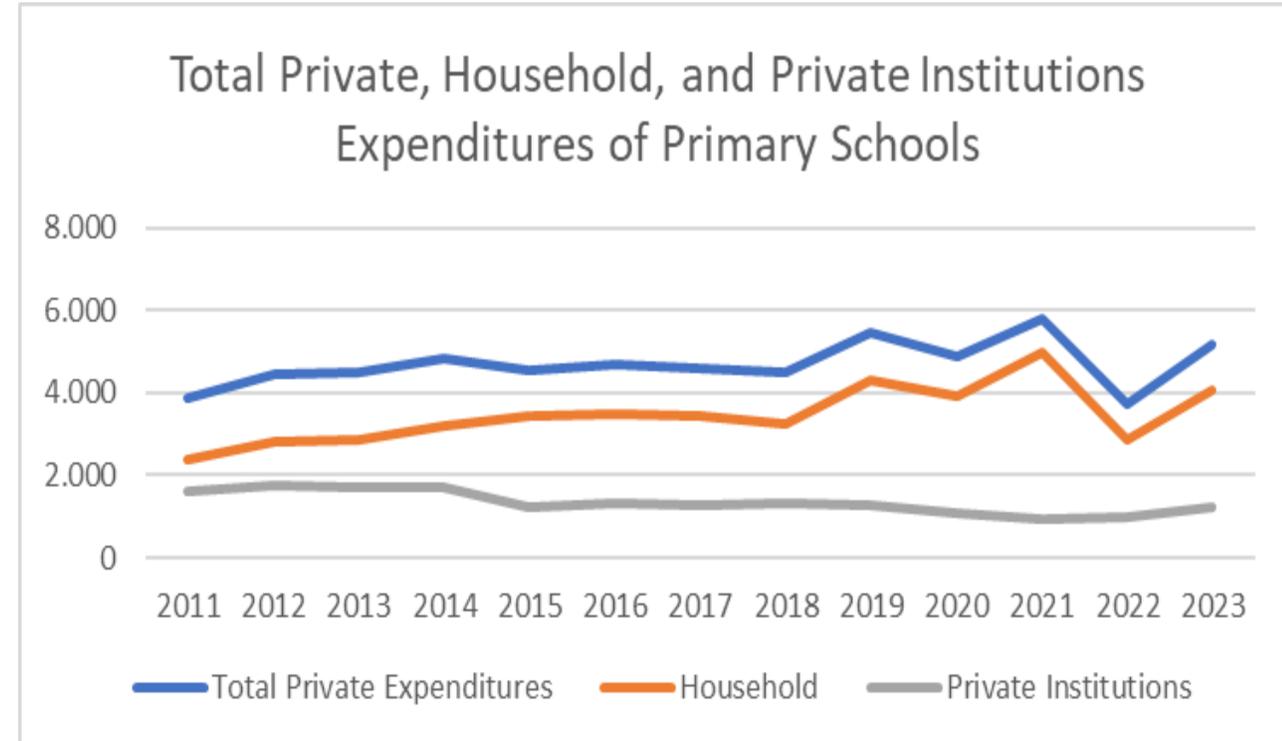
Total, Current and Investment Expenditures of Public Primary Schools

Table 8. Total, Current and Capital Expenditures of Public Primary Schools



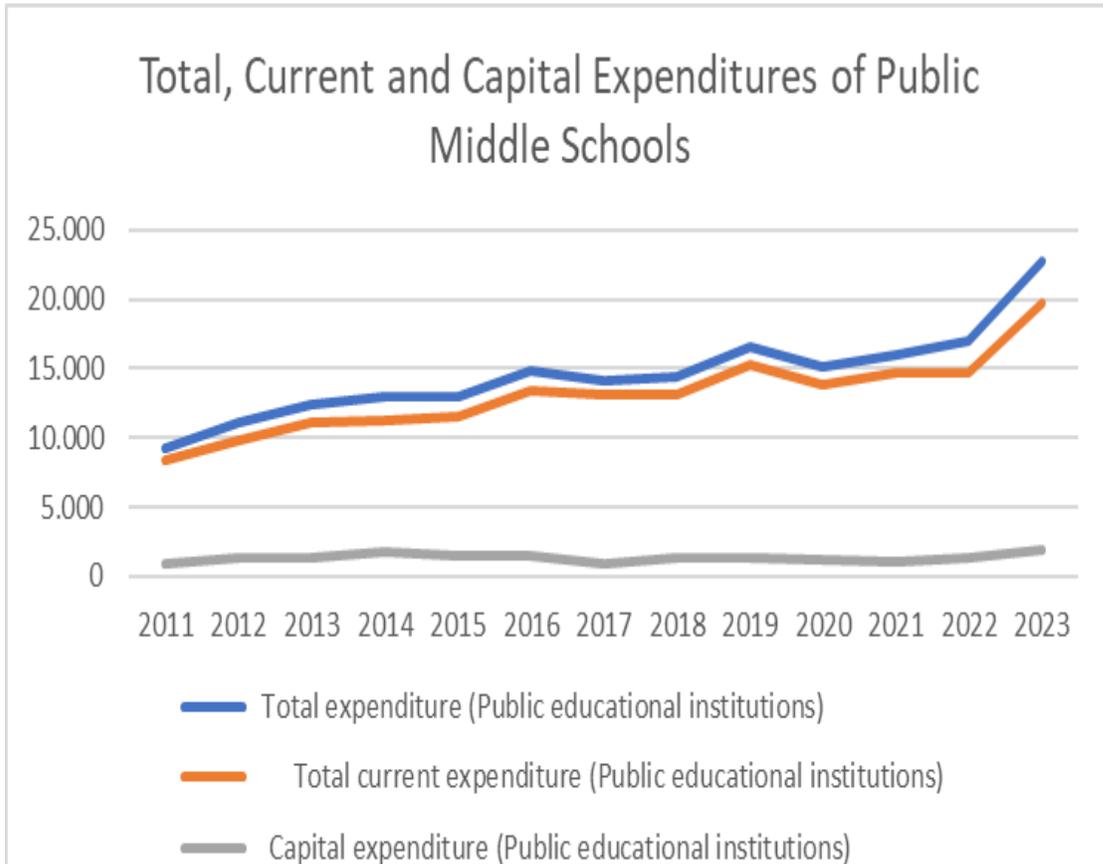
Total Private, Household, and Private Expenditures of Primary Schools

Table 9. Total Private, Household, and Private Institutions Expenditures of Primary Schools



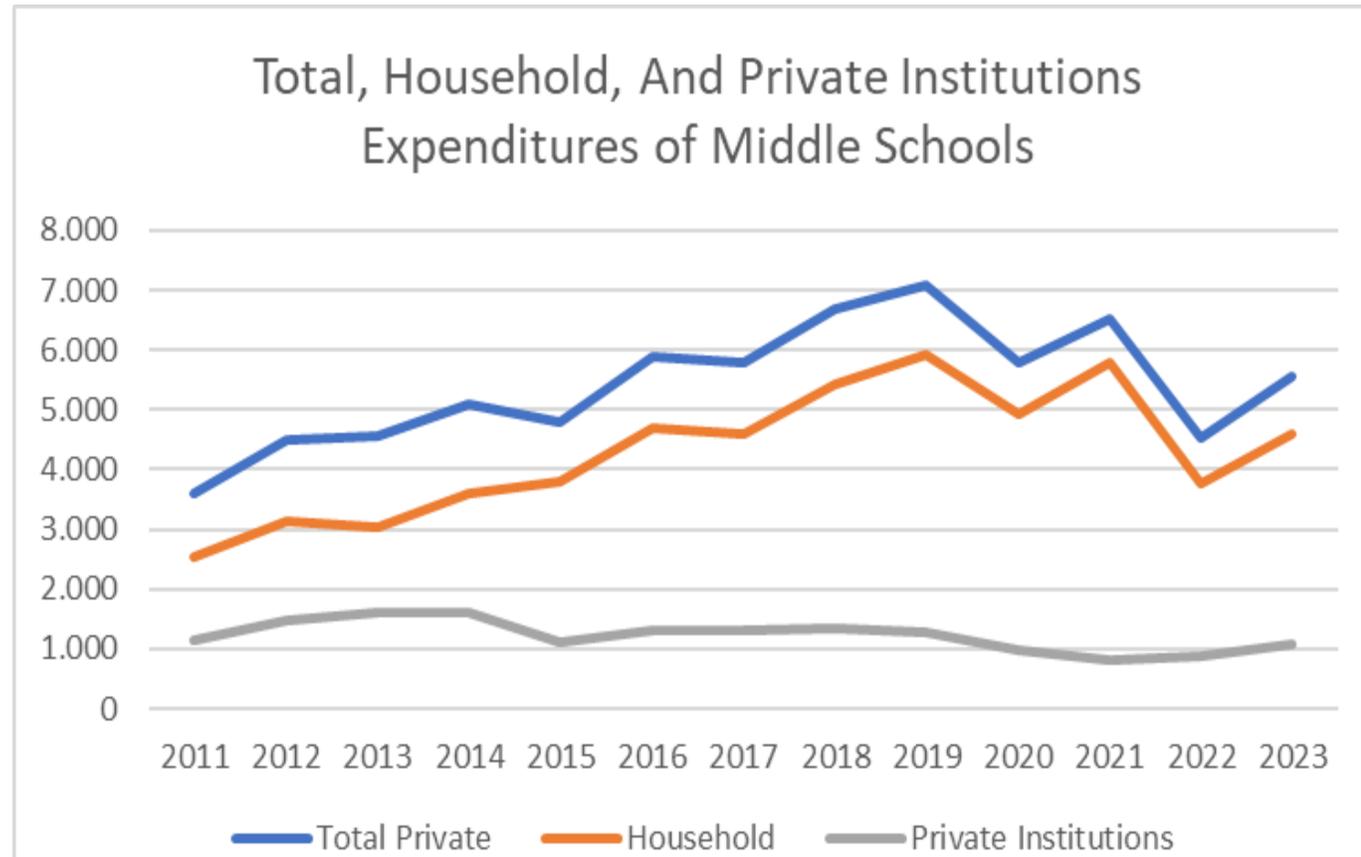
Total, Current and Investment Expenditures of Public Middle Schools

Table 10. Total, Current, and Capital Expenditures of Public Middle Schools



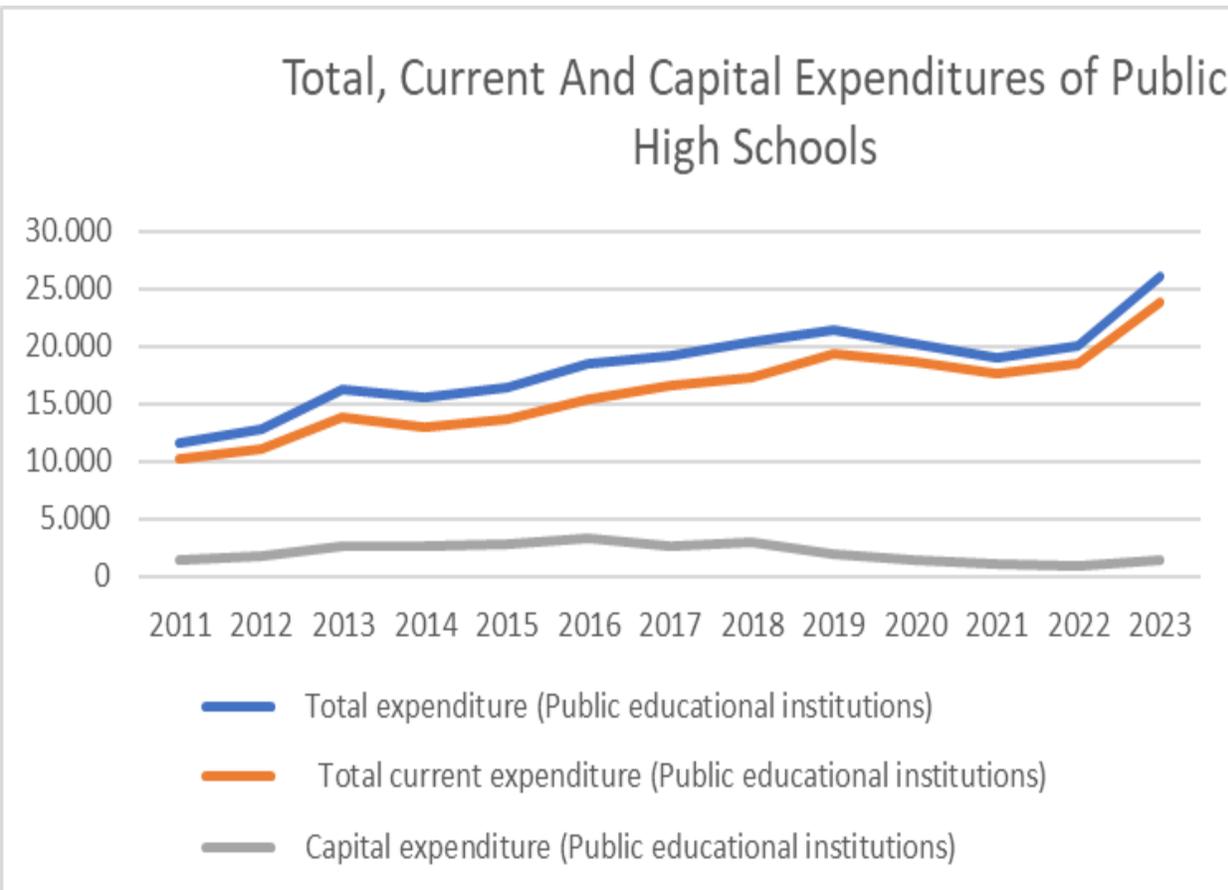
Total Private, Household, and Private Institutions Expenditures of Middle Schools

Table 11. Total, Household And Private Institutions Expenditures of Middle Schools



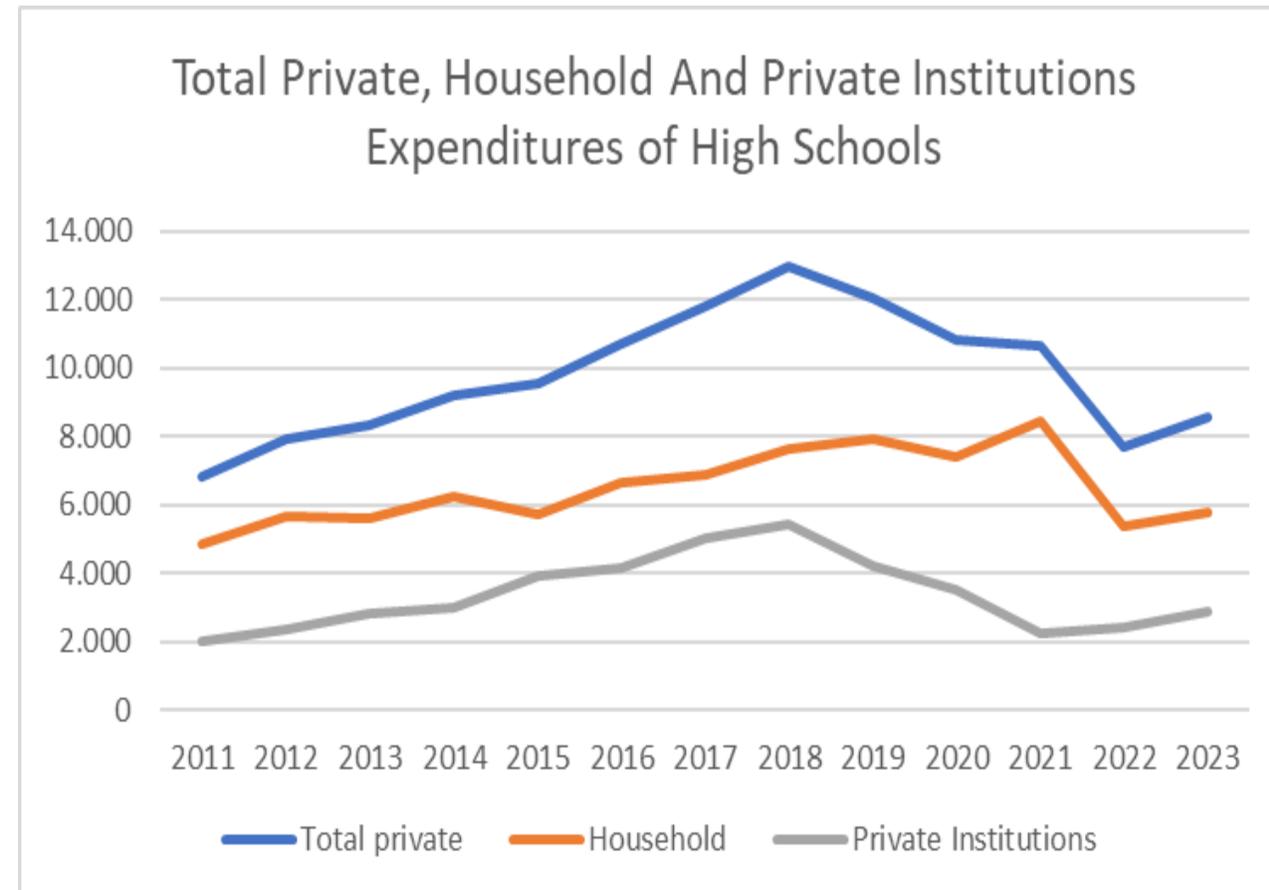
Total, Current and Investment Expenditures of Public High Schools

Table 12. Total, Current, And Capital Expenditures of Public High Schools



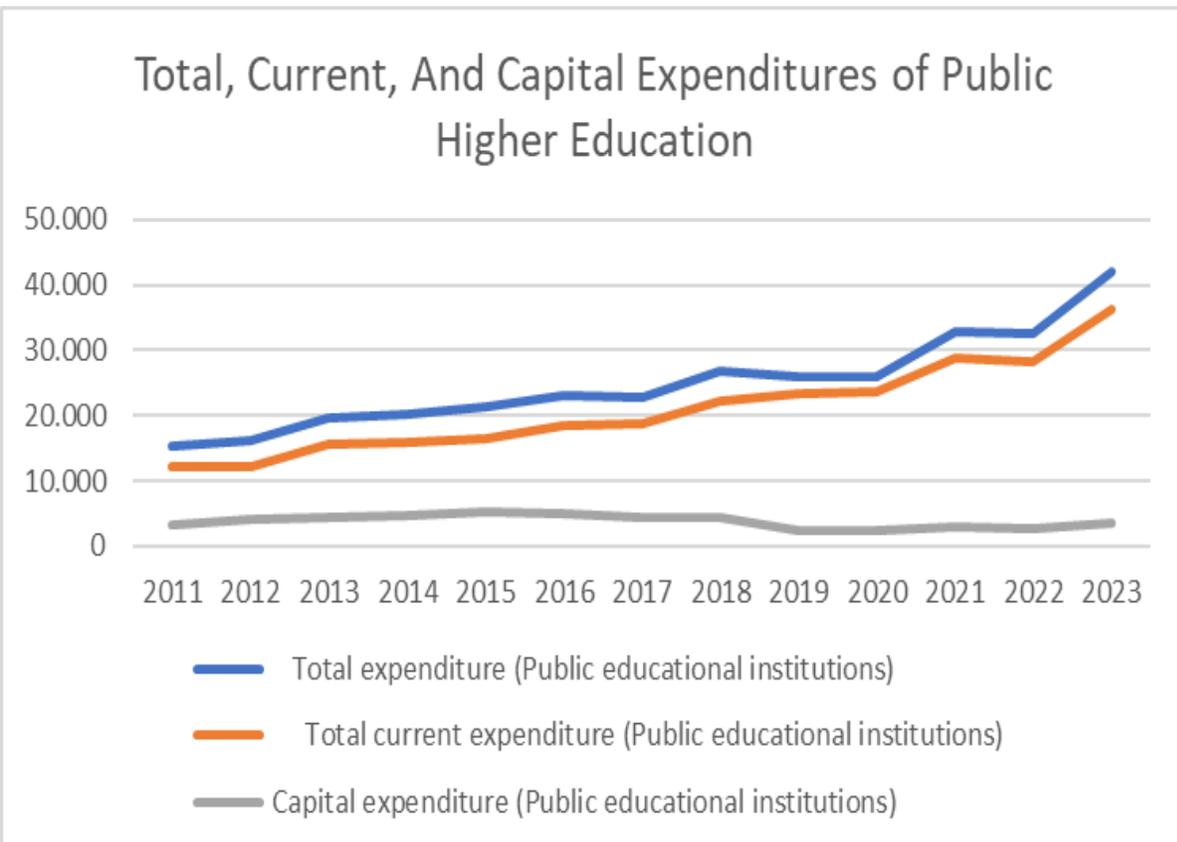
Total Private, Households and Private Institutions Expenditures of High Schools

Table 13. Total Private, Household, And Private Institutions Expenditures of High Schools



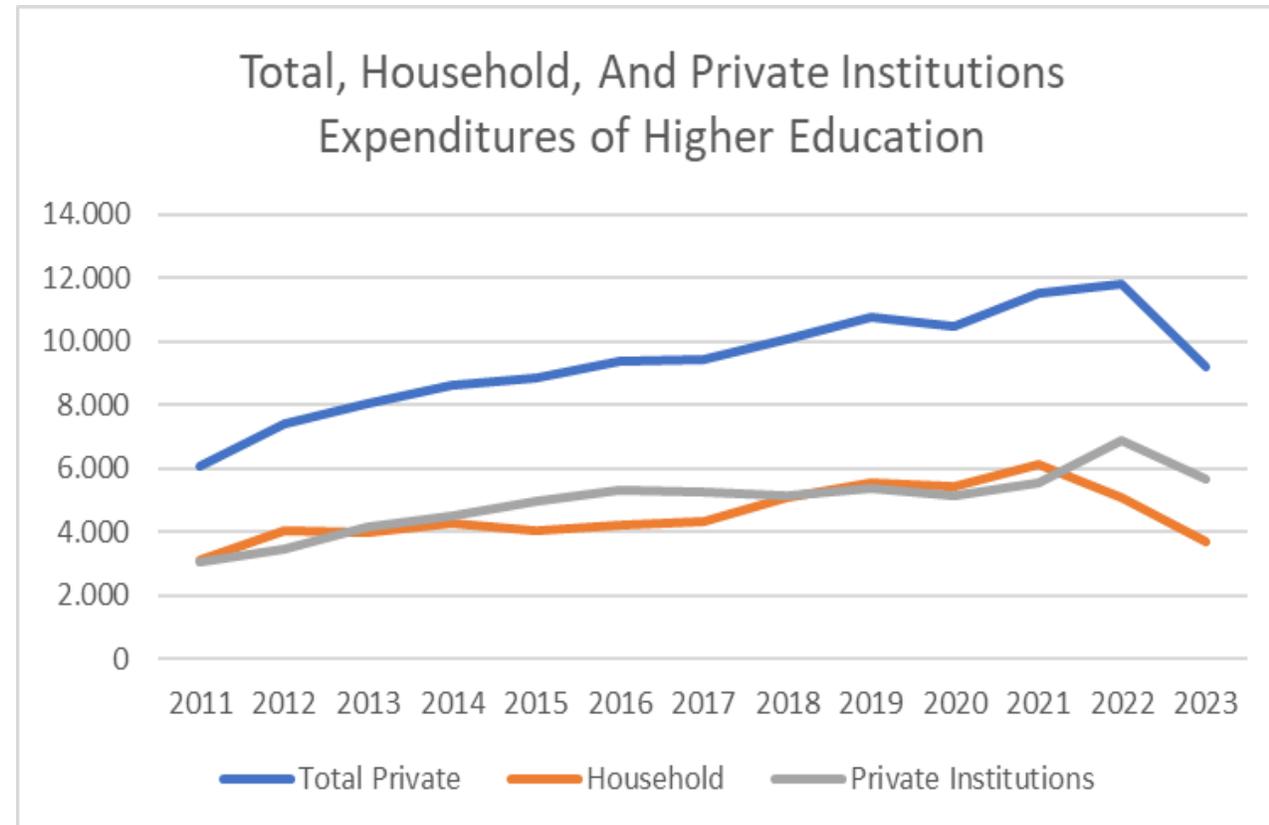
Total, Current, and Investment Expenditures of Public Higher Education

Table 14. Total, Current, And Capital Expenditures of Public Higher Education



Total, Household, and Private Institutions Expenditures of Higher Education

Table 15. Total, Household, And Private Institutions Expenditures of Higher Education



CONCLUSION

- Although TUIK data shows an increase in public education expenditures, Ministry of Treasury and Finance data shows that there has been a slight decline especially after 2017.
- According to the findings of the study, it is understood that most of the private expenditures on education are made by households or families of students.

CONCLUSION

- Considering the income groups in Turkiye, only middle and upper income groups can send their children to private education institutions, which is one of the main inequalities in education.
- It was found that the amount of aid provided by the state to families who want to send their students to private education institutions is very low. This shows that the financial burden of education is mostly borne by families. This situation is reflected in almost all levels of education.

- When the expenditures of private education institutions are analyzed, it is seen that there are more declines and fluctuations in expenditures compared to the public sector. The financial structures of private education institutions are fragile. This shows that private education institutions are more affected by pandemics and economic crises.
- It can be said that the assumption that pro-privatization policies imposed by neoliberal policies will bring effectiveness and efficiency in education is not true. It can be said that the perception that public schools are failing is created to legitimize privatization policies.

- In Türkiye, very limited information on the budgets of private education institutions is shared with the public. However, one of the main arguments of neoliberalism is accountability. The expenditures and sources of income of private education institutions should be shared every year in a similar way to the public sector.

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