

## Certified Teacher Ages by Preparation Route 2008-2012

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 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 fiscal 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				
2011-12	7,300	32.7	21	70
2010-11	12,582	32.8	20	72
2009-10	13,072	33.0	20	81
2008-09	13,413	33.1	21	77
2007-08	13,708	33.3	20	74
University Post-Baccalaureate				
2011-12	1,195	30.9	21	65
2010-11	1,685	31.9	19	68
2009-10	1,771	32.0	21	76
2008-09	1,953	32.1	21	68
2007-08	2,285	32.5	20	70
University Undergraduate				
2011-12	9,759	26.9	19	70
2010-11	9,570	27.0	18	66
2009-10	10,401	27.3	19	76
2008-09	10,564	27.6	20	70
2007-08	10,508	27.3	20	70
Out of State				
2011-12	2,086	34.4	20	72
2010-11	2,748	34.0	21	77
2009-10	3,381	34.4	21	76
2008-09	3,716	34.8	20	75
2007-08	3,764	34.8	21	71
All Routes				
2011-12	20,240	30.0	19	72
2010-11	26,515	30.8	18	77
2009-10	28,549	31.0	19	81
2008-09	29,583	31.3	20	77
2007-08	30,132	31.3	20	74

\* 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 2007-08 through 2011-12. 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.