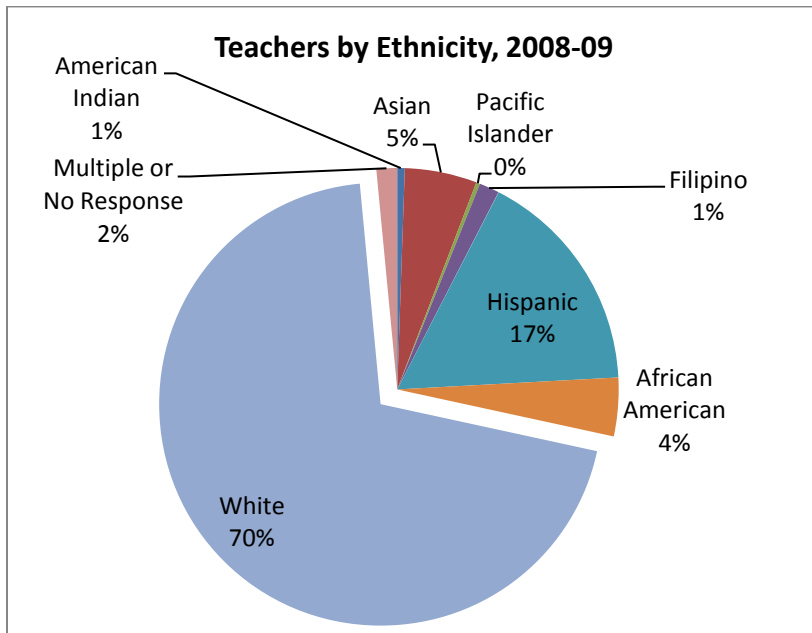




Racial and Ethnic Distribution of California Teachers

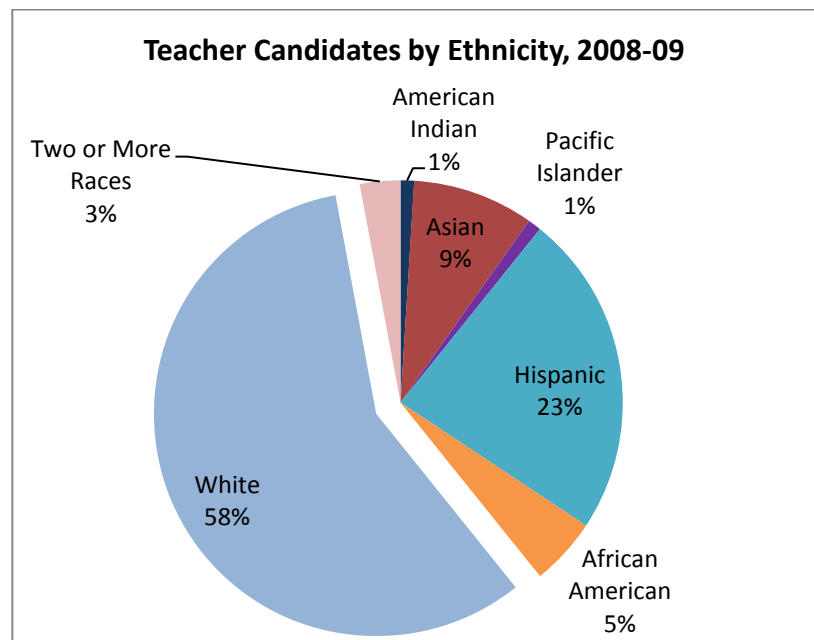
In the 2008-09 school year, more than 306,000 teachers taught in California's public schools. In the same academic year, more than 42,000 individuals enrolled* in the teacher preparation programs. (*Note - the teacher preparation programs vary in length from 1-year to 3-years). The racial or ethnic distribution of California teachers differed widely from the teacher candidates who are currently enrolled in the preparation programs. California teacher candidates are more diverse than the current teaching workforce.



The racial or ethnic distribution of the California's public school teacher workforce indicates that more than two-thirds (70 percent) identified themselves as white or Caucasian; 17 percent Hispanic, 7 percent Asian, 4 percent African American and less than one percent American Indian. About 2 percent identified as belonging to more than one race.

Source: California Department of Education, 2008-09

The racial or ethnic distribution of teacher candidates indicates that more than half (58 percent) identified themselves as White and almost one-fourth (23 percent) as Hispanic/Latino of any race. Asians accounted for 9 percent, Black or African American 5 percent, another 1 percent American Indian or Alaska Native. Individuals can belong to one or more racial groups and they are reported under two or more races and this category accounted for the remaining 3 percent of the enrollment.



Source: Title II Annual Institutional and Program Report Card, 2008-09; California Commission on Teacher Credentialing