

Standard Mathematics and Science Certificates by Certification Field and Grade Level 2015-2017

This table shows the number and percentage of initial, standard Mathematics and Science teaching certificates broken down by certification field and grade level.

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. A lifetime certificate is a certificate offered before 1998-99 that did not require renewal.

Results for Mathematics

- The standard Mathematics 7-12 certificate, first issued in academic year 2013-14, was issued more than twice as often as Mathematics 8-12 by the following academic year.
- By academic year 2014-15, the most frequently issued certificate was Mathematics 7-12, followed by Mathematics 4-8.
- Overall numbers declined somewhat over the academic years shown.

Results for Science

- The standard Chemistry 7-12, Life Science 7-12, Physical Science 6-12, and Science Composite 7-12, first issued in academic year 2013-14, were issued in greater numbers than the corresponding 8-12 certificates by the following academic year.
- When both the 8-12 certificate and the 6-12 or 7-12 certificate were considered:
 - The numbers for most certificates declined somewhat in academic year 2015-16, before increasing.
 - Physical Science/Math/Engineering and the Science Composite increased in academic years 2015-16 and 2016-17, as did Science Composite 4-8.
- Science Composite and Life Science certificates remained a large majority over the academic years shown.

Certification Field	Grade Level	Results for 2014-15		Results for 2015-16		Results for 2016-17	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Mathematics							
Mathematics	4-8	683	34.8	726	38.1	740	38.0
Mathematics	7-12	762	38.8	1,000	52.5	1,030	52.9
Mathematics	8-12	317	16.1	7	0.4	0	0.0
Mathematics/Science	4-8	201	10.2	171	9.0	177	9.1
All Fields	All	1,963	100.0	1,904	100.0	1,947	100.0
Science							
Chemistry	7-12	39	2.5	56	3.6	58	3.4
Chemistry	8-12	21	1.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
Life Science	7-12	282	18.3	360	23.2	374	22.1
Life Science	8-12	101	6.5	2	0.1	0	0.0
Physical Science	6-12	18	1.2	26	1.7	30	1.8
Physical Science	8-12	15	1.0	1	0.1	0	0.0
Physical Science/Math/Engineering	6-12	2	0.1	19	1.2	28	1.7
Physical Science/Math/Engineering	8-12	12	0.8	3	0.2	1	0.1
Physics/Mathematics	7-12	9	0.6	22	1.4	41	2.4
Physics/Mathematics	8-12	23	1.5	7	0.5	1	0.1
Science - Composite	4-8	334	21.6	353	22.7	432	25.6
Science - Composite	7-12	494	32.0	702	45.1	725	42.9
Science - Composite	8-12	194	12.6	4	0.3	0	0.0
All Fields	All	1,544	100.0	1,555	100.0	1,690	100.0

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Summary of methodology. Six tables were extracted containing identification numbers, certification areas, certification fields, and grade levels of initial, standard teaching certificates in the Mathematics and Science areas for academic years 2014-15 through 2016-17. For each academic year, certification field, and grade level, the number of certificates was obtained. Then, six additional tables were extracted containing only identification numbers and certification areas of the same certificates for the same academic years. For each year and certification area, a total number of certificates was obtained. The number for each certification field and grade level was taken as a percentage of the Mathematics or Science total. Finally, all results were combined into one table.