

Emergency Certificates – 3 year analysis

2015-16, 2014-15, and 2013-14

Overview

The Emergency Certificate Report is an annual report that provides data from the prior three school years. This report will provide a deeper understanding of the annual issuance of emergency certificates in Rhode Island. The report is designed to track trends in the issuance of emergency certificates.

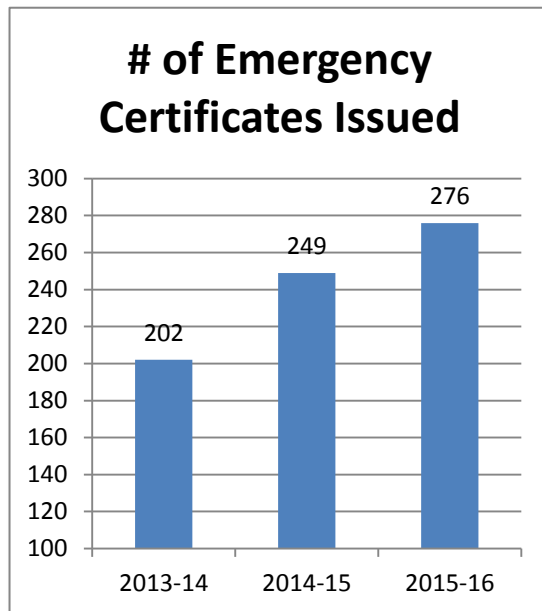
The data within the report include:

- Numbers of emergency certificates issued in 2014-2015 that were renewed as an emergency certificate or converted to a full certificate (initial or professional) in 2015-2016.
- Numbers of emergency certificates issued in 2015-2016 to teachers who held other full certification, as well as did not hold full certification.
- Numbers of emergency certificates that are issued in 2015-2016 for the first time as well as renewals.
- Distribution of emergency certificates by certification areas.
- Distribution of emergency certificates by school districts.

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1. How many emergency certificates were issued?

- During the 2013-2014 school year, 202 emergency certificates were issued to 187 people (13 individuals held two emergency certificates and 1 individual held three emergency certificates).
- During the 2014-2015 school year, 249 emergency certificates were issued to 231 people (14 individuals held two emergency certificates and 2 individuals held three emergency certificates).
- During the 2015-2016 school year, 276 emergency certificates were issued to 242 educators (30 individuals held 2 certificates, and 2 individuals held 3 certificates).

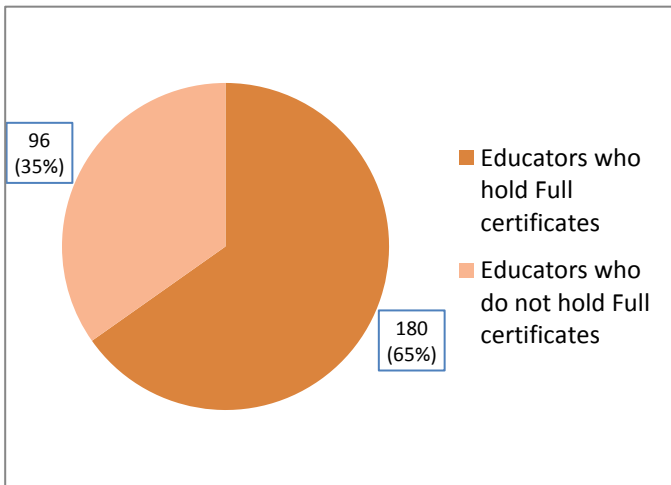


2. What happened to the certificates issued in 2014-2015?

Of the 249 emergency certificates issued in 2014-2015:

- 95 (38%) were renewed as an emergency certificate in 2015-2016.
- 50 (20%) were converted to full certificates in the field of the emergency certificate in school year 2015-2016.
- 59 (23%) were not renewed in 2015-2016, but the holder of the certificate is teaching in another certificate area in Rhode Island (during for the 2015-2016 school year).
- 45 (18%) were not renewed in 2015-2016 and there is no evidence that the holder is teaching in a Rhode Island public school.

3. How many of the emergency certificates issued in 2015-2016 are issued to fully certified teachers?



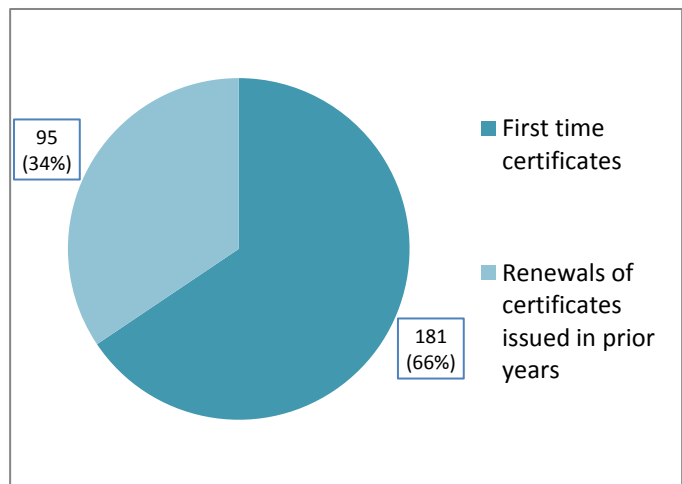
Of the 276 emergency certificates issued for 2015-2016:

- a. 180 (65%) were issued to individuals who held full certification in another area
- b. 96 (35%) were issued to individuals who did not hold full certification in any area

4. How many of the emergency certificates issued in 2015-2016 are first time issuances and how many are renewals?

Of the 276 emergency certificates issued for 2015-2016:

- a. 181 (66%) were first time certificates
- b. 95 (34%) were renewals of certificates that were issued in prior years



5. What is the distribution of emergency certificates issued in 2015-2016 by certification areas?

- a. The group with the highest number of certificates, 106, is English as a Second Language (ESL) and Bilingual and Dual Language (BDL) certificates. They account for 38% of the certificates issued.
- b. Special Education accounts for 16% of the certificates – which is almost the same as 2014-2015; the certificate area of Secondary Special Education is new for 2015-2016, and is now the majority among the all the Special Education certificate areas.

- c. Secondary Grades certificates account for 13% of the certificates – a slight decline from last year, probably due to World Language certificates which are now counted under the All Grades.
- d. All Grades certificates account for 12% of the certificates which is an increase from 2% last year, and an increase of 6% from two years ago, primarily due to the inclusion of World Language certificates.
- e. Among the core content areas, the largest numbers of emergency certificates continue to be in mathematics (16 in all, with 12 for high school, 4 for middle school) and the sciences (22 in all, with 18 for high school, 4 for middle school).
- f. Although the number of emergency certificates in special education has been increasing over the last 2 years (26 in 2012-2013, 31 in 2013-2014, and 42 in 2014-2015), the number has declined slightly this year to 34.

6. What is the distribution of emergency certificates issued in 2015-2016 by school district?

Of the 276 certificates issued for 2015-2016:

- a. 174 (64%) were issued to the five entities that top the list of requests: Providence (106), Pawtucket (28), Central Falls (16), Woonsocket (16), and The Groden Center (10)
- b. 12 (4%) were issued to charter schools.
- c. 16 (6%) were issued at the request of private special education facilities.

7. What is the certificate area breakdown (grouped by grade span) for the past three years – 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016?

The following tables include emergency certificate area details for the past three years.

The listing includes both independent and dependent certificate areas. Readers should consider how certification rules may impact this emergency certificate data. In order for an individual to obtain an emergency for a dependent certificate, s/he must also hold the independent related certificate area. This sometimes results in the issuance of an additional area in a non-shortage certificate. In such instances, the independent certificates that were issued may not indicate a true need for that certificate area.

The column for full certification refers to emergency certificates that were converted to a full certificate in the subsequent school year.

The complete listing of dependent and independent certificates is found [here](#).

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Certificate Area	2013-2014				Full Cert 2014-15	2014-2015				Full Cert 2015-16	2015-2016				Full Cert 2016-17
	Renew	First Issue	Total	%		Renew	First Issue	Total	%		Renew	First Issue	Total	%	
Early Childhood	1	2	3	1%		1	2	3	1%	1	0	10	10	4%	
Elementary	0	0	0	0%		0	2	2	1%		0	2	2	1%	
ESL and Bilingual	33	50	83	41%	18	33	56	89	36%	23	41	65	106	39%	
ESL-Early Childhood	4	3	7	3%	3	4	3	7	3%	3	4	4	8	3%	
ESL-Elementary	7	18	25	12%	7	9	20	29	12%	10	16	31	47	17%	
ESL-Middle Grades	3	7	10	5%	1	4	9	13	5%	1	3	8	11	4%	
ESL-Secondary	13	15	28	14%	3	11	13	24	10%	4	12	11	23	8%	
ESL Specialist PK-12	0	3	3	1%	3	3	3	6	2%	1	0	3	3	1%	
Bilingual-Early Childhood	0	0	0	0%		0	2	2	1%		1	4	5	2%	
Bilingual-Elementary	5	2	7	3%	1	2	5	7	3%	4	5	4	9	3%	
Bilingual-Middle Grades	1	2	3	1%		0	1	1	0%		0	0	0	0%	
Bilingual-Secondary	0	0	0	0%		0	0	0	0%		0	0	0	0%	
Middle Grades	3	14	17	8%	1	1	14	15	6%	1	3	11	14	5%	
MS English	0	0	0	0%		0	0	0	0%		0	0	0	0%	
MS English-Elem Ext	0	1	1	0%		0	1	1	0%	1	1	1	2	1%	
MS English-Sec Ext	1	2	3	1%		0	0	0	0%		0	2	2	1%	
MS Math	0	0	0	0%		0	1	1	0%		0	0	0	0%	
MS Math-Elem Ext	0	6	6	3%		0	6	6	2%		2	1	3	1%	
MS Math-Sec Ext	0	1	1	0%		0	1	1	0%		0	1	1	0%	
MS Science	0	0	0	0%		0	0	0	0%		0	0	0	0%	
MS Science-Elem Ext	0	0	0	0%		0	1	1	0%		0	3	3	1%	
MS Science-Sec Ext	1	2	3	1%	1	1	3	4	2%		0	1	1	0%	
MS Social Studies	0	0	0	0%		0	0	0	0%		0	1	1	0%	
MS Social Studies-Elem Ext	1	0	1	0%		0	1	1	0%		0	1	1	0%	
MS World Lang-French	0	0	0	0%		0	0	0	0%		0	0	0	0%	
MS World Lang-Latin	0	0	0	0%		0	0	0	0%		0	0	0	0%	
MS World Lang-Spanish	0	0	0	0%		0	0	0	0%		0	0	0	0%	
MS World Lang-Spanish-El	0	0	0	0%		0	0	0	0%		0	0	0	0%	
MS World Lang-Spanish-Se	0	2	2	1%		0	0	0	0%		0	0	0	0%	
Secondary Grades	13	18	31	15%	12	13	22	35	14%	6	9	28	37	13%	
Agriculture	0	0	0	0%		0	0	0	0%		0	1	1	0%	
Biology	0	2	2	1%	2	1	3	4	2%		1	0	1	0%	
Business	0	1	1	0%		0	0	0	0%		0	0	0	0%	
Chemistry	3	4	7	3%	1	2	4	6	2%	1	2	2	4	1%	
English	2	0	2	1%	3	0	4	4	2%		1	2	3	1%	
General Science	3	3	6	3%	2	3	2	5	2%	2	1	9	10	4%	
Mathematics	4	5	9	4%	3	4	4	8	3%	1	2	10	12	4%	
Physics	0	3	3	1%		2	3	5	2%	1	2	1	3	1%	

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Certificate Area	2013-2014				Full Cert 2014-15	2014-2015				Full Cert 2015-16	2015-2016				Full Cert 2016-17
	Renew	First Issue	Total	%		Renew	First Issue	Total	%		Renew	First Issue	Total	%	
Social Studies	1	0	1	0%	1	1	2	3	1%	1	0	4	4	1%	
Special Education	10	21	31	15%	6	16	26	42	17%	6	15	28	43	16%	
Spec Ed Early Childhood	4	7	11	5%	3	5	12	17	7%	5	8	11	19	7%	
Spec Ed Elementary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	3	3	1%	
Spec Ed Elem/Middle	0	1	1	0%	-	0	1	1	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	
Spec Ed Middle/Sec	5	6	11	5%	-	4	5	9	4%	-	1	0	1	0%	
Spec Ed Secondary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	11	11	4%	
Spec Ed Severe Intellectual Disability	1	7	8	4%	3	7	8	15	6%	-	6	3	9	3%	
Sped-Visually Impaired	0	0	0	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	
Sped-Deaf/Hard of Hearing	0	0	0	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	
Spec Ed Administrator	0	0	0	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	
All Grades	7	6	13	6%	4	5	20	25	10%	9	11	22	33	12%	
Art	0	0	0	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	-	0	2	2	1%	
Dance	0	0	0	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	
Health Education	0	0	0	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	1	0	2	2	1%	
Family Consumer Science	1	1	2	1%	-	0	0	0	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	
Library/Media	3	0	3	1%	3	3	13	16	6%	2	8	2	10	4%	
Music	0	1	1	0%	1	1	0	1	0%	-	0	1	1	0%	
Physical Education	0	0	0	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	1	0	1	1	0%	
Technology Education	2	0	2	1%	-	0	1	1	0%	3	1	8	9	3%	
Theatre	1	0	1	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	
World Lang-Chinese	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	1	0%	
World Lang-French	0	0	0	0%	-	0	3	3	0%	1	1	1	2	1%	
World Lang-Italian	0	1	1	0%	-	1	0	1	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	
World Lang-Latin	0	1	1	0%	-	0	1	1	0%	-	0	2	2	1%	
World Lang-Portuguese	0	0	0	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	
World Lang-Spanish	0	2	2	0%	-	0	2	2	0%	1	1	2	3	1%	
Support Professional	0	1	1	0%	1	0	1	1	0%	0	0	1	1	0%	
Reading Specialist	0	1	1	0%	1	0	1	1	0%	-	0	1	1	0%	
School Counselor	0	0	0	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	
Speech & Language Path.	0	0	0	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	
School Social Worker	0	0	0	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	-	0	0	0	0%	
School Nurse	2	8	10	5%	-	8	9	17	7%	4	9	2	11	4%	
CTE	6	7	13	6%	-	10	9	19	8%	-	7	11	18	7%	
Emergency Certificates Total	75	127	202		43	87	161	248		50	95	180	275		