In 2012-2013, about 20,000 teacher candidates enrolled in one of the eighty-nine teacher preparation programs that offer preliminary teaching (multiple subjects, single subject, and education specialist) credentials. During the same year more than 11,000 teacher candidates completed their teacher preparation program requirements. The 89 teacher preparation programs are located in 29 of the 58 counties in California. An analysis of teacher preparation programs by their location yielded interesting findings about teacher pipeline (enrollment) and teacher production (program completers) by county.

Teacher Preparation Enrollment by County analysis indicates that more than one-third (35%) of the candidates were enrolled in teacher preparation programs located in Los Angeles county and more than one-tenth (12%) in San Diego county. Orange and Kern counties followed the top two counties with 13% of the total enrollment. San Francisco, Santa Clara, San Joaquin, Fresno, San Bernardino, and Sacramento counties together accounted for another 18% of the total enrollment. In other words, more than three-fourths (78.5%) of the state’s new teacher candidates were enrolled in 10 counties and the remaining 12.8% were enrolled in 19 counties. Less than one-tenth were enrolled in the “Other” category, which includes two non-California headquarters based teacher preparation programs.

The Program Completer by County followed a similar distribution: nearly half completed programs located within only 2 counties (Los Angeles 30%, San Diego 13%, respectively). Orange and Fresno counties together accounted for 14% of the total program completers. About one-fifth (20%) completed their programs in teacher preparation programs located in the following counties: San Francisco, Santa Clara, Alameda, San Bernardino, Sacramento, and San Joaquin. Similar to enrollment data, more than three-fourths (77.2%) of teacher candidates completed their programs located in 10 counties and the remaining (20%) program completers in 19 counties. Less than 3% of program completers came from the “Other” category.

Source: Annual Report Card on California Teacher Preparation Programs for the Academic Year 2012-2013.