

## Highlights at a Glance

		1961	1966	1971	1976	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	
<b>Professional Preparation</b>	<b>Highest degree held</b>	<b>Percentages of teachers</b>									
	Less than bachelor's	15	7	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	
	Bachelor's	62	70	70	62	50	48	46	44	43	
	Master's or 6 years	23	23	27	37	49	51	53	54	56	
	Doctor's	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	
<b>Teaching Experience</b>	<b>Years of experience</b>	<b>Number of years</b>									
	Mean total years										
	All teachers	13	12	11	10	13	15	15	16	15	
	Median total years										
	All teachers	11	8	8	8	12	15	15	15	14	
	Males	7	7	8	9	13	17	18	20	15	
	Females	14	10	8	8	11	14	14	14	14	
	Median years in present system										
	All teachers	6	5	5	6	9	12	11	11	10	
	Males	5	4	5	7	11	14	15	13	11	
	Females	7	5	5	6	9	11	10	10	10	
	<b>Teachers teaching for first year</b>	<b>Percentages of teachers</b>									
		All teachers	8	9	9	6	2	3	3	2	3
Males		11	8	10	7	1	2	4	3	4	
Females		7	10	9	5	2	3	3	2	3	
<b>Teaching Assignment: Staffing Patterns</b>		<b>Size of school staff</b>	<b>Number of teachers</b>								
	Mean number of classroom teachers										
	All teachers	—	39	42	43	39	43	46	49	49	
	Elementary	—	23	25	26	23	24	30	29	33	
	Secondary	—	57	61	60	53	64	63	67	67	
	Mean number of additional personnel in school										
	All teachers	—	—	7	7	7	8	9	11	13	
	Elementary	—	—	4	5	5	5	7	8	10	
	Secondary	—	—	9	10	9	11	11	14	15	
	<b>School level for teachers</b>	<b>Percentages of teachers</b>									
		Elementary	—	53	49	49	49	47	50	48	53
Middle/junior high school		—	15	19	20	27	24	20	23	22	
Senior high school		—	24	26	25	33	30	30	29	25	

Note: Percentages may not total 100 because of rounding or omission of the elementary/secondary and junior-senior-high combination rows.

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		1961	1966	1971	1976	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001
<b>Teaching Assignment: Staffing Patterns (continued)</b>	<b>Subjects taught by secondary teachers</b>									
		<b>Percentages of teachers</b>								
	Agriculture	3	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
	Art	2	2	4	2	3	2	3	3	3
	Business education	8	7	6	5	6	7	4	4	2
	English	19	18	20	20	24	22	25	24	22
	Foreign language	4	6	5	4	3	4	4	5	5
	Health, physical education	8	7	8	8	7	6	8	6	4
	Home economics	5	6	5	3	4	3	3	2	2
	Industrial arts	6	5	4	4	5	2	2	1	0
	Mathematics	11	14	14	18	15	19	15	17	18
	Music	2	5	4	3	4	5	4	4	3
	Science	12	11	11	13	12	11	13	13	15
	Social studies	13	15	14	12	11	14	11	13	15
	Special education	0	0	1	3	2	4	5	2	4
Other	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	5	6	
<b>Teaching Assignment: Pupils</b>	<b>Pupil load</b>									
		<b>Number of pupils</b>								
	Elementary teachers									
	Mean number of pupils per class	29	28	27	25	25	24	24	24	21
	Secondary teachers									
	Mean number of periods taught per day	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4
	Mean number of pupils taught per day	—	132	134	126	118	94	93	97	89
	Mean number of pupils per class	27	27	27	25	23	25	26	31	28
	<b>Type of community where school is located</b>									
		<b>Percentages of teachers</b>								
Urban	—	—	34	27	23	22	25	25	30	
Suburban	—	—	24	28	26	29	30	28	30	
Rural or small town	—	—	41	46	51	49	45	47	40	
<b>Teaching Assignment: Hours</b>	<b>Mean number of hours per week spent on all duties</b>									
		<b>Number of hours</b>								
	All teachers	47	47	47	46	46	49	47	49	50
	Elementary	49	47	46	44	44	47	44	47	49
	Secondary	46	48	48	48	48	51	50	52	52
	<b>Preparation time per week for elementary teachers</b>									
		<b>Percentages of teachers</b>								
	None	—	—	—	—	25	18	10	8	5
	Less than 1 hour	—	—	—	—	7	11	8	8	8
	From 1 to less than 3 hours	—	—	—	—	34	33	36	34	32
	From 3 to less than 5 hours	—	—	—	—	21	23	31	36	40
	5 or more hours	—	—	—	—	14	15	15	14	15
	<b>Preparation time per week for secondary teachers</b>									
	No preparation periods	—	23	19	19	11	14	6	11	3
	1–4 preparation periods	—	7	6	11	11	9	9	14	14
5 or more preparation periods	—	70	75	70	78	77	85	76	83	

Note: Percentages may not total 100 because of rounding.

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		1961	1966	1971	1976	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001
<b>Teaching Assignment: Hours (continued)</b>	<b>Mean number of classroom teaching days per year</b>	<b>Number of days</b>								
	All teachers	—	181	181	180	180	180	180	180	181
	Elementary	—	181	181	180	180	180	180	180	180
	Secondary	—	180	181	180	180	180	180	180	181
	<b>Mean number of nonteaching days</b>									
	All teachers	—	5	4	5	6	5	5	6	7
	Elementary	—	4	4	5	6	4	5	6	7
	Secondary	—	5	5	5	6	5	5	6	7
	<b>Mean number of minutes for lunch period</b>	<b>Number of minutes</b>								
	All teachers	40	38	37	35	33	32	31	31	32
	Elementary	44	41	39	36	34	32	32	31	32
	Secondary	35	35	34	33	32	32	31	30	32
	<b>Teachers who eat lunch with pupils</b>	<b>Percentages of teachers</b>								
	All teachers	39	47	31	33	45	42	39	41	41
	Elementary	51	63	41	43	52	51	46	46	46
Secondary	23	29	20	23	37	31	32	36	36	
<b>Professional Development</b>	<b>Teachers earning college credits in past 3 years</b>	<b>Percentages of teachers</b>								
	All teachers	—	—	61	63	56	53	50	50	47
	Males	—	—	68	65	51	48	47	44	42
	Females	—	—	57	62	59	55	53	52	49
	<b>Membership in National Education Association</b>									
	All teachers	—	60	59	77	78	77	66	73	68
	Large systems	—	57	52	65	69	71	56	64	56
	Medium systems	—	67	64	82	80	79	67	75	74
	Small systems	—	53	56	78	82	76	73	80	72
	<b>Attitudes Toward the Profession</b>	<b>Willingness to teach again</b>	<b>Percentages of teachers</b>							
Certainly would		50	53	45	38	22	23	29	32	32
Probably would		27	25	30	26	25	26	31	31	29
Chances about even		13	13	13	18	18	20	19	17	18
Probably would not		8	7	9	13	24	22	17	16	16
Certainly would not		3	2	4	6	12	9	5	4	6
<b>Economic Status</b>	<b>Mean annual contract salary*</b>	<b>Dollars</b>								
	All teachers	5,264	6,253	9,261	12,005	17,209	24,504	31,790	35,549	43,262
	Males	5,568	6,639	9,854	12,838	18,473	26,478	34,492	38,841	46,326
	Females	5,120	6,077	8,953	11,578	16,558	23,588	30,781	34,386	42,440
	<b>Total income (including spouse's, if married)</b>									
	All teachers	—	—	15,021	19,957	29,831	43,413	55,491	63,171	77,739
	Males	—	—	14,243	18,674	27,729	41,461	55,211	61,491	77,418
	Females	—	—	15,439	20,642	31,068	44,356	55,608	63,776	77,874

\*1961 figures include extra pay for extra duties.

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		1961	1966	1971	1976	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	
<b>Personal Life</b>	<b>Median age</b>	<b>Age (number of years)</b>									
	All teachers	41	36	35	33	37	40	42	44	46	
	Males	34	33	33	33	38	41	43	46	47	
	Females	46	40	37	33	36	39	42	44	45	
		<b>Race</b>	<b>Percentages of teachers</b>								
		Black	—	—	8	8	8	7	8	7	6
		White	—	—	88	91	92	90	87	91	90
		Other	—	—	4	1	1	3	5	2	5
		<b>Sex</b>									
		Male	31	31	34	33	33	31	28	26	21
		Female	69	69	66	67	67	69	72	74	79
		<b>Marital status</b>									
		All teachers									
		Single	22	22	20	20	19	13	12	12	15
		Married	68	69	72	71	73	76	76	76	73
		Widowed, divorced, separated	10	9	9	9	9	11	13	12	12
		Males									
		Single	17	20	15	20	15	9	10	13	17
		Married	81	78	82	76	81	83	83	79	77
		Widowed, divorced, separated	2	2	3	4	5	8	7	7	6
	Females										
	Single	25	23	22	20	20	15	13	12	15	
	Married	62	65	67	69	69	72	73	75	72	
	Widowed, divorced, separated	13	12	11	11	10	13	14	13	13	
	<b>Teachers with employed spouses (full- or part-time)</b>										
	All teachers	50	51	54	57	62	65	62	62	65	
	Males	32	36	45	48	59	66	67	60	65	
	Females	57	58	59	62	64	65	62	62	66	
	<b>Married teachers with employed spouses</b>										
	All teachers	73	74	76	80	85	87	88	92	91	
	Males	41	46	55	62	73	80	84	89	87	
	Females	93	89	89	90	92	91	90	93	93	
<b>Community and Civic Life</b>	<b>Political philosophy</b>	<b>Percentages of teachers</b>									
	Conservative	—	—	17	17	20	20	18	20	19	
	Tend to be conservative	—	—	44	45	50	45	47	41	37	
	Tend to be liberal	—	—	28	30	24	27	27	31	34	
	Liberal	—	—	12	8	5	7	8	8	10	
		<b>Political affiliation</b>									
	Democrat	—	—	43	41	40	43	36	42	45	
	Republican	—	—	34	25	29	29	32	29	28	
	Other	—	—	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	
	No affiliation	—	—	22	34	30	28	31	29	27	

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