



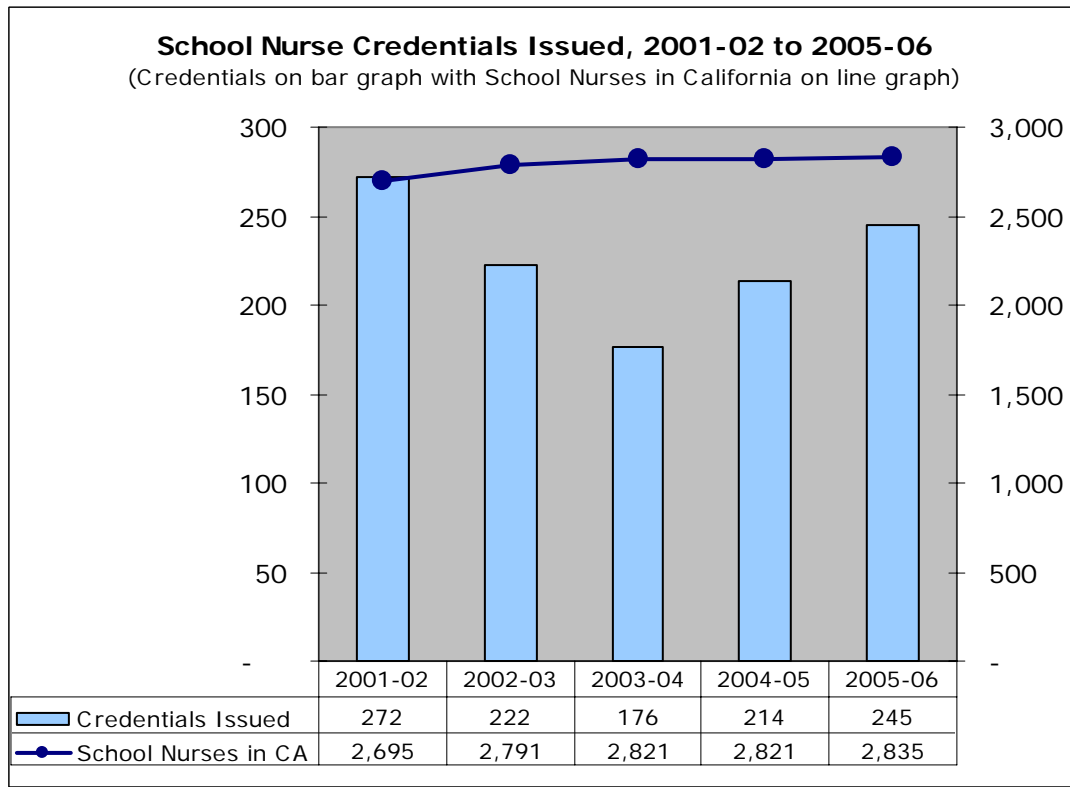
School Nurse Services Credentials Issued

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There are twelve approved programs in the state of California that offer credential programs for school nurse credentials: ten California State University campuses (Bakersfield, Fresno, Fullerton, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Northridge, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, and San Jose) and two independent universities (Azusa Pacific University and University of San Diego).

Each year, about 250 school nurse credentials are issued. There was a sharp decline of about 35 percent (96 credentials) in between 2001-02 and 2003-04. In the past two years, the numbers have gone up, though not reaching the 2001-02 level. Overall, the data for the past five years indicate a declining trend of about 10 percent.

According to the California Department of Education, there are approximately 3,000 school nurses working for the California public schools. Overall, the data for the past five years remained fairly steady, with an increase of 5 percent between 2001-02 and 2005-06.



During the same time period, the state's public school enrollment went from 6,147,375 in 2001-02 to 6,312,436 in 2005-06, an increase of 3 percent. The average school nurse to student ratio remained fairly steady at 1:2,203 in 2002-03 and 1:2,226 in 2005-06.

For more information about School Nurse Services credential requirements please refer to <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl380.pdf>

*Note: Data include First time and New Type credentials only; do not include renewals.
Data do not include Health Services Credential.
Data sources: California Commission on Teacher Credentialing; California Department of Education*