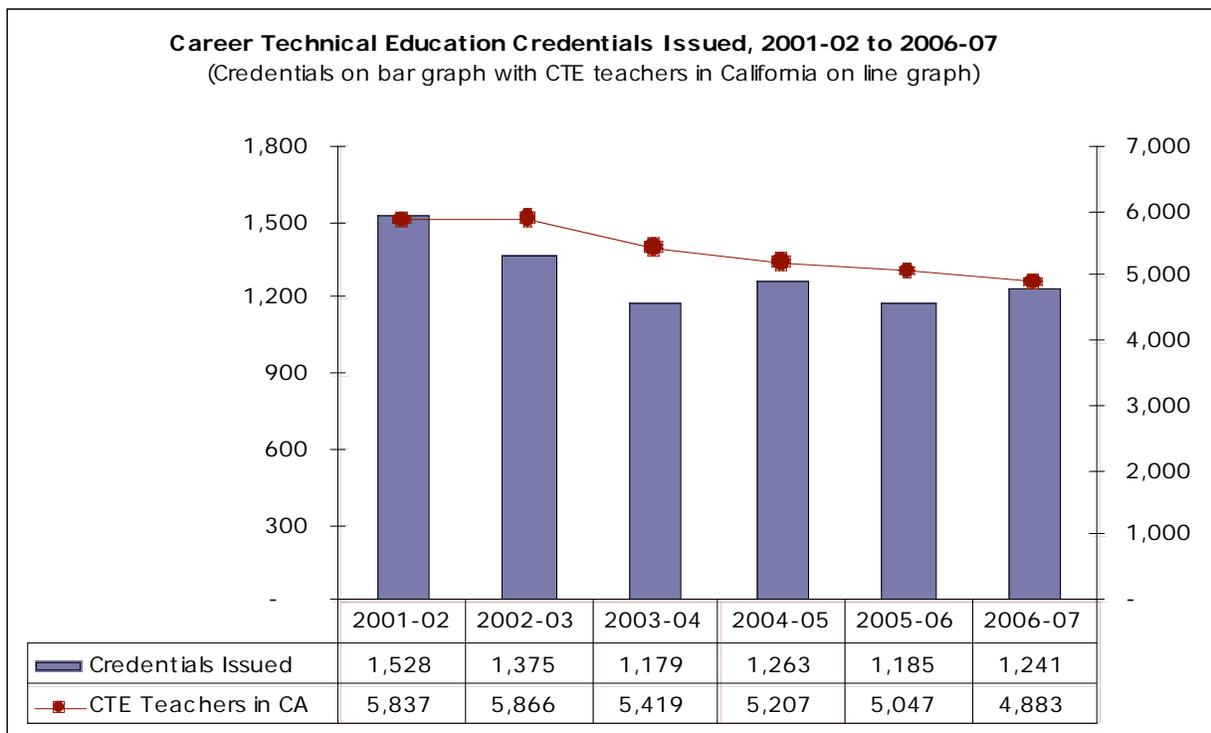




Career Technical Education (Vocational Education) Credentials Issued May 2008

Currently there are more than twenty agencies that issue career technical credentials - four California State University campuses (Dominguez Hills, Long Beach, San Bernardino, San Francisco), three University of California campuses (Berkeley, Los Angeles, Riverside), thirteen county offices of education (Alameda, Butte, Contra Costa, Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Mendocino, Sacramento, San Diego, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Ventura), and three school districts (Salinas, San Diego, and Santa Clara). Each year, approximately 1,500 credentials are issued in Career Technical Education (CTE). Nearly two-thirds (63 percent) are issued by the county offices of education, the rest by California State University (18 percent), University of California (10 percent), and school districts (9 percent).

According to the CDE Dataquest, 2006-07 saw a decline of about 1,000 FTE teachers in Career Technical Education. In that year, there were 4,883 teachers who taught various CTE courses whereas in 2001-02 there were 5,837. In the past six years there has been a declining trend for both credentials issued in Career Technical Education and for teachers who are teaching Career Technical Education courses, 19 percent and 16 percent, respectively.



In the past six years, more than two-thirds (67.7 percent) were issued in five of the fifteen¹ Industry Sectors: Finance and Business, Health Science and Medical Technology, Information Technology, Public Service and Building Trades and Construction. The consolidation of 175 authorizations into 15 different industry sectors and other recent recommendations² that came out of SB 52 (2007) will help to improve the number of CTE credentials in the future.

¹ SB52 recommends that the current 175 authorizations in Designated Subjects be consolidated under 15 Industry Sectors identified in the California Career Technical Education Model Curriculum Standards.

² For details on the recommendations, see <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2008-03/2008-03-3B.pdf>
Data Source: Commission on Teacher Credentialing; 2001-02 to 2006-07; CDE DataQuest CTE FTE teachers
Data include First-time and New Type only; does not include Renewals.