



Are more people considering teaching career?

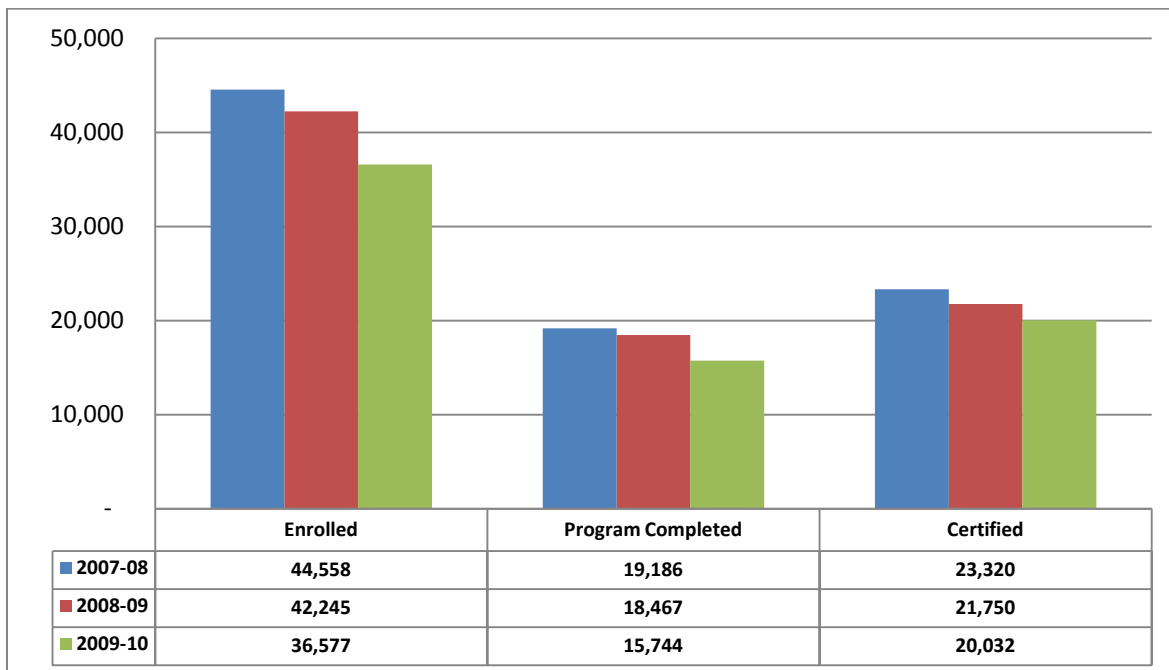
Individuals enrolled in the teacher preparation programs and individuals completing the teacher preparation programs (traditional or alternative route) have direct relationship with the number of initial teaching credentials issued. Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) requires all states to report enrollment data of teacher preparation programs. HEOA was reauthorized in 2008 and that requires all teacher preparation programs to report on a number of new data elements including program completers and teachers prepared for three academic years.

Title II program enrollment data for the past three years indicate that there were about 45,000 teacher candidates enrolled in 2007-08. Three years later, only about 37,000 teacher candidates enrolled in the teacher preparation programs. This is a reduction of about 8,000 (or 17.9 percent) teacher candidates in the past three years. *Note: The length of the teacher preparation program varies in length from 1 year to 3 years.*

The number of program completers (individuals who completed all requirements for an initial credential) also declined in the past three years: from 19,186 in 2007-08 to 15,744 in 2009-10. This again is a decline of about 3,400 program completers or 17.9 percent.

The number of teacher candidates earning initial teaching credentials (multiple subjects, single subject or education specialist) for the past three years also showed a declining trend of about 3,300 or 14.1 percent in the past three years.

Number of Teacher Candidates Enrolled in Teacher Preparation Programs, Program Completed and Certified: 2007-08 to 2009-10



The downward trend of all factors — enrollment in the teacher preparation programs, number of program completers, and the number of individuals who received initial certification in multiple subject, single subject or education specialist credentials in the past three years — may indicate that less individuals are considering teaching careers now.

Source: US Department of Education, Higher Education Act, Title II Reporting System.