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# **Emergency Permits and Credential Waivers Report**

## **2003-04**

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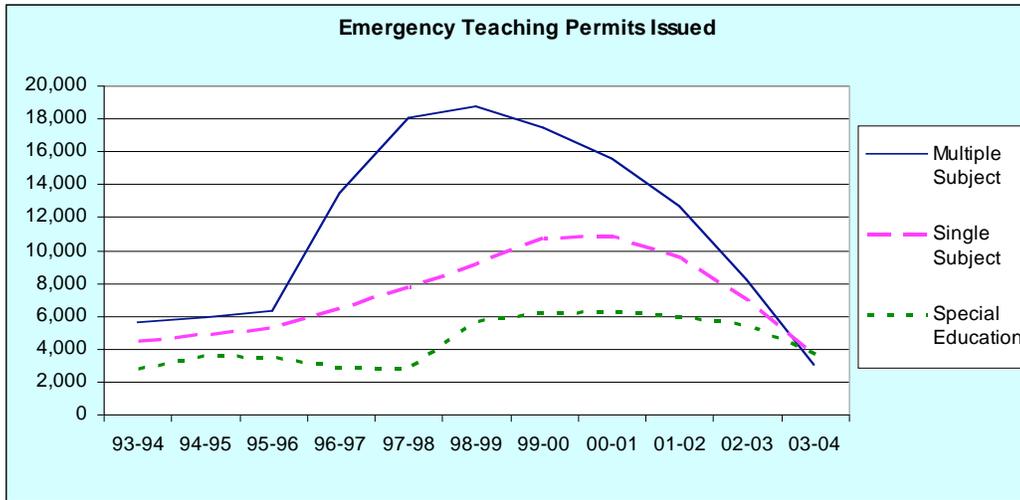
### **Executive Summary**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

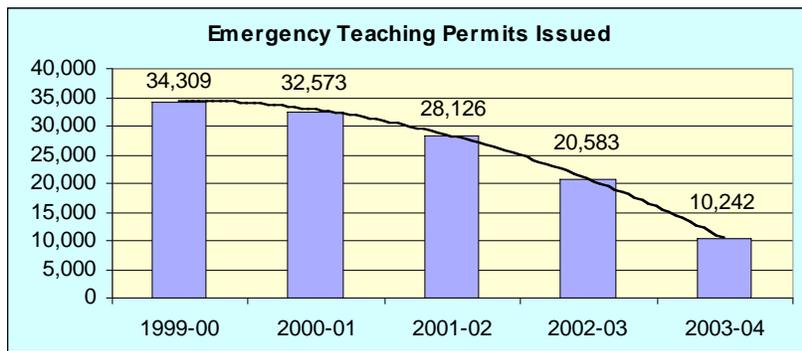
This report provides data collected by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission) on the number of emergency permits and credential waivers issued during fiscal year 2003-04. The Commission issues emergency permits and credential waivers to individuals, at the request of employers who are unable to sufficiently recruit fully credentialed staff to fulfill their employment needs. Many emergency permits (excluding 30-day emergency permits) are issued to persons who have completed most of their credential program, while some hold a full credential in another area (e.g. a special education emergency permit may be issued to a teacher who already holds an elementary or secondary credential). At its December 2003 meeting, the Commission voted to discontinue the issuance of all multiple subject, single subject, and education specialist emergency permits effective June 30, 2006. In specified situations employers will be able to hire teachers to serve on the new provisional internship permit, or the short-term staff permit. This report provides information on emergency permits and credential waiver activity for public, non-public and charter schools. The data contained in this report is compiled from the Department of Education's - California Basic Education Data System (CBEDS) and the CCTC's database. More detailed data is available on-line in the full report at [www.ctc.ca.gov](http://www.ctc.ca.gov).

#### **Emergency Permits and Credential Waivers Issued to Public Schools**

The following chart illustrates ten years of activity for the three types of emergency teaching permits (multiple subject, single subject, and education specialist). The impact of the state effort to reduce class size in primary grades is evidenced by the large increase in multiple subject emergency permits issued beginning in 1996-97 and continued through 1998-99. The good news is that 2003-04 marked the fourth consecutive year in which the total number of emergency teaching permits decreased over the previous fiscal year; confirming the Commission's efforts to reduce the number of emergency permits.



The Commission issued 10,242 emergency teaching permits (multiple, single, and special education) for employment in California public schools during fiscal year 2003-04; a 50.2% decrease over fiscal year 2002-03. An additional 725 permits were issued for non-teaching assignments.

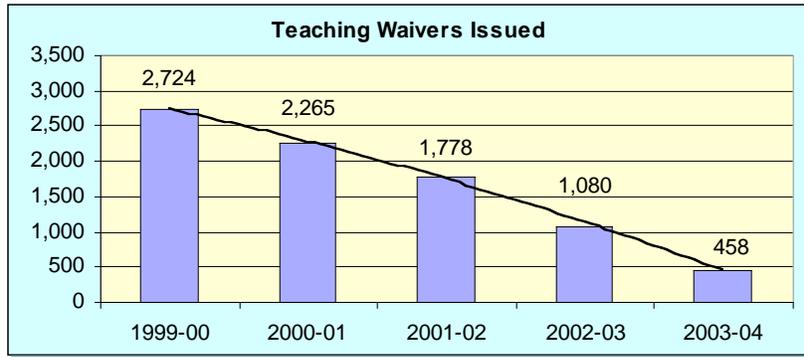


The following is a breakdown of emergency teaching permits issued to public schools during fiscal year 2003-04:

- 2,965 multiple subject emergency permits
- 3,637 single subject emergency permits
- 3,640 special education emergency permits

Single subject authorizations for math (20%) and science (18%) continued to be high, as these are statewide shortage areas recognized by the Commission.

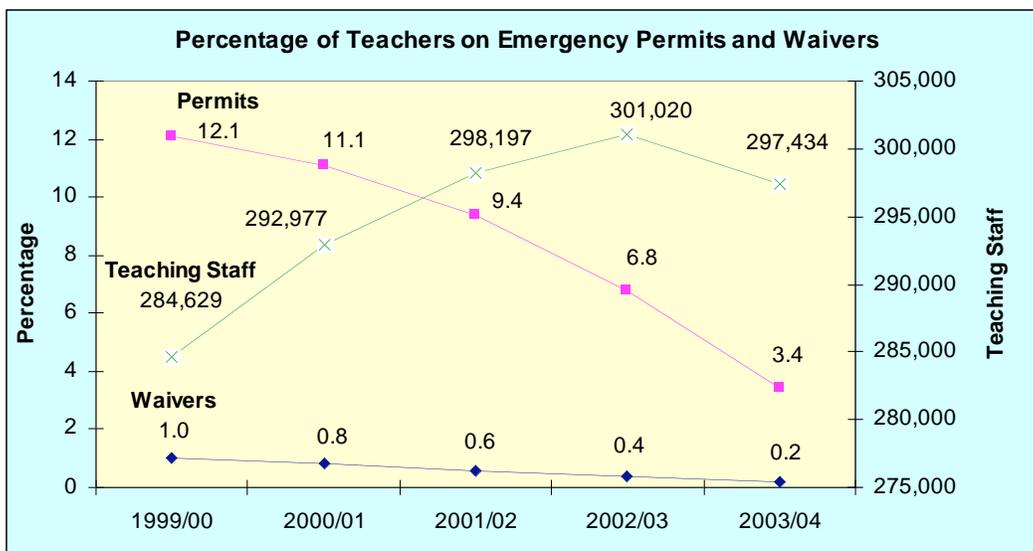
The Commission issued 458 teaching waivers to California public schools (excluding day-to-day substitutes) during fiscal year 2003-04; a 57.6% decrease over the previous fiscal year. An additional 620 waivers were issued for non-teaching assignments. The majority of these waivers (78%) were issued for assignments in special education.



The following is a breakdown of teaching waivers issued to public schools during fiscal year 2003-04:

- 34 multiple subject waivers
- 69 single subject waivers
- 355 special education waivers

To put these numbers into perspective, the following chart shows the total number of certificated teaching staff serving in California public schools and the percentage of teachers on either emergency teaching permits or credential teaching waivers during the past five years.



## **Permits and Credential Waivers Issued to Charter Schools**

856 emergency teaching permits and credential waivers were issued for employment in charter schools during 2003-04; a 13.2% decrease over the previous fiscal year. This was the first decrease since the statutory changes in January 1999, which required all charter school teachers to hold California certification (a teaching credential, long-term emergency permit, or a credential waiver).

The following is a breakdown of emergency permits and credential waivers issued for charter schools during fiscal year 2003-04:

- 831 emergency permits
- 25 credential waivers

## **Permits and Waivers Issued to Non-Public Schools**

1,400 emergency teaching permits and credential waivers were issued for employment in non-public schools and agencies during 2003-04; an 8.5% decrease over the previous fiscal year. Non-public schools and agencies are licensed by the Department of Education to mainly serve special education students; consequently over 95% of the documents issued to these organizations were in special education.

The following is a breakdown of the emergency teaching permits and credential waivers issued to non-public schools during fiscal year 2003-04:

- 787 permits were issued in Special Education
- 17 other emergency permits
- 546 waivers were issued in Special Education
- 50 other credential waivers

## **Emergency Substitute Teaching Permits and Waivers**

The Commission issued 57,083 emergency substitute permits during 2003-04. This included 55,565 30-day substitute permits, 1,336 prospective substitute permits, and 182 career substitute permits. In addition, 792 substitute waivers were issued for public school teaching. The substitute permit is intended to meet the day-to-day substitute needs of a school district, and is not intended to serve as a long-term assignment alternative. Emergency substitutes are authorized to teach for no more than 30 days for any single teacher during the school year, and no more than 20 days if the assignment is in special education.