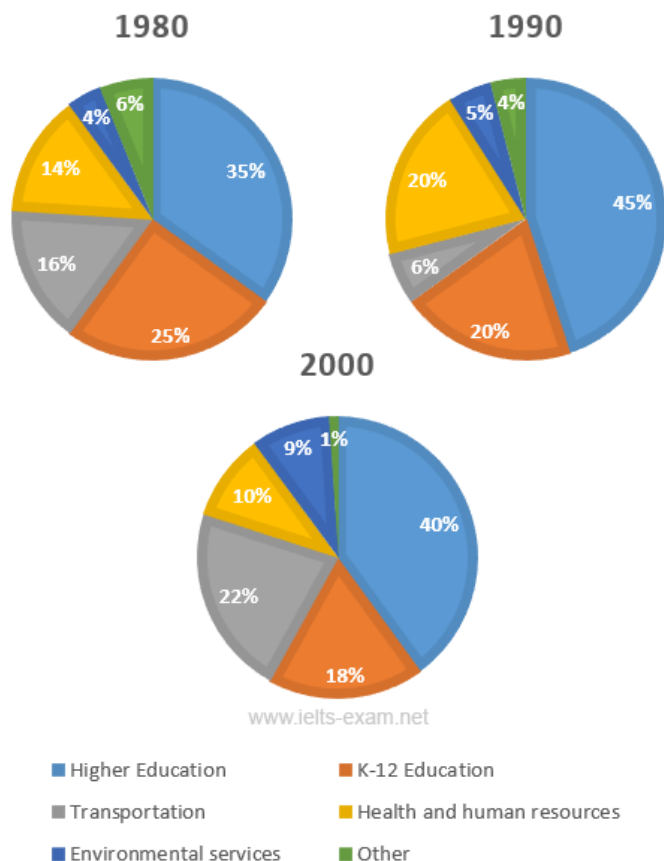


IELTS Writing Task 1

Q-The three pie charts below show the changes in annual spending by local authorities in Homeland in 1980, 1990 and 2000.

Expenditure by local authorities in Homeland



Model answer

The graphs illustrate how much local governments spent on various aspects of Homeland Security in 1980, 1990, and 2000.

Higher education was the area where local governments spent the most significant money. While spending on transportation and environmental services grew, health and human resources expenditure and K-12 education decreased.

Education was the most necessary expense in all three years. However, while spending on K-12 education decreased from 25% in 1980 to just 18% in 2000, higher education remained the most major sector, accounting for 45 percent of overall expenditures in 1990 and 40 percent in 2000. By 1990, health and human resource spending had risen to 20% of total expenditure, before falling to barely 10% by the end of the decade.

The share of transportation, on the other hand, has been trending in the other direction. In 1990, this cost accounted for just 6% of overall spending, but by 2000, it had risen to 22% of the whole budget. Similarly, the cost of environmental services has increased, ranging from 4% to 9%.

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