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A Study of Generation Z's Interest in the Teaching Profession







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- Postsecondary & Workforce
- State Policy



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Educator shortages hurt our students, exhaust our educators & drain our economy.



Core Research Questions

- Who is teaching now and what are their preparation and early career experiences?
- Who is leaving and why?
- What factors affect retention of early-career teachers?
- How can we better attract and retain the newest generation of teachers?



Research Partnership:

The Next Generation of Teachers

High School Students Reporting Interest in a Teaching Career



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- Advancement opportunities
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age 13 to 29 in 2025



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Finding 1: Interest in an education career among high school students declined steadily since 2013.



Interest is declining throughout the South.



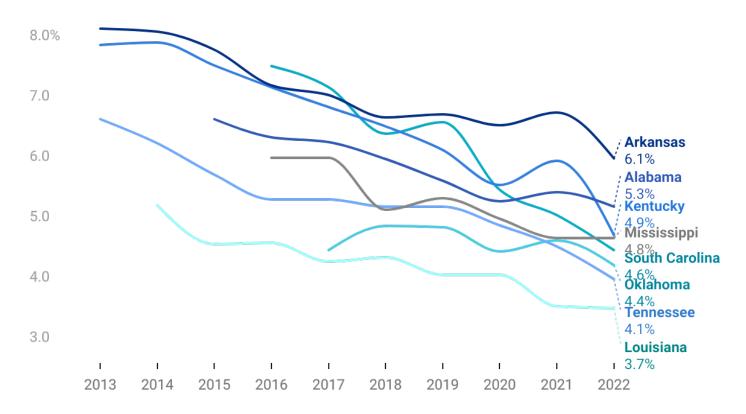
Undecided majors are trending up.





Interest in pursuing an education career declined across eight Southern states.

High School Students Reporting Interest in a Teaching Career



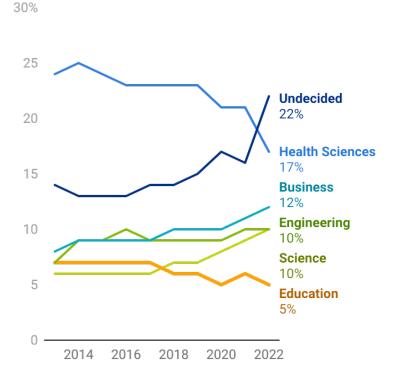
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High school students are increasingly undecided about their intended college majors.

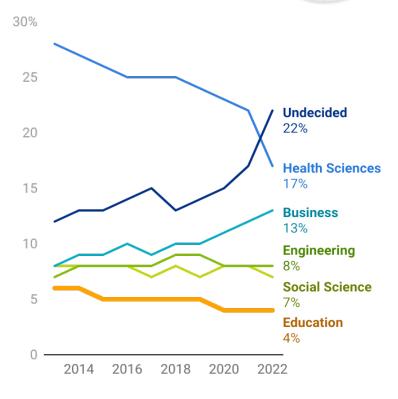
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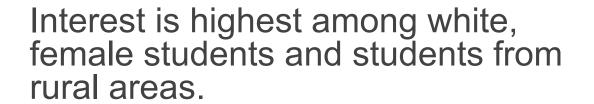






Finding 2: Students who plan to major in education and express interest in an education career are predominantly white and female and have lower ACT scores.







Male students are more likely to major in something other than education.



ACT scores are lower for education majors.

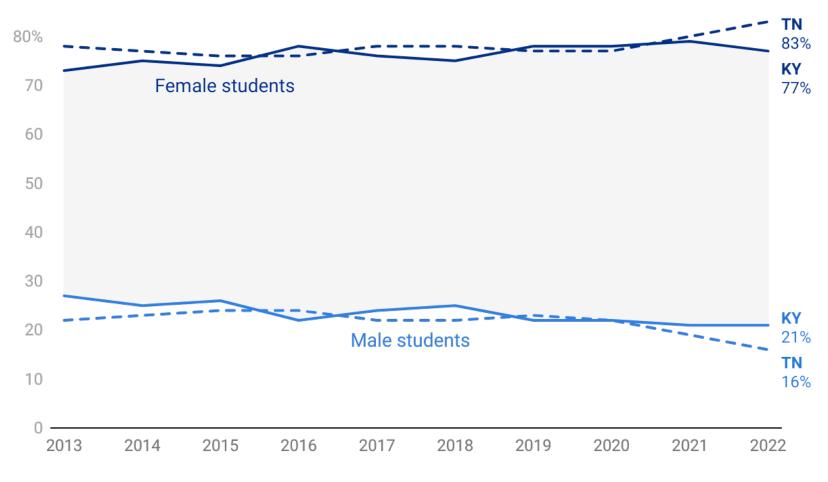




High School Students Intending to Major in Education by Gender

— KY --- TN

Female high school students are much more likely to indicate they plan to major in education than male students in both states.



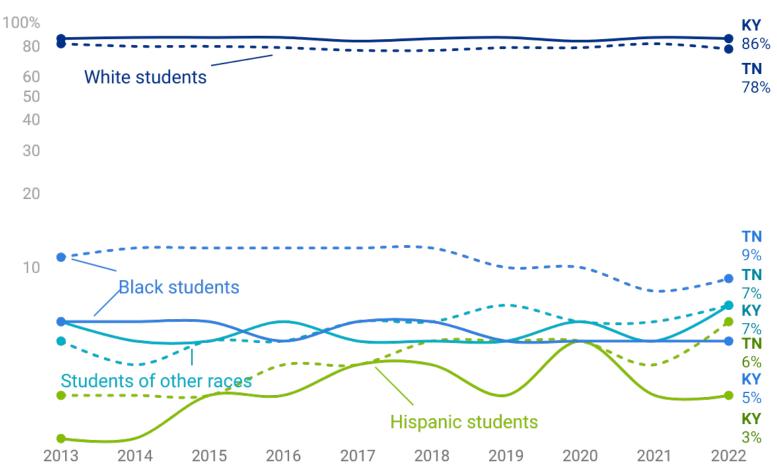
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White high school students are much more likely to indicate they plan to major in education than students of color in both states.

High School Students Intending to Major in Education by Race and Ethnicity

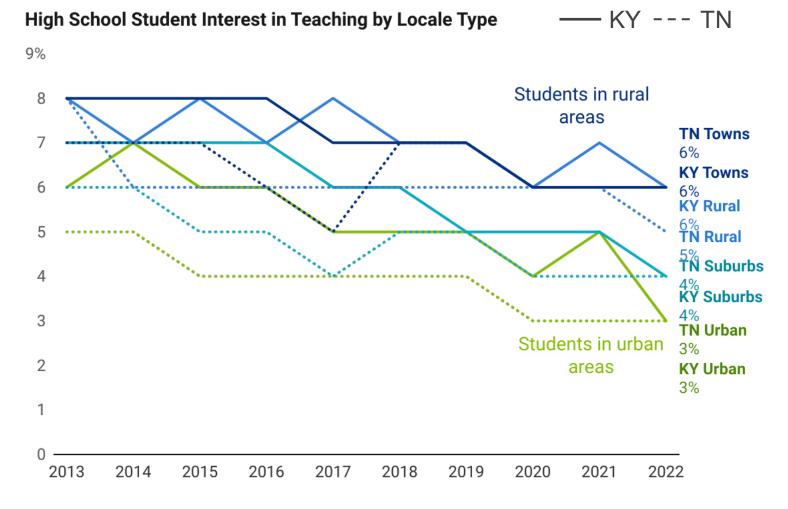


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Interest in teaching declined among urban, suburban and rural students, yet rural students are more likely to be interested in teaching.

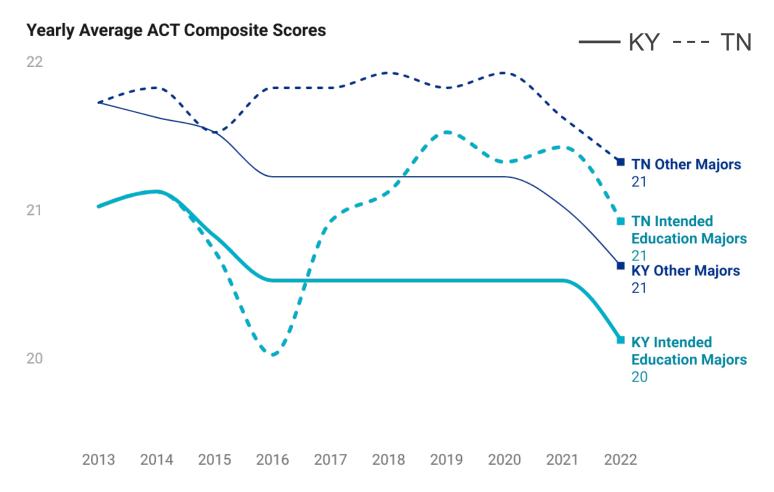


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Students intending to major in education have lower ACT scores than their peers who enroll in postsecondary education.



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Finding 3: Enrollment in high school introductory teaching courses in Tennessee and Kentucky is increasing.



Access and enrollment increased in high school teaching introductory courses.



Enrollment became more diverse overtime.





Access to Tennessee Teaching as a Profession courses expanded, and student enrollment increased.

Access and Enrollment: Tennessee Teaching as a Profession Courses

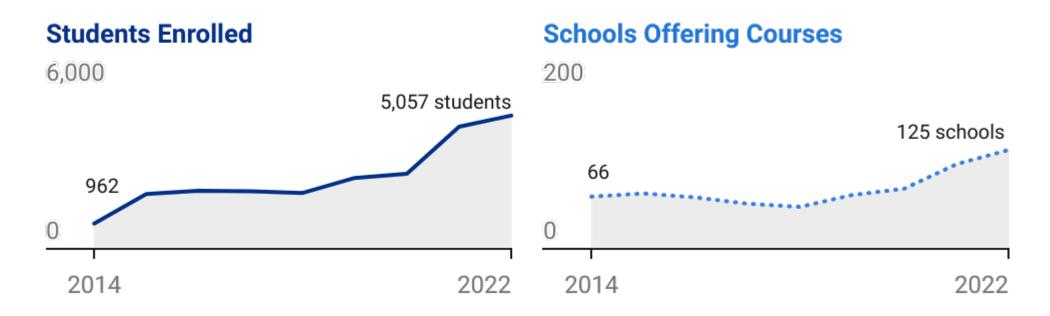


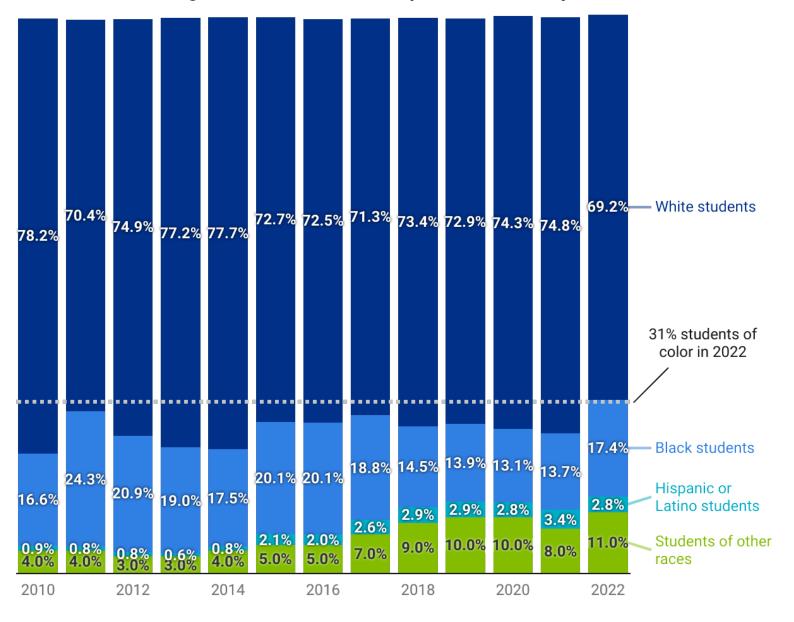
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Enrollment in Teaching as a Profession Courses by Race and Ethnicity







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Teaching as a Profession Courses: Enrollment Rates

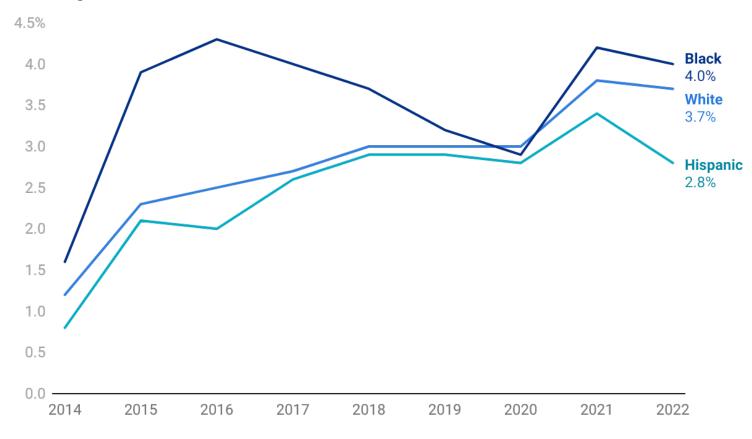


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Teaching and Learning courses in Kentucky experienced similar growth in enrollment.

Kentucky Teaching and Learning Course Enrollment

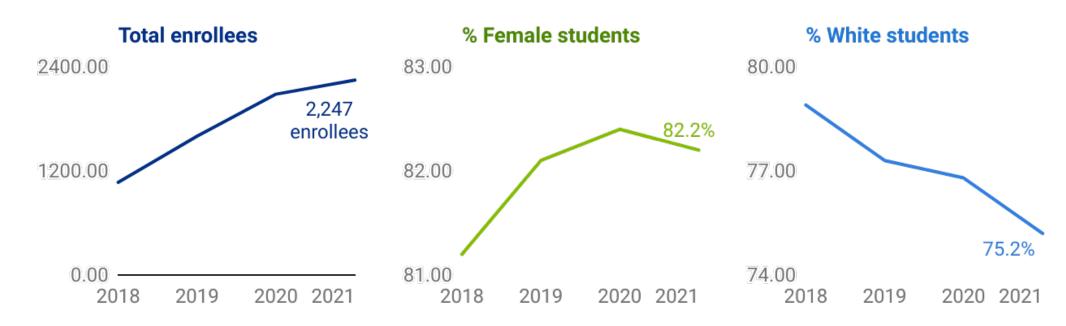


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Finding 4: Half of early career teachers in Tennessee formed aspirations to become educators before college.



Half of early-career teachers started college with plans to pursue a career in education.



Almost a third entered college without plans to teach.





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Tennessee Early-Career Teachers' Plans to Pursue Teaching

- I entered college not considering a career in education—that is, I thought I would most likely pursue some other career path.
- I entered college considering a career in education among other options.
- I entered college already sure (or pretty sure) that I wanted to go into a career in education.

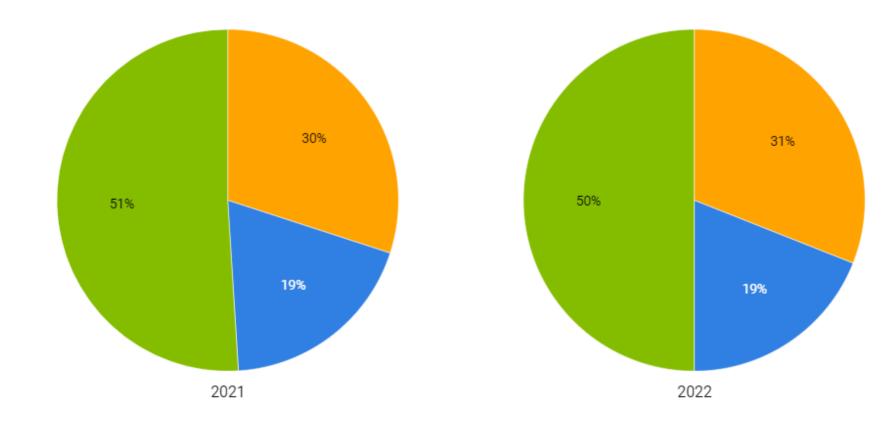


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Finding 5: Participation in some non-traditional preparation pathways increased, as did hire rates of alternatively prepared teachers.



Teacher preparation completion rates are down in the South.



Alternative preparation completion rates and newly hired teachers from alternative routes have increased.





Teacher candidates are increasingly prepared through alternative preparation routes.

	Kentucky			Tennessee			16-State SREB Region		
	2012- 13	2021- 22	% Change	2012- 13	2021- 22	% Change	2012- 13	2021- 22	% Change
Total Completions	3,222	2,702	-16	4,453	2,680	-40	70,297	54,199	-23
Traditional	2,828	1,796	-36	3,696	1,998	-46	51,494	34,687	-33
Alternative, IHE-based	367	892	143	553	576	4	7,361	7,587	3
Alternative, non-IHE- based	27	14	-48	204	106	-48	11,442	11,885	4
IHE refers to institution of higher education.									

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The proportion of newly hired teachers entering through alternative pathways rose in recent years in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Newly Hired Teachers Who Completed an Alternative Preparation Route

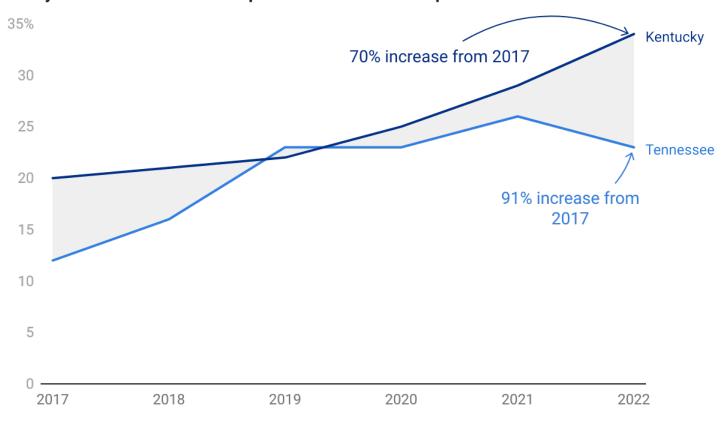


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Finding 6: Future and current Gen Z teachers feel unsupported as they prepare for and enter the teaching profession.

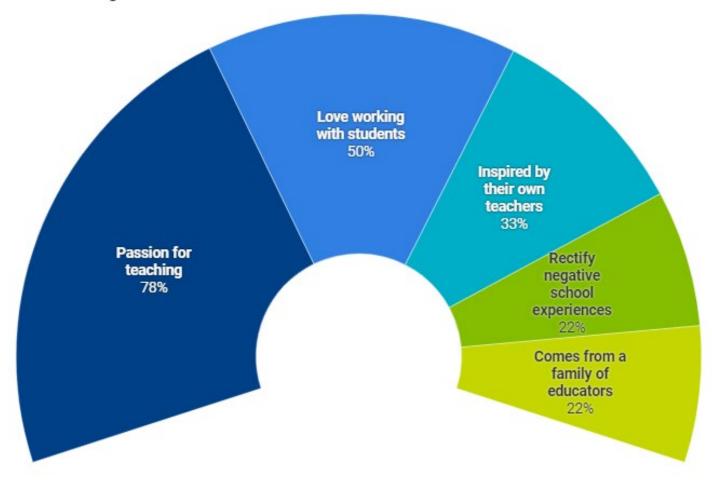
"They do not prepare you for teaching .. They have all these beautiful theories about behavior, but you never get practice in it. And even when you do, you are student teaching, and you are not by yourself. Then when they are in the classroom by themselves, [new teachers] don't know what to do." — Gen Z teacher





Gen Z interviewees cited reasons they are attracted to teaching, leading with passion.

Why Gen Z is Attracted to Teaching







Support leads the reasons Gen Z teachers remain in or leave the profession.

STAY

- Ample development support and classroom resources: 80%
- Fulfillment from student impact and relationships: 73%
- Empowerment and respect as professionals: 53%

LEAVE

- Lack of human, financial and material resources to do the job: 78%
- Poor, unlivable wages: 78%
- Bureaucratic interference and policies that do not reflect current needs: 61%
- Lack of community or societal support: 56%





Research Partnership:

Teacher Labor Markets

New Hires Under 30 Years of Age

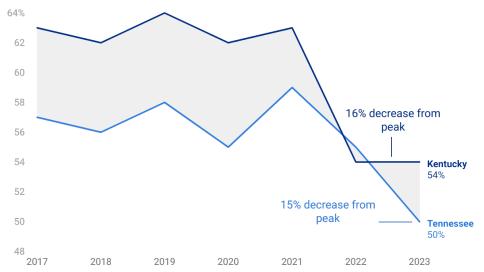


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- Teacher retention declined
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How has the teacher workforce changed?

Trends in the interest of teaching, preparation experiences and supports, and retention

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Finding 1: The racial and gender composition of the teacher workforce largely stayed the same from 2017 to 2023, while the proportion of teachers over age 50 increased.



Student enrollment declined.

Teacher count rose in Kentucky, declined in Tennessee.



Most teachers are still white females.

More teachers are over age 50 and fewer are under age 30.





In both Kentucky and Tennessee, student enrollment slightly declined. Kentucky's teacher count slightly increased; Tennessee's teacher count slightly decreased.

Student and Teacher Counts

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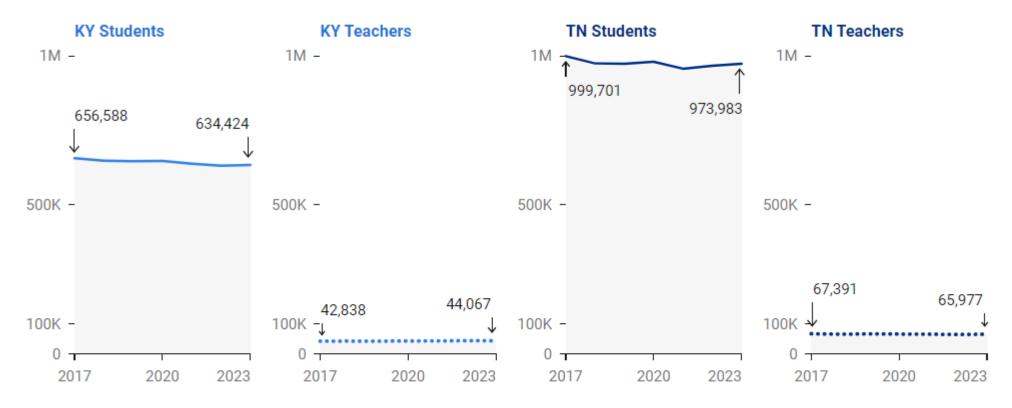


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Overall, the racial, ethnic and gender composition of teachers stayed mostly stable over time.

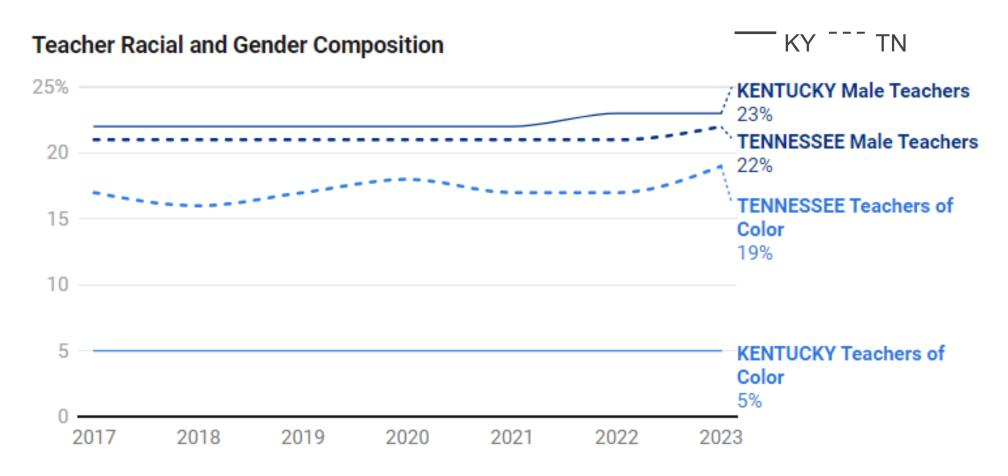
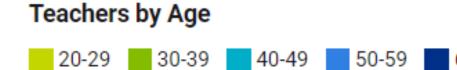


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More teachers are over age 50 in 2023 compared to 2017.



Kentucky



Tennessee



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New hires under age 30 make up less of the new teaching population than in previous years.

New Hires Under 30 Years of Age

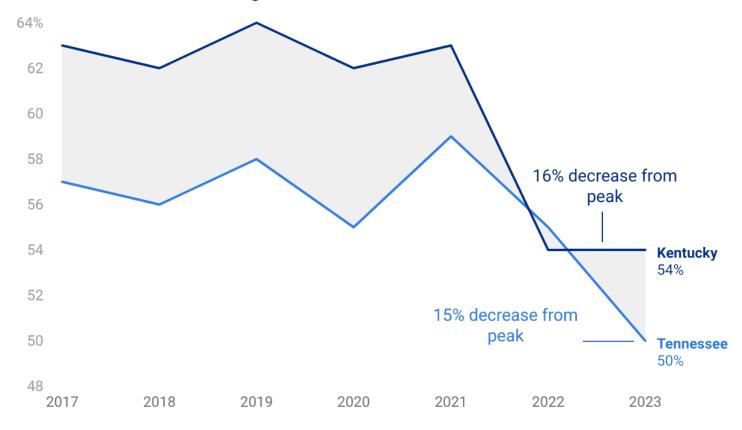


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Finding 2: Newly hired teachers of color and teachers over 30 are more likely to enter the teaching profession through non-traditional preparation and certification pathways.



Males and teachers of color enter mostly through non-traditional routes.



New hires from non-traditional routes are older.





A larger proportion of teachers of color and male teachers entered through non-traditional routes.

Gender of Teachers Entering through Non-Traditional Routes

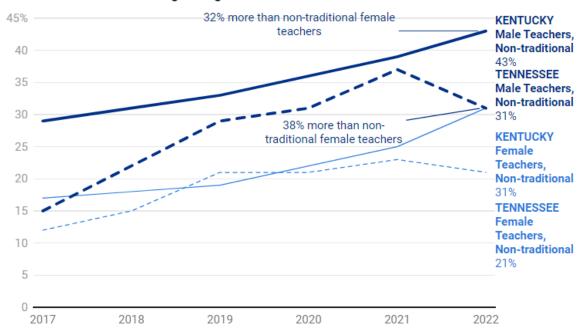


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Race and Ethnicity of Newly Hired Teachers from Non-Traditional Preparation Pathways

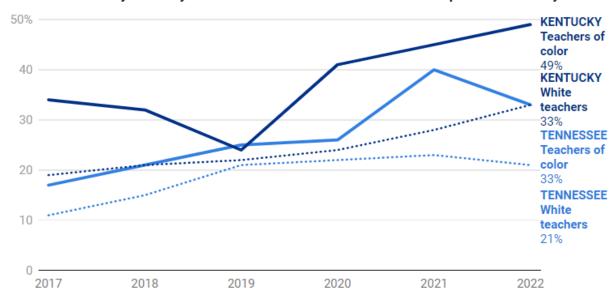


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New hires from non-traditional preparation pathways are older on average.

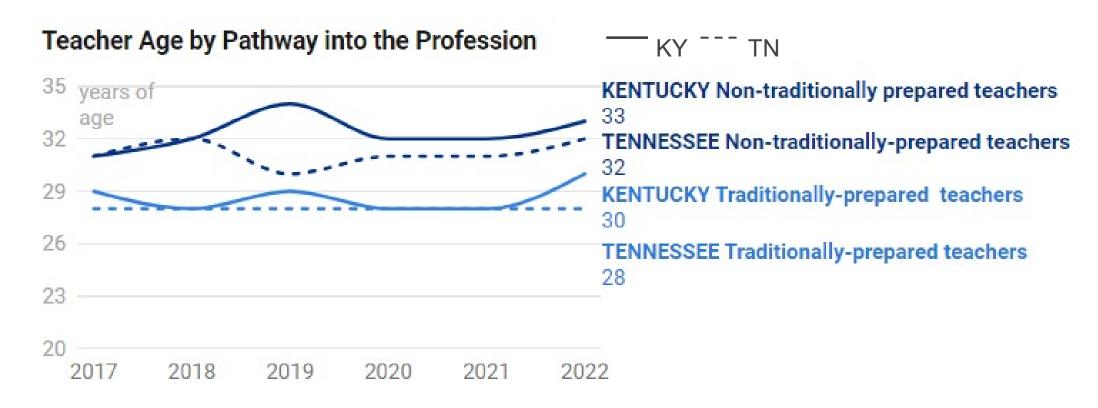


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Finding 3: Average teacher salary increased in both states yet increases were outpaced by inflation.



Average gross salaries and net pay increased but in fact declined when adjusted for inflation.



Teachers are less satisfied with their salary.





Inflation outpaced the increase in average gross teacher salaries.

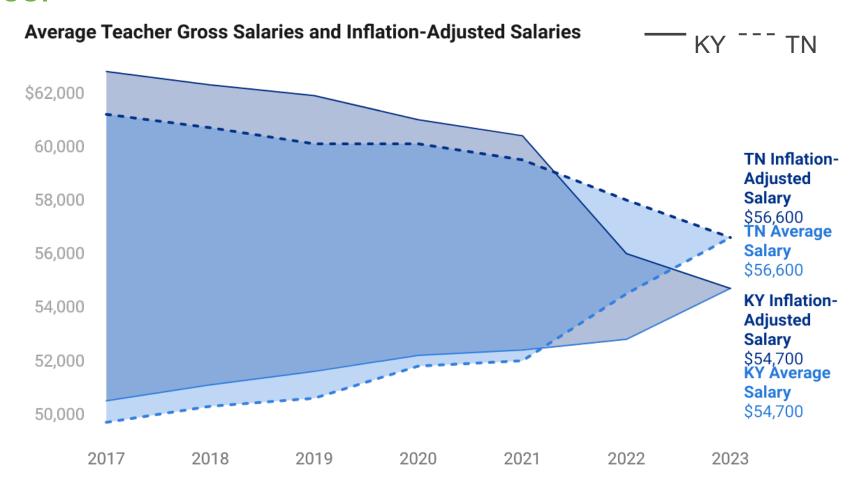


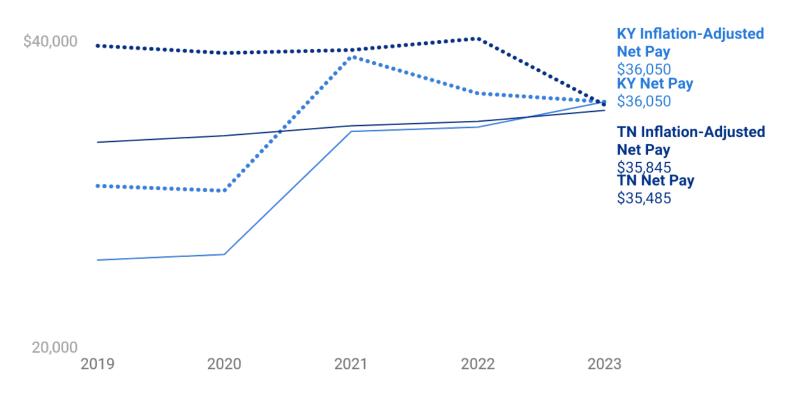
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Net pay increased for teachers at different levels of their career, yet when adjusted for inflation, take-home pay declined for Tennessee teachers.

Teacher Average Net Pay & Inflation-Adjusted Net Pay





CPI inflation-adjusted values show 2023 buying power.
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Just one-quarter of Tennessee teachers reported that they were satisfied with their salary on the 2023 Tennessee Educator Survey

Teacher Satisfaction with Salary in Tennessee

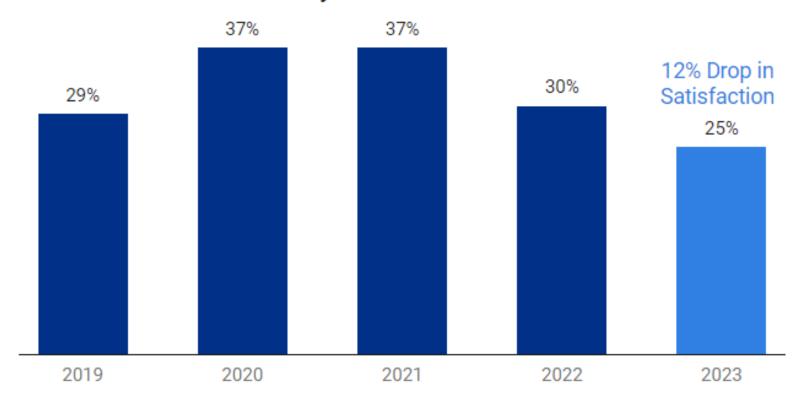


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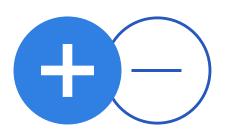




Finding 4: Fewer Tennessee teachers report that they plan to continue teaching. Teachers who say they plan to exit the profession identify leadership as a primary reason.



Intent to stay in the profession is declining.



Teachers report that school culture and climate most impact their decision to stay while leadership most impacts their decision to leave.





The percentage of Tennessee teachers who said they plan to stay in teaching declined slightly on the 2022 and 2023 Tennessee Educator Surveys.

Tennessee Teachers' Intentions to Remain in Teaching

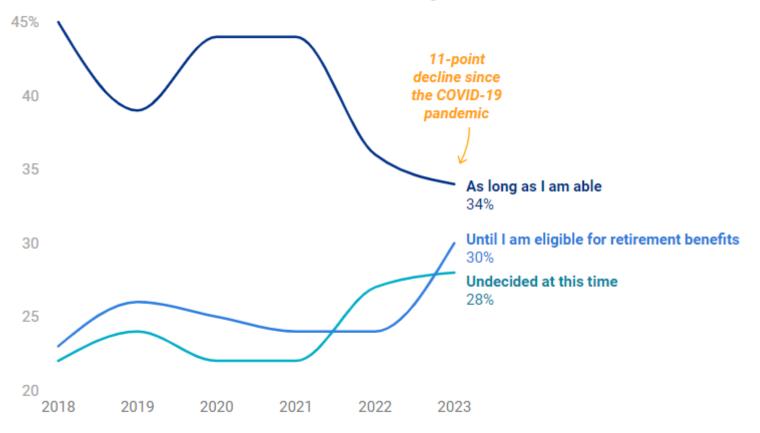
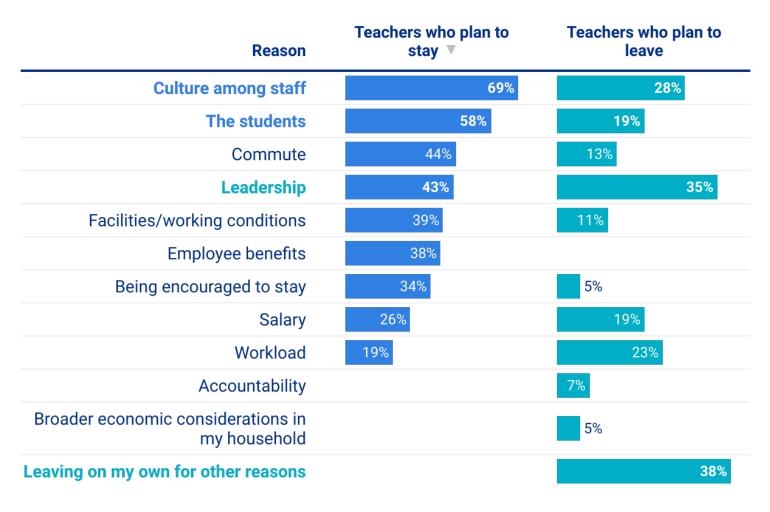


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Tennessee teachers who planned to stay at their schools listed culture and climate as a top driver; those who planned to leave listed personal reasons and leadership as top motivators.



Survey question: Which of the following factored into your decision for next year? (Select top 3.)

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Finding 5: From 2018 to 2023, teacher turnover in Kentucky largely held steady, while turnover in Tennessee dipped and then increased.

Turnover (movers and leavers) hits 20%.



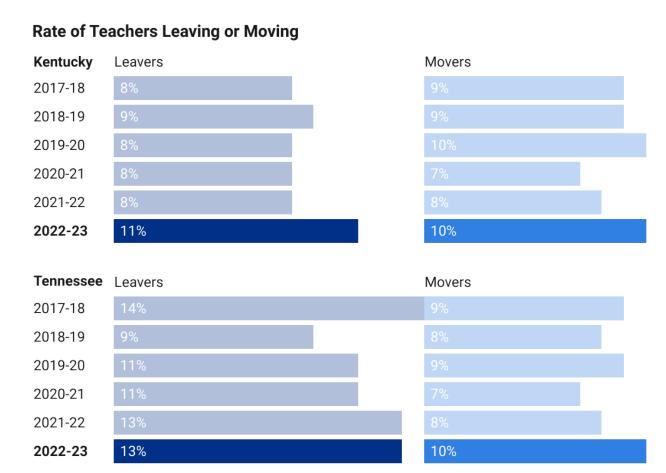
Turnover is highest among younger and older teachers.

Turnover is higher among teachers of color.





On average, one in five teachers either left or moved schools in the 2022-23 school year.



Leaver = position change and/or exits from the data; Mover = moves schools or district but stays in teacher role.

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Turnover rates are consistently highest among younger and older teachers.

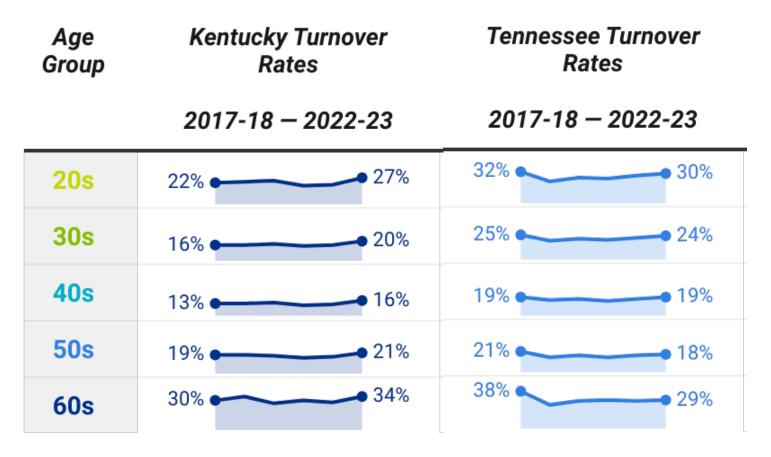


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Black and Hispanic or Latino teachers generally leave at higher rates than white teachers.

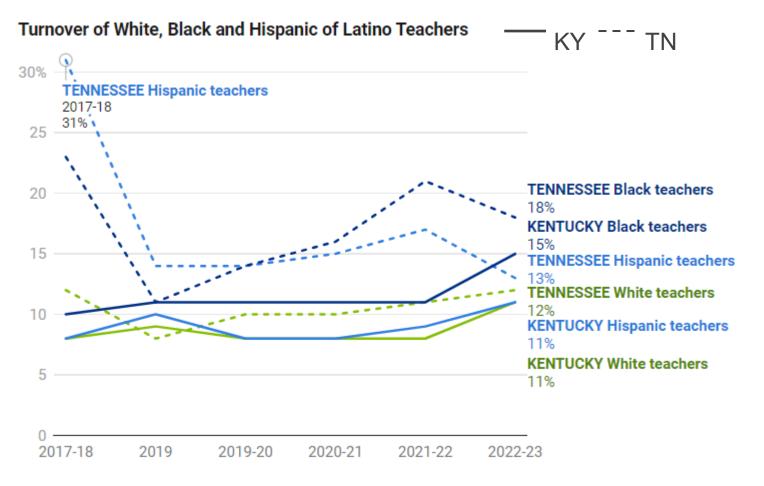


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Finding 6: On the Tennessee Educator Survey, early-career teachers in Tennessee report feeling less prepared and having less support than six years ago.



New teachers feel less prepared.

Clinical preparation has a higher satisfaction rate than coursework.



Fewer new teachers report that they have a mentor.





The percentage of early-career teachers in Tennessee who strongly agreed their preparation program prepared them to teach declined.

Tennessee Early-Career Teachers who are Satisfied with their Overall Preparation to Teach

100%

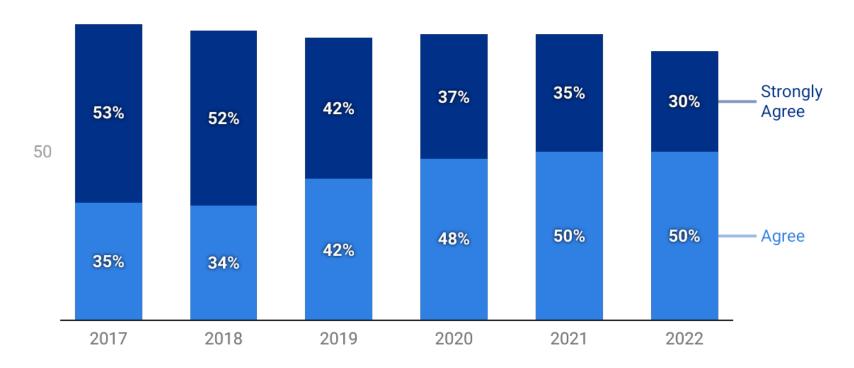


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Early-career teachers in Tennessee are more satisfied with their clinical preparation than their coursework.

Tennessee Early-Career Teachers' Satisfaction with Preparation Experiences

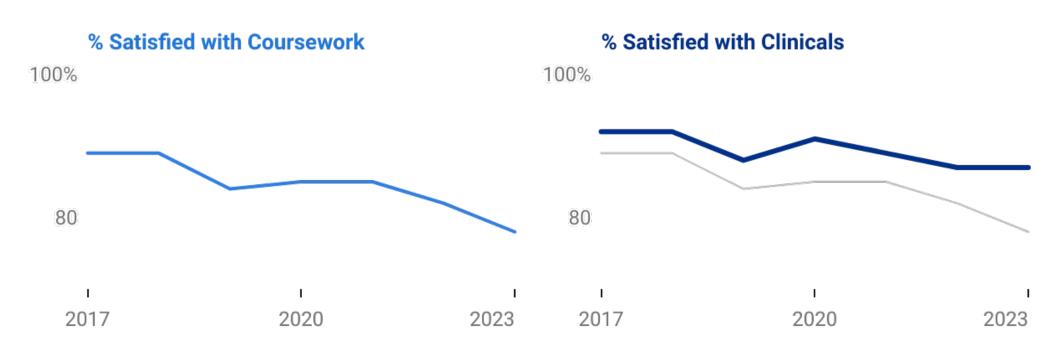


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Fewer early career teachers reported having a mentor in their first year, but more reported having coaching or professional development targeted to their needs.

Tennessee Teachers' First-Year Supports 2019 2020 2021 83% 44%44% Formal teacher mentor Coach or PD targeted to New teacher group Tuition support needs

Survey Question: Which of the following did you have in the first year of teaching?

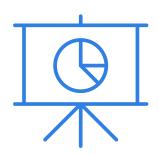
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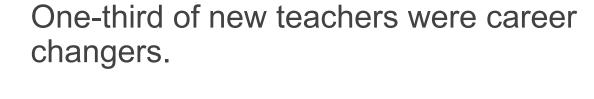




Finding 7: On the Tennessee Educator Survey, nearly half of early-career teachers in Tennessee said they formed aspirations to become educators before starting college.



One-third of new teachers thought about becoming a teacher before high school.





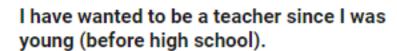
More males and teachers of color entered teaching through non-traditional routes.





One-third of early-career teachers in 2023 thought about becoming a teacher before starting high school. Still, many early-career teachers decided on their career path after college.

Tennessee Early Career Teachers' Aspirations to Teach



I started thinking about becoming a teacher while in high school.

I decided to enter an educator preparation program after starting college.

I decided to enroll in a teaching certification program after receiving a degree in another field of study.

I previously worked in another field; teaching was a career change for me.



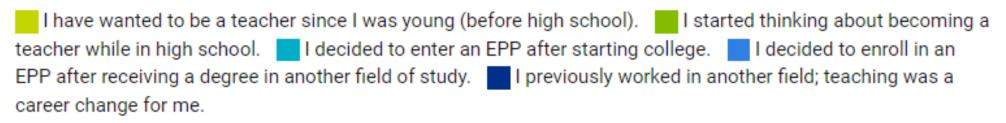
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Male teachers and teachers of color were more likely to report that they entered teaching through non-traditional pathways.

Tennessee Early-Career Teachers' Self-Reported Pathways



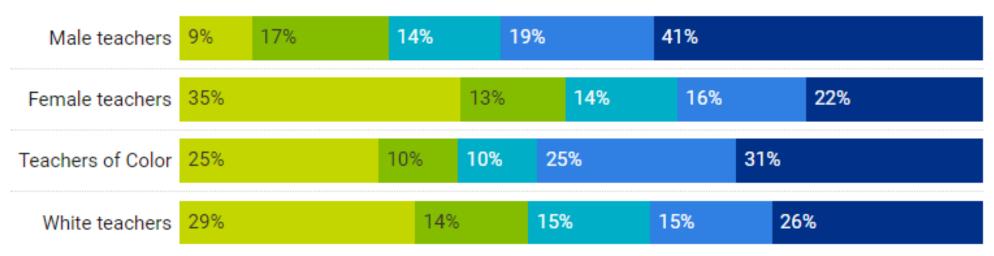


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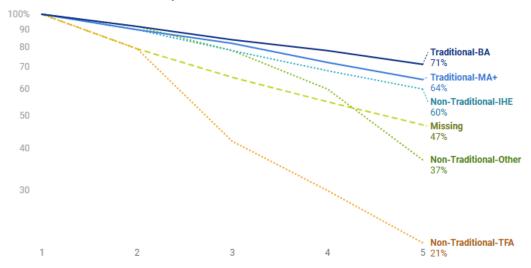




Research Partnership:

New Teacher Pathways and Retention

Teachers Retained Across Pathways in Tennessee



The graph shows the proportion of teachers who remained in teaching in the state averaged across cohorts of teachers who began teaching between 2017 and 2023 in Tennessee. Not all cohorts can be observed for the full five years. Year 1 marks a teacher's first year.

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Insights



- Career changers bring value, need better classroom prep
- Gaps in preparation, certification and hiring support hinders new teacher success
- Many new teachers feel unready, unsupported
- Work-life imbalance starts early & fuels burnout
- Lack of early career support & strong relationships drives attrition
- High-need schools & subjects face biggest new teacher retention issues



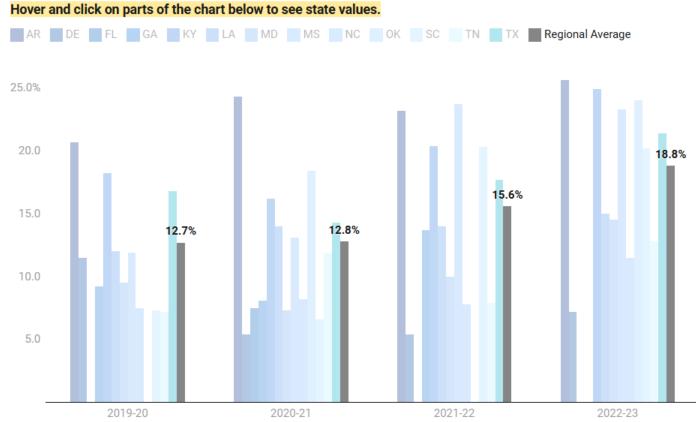


Why Focus on New or Early Career Teachers?

Nearly 50% of teachers leave their position within the first five years

20% leave after the first year

Teacher Turnover







Newly hired teachers entering through non-traditional preparation pathways...



Rural and town schools hire a greater proportion of teachers from traditional-BA pathways than urban and suburban schools.



Greater proportion of completers from non-traditional routes work in middle and high schools.



Non-traditional completers are more likely to work in schools with greater proportions of students of color and students who are economically disadvantaged.





A teacher's preparation pathway is a significant predictor of their likelihood of staying in the profession within their first five years.



Traditional route completers have the lowest risk of attrition in the first five years.

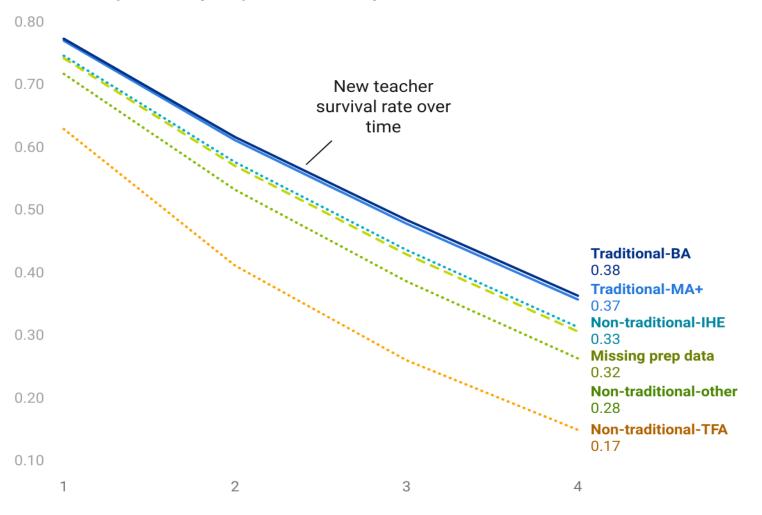
Some preparation pathways are significantly associated with teacher retention even when controlling for individual and school characteristics.





Retention by pathway within the first five years

Effects of Experience by Preparation Pathway on Teacher Retention, Tennessee

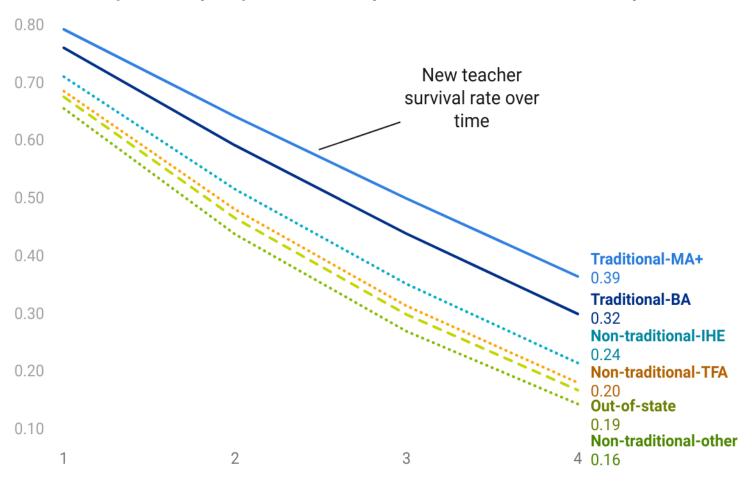


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School characteristic measures are associated with the risk of turnover for early career teachers:

- □ Teachers who initially work in lower performing, high poverty schools or schools with lower proportions of white students are less likely to be retained.
- ☐ Teachers in secondary schools have a greater risk of not being retained compared to teachers who work in elementary schools.
- ☐ The risk of turnover is greater among less effective teachers.
- □ A newly hired teacher's age is associated with retention older teachers have a lower risk of turnover than newly hired teachers in their 20s.
- □ Newly hired teachers with higher salaries are more likely to be retained.





Beginning teachers feel better equipped to deal with challenges related to entering and remaining in the profession when fully supported by their preparation program.



Not all preparation programs provide the same types of supports and resources that beginning teachers need.

Beginning teachers who received support from their preparation programs—academic, on-the-job, certification and hiring related—expressed fewer challenges transitioning into the classroom.

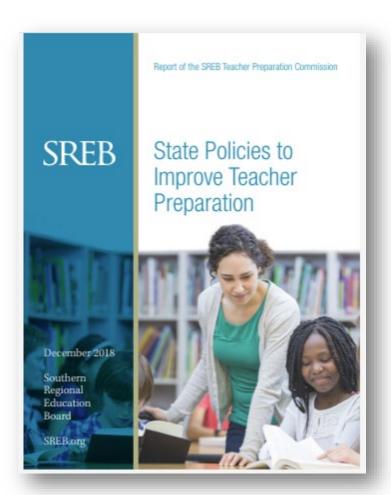




- How can preparation programs (traditional and alternative) innovate to attract more Gen Z and other under-tapped groups?
- What does Gen Z need that they aren't getting?
- What additional preparation factors might influence retention decisions of beginning teachers?



SREB's Commission Report State Policies to Improve Teacher Preparation



Four Main Recommendations

Hold all new teachers in a state to the same high standards and require practice-based licensure tests

Require high-quality clinical teaching experiences

Develop statewide data systems for continuous improvement

Encourage partnerships between teacher preparation programs and K-12 districts



K-12 and EPP Partnerships

Intentional collaboration

Aligned goals

Exchange of data

Shared practices

Diversified supports

- How is your EPP working with K-12 districts in your area or state?
- Are these partnerships integral to the success of your program?
- What further partnership opportunities could you explore?

REFLECT ON YOUR OWN

- How should your educator preparation program engage P-12 district and school leaders in partnership...
 - To improve program accessibility and early recruitment?
 - To innovate and prepare teachers for the realities of teaching?
 - To support graduates in securing a position in education and after they are hired?



SUPPORTING PREK-12 EDUCATORS

(particularly novice educators)



Teacher Induction Definition

A comprehensive support system designed to help new teachers transition smoothly into their roles, adapt to their new environment, and develop their skills to implement high-impact instructional practices and create a positive classroom culture, ultimately leading to increased teacher retention, higher teacher self-efficacy, and improved student outcomes.



SREB Teacher Induction Framework



Tiered Support System for Educators

Comprehensive approach that fosters professional growth for novice teachers, mentors and school leaders



LEADERSHIP

Leadership for Teacher Success & Retention

School and district instructional leadership that nurtures, grows and empowers teachers.



MENTORING

High-Quality Mentoring

Targeted yet flexible mentoring that attends to the unique needs of novice teachers.



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Professional Learning for Positive Teacher & Student Outcomes

Sustained, strategic development and coaching of novice and mentor teachers.

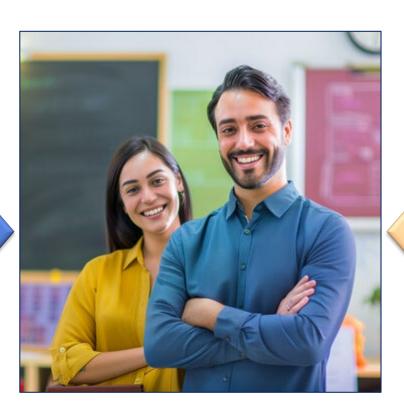


Tiered Support System for Novice Teachers and Mentors



Policy

- Clear expectations
- At least 2 years
- · Limited workload
- Compensation
- Mentor release time



Practice

- Support from many
- Community
- Formal, informal observations
- Targeted to specific needs



TEACHER INDUCTION CORE COMPONENT #2



Leadership for Teacher Success & Retention

Systems-focused instructional leaders ...

- communicate a vision for teaching and learning (HQIM, high-impact instruction and assessment, student engagement)
- build a sense of community among staff and students.
- use data to inform decisions.
- support positive classroom cultures.
- celebrate teacher accomplishments.

In other words ...





Leadership for Teacher Success & Retention

They understand how all the gears work together to ensure collective success.



Induction-focused instructional leaders ...

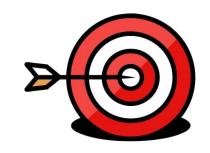
- implement a structured mentoring program.
- provide PL and feedback to novice teachers, mentors.
- help novices acclimate to the school community.
- ensure novices have easy access to resources.
- are approachable.



TEACHER INDUCTION CORE COMPONENT #3



High-Quality Mentoring



Targeted Mentoring

- Foundation of trust non-evaluative
- Regular, scheduled meetings
- Help mentees set goals
- Share resources
- Model HQ instruction

- Trust listening skills, empathy
- Stress-relieving strategies
- Work-life balance (self, mentees)
- Build confidence, self-efficacy in mentees



Open-door policy





Professional Learning for Positive Teacher and Student Outcomes

Novice Teacher Development

- Ongoing
- Addresses the unique needs of novice teachers



- Grows their skills to provide high-impact lessons
- Personalized
- Collaborative

Mentor Teacher Development

- Grows their skills as teacher leaders
- Topics include:
 - Adult Learning Theory
 - Observations with meaningful feedback
 - Designing PL
 - Fostering self-reflection
 - Teacher well-being





Continuum of Support

No Support

Educators receive no formal guidance or help from leaders, designated mentors, coaches or other professional support.

Compliance-Driven

As part of a required support program, educators complete growth plans and consult with mentors.

Problem-Driven

Mentoring structures and learning activities are linked to specific challenges encountered by educators.

People-Driven

Leaders, mentors, coaches, professional learning communities and other growth strategies collectively support educators' entry and progress in the profession.



Comprehensive Induction

Effective induction programs provide support for new teachers **and** mentors.





How can **postsecondary educators** help support novice teachers, mentor teachers and school leaders?

What role can/should postsecondary educators play in induction?



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As active players in induction, educator preparation programs can:

- Provide continuous learning, coaching and building collaborative communities among graduates and other new teachers.
- Partner with schools on mentor training and leadership development on best practices in effective and comprehensive novice teacher support.
- Use research, resources and relationships to build better systems.



Fall 2025 Webinar Series

From Surviving to Thriving: Transforming Support for New Teachers

Rigorous Teacher
Induction Can Help
End Teacher
Shortages

Sept. 11 at 1 p.m.

How Principals and Mentors Should Support Novice Teachers

Sept. 25 at 1 p.m.

How District Leaders
Can Create Successful
Induction Programs
for Novice Teachers

Sept. 18 at 1 p.m.

How Educator
Preparation Leaders
Can Support K-12
Teacher Induction

Oct. 2 at 1 p.m.

Policymakers Can
Help Support and
Retain More
Novice Teachers

Oct. 9 at 1 p.m.

All times are in the Eastern zone.

Key Insights

- Other states can learn from the data in these southern states
- Early exposure to teaching can help attract new talent
- Both traditional and alternative pathways to certification are needed to diversify and fill the teacher pipeline
- Preparation quality and support matters
- Gen Z teachers want support, flexibility, advancement and livable wages
- Teachers leave when unsupported by colleagues, administrators and the community

To reverse the negative workforce trends, teaching must be an attractive, accessible and supported career option for many.

Higher education can play a role in not only preparing but continuously supporting educators!



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