

## Certified Teacher Ages by Preparation Route 2007-2011

This table shows the number of candidates who received initial, standard teaching certificates through each preparation route, with average, lowest, and highest ages.

**Definitions.** An initial teaching certificate is a standard or lifetime teaching certificate issued in a particular fiscal year to a teacher who was not issued a standard or lifetime teaching certificate in any previous fiscal year. A Standard certificate is a certificate offered since 1999 that is renewed every five years.

### Results

- Teachers certified through the university undergraduate route were youngest, on average.
- Differences among the remaining routes were small. Out-of-state teachers were oldest, followed by alternative and university post-baccalaureate route teachers.
- Lowest ages were similar for the four routes.
- Results were consistent over time.

Year	Number of Teachers *	Average Age	Lowest Age	Highest Age
Alternative				
2010-11	12,569	32.8	20	72
2009-10	13,065	33.0	20	81
2008-09	13,412	33.1	21	77
2007-08	13,709	33.3	20	74
2006-07	12,198	33.2	21	69
University Post-Baccalaureate				
2010-11	1,679	31.9	19	68
2009-10	1,770	32.0	21	76
2008-09	1,953	32.1	21	68
2007-08	2,285	32.5	20	70
2006-07	2,836	32.5	21	71
University Undergraduate				
2010-11	9,511	27.0	18	66
2009-10	10,390	27.3	19	76
2008-09	10,551	27.6	20	70
2007-08	10,505	27.3	20	70
2006-07	10,242	27.4	20	69
Out of State				
2010-11	2,739	34.0	21	77
2009-10	3,381	34.4	21	76
2008-09	3,716	34.8	20	75
2007-08	3,765	34.8	21	71
2006-07	3,909	35.1	21	68
All Routes				
2010-11	26,429	30.8	18	77
2009-10	28,531	31.0	19	81
2008-09	29,569	31.3	20	77
2007-08	30,131	31.3	20	74
2006-07	29,124	31.4	20	71

\* Teachers whose birth dates were unavailable or invalid were omitted from the analysis. As a result, some numbers in this column may be slightly smaller than the actual number of teachers.

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*Summary of methodology.* Five tables were extracted containing identification numbers, preparation route codes, and birth dates of individuals obtaining an initial standard teaching certificate for fiscal years 2006-07 through 2010-11. Birth dates were then converted to ages in years. From each table, the number of teachers was obtained for each preparation route. Average, lowest, and highest ages were computed by route.

Five additional tables were obtained containing only identification numbers and birth dates of teachers prepared through any route. The process outlined above was repeated to obtain overall results for all routes. Finally, the results were combined into one table.