

Certified Teacher Ages by Preparation Route 2010-2014

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 academic year to a teacher who was not issued a standard or lifetime teaching certificate in any previous academic year. A standard certificate is a certificate offered since 1998-99 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.
- Age results were consistent over time.
- In academic year 2011-12, the number of teachers certified through the alternative route showed a large decline.

Year	Number of Teachers *	Average Age	Lowest Age	Highest Age
Alternative				
2013-14	10,621	32.7	19	76
2012-13	8,679	32.7	21	70
2011-12	7,312	32.7	21	70
2010-11	12,585	32.8	20	72
2009-10	13,074	33.0	15	81
University Post-Baccalaureate				
2013-14	1,088	31.0	21	64
2012-13	1,043	31.2	21	63
2011-12	1,199	30.9	21	65
2010-11	1,686	31.9	19	68
2009-10	1,773	32.1	21	76
University Undergraduate				
2013-14	9,868	26.9	20	69
2012-13	10,310	26.8	20	65
2011-12	9,801	26.9	19	70
2010-11	9,592	27.0	18	66
2009-10	10,410	27.3	19	76
Out of State				
2013-14	3,212	34.2	21	73
2012-13	2,691	34.1	21	73
2011-12	2,099	34.4	20	72
2010-11	2,750	34.0	21	77
2009-10	3,384	34.4	21	76
All Routes				
2013-14	24,618	30.5	19	76
2012-13	22,607	30.1	20	73
2011-12	20,311	30.0	19	72
2010-11	26,542	30.7	18	77
2009-10	28,565	31.0	15	81

* 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 academic years 2009-10 through 2013-14. 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 from those numbers.

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