

**The Labor Market for Public School Teachers:
A Descriptive Analysis of New York State's Teacher Workforce**

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Policymakers across the country are struggling to improve student learning, especially for students in traditionally low-performing schools. Many policies under debate, or being implemented, are intended to raise the level of instruction by attracting and retaining high-quality teachers. In order to design effective policies we must understand the mechanisms that determine the overall quality of the teacher workforce and those that create disparities in teacher quality across schools.

In this paper, we examine New York's public school teaching workforce. We are particularly interested in characterizing the comparative quality of teachers across districts and over time. To examine these issues, we have developed a very rich database that contains a number of measures of teacher quality for each of New York's teachers over the last fifteen years. Descriptive analyses of these data allow us to characterize teacher quality of New York's teaching workforce.

Demographic trends and education policy choices are increasing the need to attract and retain more high-quality teachers. The baby-boom generation of teachers is reaching retirement age and the baby boom "echo" – the children of baby boomers – is working its way through the school system, creating the need for additional teachers. For example, about 38 percent of New York's current teachers will have retired or reached age 55 within the next five years. Figure 1 below shows the aging of the teaching workforce over the last fifteen years. Additionally, many recently popular policies such as those to raise learning standards, end social promotion, and reduce class sizes increase demands for additional high-quality teachers. The result of these forces leads to a tightening of the teacher labor market in some places, with an accompanying reduction in the quality of teachers. This is especially true in many urban schools where the teaching environment has been harsh for a long period of time, and issues of retirements and standards exacerbate an already difficult teaching situation.

In recent years, policy makers have debated and adopted a flurry of proposals intended to increase the quantity and quality of teachers. For example:

- Massachusetts adopted the first statewide "signing bonus" policy. Other states, including New York, have adopted similar policies.
- California recently enacted a tax credit of up to 50 percent of the tax that would otherwise be imposed on a teacher's salary.
- Many states have adopted loan forgiveness programs and offered tuition credits.
- At least 29 states and many localities provide bonuses and incentives for certification by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards.

- The Department of Housing and Urban Development has implemented the Teacher Next Door Program, which allows teachers to purchase HUD-owned homes in their school districts for a 50 percent discount.

However, uninformed policies can have unintended effects. Teachers differ fundamentally from other school resources. Unlike textbooks, computers and facilities, teachers have preferences about whether to teach, what to teach, and where to teach. Unless we understand what influences teachers' choices, policies may not achieve their intended purposes. For example, it has become apparent that class size reduction efforts in California led to some unintended outcomes with respect to teacher quality. (Betts, Rueben & Danenberg, 2000; Bohrnstedt and Stecher, 1999; CSR Research Consortium, 1999). As a result, a statewide policy to lower class size may not have as large an effect on student learning as anticipated. This demonstrates the importance of understanding the teacher labor market.

Not since the baby-boom generation have we had the opportunity to so drastically shape the teaching workforce. Nor will this opportunity occur again for some time. More than fifty percent of the teachers who have taught in the New York State system for five years will still be teaching 20 years later. The long-lived effects of past hiring practices are evident in figure 1 where many of teachers hired to during the baby boom are only now leaving the system. Teacher hiring decisions that are made over the next five to ten years will have enormous effects on the education of students for decades. What kind of teachers will be hired? What policies are most effective in attracting and retaining high-quality teachers?

The character of the teacher workforce ultimately depends upon the choices made by teachers and prospective teachers, the choices made by school officials (e.g., hiring decisions), and the interaction of those choices. These decisions begin with the decisions college students make regarding courses and continue through the decision by teachers of when to retire. They are frequently complex decisions dependent on a variety of factors and often involve a matching process that depends upon the preferences of both employers and (prospective) employees.

In such a complex environment it is difficult to know what policy initiatives are most likely to result in high-quality teachers locating in traditionally low-performing schools. Do higher starting salaries serve such a goal best? Or would forgiveness of loans or a stronger package of professional development be more effective? As we consider the series of decisions, dozens of other possibilities come to mind. It may be that reducing the credentialing process would be effective. Currently, there is only very limited information on which to base policy. Ultimately, our ongoing research is intended to address these issues. An understanding of which policies are most effective in attracting and retaining high-quality teachers in traditionally low-performing

schools relies upon understanding the behavior of both prospective and current teachers and the processes that leads to their hiring and retention.

As a first step in developing such an understanding, we believe it is important to characterize the teaching workforce. In particular, what are the attributes of New York's public school teaching workforce? How has the workforce changed over time? How does it differ across locations? What are the dynamics that lead to these outcomes? In this condition report we examine these issues by providing a descriptive analysis of the public teacher workforce in New York. This will provide a foundation for our future work. In future condition studies we will examine various key decisions that lead to the overall level and distribution of the quality of the teaching workforce and the factors that are most influential in determining these outcomes.

Many of the results that we report confirm commonly held beliefs about New York's teachers. Some of the results challenge conventional wisdom. In either case, many of the results meaningfully augment our understanding of New York's teaching workforce. It is on this foundation that additional research and policy can proceed.

Method and Data

The matching of aspiring teachers to jobs occurs within the context of local labor markets. We roughly characterize these markets as consisting of individual metropolitan statistical areas and the remaining rural areas. These divisions will allow us to summarize differences in teacher attributes that may exist across schools in a manner that is consistent with reasonable definitions of labor markets for teachers. Given our interest in traditionally low-performing urban schools, we have divided the metropolitan statistical areas into urban centers and the surrounding suburban rings. The regional definitions are shown in Table 1.

The database employed in our analysis links several different administrative datasets and various other information characterizing districts. It includes information for every teacher and administrator employed in a New York public school at any time from 1969-70 through 1998-99. This data is from the Personnel Master File (PMF), part of the Basic Education Data System of the New York State Education Department. In a typical year there are approximately 180,000 teachers identified in the PMF. Thus, our database has in excess of 2.5 million observations on about 600,000 different teachers. The data for each teacher has been linked over time so that we have a work-history record for each person who taught one or more years between 1969-70 and 1998-99.

Our interest is in characterizing various attributes of teachers, especially measures that speak to teacher quality. Teaching is a complicated endeavor and summary measures about the attributes of teachers, like their performance on certification exams or rank of their undergraduate college are at

best proxies for the attributes we ultimately care about—how well they will perform in the classroom. Traditional data are notably weak in this regard, usually only including measures of teacher experience and the level of educational attainment. Teacher quality can be measured in a variety of ways. Most prior studies employ input measures of teacher quality, often just using years of experience or level of education. More recently, some studies employ teacher test scores or the quality of undergraduate institutions attended. Alternatively, a few studies quantify the quality of teachers by the contributions they make to the academic gains of their students (value added). Each approach has advantages and disadvantages, both conceptually and in practice. Value-added measures have the benefit that, ultimately, we care about how education affects student learning. They are direct measures of student learning. However, the need to isolate the effects of teachers from other factors, such as family background, poses problems. It is not difficult to imagine that family background affects not only a student's test score, but also the gains that that student makes over time. Unless value-added measures adequately adjust for these influences they may paint a biased picture of teacher quality. In addition, value-added quality cannot be measured for potential teachers or for first year teachers since individuals must teach for several years before value added can be estimated. These measures also are likely to be volatile for novice teachers because practice and effectiveness typically change substantially over the first few years of teaching. Adding to these problems, very few school systems have the type of data that would support the implementation of a value-added assessment system.

Researchers more commonly employ measures of individuals' attributes as proxies of teacher quality. There has long been an interest in the effect that particular teacher attributes have on student achievement. Most studies addressing this question have used measures of years of education, whether or not the teacher holds a master's degree, whether or not the teacher is certified, and years of teaching experience. These are clearly weak measures of teaching ability, and they have not been found to consistently impact student learning (Hanushek, 1986 & 1997). However, studies with richer detail on teachers have often been able to find effects on student outcomes (Ehrenberg and Brewer, 1994; Ferguson, 1991; Ferguson and Ladd, 1996). Thus, the quality of data is important. In their analysis of who chooses to teach, Hanushek and Pace (1995) employ reading, vocabulary and mathematics test scores (administered as part of the HSB survey), arguing that it is plausible "that 'smarter' teachers with higher achievement of their own could perform better in the classroom." Ballou and Podgursky (1997) make a similar point and provide a nice summary of the literature that speaks to the relationship between the strength of academic background and teacher effectiveness. Their analysis of teacher pay and quality employs college selectivity, academic major, undergraduate GPA and SAT scores as indicators of quality. We have

quality measures similar to those used by Hanushek and Pace and discussed by Ballou and Podgursky. Importantly, we have these measures in the context of an administrative dataset with detailed information on all schools and districts.

Our results are based on a rich set of teacher inputs measures. In particular, information regarding the institutions from which individual teachers earned their undergraduate degrees comes from the NYS Teacher Certification Database (TCERT). This information and the Barron's ranking of college selectivity was used to construct variables measuring the selectivity the college from which each teacher graduated. Information regarding the teacher certification exam scores of individual teachers and whether they passed on their first attempts are drawn from the NYS Teacher Certification Exam History File (EHF).¹ These measures taken together are useful indicators of teacher quality.² Ultimately, we would like other measures of teacher quality, the most important being the value added in student performance by specific teachers. Even though the measures employed here are not comprehensive, they are correlated with such outcome measures.³

Figure 2 illustrates the nature of our data and the types of analysis that are possible. Here the cases are individual teachers. A line indicates years for which a teacher is employed. The change from a solid to a dashed line represents a teacher transferring between schools or districts. Lines that extend beyond 1998-99 indicate a teacher is still in the workforce. At any given point in time the attributes of all teachers in the system can be examined. This corresponds to examining the attributes of the teachers and schools in a particular column. For example, considering 1990-91 we could examine the attributes of cases 3, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16. Thus, we can describe how the teachers in various places differ from each other. By comparing results across multiple

¹ The certification and testing data include an array of additional measures, such as institutions from which graduate degrees were received and actual scores on certification exams. We have limited our discussion to the measures presented for two of reasons. First, we believe the measures presented in the text are best suited to exploring issues of teacher quality. Second, the results from other measures are consistent with those presented.

² Some caution is warranted when considering scores and passage rates on the teacher certification exams. Prior to 1983 passing the NTE certification exams was not required for NYS certification. Those already certified were grand fathered in. With only new teachers taking the exams, failure rates – especially in the early years – need to be understood as reflecting the results for test takers, not the entire stock of teachers at the time. Following the introduction of the New York State Teacher Certification Exams in 1993, those seeking provisional certification could continue to take the NTE exams, in place of the NYSTCE Liberal Arts and Science Test (LAST) and Assessment of Teaching Skills – Written exam (ATS-W). Even though most test-takers initially continued to take the NTE exams, the situation is now reversed with most of those seeking provisional certification taking the NYSTCE. The situation in NYC is a bit more complicated. Prior to 1993, the NTE exams were not needed, but could be used, to establish New York City certification. Starting in 1993, state certification was required for NYC certification so that either the NTE or NYSTCE tests were required. These changes in requirements for certification resulted in differences in the composition of test-takers over time. This along with changes in the tests mean that comparisons of scores over time require some caution.

columns we can see how the attributes of teachers have changed over time. Alternatively, we could explore attributes of teachers who all began their careers in a particular year, such as 1991-92 (this would include cases 8, 9, and 10). We could also examine all transfers (cases 4, 6, 9, 11, 16), or all quits (1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13). Finally, we can follow the career paths of teachers over time. In this analysis we examine the data in several different ways to develop a richer understanding of the teaching workforce and how it is changing.

One of the advantages of working in such a rich data environment is the ability to view teachers from several different perspectives. In this analysis we slice the data in three different ways to get different perspectives on New York's teaching workforce. First, we examine the attributes of all teachers in the system in 1998-99. We are particularly interested in differences across places and between different teaching subject areas. Second, we examine how the teaching workforce has changed over the last fifteen years. We examine changes over time and across regions and teaching subjects. Finally, we follow a cohort of novice teachers who began their careers in 1990-91. To understand what motivates behavior and ultimately how the teaching workforce will look in the future, it is helpful to examine behavior at the margin. What are the attributes of teachers who are entering and leaving schools? What are the attributes of the environments they enter and leave? We are interested in how their careers evolved—who remained in the school where they first taught, who transferred to other schools or districts, and who separated from the system. For each of the three perspectives, we examine the attributes of the teachers and the schools.

Results

Even though much of our analysis confirms many of the commonly held beliefs about teachers, a few myths are challenged. A full set of tables is presented in the appendices. We have selected from these tables results that are illustrative to include in the body of this study. We believe they provide an accurate picture of the current status, historical development and dynamic relationships that shape the teaching workforce in New York. We encourage readers to examine the appendix tables for a fuller depiction. Needless to say, even our full results paint only a portion of the picture. However, they provide a new perspective from which to examine the teaching workforce and provide a foundation from which we can begin to develop informed policy.

The richness of the data allows us to examine the attributes of New York's teachers with a variety of measures and from various perspectives. We have found remarkable consistency across

³ See Ballou and Podgursky (1997) for a summary of various research findings regarding the relationship between student outcomes and the attributes of teachers.

many of these measures, with similar pictures of New York's teaching workforce emerging. Four primary measures are presented in the tables and figures in the body of the paper: the portion of teachers with less than three years experience, the portion of teachers who failed a certification exam at least once, the portion of teachers who received their bachelor's degree from the least competitive colleges, and the portion of teachers who are not certified to teach in any of their current teaching assignments. The discussion of results follows the three types of analysis performed: a cross-sectional examination of all teachers for 1998-99, a time trend analysis from 1984-85 to 1998-99 of novice teachers being hired to their first teaching position, and a cohort analysis that follows the careers of all newly hired teachers in 1991. Each of these analyses provides differing insights about New York's teachers.

Attributes of the 1998-99 teacher workforce. Three results are particularly noteworthy and appear to reoccur across several different measures of teacher attributes. First, the quality of teachers, as proxied by our measures, is substantially lower in large urban areas, compared to other areas of the state. This is particularly true in New York City. Second, there are few differences in our measures of teacher quality across teachers grouped according to their primary teaching assignment. Finally, the average poor or Black and Latino student is more likely to have a teacher whose attributes reflect lower quality than is the case for the average non-poor or white student.

Urban areas generally, and New York City in particular, employ relatively large numbers of teachers of low-quality attributes compared to other regions of the state. Figures 3 and 4 (and the full set of tables in Appendix A) illustrate these differences. For example, New York City teachers who take the Liberal Arts and Sciences New York State Teacher Certification Exam fail about twice as often as teachers in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Yonkers (27.3 percent versus 13.9 percent). Similarly, New York City teachers are more than 2.5 times as likely to have received their BA from the least competitive colleges (25.1 percent versus 9.6 percent), and three times as likely as to be uncertified in any subject they currently teach (9.6 percent versus 2.7 percent) compared to Big Four teachers. The results are generally more striking when compared to teachers from small cities, suburban or rural areas.

Within teacher labor markets, our measures indicate that teachers are sorted in a way that urban teachers are on average of lower quality than their suburban counterparts. Figure 5 illustrates this pattern. For example, New York City teachers are about five times as likely to have failed the Liberal Arts and Science NYSTCE as their suburban counterparts from either the lower Hudson or Long Island (27.3 percent v. 5.1 or 5.9 percent, respectively). New York City teachers are also much more likely to have received their BA from the least competitive colleges or to be

uncertified in anything they teach compared to teachers in the New York suburbs. Similar disparities often hold for Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse city teachers relative to their suburban colleagues, but the absolute levels are generally lower.

Differences in the attributes of teachers also exist when viewed across teaching disciplines, but these differences are less striking than those with respect to geography. Figure 4 illustrates the attributes of teachers grouped according to major teaching assignment. Generally, non-elementary humanities and math and science teachers are less likely to have failed the Liberal Arts and Science certification exam and less likely to receive their BAs from the least competitive colleges, although they are slightly more likely to be uncertified in any of their teaching assignments.

When the attributes of teachers are examined from the perspective of the students they teach, we find poor and Black and Latino students in New York City are much more likely to be taught by teachers who fail certification exams and are uncertified to teach any of their current assignments than non-poor or white students. These results are reflected in figures 6 and 7. However, differences for the other measures are small. Moreover, differences in the teachers teaching poor and non-poor or white and Black and Latino students in Big Four and Small City districts appear to be small across our measures.

Teacher attributes 1985-99. The composition of the teaching workforce varies across places and over time. To study how the teaching workforce is evolving we examine the attributes of newly hired teachers with no prior teaching experience. By comparing the attributes of these teachers over time, we can identify emerging trends that are likely to affect the character of the overall workforce over a long period of time. As illustrated in figure 8, a smaller portion of new hires in New York City transfer from other districts compared to other regions of the state. About 25 percent of all newly hired teachers in the City are transfers. In other regions of the state that figure generally varies between 35 and 45 percent. As this would suggest, New York City has a larger proportion of its new hires that have no prior teaching experience, as illustrated in figure 9. Interestingly, the proportion of new hires with no prior experience has increased in all regions over the last 15 years. This may suggest that the “reserve pool” of experienced teachers interested in returning to teaching is dwindling. In any event, this trend in conjunction with the increasing need to hire more teachers is putting additional pressure on schools of education to prepare increased numbers of teachers. As a result, we examine the qualifications of the newly hired teachers with no prior teaching experience.

The time trend analysis reinforces the observation that urban teachers, especially those in New York City are less qualified than teachers in other areas based on our measures. In most instances

it suggests these differences have remained fairly stable over the last 15 years. Figures 10 through 13 and the tables in Appendix B show the attributes of “novice teachers,” (i.e., newly hired teachers with no prior teaching experience), have changed over the 1984-85 to 1998-99 period.⁴

Figure 10 illustrates that New York City’s novice teachers are about four times as likely to be uncertified to teach in any of their current teaching assignments as any other region of the state. This relationship has changed little over the fifteen-year period, with the exception of 1990 and 1991. While not nearly as dramatic, figure 11 shows that novice teachers in New York City are more likely to have failed the NTE General Knowledge exam than their peers in other regions of the state. While it appears that this gap is increasing, we urge caution in this interpretation for a couple of reasons. Use of the NTE exams are being phased out with the introduction of the New York State Teacher Certification Exams so that these results may reflect the increasingly small number of observations. Additionally, we do not observe similar trends in the other certification exam results, particularly the NYSTCE exam results. Nor do the other attributes of teachers reveal any noticeable trends with respect to region. However, the fact remains that failure rates are substantially higher in New York City with no evidence that there is any reduction in this disparity.

When we focus the time trend analysis on predominant teaching assignments, we observe some interesting differences. Consider, for example, the results for lack of certification in any teaching assignment, as shown in figure 12. The different teaching areas move closely together until 1994. After that the portion of math and science teachers uncertified to teach in any of their current assignments rises steadily, while elementary and humanities remain fairly constant. Contrast this with the portion of teachers in each discipline that fail the certification exam. Figure 13 shows failure rates on the NTE General Knowledge exam by predominant teaching area. Math and science teachers consistently outperform teachers in other areas. Although most teaching areas have fairly stable failure rates over time, the failure rates for elementary and special education teachers are consistently higher since 1992. Given these somewhat mixed results, it is difficult to paint a consistent picture of how teacher quality differs across predominant teaching assignments.

Teacher salaries. The environment in which teachers work is complex and varies widely across schools. Many of the dimensions of the teaching environment are difficult to systematically quantify and most are interrelated. For example, as a result of residential location decisions that lead to demographically and socio-economically stratified neighborhoods, the attributes of students

⁴ Since this analysis includes only a portion, in some cases a small portion, of the teaching workforce, there will be more year-to-year variability in the data. As a result we should not make too much of one year deviations.

vary widely across schools. These differing attributes affect the teaching environment directly. They also have indirect effects in at least two important ways. The socio-economic character of the district in part affects the political economy of school budgets, resulting in widely varying school resources.⁵ This, in turn, affects teacher pay, and other purchased inputs of the school which together result in lower quality teachers and other inputs.

There has been much discussion about the role that compensation plays in the ability of schools to attract and retain high-quality teachers. From our perspective the evidence on this issue is far from definitive. In this analysis, our goal is simply to document the differences in teacher salaries across places and over time. For the most part, teachers are paid according to a salary schedule that varies only with education and experience and is determined through a negotiation between each school board and the local teachers' union. Thus, salary schedules vary across districts and change over time, and as a result, create differing incentives for the career choices of teachers. Figures 14 and 15 show how real salaries for New York metropolitan area teachers with a masters degree and two different levels of experience has changed over time.⁶ As is apparent from the graphs, the gap between New York City salaries and those of comparably experienced and educated teachers in the suburbs has grown since the early 1990s. Figures 16 through 21 show similar graphs for the Rochester, Buffalo, and Syracuse metropolitan areas.

Several points are worth noting here. In every major metropolitan area except New York City, salaries paid to urban teachers either match or exceed those paid to suburban teachers. In New York City salaries at both the entry level and the veteran level were lower at the start of the period and have fallen further behind those of suburban districts. In 1999 starting salaries for Novice New York City teachers with a masters degree were about 25 percent lower than those for comparable suburban teachers. In New York City and Rochester starting salaries have not risen very much in real terms. Their real starting salaries have experienced an average real growth of less than 1 percent per year over the 1985 to 1999 period, a total real increase of about \$3000. In Rochester, although there were wide fluctuations over the period, between 1985 and 1999, starting salaries increased by about \$1000 in real terms. Salaries for starting teachers in the Syracuse and Buffalo have shown more aggressive growth, increasing by about \$7000.

Salaries paid to veteran teachers show similar patterns. Teachers with a masters and 20 years experience receive more than 35 percent more in the suburbs of New York City than in the City.

⁵ See the condition report by Stiefel, Schwartz, Iatarola and Fruchter (2000) for detail on how school budgets vary across New York City schools.

⁶ We normalized all salaries using the Consumer Price Index for July of the relevant year.

Real salaries for veteran teachers in New York City have increased only slightly since 1985 and have actually declined since 1990.

Quit and transfer behavior. Perhaps the most interesting aspect of our data is the ability to follow the career choices that teachers make. We believe there is much to be learned by examining the frequency and attributes of teachers' decisions to transfer from one school or district to another or to separate from public school teaching. How frequently do teachers leave particular schools? What are the attributes of the teachers who leave relative to those who remain? What are the attributes of schools where transfers or quits are more prevalent? Our results confirm some of the conventional wisdom about the career paths of teachers, but in some cases the evidence suggests that some of what is commonly believed is in fact myth.

Fewer than half of New York teachers with no prior teaching experience hired in 1991 remained in the same school in which they began their careers by 1997. Most of those leaving these schools left public school teaching in New York. Table 2 illustrates some interesting differences in career paths of teachers.⁷ Confirming what many observers believe, teachers beginning their careers in New York City are far more likely to leave public school teaching in New York than teachers from other regions. Nearly 40 percent of New York City teachers leave the system. No other area has separations that reach 30 percent. However, in contrast to what many would predict, New York City has the lowest inter-district transfer rate of any area. When school and district transfers are combined, New York City still has the lowest transfer rate. This would suggest that while the City does lose a large number of teachers to the suburbs, in percentage terms it is not extraordinary.⁸ *From a somewhat different perspective, New York City retains 58.2 percent of the teachers who began their careers six years earlier (same school plus different school in same district). In the Big Four the comparable figure is 64.9 percent.*

This pattern of quit rates has important implications for schools. In particular, the high exit rates for Novice teachers will result in a churning on the front end of the experience distribution; a district hiring a cohort of new teachers will have to replace a significant number of them as they quit. This is problematic since having at least a few years of experience has been documented to

⁷ We determine transfers by examining the school and district affiliation in each year of the data. Transfers are determined to occur when the school or district affiliation changes. A teacher is determined to be not in the New York system when they are not observed in the data for three consecutive years. This accounts for teachers who take a leave. As a result, our analysis cannot go beyond 1996-97 as we have data up to 1999-00.

⁸ We are unable to determine how many of what appear to be teachers leaving the system are in fact transfers to schools in other states, (e.g., suburban locations in New Jersey and Connecticut).

meaningfully increase teacher effectiveness.⁹ Why are exit so high and what accounts for differences across different districts?

When viewed from the perspective of predominant teaching assignment, there appears to be remarkable consistency in the career paths of teachers during the early part of their careers. Table 3 illustrates this. Elementary teachers are less likely to transfer to a different district or leave the system than their peers teaching middle and high school subjects. Among middle and high school teachers, transfer and exit behavior is very similar. This is a bit surprising as we expected to find higher exit behavior for math and science teachers whose opportunity cost of teaching might be the greatest.

Exits and transfers would be a problem even if it were merely churning, with a random selection of experienced teachers leaving or switching jobs. However, there is a systematic pattern to this turnover. Based on our measures, better teachers generally transfer or leave the system, leaving behind their weaker colleagues. For example, in New York City (table 4), teachers who exit (leavers) are less likely to fail certification exams and are substantially more likely to have received their BA from the most competitive colleges than are teachers who remain in the same school (stayers). Almost 20 percent of the teachers who remain in the same school failed the NTE General Knowledge exam; less than 12 percent of those leaving the system did so. Fewer than 8 percent of stayers graduated from the most competitive colleges; 22 percent of the leavers did so. Similar patterns hold for transfers, although the results are less striking. In general these patterns hold up across teachers in other regions and for teachers by their primary area of teaching (see Appendix C tables C-1 through C-10), but the differences are often not as great.¹⁰

What is the relative nature of the school environments that these leavers exit and what environments are they drawn to? Again, as many would suspect, this is not a random sorting. Not surprisingly, teachers generally leave what many would consider less attractive teaching environments and are drawn to environments that are more attractive. Table 5 illustrates this dynamic. New York City teachers who transfer to other districts, move to districts with substantially fewer poor and LEP students. They also move to districts where their class size is smaller and their pay is greater. For example, City teachers transferring to other districts have on average 70 percent fewer poor students and 50 percent fewer LEP students; their classes are on average 25 percent smaller and their salaries are 14 percent higher. Similar, although less striking,

⁹ Rivkin, Hanushek, and Kain (1999).

¹⁰ Some anomalies exist, however. For example, in the Big Four, where there are relatively few observations, leavers are more likely to have failed the NTE Communication Skills exam, although leavers have lower failure rates on the other NTE exams.

differences exist for teachers transferring from other urban areas (see Appendix tables C-11 through C-15).

In sum, the leaving behavior of teachers seems to confirm some commonly held beliefs. It also is consistent with the hypothesis that the opportunity cost for the best teachers is greatest and these are precisely the teachers most likely to leave. Given the pattern of quit rates discussed above, those who remain in the schools after five years are likely to remain for a very long time. *The cumulative effect of these moves has a very important impact on the quality and composition of the teaching workforce. Those who transfer often move to what many would perceive as better school environments, leaving arguably the most needy students and the most difficult teaching environments—precisely the group most in need of strong teachers.* Based on this analysis we cannot infer causality, but the results do provide some dynamic context to help us begin to understand the stark differences in teacher qualifications we observed earlier. In many ways the findings beg more questions than they answer. What about teachers and schools are most important in teachers' decisions about where to teach? How much of the high quit rates are inevitable adjustments to careers and how much reflects dissatisfaction that could be addressed through policy?

Implications

We have examined New York's teaching workforce from a number of different perspectives. Many of our findings confirm conventional wisdom; some of the results suggest that certain myths don't stand up to empirical scrutiny. From our perspective, the most interesting findings include:

- The quality of teachers, as proxied by our measures, is much worse in large urban areas in comparison to other regions. This is particularly true for New York City. This pattern has been stable over the last 15 years.
- Within urban areas, the average poor or Black and Latino student is much more likely to have a lower quality teacher than the typical non-poor or white student.
- Teachers with no prior teaching experience are an increasing proportion of new hires. This is especially true in urban areas where they are a larger portion of all hires than in other regions.
- Salaries for starting teachers in New York City are about 25 percent lower than those for teachers starting careers in the New York suburbs. This reflects an increasing gap since 1990 in New York City teacher salaries relative to those in surrounding suburbs.

- Teachers beginning their careers in New York City are far more likely to leave the New York public school system than are teachers from other areas, although teacher transfers to other districts are lower than other areas.
- Teachers who leave the school where they began their careers are generally higher quality teachers than those who remain. Teachers that transfer, leave schools that are generally less attractive teaching environments and are drawn to more attractive settings.

We believe that teachers can make an important difference in student outcomes. Because teacher quality matters, it is important that high-quality teachers be recruited and retained in schools having large numbers of low-performing students. The New York data are very rich in allowing the career paths of teachers to be tracked. This paper exploits this richness to assess how the attributes of teachers change over time and differ across schools and districts. Even so, because this work is descriptive in nature, one should not infer much about behavior. However, the descriptive work is provocative and helps us prepare for the research that models behavior and will support policy conclusions. In future research we plan to address questions like the following:

- Why do we observe such striking differences between the observable quality of teachers in urban schools and those in suburban schools?
- What can be done to attract and retain the more highly qualified individuals to public school teaching, especially in low-performing urban schools?
- How important are different types of financial rewards?
- What non-pecuniary attributes of the teaching environment are most important?

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Table 1
Labor Market Regions

| Urban Centers | Suburban Counties |
|-------------------------|--|
| Albany-Schenectady-Troy | Albany, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie |
| Buffalo-Niagara Falls | Erie, Niagara |
| New York City | Putnam, Rockland, Westchester, Nassau, Suffolk, New York City |
| Rochester | Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Wayne |
| Syracuse | Cayuga, Madison, Onondaga, Oswego |
| Utica-Rome | Herkimer, Oneida |

| Rural Areas | Counties |
|--------------------|--|
| Mid-Hudson | Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Otsego, Sullivan, Ulster |
| North Country | Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Warren, Washington |
| Southern Tier | Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Chenango, Schuyler, Seneca, Tioga, Tompkins, Steuben, Wyoming, Yates |

Table 2
Disposition of 1991 New Teachers as of 1997, by Region

| | New York City | Big Four | Small Cities | Suburb | Rural | New York State |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Same School | 38.2 | 34.8 | 30.4 | 43.0 | 42.9 | 40.3 |
| Different School | 20.0 | 30.1 | 33.6 | 16.7 | 14.0 | 18.6 |
| Different District | 3.4 | 7.4 | 8.0 | 13.9 | 13.4 | 8.8 |
| Not in NYS System | 38.5 | 27.7 | 28.0 | 26.4 | 29.7 | 32.4 |

Table 3
**Disposition of 1991 New Teachers as of 1997, by
Predominant Teaching Assignment**

| | Elem- entary | Human- ities | Math and Science | Special Education | Other |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Same School | 46.4 | 36.2 | 35.6 | 33.6 | 33.5 |
| Different School | 19.5 | 16.1 | 17.3 | 20.6 | 17.8 |
| Different District | 6.1 | 9.3 | 10.0 | 12.3 | 11.9 |
| Not in NYS System | 28.0 | 38.5 | 37.1 | 33.5 | 36.7 |

Table 4
Attributes of New York City Teachers Beginning in 1991 by Their 1997 Employment Status

| Teacher Attributes | Same School | Different School | Different District | Not in NYS System |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Performance on NTE Exams | | | | |
| Fail Communication Skills | 0.114 | 0.102 | 0.104 | 0.078 |
| Fail General Knowledge | 0.198 | 0.131 | 0.176 | 0.116 |
| Fail Professional Knowledge | 0.106 | 0.110 | 0.045 | 0.072 |
| Barron's ranking of Undergraduate College | | | | |
| Most or highly competitive | 0.076 | 0.099 | 0.087 | 0.220 |
| Very competitive | 0.212 | 0.202 | 0.239 | 0.185 |
| Competitive | 0.474 | 0.450 | 0.478 | 0.356 |
| Least competitive | 0.237 | 0.250 | 0.196 | 0.239 |

Table 5
Attributes of Sending and Receiving Schools for New York City Teachers who Transferred

| School & District Attributes | Within District | | | Between Districts | | |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| | Sending School | Receiving School | Difference | Sending School | Receiving School | Difference |
| Proportion students poor | 0.721 | 0.670 | -0.051 | 0.708 | 0.218 | -0.490 |
| Proportion students LEP | 0.164 | 0.156 | -0.008 | 0.154 | 0.077 | -0.077 |
| Proportion students nonwhite | 0.864 | 0.847 | -0.017 | 0.895 | 0.418 | -0.477 |
| Class Size | 24.2 | 24.6 | 0.4 | 25.6 | 20.5 | -5.1 |
| Salary | na | na | na | \$33,383 | \$38,112 | \$4,729 |

Figure 1
Age Distribution of New York State Public School Teachers, 1985-99

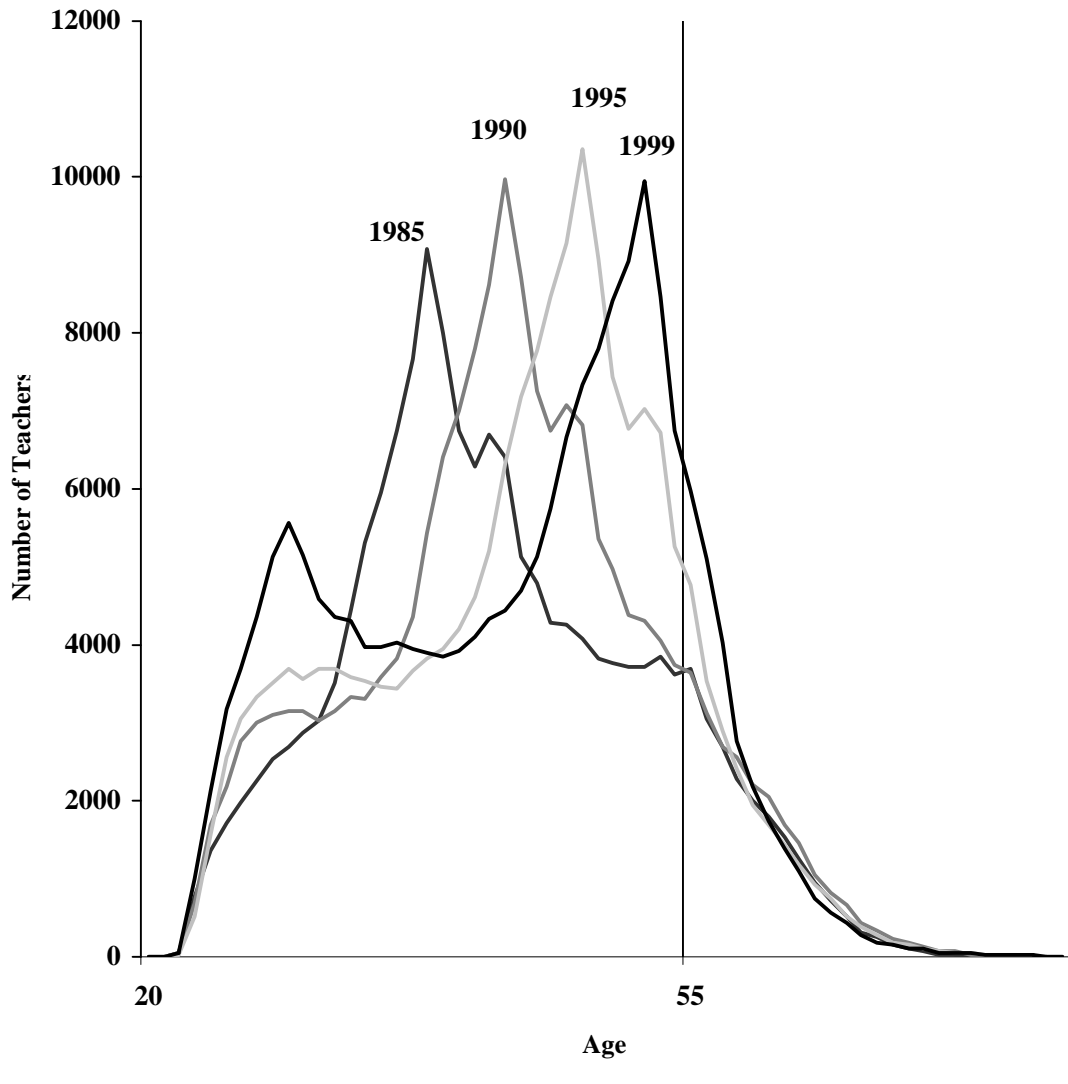


Figure 2
Characterization of Teacher-level Data Used in Analysis

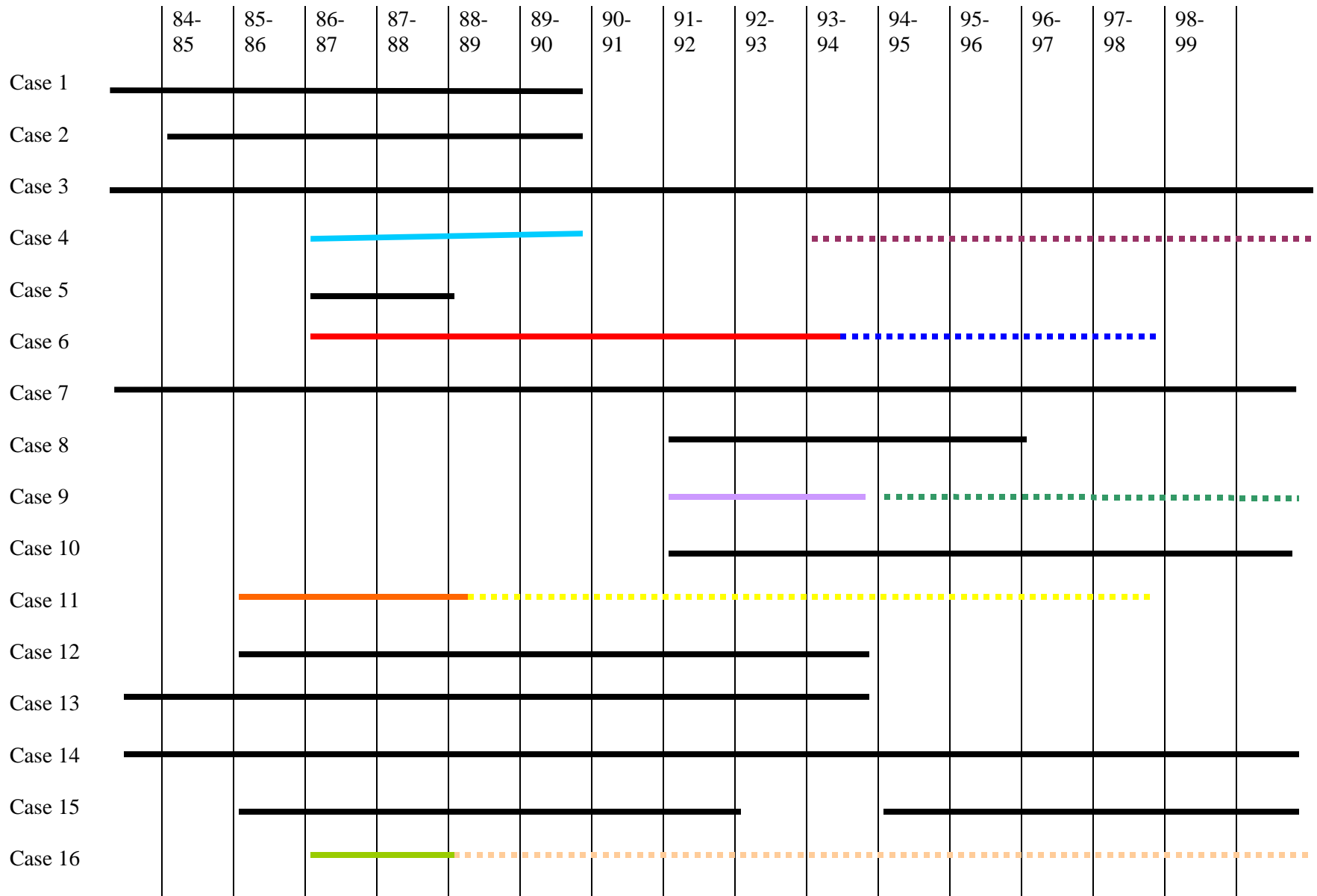


Figure 3
Proportion of All NYS Public Teachers having Various Attributes by Region, 1998-99

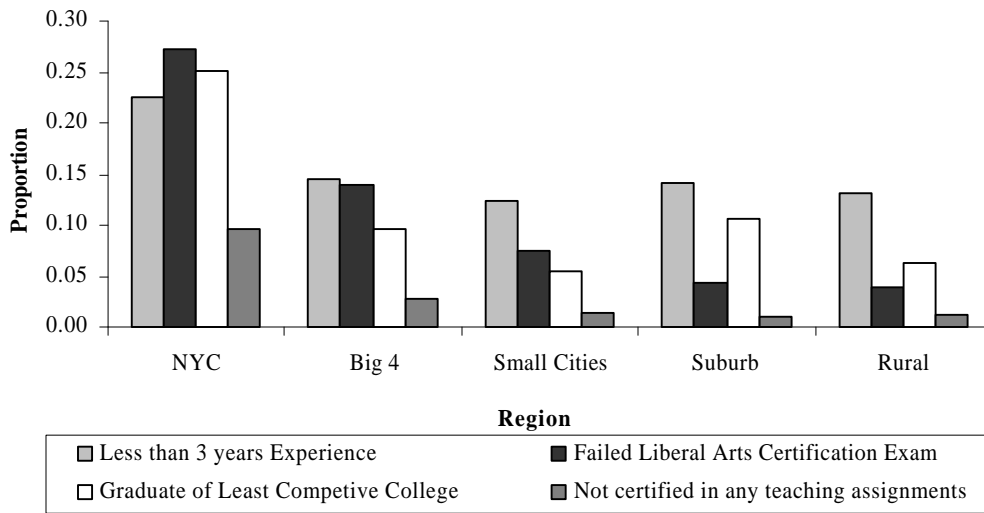


Figure 4
Proportion of All NYS Public Teachers having Various Attributes by Primary Teaching Assignment, 1998-99

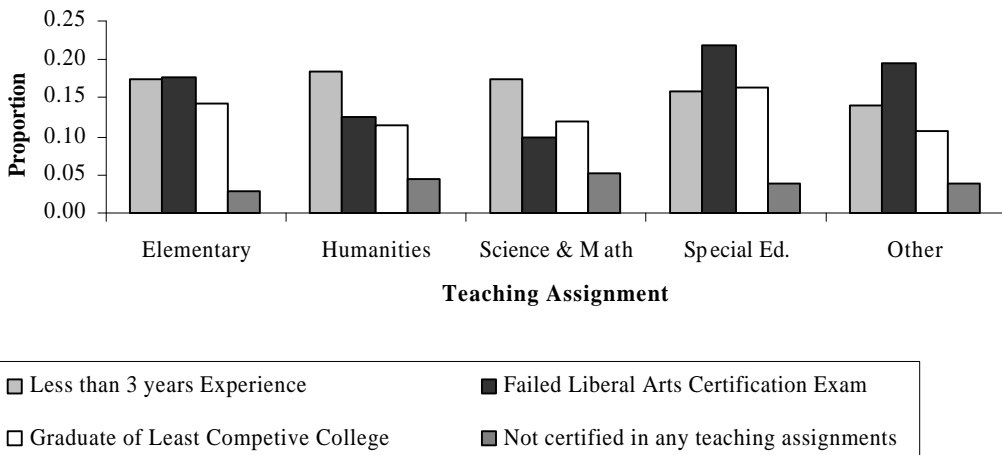


Figure 5
Proportion of All Teachers having Various Attributes by Metropolitan Area and Urbanicity, 1998-99

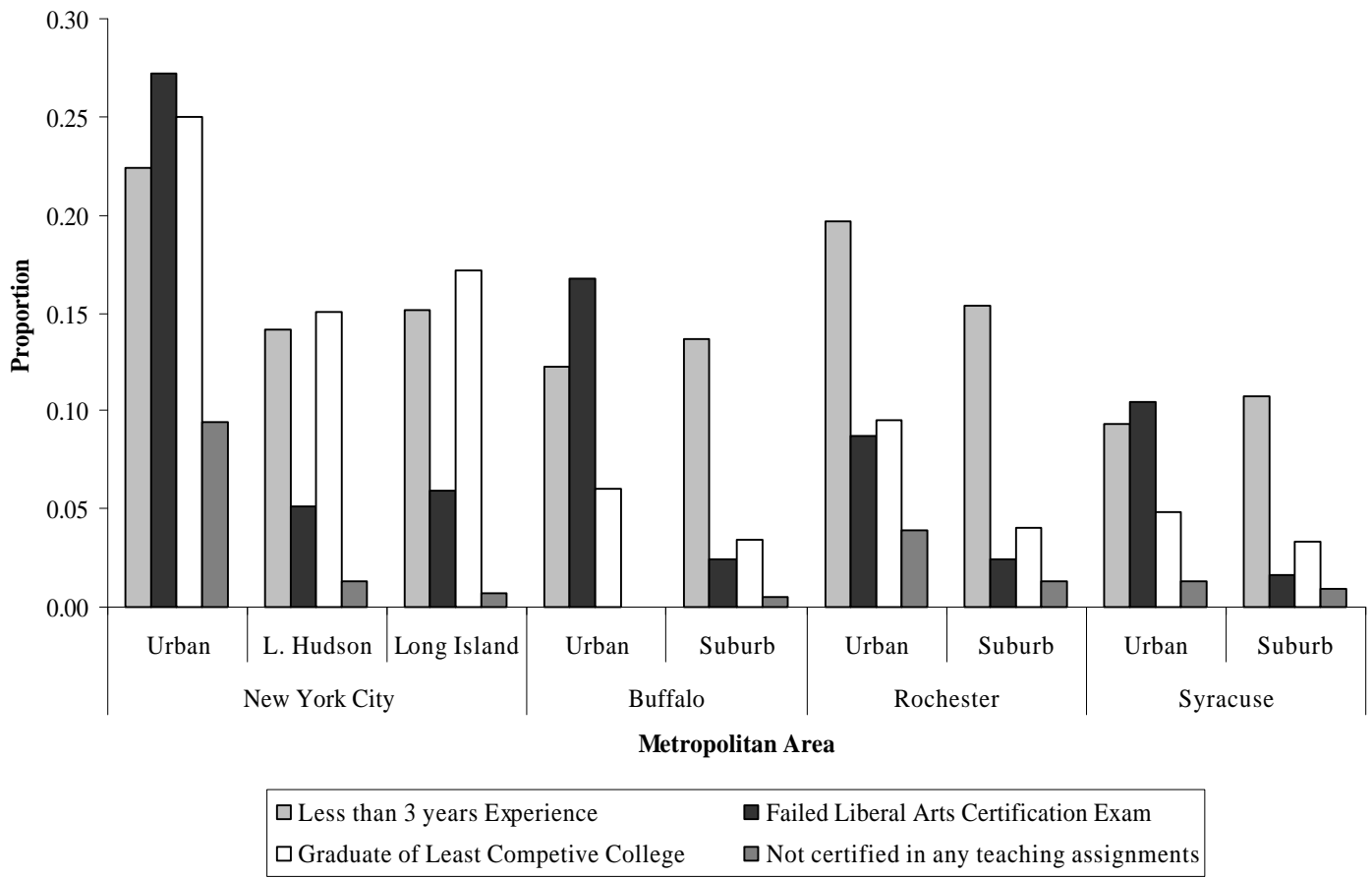


Figure 6
Average Attributes of Teachers Teaching Poor and Non Poor Students by Region,
1998-99

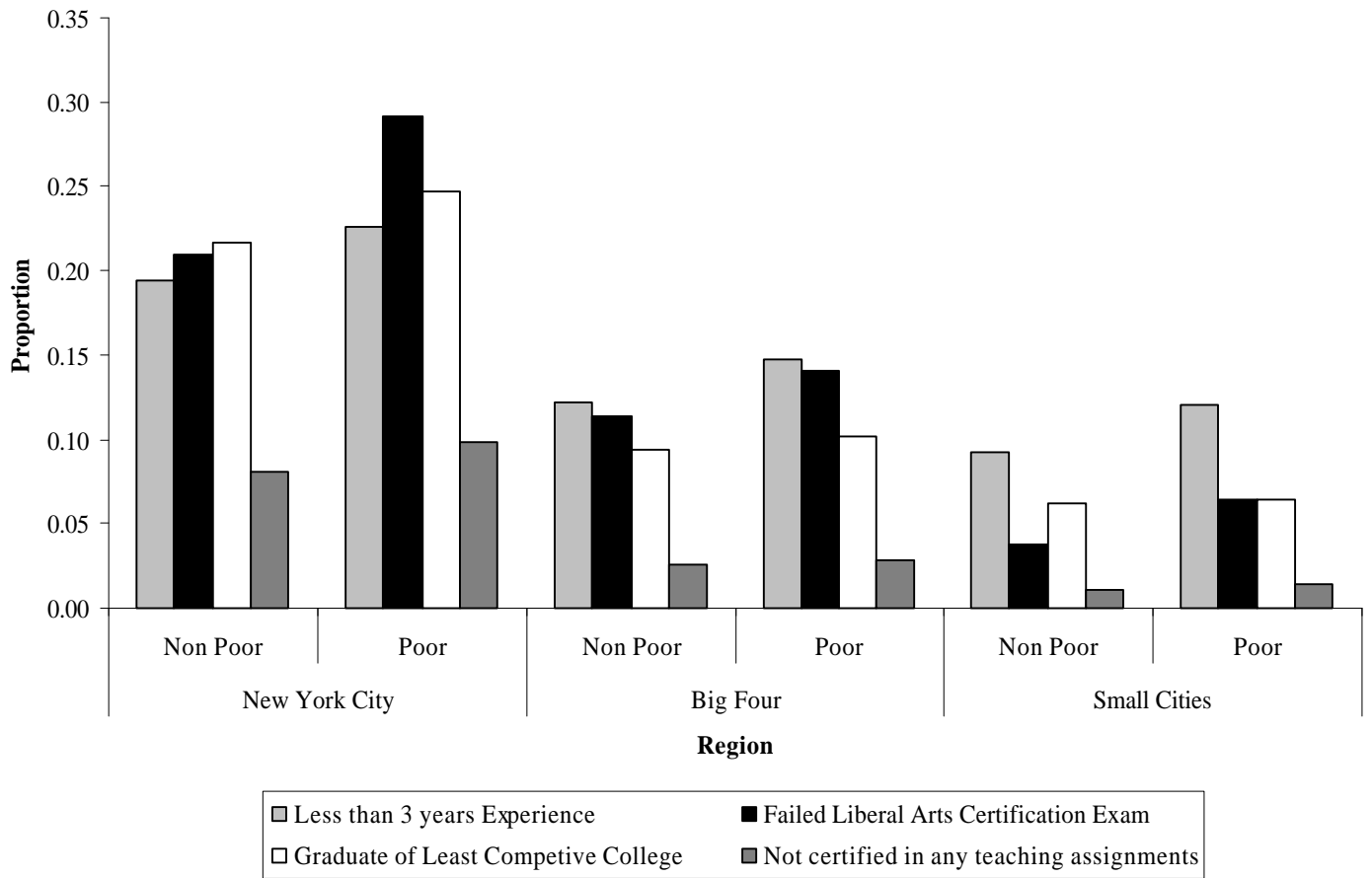


Figure 7
Average Attributes of Teachers Teaching White and Black and Latino Students by
Region, 1998-99

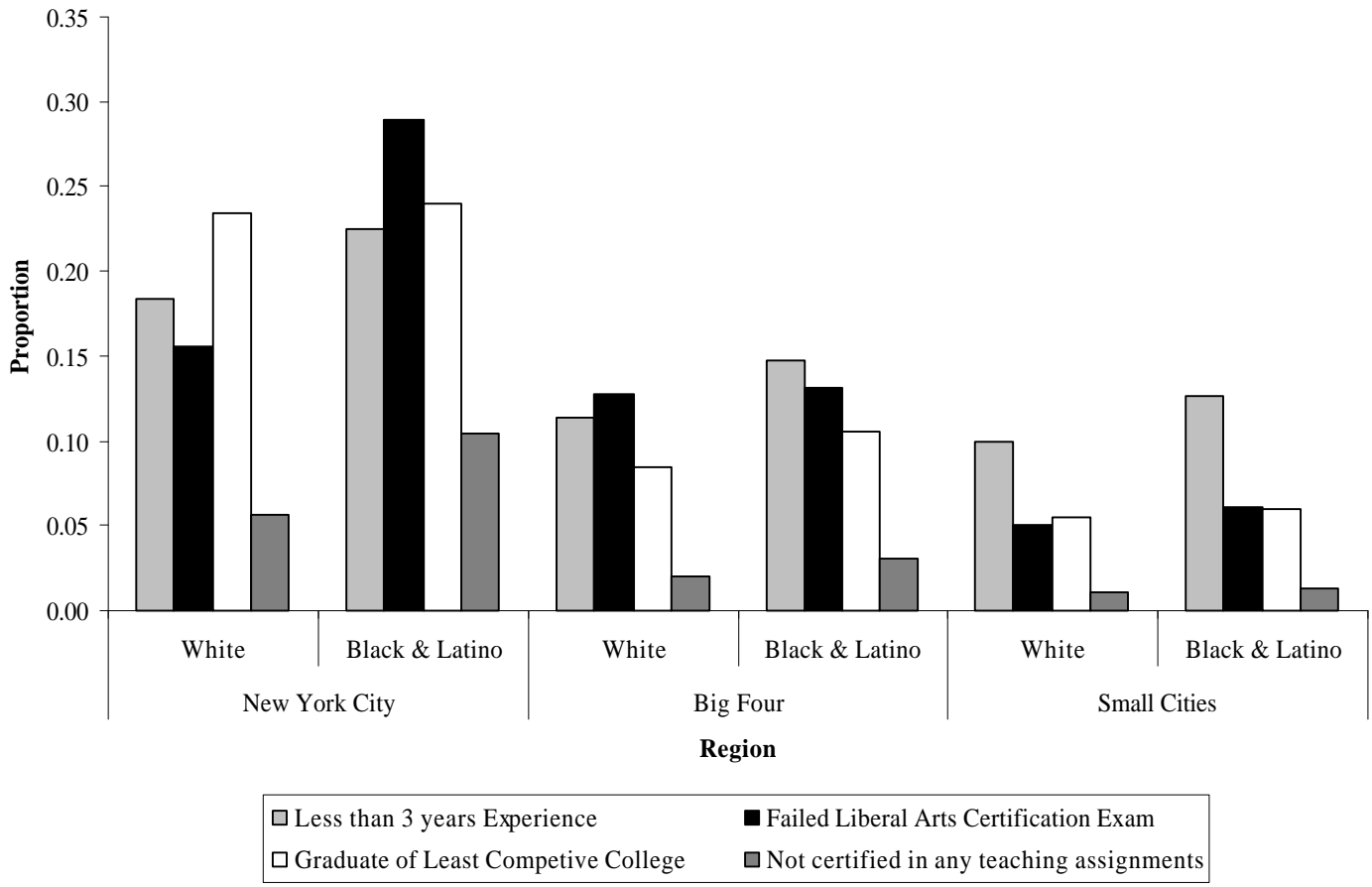


Figure 8
Proportion of New Hires Who are Transfers, by Region

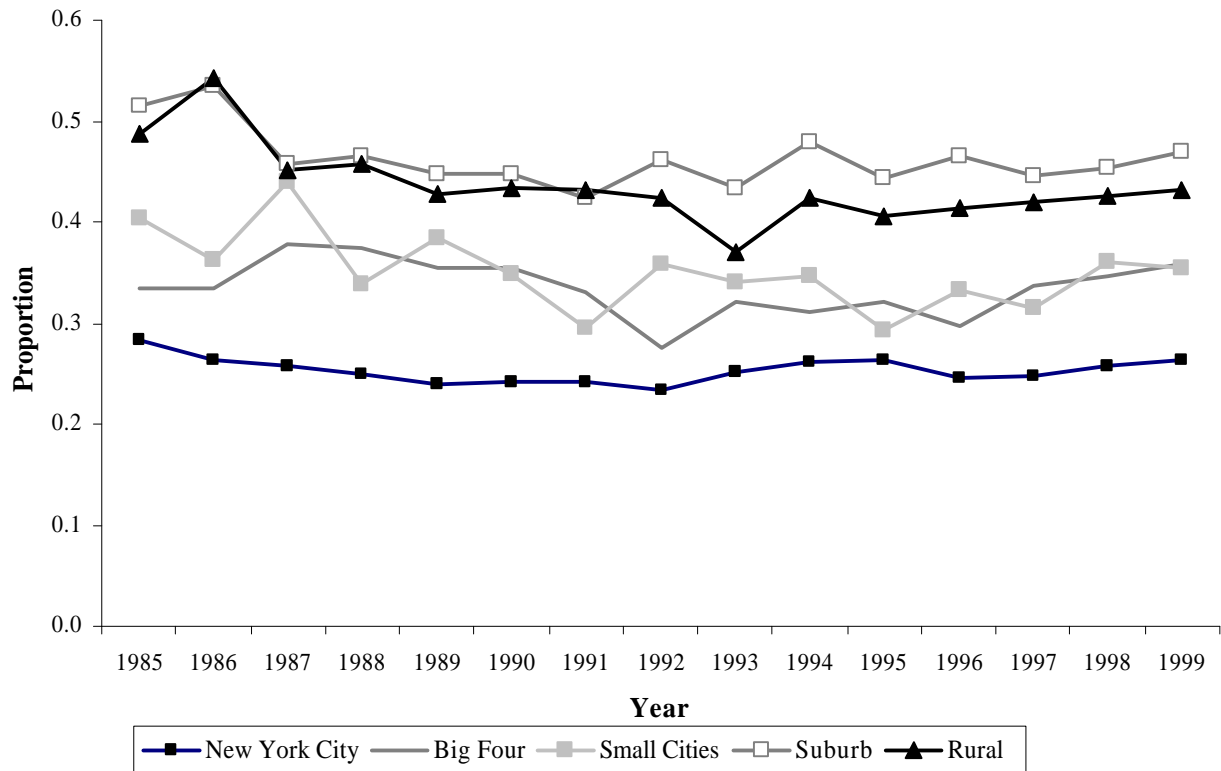


Figure 9
Proportion of New Hires having No Prior Experience, by Region

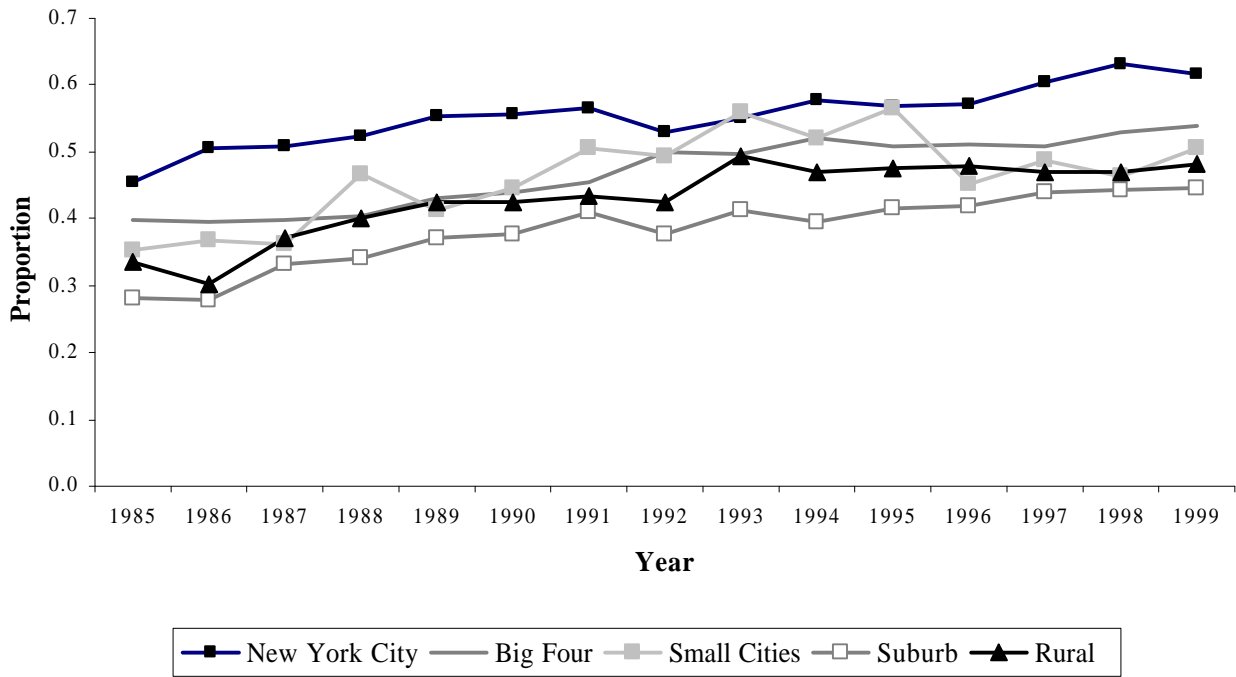


Figure 10
Proportion of Novice Teachers Not Certified in Any Teaching Assignment by Region, 1985-99

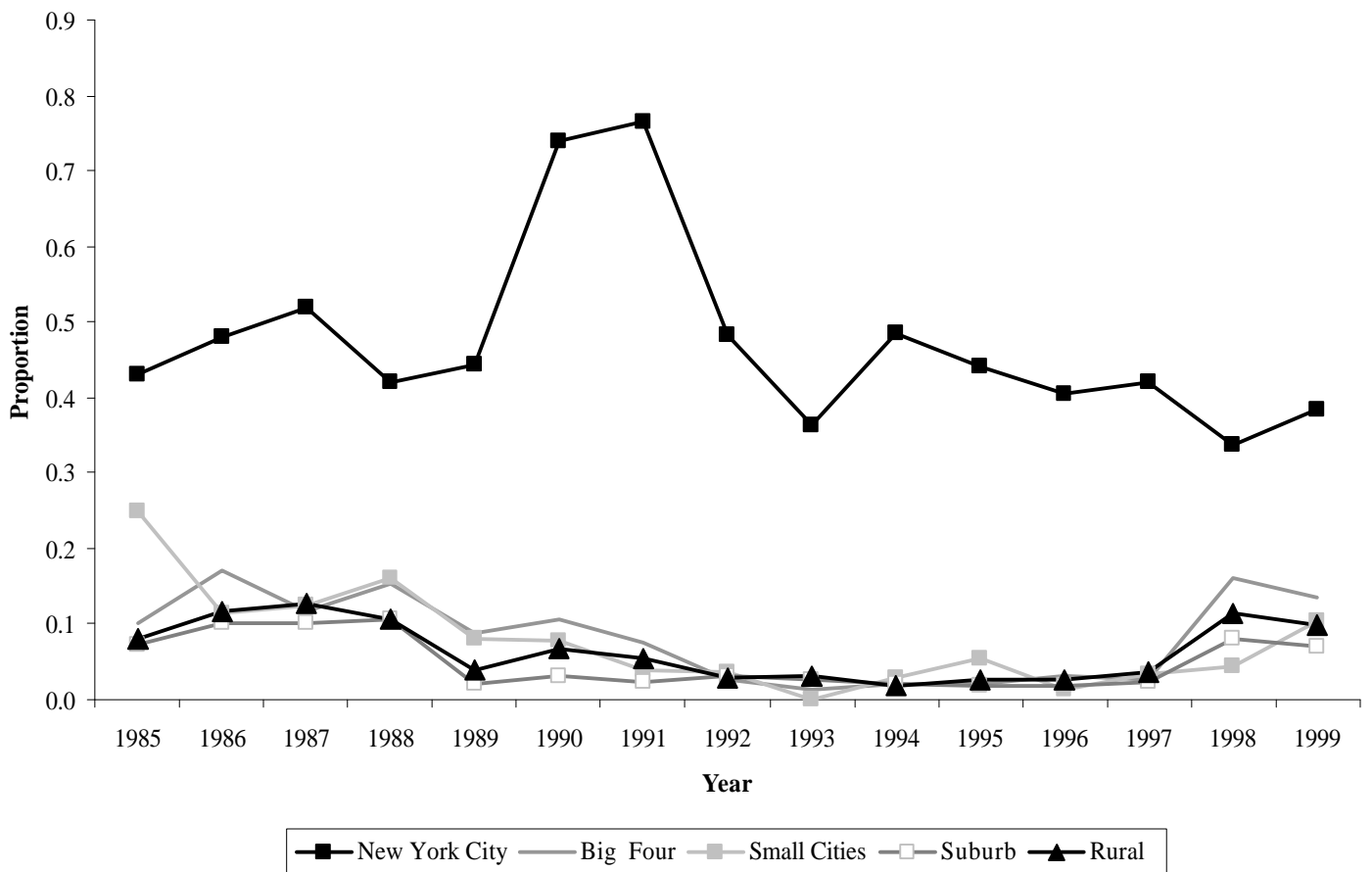


Figure 11
Proportion of Novice Teachers Failing NTE General Knowledge Certification Exam

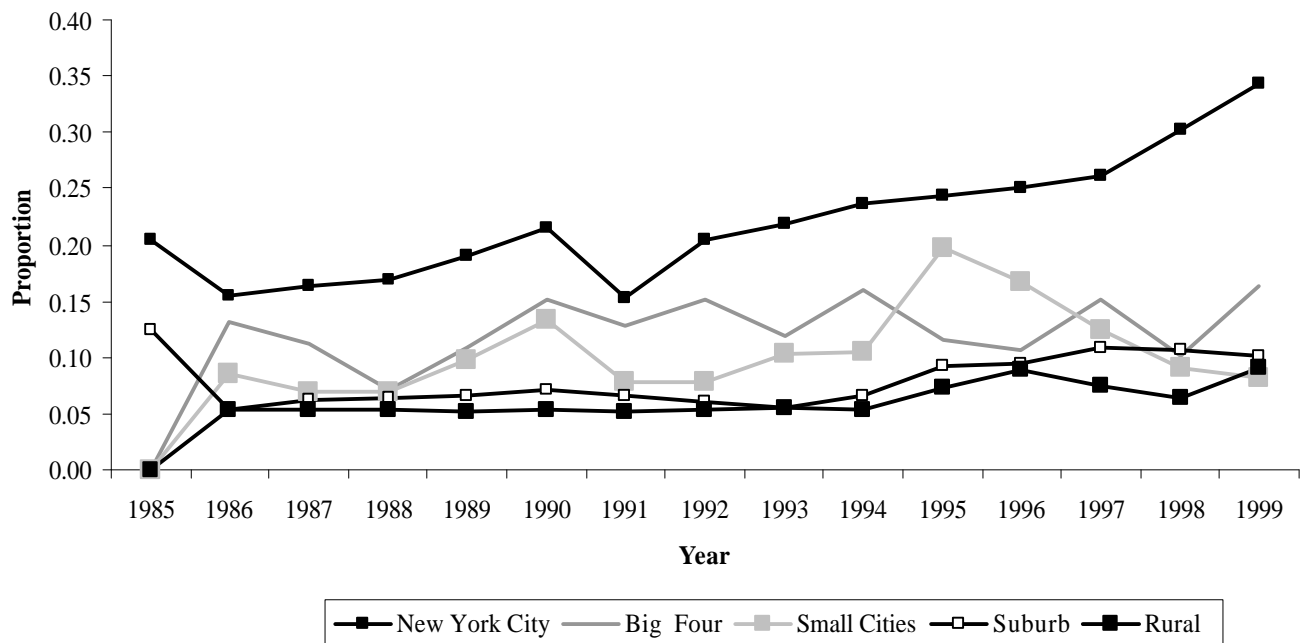


Figure 12
Proportion of Novice Teachers Not Certified in Any Teaching Assignment, by
Predominant Teaching Assignment, 1985-99

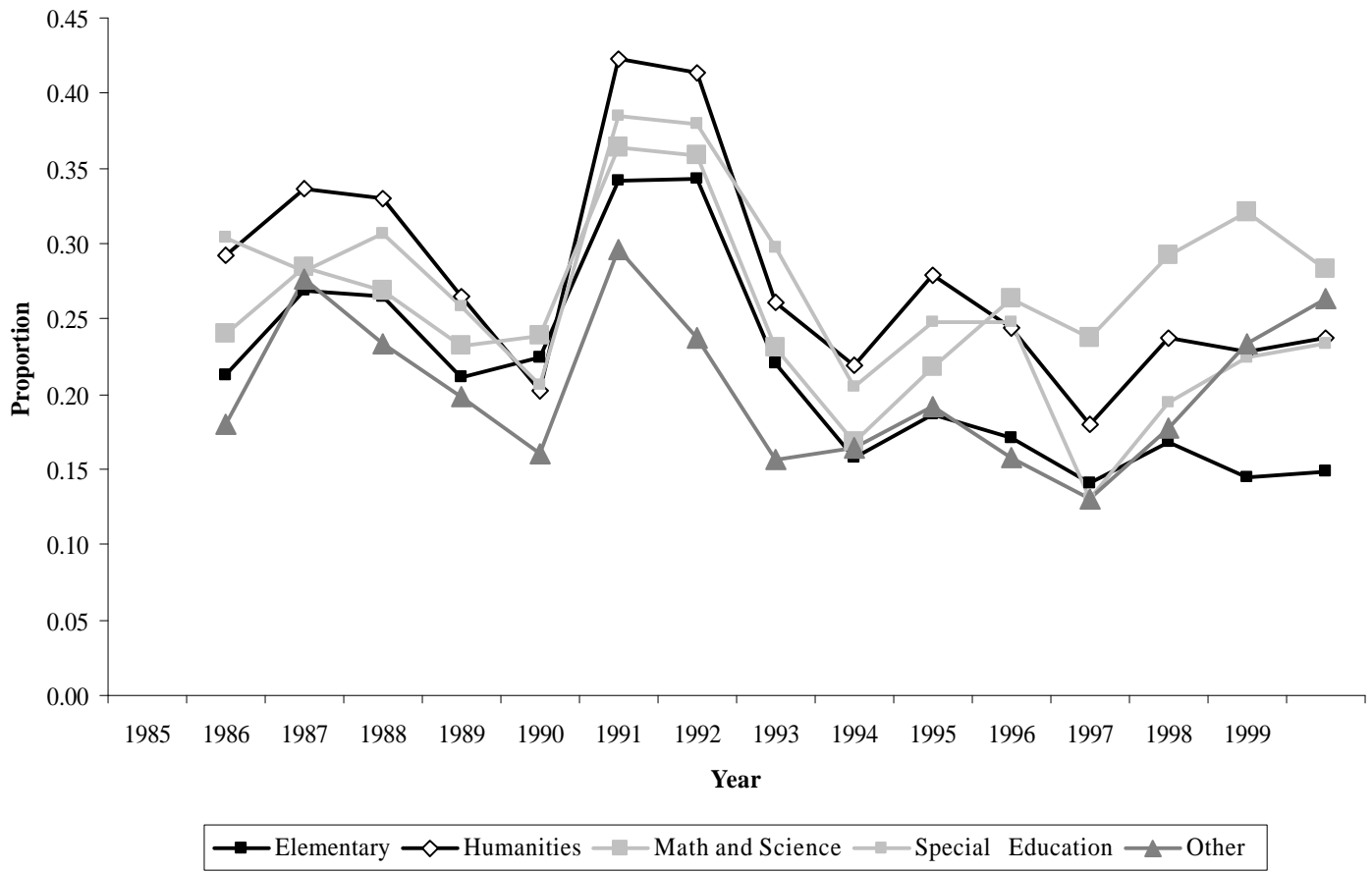


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Proportion of Novice Teachers Failing the NTE General Knowledge Certification
Exam by Predominant Teaching Assignment, 1985-99

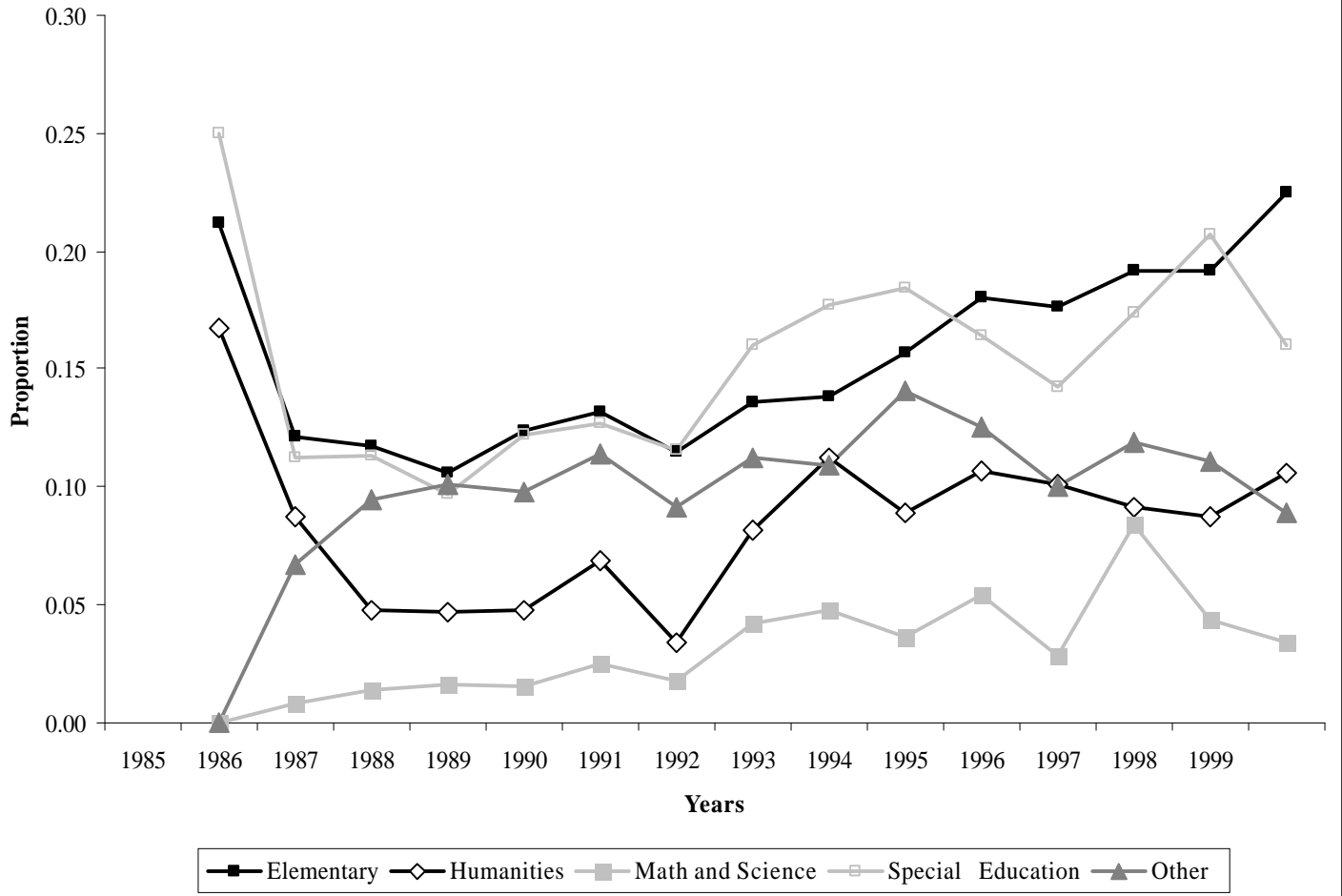


Figure 14
Estimated Real Salaries for Teachers having an MA and No Prior Experience, New York City Metropolitan Area

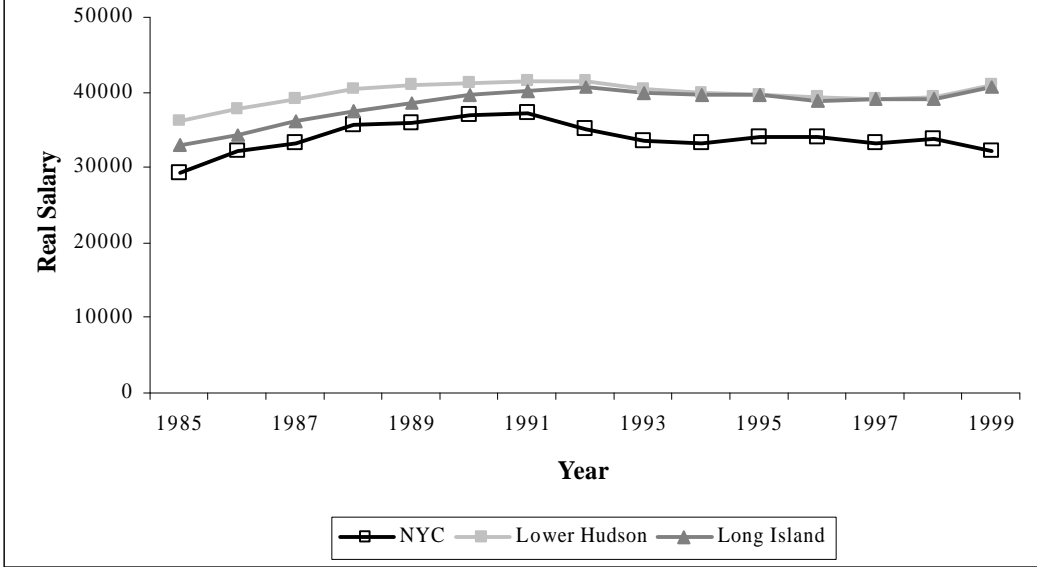


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Estimated Real Salaries for Teachers having an MA and 20 Years Experience, New York City Metropolitan Area

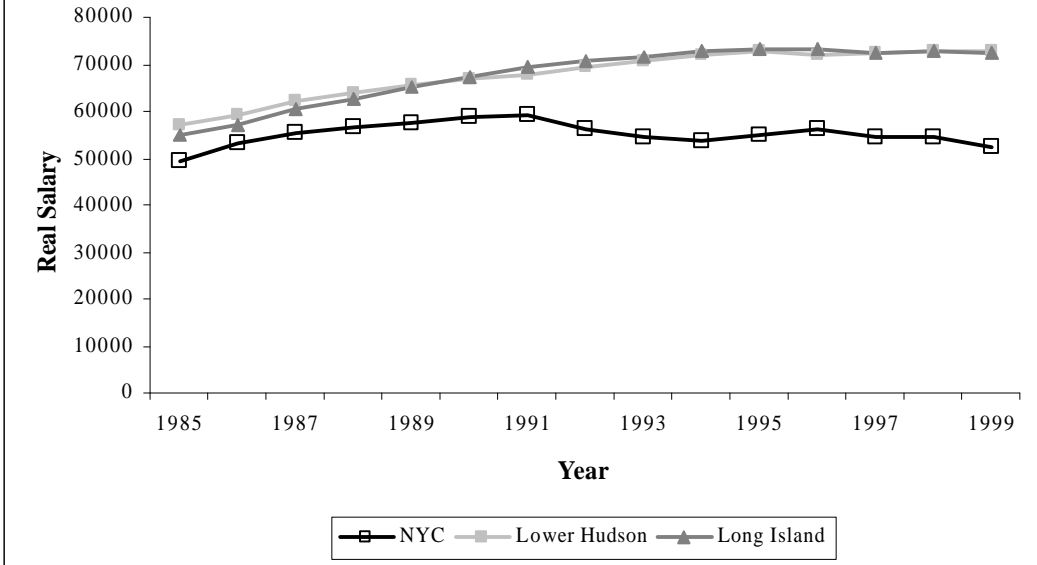


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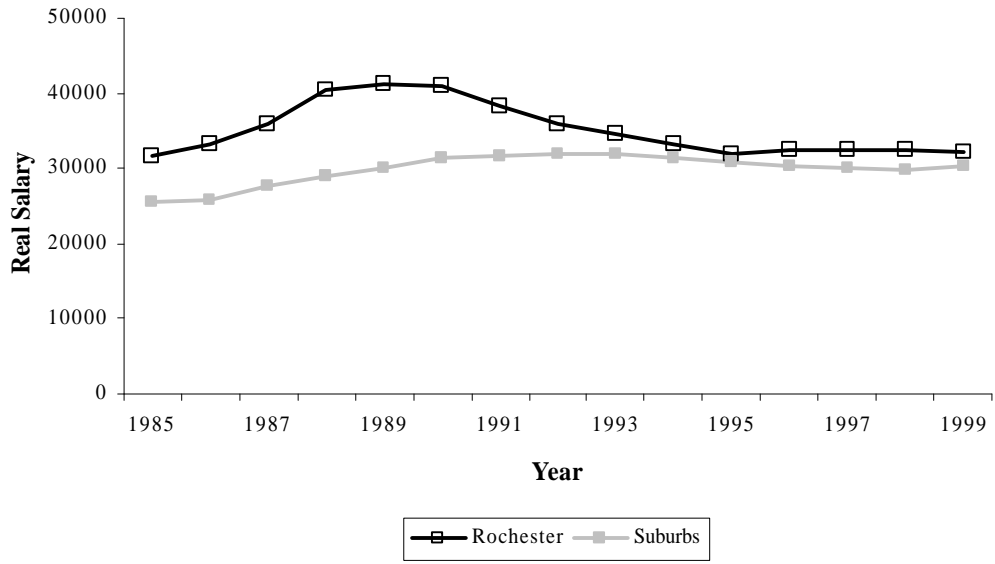


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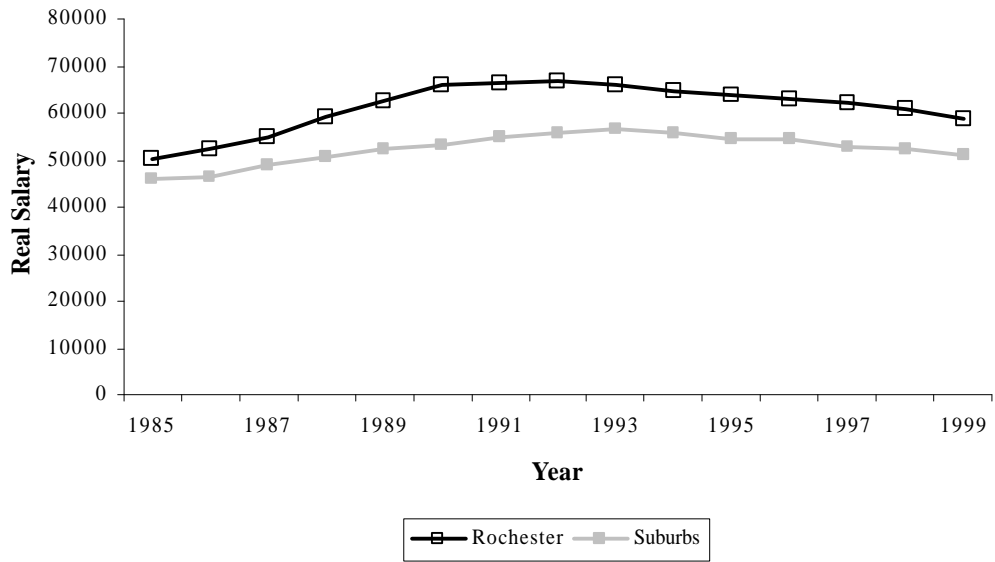


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Estimated Real Salaries for Teachers having an MA and No Prior Experience, Buffalo Metropolitan Area

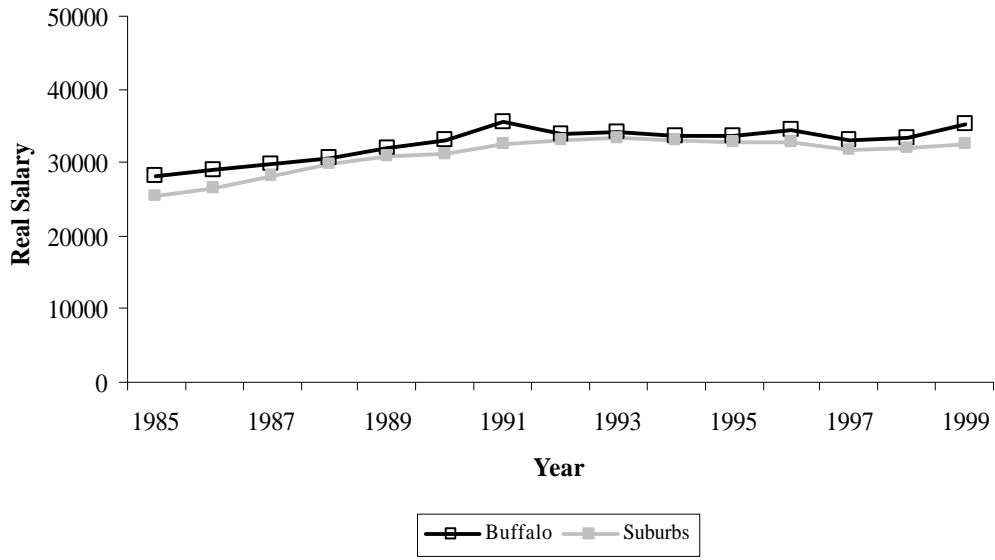


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Estimated Real Salaries for Teachers having an MA and 20 Years Experience, Buffalo Metropolitan Area

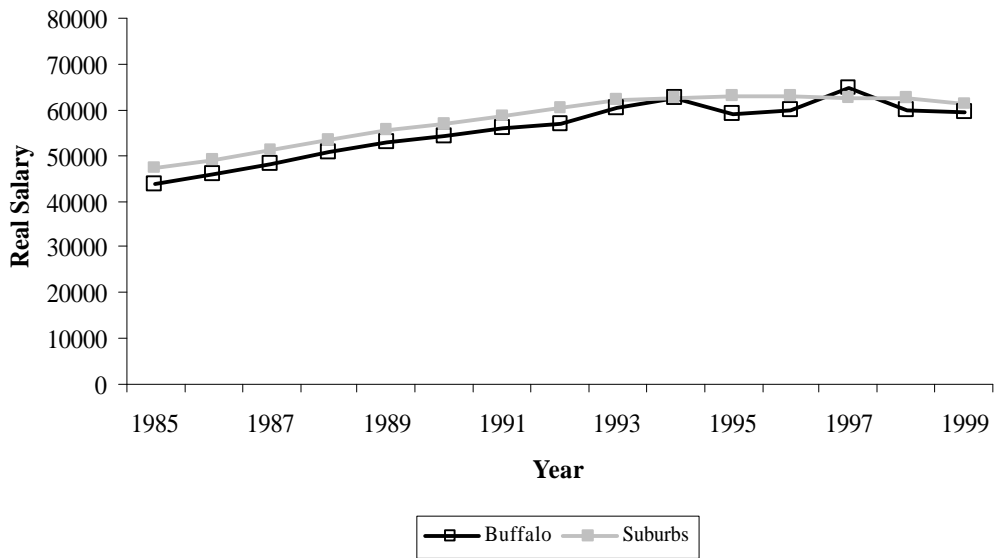


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Estimated Real Salaries for Teachers having an MA and No Prior Experience, Syracuse Metropolitan Area

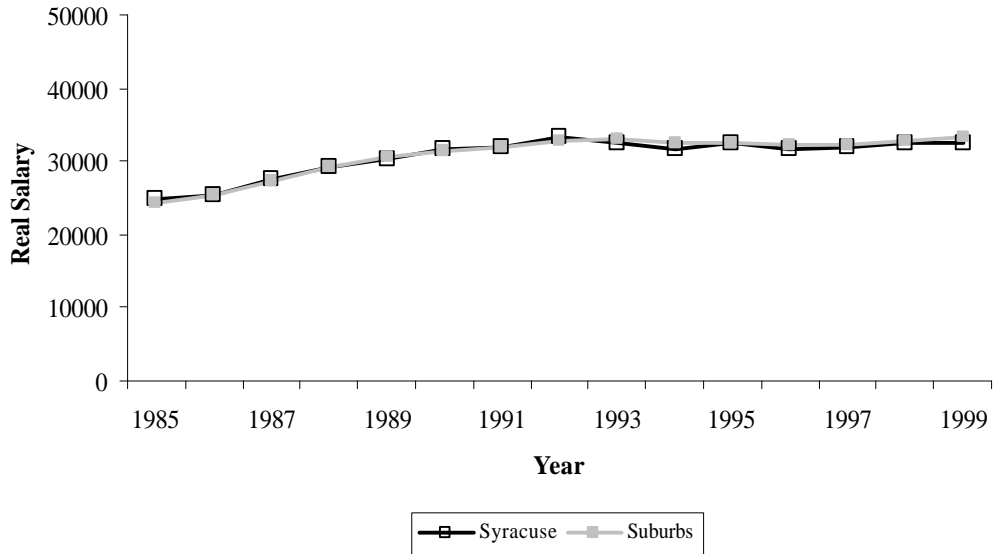
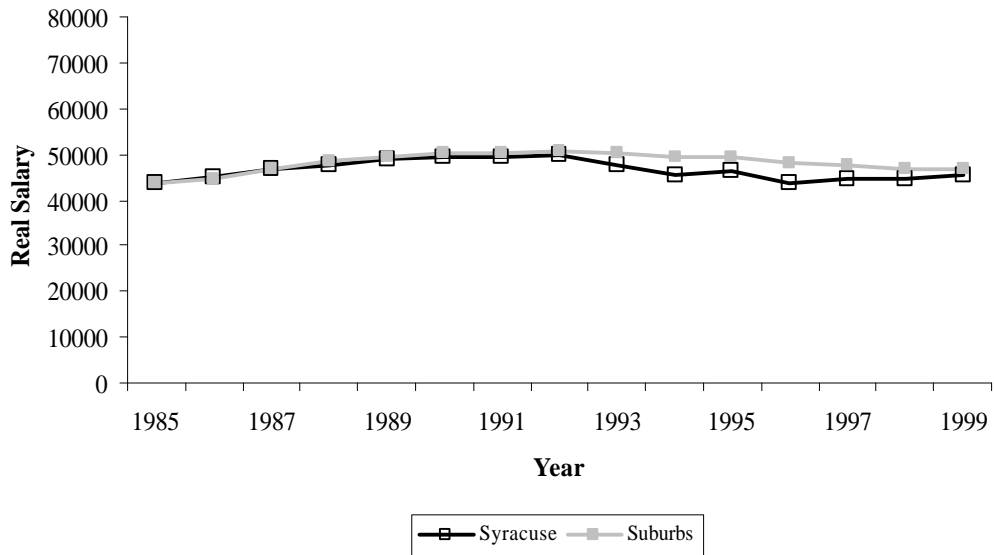


Figure 21
Estimated Real Salaries for Teachers having an MA and 20 Years Experience, Syracuse Metropolitan Area



Appendix A
Analysis of Teacher Attributes 1998-99

Table A-1
Proportion of All New York State Public Teachers with Various Attributes by Region, 1998-99

| Teacher Attributes | New York City | Big Four | Small Cities | Suburb | Rural | New York State |
|--|------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------|-------|-------------------|
| Female | 0.733 | 0.746 | 0.751 | 0.728 | 0.711 | 0.728 |
| Experience | | | | | | |
| No Experience | 0.077 | 0.053 | 0.051 | 0.046 | 0.047 | 0.057 |
| < 3 years Experience | 0.225 | 0.145 | 0.124 | 0.141 | 0.132 | 0.166 |
| Education | | | | | | |
| Bachelors degree or less | 0.138 | 0.108 | 0.090 | 0.089 | 0.116 | 0.110 |
| Masters degree | 0.402 | 0.639 | 0.660 | 0.596 | 0.745 | 0.566 |
| Certification Status | | | | | | |
| Not certified in any teaching assignments | 0.096 | 0.027 | 0.013 | 0.009 | 0.012 | 0.038 |
| Provisionally certified in at least 1 assignment, permanently certified in no assignments | 0.211 | 0.204 | 0.152 | 0.160 | 0.158 | 0.177 |
| Permanently certified in some assignments | 0.052 | 0.024 | 0.029 | 0.031 | 0.041 | 0.039 |
| Permanently certified in all assignments | 0.642 | 0.745 | 0.807 | 0.800 | 0.789 | 0.746 |
| Performance on NTE Exams (of test takers) | | | | | | |
| Fail Communication Skills | 0.234 | 0.111 | 0.066 | 0.050 | 0.047 | 0.114 |
| Fail General Knowledge | 0.288 | 0.144 | 0.111 | 0.083 | 0.066 | 0.152 |
| Fail Professional Knowledge | 0.196 | 0.068 | 0.041 | 0.039 | 0.032 | 0.092 |
| Performance on NYSTCE Exams (of test takers) | | | | | | |
| Fail Liberal Arts | 0.273 | 0.139 | 0.074 | 0.044 | 0.039 | 0.164 |
| Fail Elementary ATS-W | 0.227 | 0.072 | 0.037 | 0.027 | 0.023 | 0.135 |
| Fail Secondary ATS-W | 0.227 | 0.103 | 0.008 | 0.031 | 0.032 | 0.119 |
| Barron's ranking of Undergraduate College | | | | | | |
| Most or highly competitive | 0.085 | 0.125 | 0.088 | 0.123 | 0.111 | 0.111 |
| Very competitive | 0.196 | 0.202 | 0.209 | 0.218 | 0.260 | 0.220 |
| Competitive | 0.467 | 0.577 | 0.649 | 0.553 | 0.566 | 0.537 |
| Least competitive | 0.251 | 0.096 | 0.054 | 0.105 | 0.063 | 0.132 |

* Buffalo is excluded from certification status calculations. Buffalo has its own certification system.

Table A-2
Proportion of All New York State Public Teachers with Various Attributes by Metropolitan Areas and Urbanicity, 1998-99

| Teacher Attributes | Albany/ Schenectady/Troy | | Buffalo | | New York City | | Long Island | Rochester | |
|--|-----------------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------------|--------|----------------|-----------|--------|
| | Urban | Suburb | Urban | Suburb | Urban | Suburb | Suburb | Urban | Suburb |
| Female | 0.752 | 0.735 | 0.744 | 0.702 | 0.733 | 0.728 | 0.735 | 0.733 | 0.729 |
| Experience | | | | | | | | | |
| No Experience | 0.048 | 0.042 | 0.053 | 0.046 | 0.077 | 0.044 | 0.048 | 0.071 | 0.053 |
| < 3 years Experience | 0.132 | 0.124 | 0.122 | 0.136 | 0.224 | 0.141 | 0.152 | 0.197 | 0.154 |
| Education | | | | | | | | | |
| Bachelors degree or less | 0.083 | 0.082 | 0.103 | 0.111 | 0.137 | 0.057 | 0.078 | 0.137 | 0.126 |
| Masters degree | 0.793 | 0.774 | 0.583 | 0.703 | 0.405 | 0.492 | 0.454 | 0.708 | 0.750 |
| Certification Status* | | | | | | | | | |
| Not certified in any teaching assignments | 0.015 | 0.007 | na | 0.005 | 0.094 | 0.013 | 0.007 | 0.039 | 0.013 |
| Provisionally certified in at least 1 assignment, permanently certified in no assignments | 0.151 | 0.145 | na | 0.156 | 0.210 | 0.161 | 0.168 | 0.247 | 0.174 |
| Permanently certified in some assignments | 0.037 | 0.040 | na | 0.026 | 0.051 | 0.042 | 0.026 | 0.028 | 0.026 |
| Permanently certified in all assignments | 0.798 | 0.808 | na | 0.813 | 0.646 | 0.784 | 0.798 | 0.686 | 0.787 |
| Performance on NTE Exams (of test takers) | | | | | | | | | |
| Fail Communication Skills | 0.045 | 0.039 | 0.106 | 0.050 | 0.232 | 0.054 | 0.056 | 0.104 | 0.044 |
| Fail General Knowledge | 0.087 | 0.064 | 0.144 | 0.069 | 0.286 | 0.097 | 0.104 | 0.128 | 0.058 |
| Fail Professional Knowledge | 0.031 | 0.024 | 0.065 | 0.029 | 0.195 | 0.043 | 0.051 | 0.056 | 0.030 |
| Performance on NYSTCE Exams | | | | | | | | | |
| Fail Liberal Arts | 0.062 | 0.031 | 0.168 | 0.024 | 0.272 | 0.051 | 0.059 | 0.087 | 0.024 |
| Fail Elementary ATS-W | 0.000 | 0.013 | 0.143 | 0.009 | 0.225 | 0.035 | 0.037 | 0.031 | 0.011 |
| Fail Secondary ATS-W | 0.015 | 0.016 | 0.105 | 0.018 | 0.226 | 0.044 | 0.041 | 0.052 | 0.014 |
| Barron's ranking of Undergraduate College | | | | | | | | | |
| Most or highly competitive | 0.070 | 0.092 | 0.036 | 0.065 | 0.085 | 0.142 | 0.087 | 0.187 | 0.234 |
| Very competitive | 0.235 | 0.238 | 0.196 | 0.234 | 0.195 | 0.208 | 0.227 | 0.255 | 0.226 |
| Competitive | 0.642 | 0.631 | 0.709 | 0.668 | 0.471 | 0.499 | 0.514 | 0.464 | 0.500 |
| Least competitive | 0.053 | 0.039 | 0.060 | 0.034 | 0.250 | 0.151 | 0.172 | 0.095 | 0.040 |

* Buffalo is excluded from certification status calculations. Buffalo has its own certification system.

Table A-2 continued

Proportion of All New York State Public Teachers with Various Attributes by Metropolitan Areas and Urbanicity, 1998-99

| Teacher Attributes | Syracuse | | Utica/Rome | | Mid Hudson | Southern Tier | North Country |
|--|----------|--------|------------|--------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Urban | Suburb | Urban | Suburb | Rural | Rural | Rural |
| Female | 0.769 | 0.725 | 0.763 | 0.717 | 0.719 | 0.707 | 0.705 |
| Experience | | | | | | | |
| No Experience | 0.026 | 0.034 | 0.049 | 0.045 | 0.053 | 0.046 | 0.039 |
| < 3 years Experience | 0.093 | 0.107 | 0.096 | 0.123 | 0.144 | 0.132 | 0.115 |
| Education | | | | | | | |
| Bachelors degree or less | 0.095 | 0.101 | 0.078 | 0.101 | 0.116 | 0.125 | 0.101 |
| Masters degree | 0.726 | 0.745 | 0.568 | 0.767 | 0.732 | 0.745 | 0.765 |
| Certification Status | | | | | | | |
| Not certified in any teaching assignments | 0.013 | 0.009 | 0.009 | 0.010 | 0.012 | 0.011 | 0.012 |
| Provisionally certified in at least 1 assignment, permanently certified in no assignments | 0.160 | 0.140 | 0.114 | 0.134 | 0.169 | 0.161 | 0.136 |
| Permanently certified in some assignments | 0.026 | 0.026 | 0.017 | 0.044 | 0.037 | 0.040 | 0.050 |
| Permanently certified in all assignments | 0.801 | 0.825 | 0.860 | 0.812 | 0.782 | 0.788 | 0.802 |
| Performance on NTE Exams (of test takers) | | | | | | | |
| Fail Communication Skills | 0.087 | 0.042 | 0.086 | 0.055 | 0.047 | 0.045 | 0.051 |
| Fail General Knowledge | 0.103 | 0.060 | 0.128 | 0.079 | 0.070 | 0.059 | 0.072 |
| Fail Professional Knowledge | 0.041 | 0.028 | 0.045 | 0.057 | 0.037 | 0.028 | 0.033 |
| Performance on NYSTCE Exams | | | | | | | |
| Fail Liberal Arts | 0.104 | 0.016 | 0.082 | 0.037 | 0.054 | 0.020 | 0.040 |
| Fail Elementary ATS-W | 0.019 | 0.013 | 0.037 | 0.007 | 0.024 | 0.023 | 0.022 |
| Fail Secondary ATS-W | 0.033 | 0.022 | 0.000 | 0.031 | 0.047 | 0.022 | 0.021 |
| Barron's ranking of Undergraduate College | | | | | | | |
| Most or highly competitive | 0.226 | 0.167 | 0.144 | 0.145 | 0.081 | 0.158 | 0.081 |
| Very competitive | 0.179 | 0.169 | 0.178 | 0.156 | 0.334 | 0.266 | 0.135 |
| Competitive | 0.547 | 0.631 | 0.608 | 0.656 | 0.485 | 0.544 | 0.728 |
| Least competitive | 0.048 | 0.033 | 0.070 | 0.043 | 0.101 | 0.032 | 0.056 |

Table A-3

Proportion of All New York State Public Teachers with Various Attributes by Predominant Teaching Assignment, 1998-99

| Teacher Attributes | Elem-entary | Human-ities | Math and Science | Special Education | Other |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Female | 0.857 | 0.615 | 0.500 | 0.840 | 0.658 |
| Experience | | | | | |
| No Experience | 0.059 | 0.061 | 0.058 | 0.055 | 0.049 |
| < 3 years Experience | 0.174 | 0.184 | 0.174 | 0.158 | 0.140 |
| Education | | | | | |
| Bachelors degree or less | 0.122 | 0.110 | 0.103 | 0.077 | 0.088 |
| Masters degree | 0.591 | 0.547 | 0.525 | 0.573 | 0.557 |
| Certification Status* | | | | | |
| Not certified in any teaching assignments | 0.028 | 0.045 | 0.052 | 0.039 | 0.040 |
| Provisionally certified in at least 1 assignment, permanently certified in no assignments | 0.189 | 0.210 | 0.183 | 0.147 | 0.145 |
| Permanently certified in some assignments | 0.013 | 0.068 | 0.065 | 0.015 | 0.041 |
| Permanently certified in all assignments | 0.771 | 0.674 | 0.701 | 0.799 | 0.774 |
| Performance on NTE Exams (of test takers) | | | | | |
| Fail Communication Skills | 0.117 | 0.100 | 0.094 | 0.124 | 0.107 |
| Fail General Knowledge | 0.185 | 0.120 | 0.053 | 0.182 | 0.131 |
| Fail Professional Knowledge | 0.091 | 0.097 | 0.086 | 0.080 | 0.091 |
| Performance on NYSTCE Exams | | | | | |
| Fail Liberal Arts | 0.178 | 0.126 | 0.099 | 0.219 | 0.196 |
| Fail Elementary ATS-W | 0.118 | 0.293 | 0.125 | 0.146 | 0.156 |
| Fail Secondary ATS-W | 0.176 | 0.088 | 0.102 | 0.249 | 0.173 |
| Barron's ranking of Undergraduate College | | | | | |
| Most or highly competitive | 0.090 | 0.142 | 0.138 | 0.136 | 0.098 |
| Very competitive | 0.196 | 0.300 | 0.246 | 0.184 | 0.231 |
| Competitive | 0.572 | 0.443 | 0.497 | 0.516 | 0.565 |
| Least competitive | 0.143 | 0.115 | 0.120 | 0.163 | 0.107 |

* Buffalo is excluded from certification status calculations. Buffalo has its own certification system.

Table A-4a
Average Attributes of New York State Public Teachers for Poor and Non Poor Students by Region, 1998-99

| Teacher Attributes | New York City | | Big Four | | Small Cities | |
|--|---------------|-------|----------|-------|--------------|-------|
| | Non Poor | Poor | Non Poor | Poor | Non Poor | Poor |
| Female | 0.609 | 0.712 | 0.663 | 0.728 | 0.658 | 0.727 |
| Experience | | | | | | |
| No Experience | 0.06 | 0.077 | 0.044 | 0.054 | 0.037 | 0.049 |
| < 3 years Experience | 0.194 | 0.226 | 0.122 | 0.148 | 0.092 | 0.12 |
| Education | | | | | | |
| Bachelors degree or less | 0.113 | 0.143 | 0.098 | 0.107 | 0.062 | 0.081 |
| Masters degree | 0.344 | 0.401 | 0.629 | 0.627 | 0.693 | 0.726 |
| Certification Status* | | | | | | |
| Not certified in any teaching assignments | 0.081 | 0.098 | 0.026 | 0.028 | 0.01 | 0.014 |
| Provisionally certified in at least 1 assignment, permanently certified in no assignments | 0.188 | 0.214 | 0.168 | 0.203 | 0.119 | 0.141 |
| Permanently certified in some assignments | 0.074 | 0.053 | 0.036 | 0.025 | 0.043 | 0.035 |
| Permanently certified in all assignments | 0.657 | 0.635 | 0.77 | 0.745 | 0.828 | 0.811 |
| Performance on NTE Exams (of test takers) | | | | | | |
| Fail Communication Skills | 0.185 | 0.248 | 0.1 | 0.119 | 0.059 | 0.063 |
| Fail General Knowledge | 0.193 | 0.294 | 0.117 | 0.15 | 0.082 | 0.1 |
| Fail Professional Knowledge | 0.165 | 0.213 | 0.059 | 0.074 | 0.05 | 0.043 |
| Performance on NYSTCE Exams | | | | | | |
| Fail Liberal Arts | 0.21 | 0.291 | 0.114 | 0.14 | 0.038 | 0.064 |
| Fail Elementary ATS-W | 0.197 | 0.241 | 0.045 | 0.069 | 0.022 | 0.017 |
| Fail Secondary ATS-W | 0.191 | 0.246 | 0.095 | 0.111 | 0.009 | 0.015 |
| Barron's ranking of Undergraduate College | | | | | | |
| Most or highly competitive | 0.099 | 0.083 | 0.144 | 0.117 | 0.103 | 0.099 |
| Very competitive | 0.232 | 0.199 | 0.212 | 0.196 | 0.28 | 0.239 |
| Competitive | 0.452 | 0.472 | 0.55 | 0.585 | 0.555 | 0.598 |
| Less or none competitive or no rating | 0.217 | 0.247 | 0.094 | 0.102 | 0.062 | 0.064 |

* Buffalo is excluded from certification status calculations. Buffalo has its own certification system.

Table A-4 continued
Average Attributes of New York State Public Teachers for Poor and Non Poor Students by Region, 1998-99

| Teacher Attributes | Suburbs | | Rural | | New York State | |
|--|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| | Non Poor | Poor | Non Poor | Poor | Non Poor | Poor |
| Female | 0.678 | 0.718 | 0.667 | 0.708 | 0.655 | 0.714 |
| Experience | | | | | | |
| No Experience | 0.044 | 0.045 | 0.047 | 0.046 | 0.049 | 0.069 |
| < 3 years Experience | 0.138 | 0.138 | 0.133 | 0.127 | 0.153 | 0.201 |
| Education | | | | | | |
| Bachelors degree or less | 0.08 | 0.086 | 0.103 | 0.105 | 0.094 | 0.13 |
| Masters degree | 0.571 | 0.573 | 0.742 | 0.743 | 0.53 | 0.468 |
| Certification Status* | | | | | | |
| Not certified in any teaching assignments | 0.007 | 0.01 | 0.009 | 0.011 | 0.03 | 0.076 |
| Provisionally certified in at least 1 assignment, permanently certified in no assignments | 0.16 | 0.162 | 0.162 | 0.156 | 0.168 | 0.201 |
| Permanently certified in some assignments | 0.033 | 0.029 | 0.041 | 0.039 | 0.047 | 0.047 |
| Permanently certified in all assignments | 0.8 | 0.799 | 0.788 | 0.795 | 0.754 | 0.676 |
| Performance on NTE Exams (of test takers) | | | | | | |
| Fail Communication Skills | 0.046 | 0.06 | 0.041 | 0.048 | 0.092 | 0.202 |
| Fail General Knowledge | 0.074 | 0.103 | 0.059 | 0.071 | 0.111 | 0.245 |
| Fail Professional Knowledge | 0.038 | 0.052 | 0.033 | 0.033 | 0.079 | 0.171 |
| Performance on NYSTCE Exams | | | | | | |
| Fail Liberal Arts | 0.034 | 0.06 | 0.036 | 0.05 | 0.113 | 0.259 |
| Fail Elementary ATS-W | 0.022 | 0.047 | 0.024 | 0.042 | 0.084 | 0.213 |
| Fail Secondary ATS-W | 0.025 | 0.047 | 0.028 | 0.037 | 0.105 | 0.214 |
| Barron's ranking of Undergraduate College | | | | | | |
| Most or highly competitive | 0.121 | 0.104 | 0.11 | 0.105 | 0.115 | 0.091 |
| Very competitive | 0.232 | 0.203 | 0.281 | 0.27 | 0.24 | 0.207 |
| Competitive | 0.54 | 0.566 | 0.539 | 0.557 | 0.52 | 0.506 |
| Less or none competitive or no rating | 0.106 | 0.127 | 0.069 | 0.068 | 0.125 | 0.197 |

* Buffalo is excluded from certification status calculations. Buffalo has its own certification system.

Table A-5
Average Attributes of New York State Public Teachers, Whites and Blacks and Latinos by Region, 1998-99

| Teacher Attributes | New York City | | Big Four | | Small Cities | |
|--|---------------|----------------|----------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| | White | Black & Latino | White | Black & Latino | White | Black & Latino |
| Female | 0.671 | 0.670 | 0.696 | 0.708 | 0.683 | 0.697 |
| Experience | | | | | | |
| No Experience | 0.060 | 0.075 | 0.039 | 0.055 | 0.039 | 0.051 |
| < 3 years Experience | 0.184 | 0.225 | 0.114 | 0.148 | 0.100 | 0.127 |
| Education | | | | | | |
| Bachelors degree or less | 0.097 | 0.144 | 0.093 | 0.108 | 0.075 | 0.087 |
| Masters degree | 0.334 | 0.394 | 0.638 | 0.626 | 0.642 | 0.698 |
| Certification Status* | | | | | | |
| Not certified in any teaching assignments | 0.056 | 0.104 | 0.020 | 0.030 | 0.011 | 0.013 |
| Provisionally certified in at least 1 assignment, permanently certified in no assignments | 0.175 | 0.213 | 0.165 | 0.198 | 0.138 | 0.154 |
| Permanently certified in some assignments | 0.074 | 0.059 | 0.031 | 0.029 | 0.036 | 0.038 |
| Permanently certified in all assignments | 0.695 | 0.624 | 0.784 | 0.744 | 0.815 | 0.795 |
| Performance on NTE Exams (of test takers) | | | | | | |
| Fail Communication Skills | 0.144 | 0.246 | 0.092 | 0.118 | 0.065 | 0.067 |
| Fail General Knowledge | 0.179 | 0.279 | 0.117 | 0.145 | 0.103 | 0.101 |
| Fail Professional Knowledge | 0.134 | 0.212 | 0.058 | 0.072 | 0.050 | 0.047 |
| Performance on NYSTCE Exams | | | | | | |
| Fail Liberal Arts | 0.156 | 0.289 | 0.128 | 0.131 | 0.050 | 0.061 |
| Fail Elementary ATS-W | 0.138 | 0.251 | 0.051 | 0.063 | 0.044 | 0.030 |
| Fail Secondary ATS-W | 0.149 | 0.241 | 0.100 | 0.106 | 0.010 | 0.007 |
| Barron's ranking of Undergraduate College | | | | | | |
| Most or highly competitive | 0.086 | 0.089 | 0.134 | 0.125 | 0.097 | 0.085 |
| Very competitive | 0.213 | 0.202 | 0.200 | 0.203 | 0.244 | 0.251 |
| Competitive | 0.468 | 0.470 | 0.582 | 0.567 | 0.604 | 0.604 |
| Least competitive | 0.234 | 0.240 | 0.084 | 0.105 | 0.055 | 0.060 |

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Table A-5 continued
Average Attributes of New York State Public Teachers, Whites and Blacks and Latinos by Region, 1998-99

| Teacher Attributes | Suburb | | Rural | | New York State | |
|--|--------|----------------|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | White | Black & Latino | White | Black & Latino | White | Black & Latino |
| Female | 0.683 | 0.685 | 0.676 | 0.680 | 0.680 | 0.675 |
| Experience | | | | | | |
| No Experience | 0.043 | 0.048 | 0.046 | 0.052 | 0.046 | 0.069 |
| < 3 years Experience | 0.136 | 0.145 | 0.131 | 0.137 | 0.141 | 0.206 |
| Education | | | | | | |
| Bachelors degree or less | 0.082 | 0.076 | 0.103 | 0.107 | 0.089 | 0.131 |
| Masters degree | 0.590 | 0.489 | 0.749 | 0.695 | 0.587 | 0.434 |
| Certification Status* | | | | | | |
| Not certified in any teaching assignments | 0.007 | 0.011 | 0.008 | 0.016 | 0.015 | 0.085 |
| Provisionally certified in at least 1 assignment, permanently certified in no assignments | 0.158 | 0.171 | 0.159 | 0.167 | 0.160 | 0.205 |
| Permanently certified in some assignments | 0.033 | 0.035 | 0.041 | 0.040 | 0.041 | 0.053 |
| Permanently certified in all assignments | 0.803 | 0.784 | 0.791 | 0.778 | 0.782 | 0.657 |
| Performance on NTE Exams (of test takers) | | | | | | |
| Fail Communication Skills | 0.044 | 0.068 | 0.041 | 0.054 | 0.060 | 0.211 |
| Fail General Knowledge | 0.069 | 0.118 | 0.060 | 0.083 | 0.086 | 0.245 |
| Fail Professional Knowledge | 0.035 | 0.067 | 0.031 | 0.046 | 0.050 | 0.181 |
| Performance on NYSTCE Exams | | | | | | |
| Fail Liberal Arts | 0.030 | 0.072 | 0.035 | 0.070 | 0.062 | 0.262 |
| Fail Elementary ATS-W | 0.018 | 0.058 | 0.023 | 0.068 | 0.046 | 0.225 |
| Fail Secondary ATS-W | 0.020 | 0.062 | 0.026 | 0.058 | 0.053 | 0.215 |
| Barron's ranking of Undergraduate College | | | | | | |
| Most or highly competitive | 0.123 | 0.099 | 0.112 | 0.085 | 0.116 | 0.093 |
| Very competitive | 0.231 | 0.215 | 0.268 | 0.364 | 0.237 | 0.211 |
| Competitive | 0.549 | 0.514 | 0.556 | 0.442 | 0.543 | 0.486 |
| Least competitive | 0.097 | 0.172 | 0.064 | 0.109 | 0.103 | 0.210 |

* Buffalo is excluded from certification status calculations. Buffalo has its own certification system.

Table A-6
Average Attributes of Novice New York State Public Teachers, Whites and Blacks and Latinos by Region, 1998-99*

| Teacher Attributes | New York City | | Big Four | | Small Cities | |
|--|---------------|----------------|----------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| | White | Black & Latino | White | Black & Latino | White | Black & Latino |
| Female | 0.692 | 0.657 | 0.715 | 0.721 | 0.726 | 0.747 |
| Experience | | | | | | |
| No Experience | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| < 3 years Experience | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Education | | | | | | |
| Bachelors degree or less | 0.573 | 0.618 | 0.571 | 0.555 | 0.582 | 0.567 |
| Masters degree | 0.355 | 0.321 | 0.376 | 0.391 | 0.359 | 0.386 |
| Certification Status** | | | | | | |
| Not certified in any teaching assignments | 0.406 | 0.510 | 0.096 | 0.089 | 0.088 | 0.085 |
| Provisionally certified in at least 1 assignment, permanently certified in no assignments | 0.542 | 0.445 | 0.812 | 0.825 | 0.793 | 0.808 |
| Permanently certified in some assignments | 0.010 | 0.008 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Permanently certified in all assignments | 0.042 | 0.037 | 0.091 | 0.085 | 0.117 | 0.106 |
| Performance on NTE Exams (of test takers) | | | | | | |
| Fail Communication Skills | 0.092 | 0.151 | 0.078 | 0.093 | 0.064 | 0.066 |
| Fail General Knowledge | 0.151 | 0.207 | 0.113 | 0.129 | 0.093 | 0.101 |
| Fail Professional Knowledge | 0.105 | 0.146 | 0.048 | 0.049 | 0.040 | 0.046 |
| Performance on NYSTCE Exams | | | | | | |
| Fail Liberal Arts | 0.113 | 0.183 | 0.092 | 0.099 | 0.042 | 0.052 |
| Fail Elementary ATS-W | 0.105 | 0.156 | 0.030 | 0.040 | 0.016 | 0.017 |
| Fail Secondary ATS-W | 0.114 | 0.136 | 0.039 | 0.047 | 0.014 | 0.010 |
| Barron's ranking of Undergraduate College | | | | | | |
| Most or highly competitive | 0.113 | 0.124 | 0.164 | 0.154 | 0.117 | 0.089 |
| Very competitive | 0.242 | 0.214 | 0.208 | 0.218 | 0.228 | 0.236 |
| Competitive | 0.415 | 0.439 | 0.554 | 0.541 | 0.611 | 0.643 |
| Least competitive | 0.230 | 0.223 | 0.074 | 0.087 | 0.044 | 0.032 |

* Novice means no prior teaching experience.

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Table A-6 continued
Average Attributes of Novice New York State Public Teachers, Whites and Blacks and Latinos by Region, 1998-99*

| Teacher Attributes | Suburb | | Rural | | New York State | |
|--|--------|----------------|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | White | Black & Latino | White | Black & Latino | White | Black & Latino |
| Female | 0.740 | 0.719 | 0.719 | 0.723 | 0.723 | 0.665 |
| Experience | | | | | | |
| No Experience | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| < 3 years Experience | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Education | | | | | | |
| Bachelors degree or less | 0.570 | 0.547 | 0.654 | 0.638 | 0.589 | 0.611 |
| Masters degree | 0.395 | 0.415 | 0.319 | 0.328 | 0.368 | 0.330 |
| Certification Status** | | | | | | |
| Not certified in any teaching assignments | 0.044 | 0.054 | 0.048 | 0.070 | 0.132 | 0.460 |
| Provisionally certified in at least 1 assignment, permanently certified in no assignments | 0.854 | 0.835 | 0.881 | 0.856 | 0.785 | 0.488 |
| Permanently certified in some assignments | 0.005 | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.003 | 0.005 | 0.008 |
| Permanently certified in all assignments | 0.098 | 0.107 | 0.067 | 0.071 | 0.078 | 0.044 |
| Performance on NTE Exams (of test takers) | | | | | | |
| Fail Communication Skills | 0.040 | 0.045 | 0.036 | 0.047 | 0.049 | 0.133 |
| Fail General Knowledge | 0.063 | 0.099 | 0.056 | 0.073 | 0.077 | 0.186 |
| Fail Professional Knowledge | 0.032 | 0.046 | 0.030 | 0.033 | 0.043 | 0.126 |
| Performance on NYSTCE Exams | | | | | | |
| Fail Liberal Arts | 0.028 | 0.054 | 0.032 | 0.073 | 0.049 | 0.165 |
| Fail Elementary ATS-W | 0.020 | 0.059 | 0.017 | 0.048 | 0.038 | 0.139 |
| Fail Secondary ATS-W | 0.018 | 0.043 | 0.024 | 0.057 | 0.040 | 0.119 |
| Barron's ranking of Undergraduate College | | | | | | |
| Most or highly competitive | 0.149 | 0.112 | 0.130 | 0.102 | 0.137 | 0.124 |
| Very competitive | 0.231 | 0.221 | 0.289 | 0.393 | 0.245 | 0.218 |
| Competitive | 0.523 | 0.496 | 0.526 | 0.412 | 0.503 | 0.449 |
| Least competitive | 0.097 | 0.171 | 0.055 | 0.093 | 0.114 | 0.210 |

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Appendix B
Analysis of Teacher Attributes 1985-99

Newly Hired Teachers

Table B-1

Proportion of New Hires Who are Transfers, by Region

| Year | New York City | Big Four | Small Cities | Suburb | Rural |
|------|---------------|----------|--------------|--------|-------|
| 1985 | 0.283 | 0.334 | 0.403 | 0.514 | 0.488 |
| 1986 | 0.264 | 0.334 | 0.362 | 0.534 | 0.542 |
| 1987 | 0.258 | 0.379 | 0.439 | 0.458 | 0.452 |
| 1988 | 0.250 | 0.375 | 0.338 | 0.465 | 0.458 |
| 1989 | 0.240 | 0.355 | 0.385 | 0.447 | 0.427 |
| 1990 | 0.241 | 0.354 | 0.348 | 0.447 | 0.433 |
| 1991 | 0.242 | 0.330 | 0.296 | 0.424 | 0.431 |
| 1992 | 0.233 | 0.275 | 0.359 | 0.461 | 0.424 |
| 1993 | 0.251 | 0.320 | 0.340 | 0.433 | 0.371 |
| 1994 | 0.262 | 0.311 | 0.347 | 0.479 | 0.423 |
| 1995 | 0.264 | 0.321 | 0.293 | 0.443 | 0.405 |
| 1996 | 0.245 | 0.298 | 0.333 | 0.465 | 0.414 |
| 1997 | 0.248 | 0.337 | 0.315 | 0.446 | 0.420 |
| 1998 | 0.257 | 0.346 | 0.361 | 0.454 | 0.425 |
| 1999 | 0.263 | 0.359 | 0.354 | 0.469 | 0.431 |

Table B-2

Proportion of New Hires without Any Prior Experience, by Region

| Year | New York City | Big Four | Small Cities | Suburb | Rural |
|------|---------------|----------|--------------|--------|-------|
| 1985 | 0.455 | 0.399 | 0.354 | 0.282 | 0.335 |
| 1986 | 0.505 | 0.394 | 0.368 | 0.278 | 0.303 |
| 1987 | 0.509 | 0.398 | 0.361 | 0.331 | 0.372 |
| 1988 | 0.524 | 0.404 | 0.468 | 0.341 | 0.400 |
| 1989 | 0.554 | 0.432 | 0.412 | 0.371 | 0.424 |
| 1990 | 0.555 | 0.440 | 0.447 | 0.377 | 0.424 |
| 1991 | 0.564 | 0.455 | 0.507 | 0.411 | 0.435 |
| 1992 | 0.529 | 0.501 | 0.494 | 0.378 | 0.426 |
| 1993 | 0.551 | 0.497 | 0.558 | 0.412 | 0.495 |
| 1994 | 0.578 | 0.521 | 0.520 | 0.395 | 0.469 |
| 1995 | 0.568 | 0.508 | 0.564 | 0.417 | 0.477 |
| 1996 | 0.571 | 0.512 | 0.451 | 0.418 | 0.478 |
| 1997 | 0.605 | 0.508 | 0.487 | 0.439 | 0.470 |
| 1998 | 0.632 | 0.529 | 0.463 | 0.442 | 0.471 |
| 1999 | 0.615 | 0.537 | 0.506 | 0.446 | 0.483 |

Table B-3
Proportion of New Hires Who are Transfers,
by Primary Teaching Assignment

| Year | Elem-entary | Human-ities | Math and Science | Special Education | Other |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1985 | 0.301 | 0.404 | 0.389 | 0.512 | 0.462 |
| 1986 | 0.297 | 0.385 | 0.389 | 0.603 | 0.504 |
| 1987 | 0.300 | 0.415 | 0.369 | 0.449 | 0.467 |
| 1988 | 0.309 | 0.401 | 0.394 | 0.458 | 0.467 |
| 1989 | 0.294 | 0.408 | 0.363 | 0.429 | 0.426 |
| 1990 | 0.290 | 0.375 | 0.373 | 0.429 | 0.428 |
| 1991 | 0.284 | 0.364 | 0.358 | 0.428 | 0.402 |
| 1992 | 0.279 | 0.355 | 0.385 | 0.395 | 0.437 |
| 1993 | 0.278 | 0.349 | 0.360 | 0.375 | 0.409 |
| 1994 | 0.292 | 0.367 | 0.360 | 0.479 | 0.444 |
| 1995 | 0.299 | 0.371 | 0.374 | 0.410 | 0.410 |
| 1996 | 0.314 | 0.407 | 0.407 | 0.425 | 0.435 |
| 1997 | 0.305 | 0.371 | 0.363 | 0.406 | 0.406 |
| 1998 | 0.314 | 0.380 | 0.395 | 0.388 | 0.419 |
| 1999 | 0.324 | 0.412 | 0.400 | 0.414 | 0.425 |

Table B-4
Proportion of New Hires without Any Prior Experience,
by Primary Teaching Assignment

| Year | Elem-entary | Human-ities | Math and Science | Special Education | Other |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1985 | 0.396 | 0.345 | 0.396 | 0.356 | 0.292 |
| 1986 | 0.426 | 0.396 | 0.445 | 0.290 | 0.290 |
| 1987 | 0.442 | 0.391 | 0.474 | 0.387 | 0.299 |
| 1988 | 0.475 | 0.407 | 0.457 | 0.387 | 0.305 |
| 1989 | 0.505 | 0.436 | 0.486 | 0.407 | 0.366 |
| 1990 | 0.517 | 0.466 | 0.470 | 0.399 | 0.369 |
| 1991 | 0.552 | 0.477 | 0.481 | 0.398 | 0.395 |
| 1992 | 0.525 | 0.476 | 0.447 | 0.411 | 0.343 |
| 1993 | 0.559 | 0.511 | 0.484 | 0.442 | 0.378 |
| 1994 | 0.572 | 0.513 | 0.518 | 0.386 | 0.385 |
| 1995 | 0.562 | 0.504 | 0.491 | 0.434 | 0.394 |
| 1996 | 0.561 | 0.461 | 0.479 | 0.418 | 0.394 |
| 1997 | 0.588 | 0.506 | 0.527 | 0.444 | 0.421 |
| 1998 | 0.593 | 0.521 | 0.513 | 0.489 | 0.433 |
| 1999 | 0.591 | 0.507 | 0.504 | 0.469 | 0.440 |

Proportion of Novice New York State Public Teachers with Various Attributes by Region, 1985-99*

**Table B-5
Proportion Female**

| Year | New York City | Big Four | Small Cities | Suburban | Rural |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1985 | 0.728 | 0.750 | 0.700 | 0.798 | 0.774 |
| 1986 | 0.710 | 0.759 | 0.788 | 0.801 | 0.736 |
| 1987 | 0.709 | 0.826 | 0.770 | 0.802 | 0.741 |
| 1988 | 0.706 | 0.705 | 0.712 | 0.805 | 0.751 |
| 1989 | 0.707 | 0.769 | 0.752 | 0.807 | 0.741 |
| 1990 | 0.716 | 0.781 | 0.865 | 0.803 | 0.747 |
| 1991 | 0.717 | 0.779 | 0.811 | 0.818 | 0.749 |
| 1992 | 0.731 | 0.819 | 0.791 | 0.797 | 0.765 |
| 1993 | 0.717 | 0.806 | 0.667 | 0.800 | 0.740 |
| 1994 | 0.729 | 0.716 | 0.777 | 0.770 | 0.735 |
| 1995 | 0.757 | 0.741 | 0.829 | 0.787 | 0.739 |
| 1996 | 0.767 | 0.737 | 0.767 | 0.748 | 0.716 |
| 1997 | 0.744 | 0.754 | 0.727 | 0.740 | 0.706 |
| 1998 | 0.766 | 0.760 | 0.745 | 0.727 | 0.713 |
| 1999 | 0.777 | 0.737 | 0.795 | 0.734 | 0.707 |

**Table B-6
Proportion Bachelors degree or Less**

| Year | New York City | Big Four | Small Cities | Suburban | Rural |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1985 | 0.612 | 0.566 | 0.557 | 0.676 | 0.776 |
| 1986 | 0.650 | 0.633 | 0.615 | 0.676 | 0.744 |
| 1987 | 0.667 | 0.587 | 0.580 | 0.653 | 0.734 |
| 1988 | 0.649 | 0.629 | 0.597 | 0.644 | 0.716 |
| 1989 | 0.683 | 0.561 | 0.634 | 0.622 | 0.707 |
| 1990 | 0.676 | 0.581 | 0.685 | 0.605 | 0.713 |
| 1991 | 0.686 | 0.564 | 0.684 | 0.595 | 0.701 |
| 1992 | 0.650 | 0.585 | 0.572 | 0.540 | 0.666 |
| 1993 | 0.644 | 0.540 | 0.613 | 0.554 | 0.669 |
| 1994 | 0.628 | 0.561 | 0.534 | 0.548 | 0.646 |
| 1995 | 0.589 | 0.533 | 0.559 | 0.526 | 0.629 |
| 1996 | 0.554 | 0.491 | 0.547 | 0.501 | 0.608 |
| 1997 | 0.565 | 0.519 | 0.506 | 0.520 | 0.623 |
| 1998 | 0.564 | 0.523 | 0.609 | 0.516 | 0.610 |
| 1999 | 0.514 | 0.499 | 0.535 | 0.490 | 0.566 |

* Novice means no prior teaching experience

Proportion of Novice New York State Public Teachers with Various Attributes by Region, 1985-99*

**Table B-7
Proportion Masters degree**

| Year | New York City | Big Four | Small Cities | Suburban | Rural |
|------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|-------|
| 1985 | 0.334 | 0.398 | 0.393 | 0.305 | 0.213 |
| 1986 | 0.300 | 0.320 | 0.317 | 0.304 | 0.234 |
| 1987 | 0.276 | 0.386 | 0.339 | 0.317 | 0.239 |
| 1988 | 0.292 | 0.329 | 0.363 | 0.324 | 0.263 |
| 1989 | 0.267 | 0.367 | 0.330 | 0.346 | 0.271 |
| 1990 | 0.278 | 0.368 | 0.213 | 0.366 | 0.268 |
| 1991 | 0.267 | 0.390 | 0.293 | 0.380 | 0.284 |
| 1992 | 0.295 | 0.362 | 0.370 | 0.423 | 0.305 |
| 1993 | 0.312 | 0.422 | 0.369 | 0.421 | 0.314 |
| 1994 | 0.322 | 0.396 | 0.417 | 0.420 | 0.332 |
| 1995 | 0.359 | 0.414 | 0.396 | 0.446 | 0.342 |
| 1996 | 0.394 | 0.455 | 0.430 | 0.466 | 0.355 |
| 1997 | 0.385 | 0.421 | 0.471 | 0.446 | 0.349 |
| 1998 | 0.385 | 0.426 | 0.373 | 0.446 | 0.352 |
| 1999 | 0.427 | 0.437 | 0.407 | 0.465 | 0.395 |

**Table B-8
Proportion Not Certified in Any Teaching Assignment**

| Year | New York City | Big Four** | Small Cities | Suburban | Rural |
|------|---------------|------------|--------------|----------|-------|
| 1985 | 0.431 | 0.102 | 0.250 | 0.073 | 0.081 |
| 1986 | 0.481 | 0.170 | 0.115 | 0.100 | 0.117 |
| 1987 | 0.519 | 0.116 | 0.124 | 0.102 | 0.126 |
| 1988 | 0.420 | 0.153 | 0.160 | 0.106 | 0.107 |
| 1989 | 0.443 | 0.087 | 0.080 | 0.022 | 0.039 |
| 1990 | 0.740 | 0.107 | 0.079 | 0.031 | 0.067 |
| 1991 | 0.765 | 0.076 | 0.038 | 0.024 | 0.055 |
| 1992 | 0.483 | 0.027 | 0.036 | 0.032 | 0.028 |
| 1993 | 0.362 | 0.012 | 0.000 | 0.025 | 0.030 |
| 1994 | 0.486 | 0.022 | 0.029 | 0.021 | 0.019 |
| 1995 | 0.442 | 0.020 | 0.054 | 0.019 | 0.025 |
| 1996 | 0.405 | 0.030 | 0.012 | 0.019 | 0.025 |
| 1997 | 0.419 | 0.027 | 0.034 | 0.024 | 0.036 |
| 1998 | 0.336 | 0.160 | 0.045 | 0.081 | 0.113 |
| 1999 | 0.383 | 0.134 | 0.105 | 0.069 | 0.099 |

* Novice means no prior teaching experience

** Buffalo is excluded from certification status calculations. Buffalo has its own certification system.

Proportion of Novice New York State Public Teachers with Various Attributes by Region, 1985-99*

Table B-9
Proportion Provisionally Certified in
at Least One Assignment Permanently Certified in None

| Year | New York City | Big Four** | Small Cities | Suburban | Rural |
|------|---------------|------------|--------------|----------|-------|
| 1985 | 0.536 | 0.766 | 0.583 | 0.788 | 0.838 |
| 1986 | 0.494 | 0.698 | 0.692 | 0.768 | 0.801 |
| 1987 | 0.459 | 0.744 | 0.690 | 0.744 | 0.779 |
| 1988 | 0.549 | 0.732 | 0.616 | 0.762 | 0.790 |
| 1989 | 0.531 | 0.733 | 0.752 | 0.782 | 0.827 |
| 1990 | 0.241 | 0.779 | 0.843 | 0.865 | 0.869 |
| 1991 | 0.214 | 0.823 | 0.925 | 0.882 | 0.892 |
| 1992 | 0.491 | 0.863 | 0.856 | 0.856 | 0.926 |
| 1993 | 0.609 | 0.914 | 0.946 | 0.887 | 0.919 |
| 1994 | 0.476 | 0.911 | 0.864 | 0.894 | 0.932 |
| 1995 | 0.510 | 0.921 | 0.865 | 0.882 | 0.933 |
| 1996 | 0.547 | 0.896 | 0.919 | 0.887 | 0.916 |
| 1997 | 0.548 | 0.905 | 0.886 | 0.891 | 0.906 |
| 1998 | 0.518 | 0.720 | 0.900 | 0.814 | 0.824 |
| 1999 | 0.496 | 0.774 | 0.814 | 0.836 | 0.820 |

Table B-10
Proportion Permanently Certified in Some Assignments

| Year | New York City | Big Four** | Small Cities | Suburban | Rural |
|------|---------------|------------|--------------|----------|-------|
| 1985 | 0.002 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.005 | 0.006 |
| 1986 | 0.001 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.003 | 0.002 |
| 1987 | 0.001 | 0.000 | 0.009 | 0.004 | 0.002 |
| 1988 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.003 | 0.002 |
| 1989 | 0.002 | 0.012 | 0.000 | 0.010 | 0.008 |
| 1990 | 0.002 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.005 | 0.004 |
| 1991 | 0.002 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.005 | 0.004 |
| 1992 | 0.001 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.005 | 0.000 |
| 1993 | 0.001 | 0.000 | 0.009 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
| 1994 | 0.001 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.001 | 0.004 |
| 1995 | 0.001 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.007 | 0.003 |
| 1996 | 0.001 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.005 | 0.003 |
| 1997 | 0.001 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
| 1998 | 0.030 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.007 | 0.003 |
| 1999 | 0.036 | 0.003 | 0.000 | 0.002 | 0.008 |

* Novice means no prior teaching experience

** Buffalo is excluded from certification status calculations. Buffalo has its own certification system.

Proportion of Novice New York State Public Teachers with Various Attributes by Region, 1985-99*

Table B-11
Proportion Permanently Certified in all Assignments

| Year | New York City | Big Four** | Small Cities | Suburban | Rural |
|------|---------------|------------|--------------|----------|-------|
| 1985 | 0.032 | 0.131 | 0.167 | 0.134 | 0.075 |
| 1986 | 0.025 | 0.132 | 0.192 | 0.129 | 0.080 |
| 1987 | 0.021 | 0.140 | 0.177 | 0.150 | 0.093 |
| 1988 | 0.030 | 0.115 | 0.224 | 0.129 | 0.100 |
| 1989 | 0.025 | 0.168 | 0.168 | 0.186 | 0.127 |
| 1990 | 0.017 | 0.114 | 0.079 | 0.099 | 0.060 |
| 1991 | 0.018 | 0.101 | 0.038 | 0.090 | 0.049 |
| 1992 | 0.025 | 0.110 | 0.108 | 0.107 | 0.046 |
| 1993 | 0.029 | 0.074 | 0.045 | 0.085 | 0.048 |
| 1994 | 0.036 | 0.067 | 0.107 | 0.084 | 0.046 |
| 1995 | 0.046 | 0.059 | 0.081 | 0.092 | 0.039 |
| 1996 | 0.047 | 0.074 | 0.070 | 0.089 | 0.055 |
| 1997 | 0.033 | 0.067 | 0.080 | 0.082 | 0.056 |
| 1998 | 0.116 | 0.120 | 0.055 | 0.099 | 0.060 |
| 1999 | 0.085 | 0.089 | 0.081 | 0.092 | 0.073 |

Table B-12
Proportion of Failing NTE Communication Skills Exam***

| Year | New York City | Big Four | Small Cities | Suburban | Rural |
|------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|-------|
| 1985 | 0.110 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 1986 | 0.103 | 0.072 | 0.057 | 0.034 | 0.033 |
| 1987 | 0.085 | 0.059 | 0.018 | 0.030 | 0.033 |
| 1988 | 0.107 | 0.064 | 0.068 | 0.032 | 0.035 |
| 1989 | 0.123 | 0.065 | 0.060 | 0.031 | 0.041 |
| 1990 | 0.147 | 0.119 | 0.067 | 0.042 | 0.033 |
| 1991 | 0.097 | 0.109 | 0.051 | 0.037 | 0.039 |
| 1992 | 0.133 | 0.119 | 0.009 | 0.033 | 0.041 |
| 1993 | 0.156 | 0.048 | 0.075 | 0.030 | 0.038 |
| 1994 | 0.162 | 0.082 | 0.063 | 0.040 | 0.037 |
| 1995 | 0.167 | 0.078 | 0.088 | 0.045 | 0.038 |
| 1996 | 0.155 | 0.095 | 0.074 | 0.060 | 0.053 |
| 1997 | 0.186 | 0.097 | 0.106 | 0.051 | 0.063 |
| 1998 | 0.201 | 0.052 | 0.091 | 0.061 | 0.049 |
| 1999 | 0.221 | 0.109 | 0.063 | 0.072 | 0.059 |

* Novice means no prior teaching experience

*** Of test takers

** Buffalo is excluded from certification status calculations. Buffalo has its own certification system.

Proportion of Novice New York State Public Teachers with Various Attributes by Region, 1985-99*

Table B-13

Proportion of Failing NTE General Knowledge Exam**

| Year | New York City | Big Four | Small Cities | Suburban | Rural |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1985 | 0.205 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.125 | 0.000 |
| 1986 | 0.155 | 0.131 | 0.086 | 0.053 | 0.054 |
| 1987 | 0.163 | 0.112 | 0.070 | 0.063 | 0.054 |
| 1988 | 0.169 | 0.071 | 0.069 | 0.064 | 0.054 |
| 1989 | 0.191 | 0.108 | 0.098 | 0.066 | 0.052 |
| 1990 | 0.216 | 0.152 | 0.133 | 0.072 | 0.054 |
| 1991 | 0.153 | 0.128 | 0.078 | 0.066 | 0.052 |
| 1992 | 0.204 | 0.152 | 0.078 | 0.061 | 0.054 |
| 1993 | 0.219 | 0.119 | 0.103 | 0.056 | 0.055 |
| 1994 | 0.236 | 0.160 | 0.105 | 0.066 | 0.054 |
| 1995 | 0.244 | 0.116 | 0.198 | 0.092 | 0.073 |
| 1996 | 0.251 | 0.106 | 0.167 | 0.095 | 0.089 |
| 1997 | 0.261 | 0.151 | 0.125 | 0.109 | 0.074 |
| 1998 | 0.302 | 0.102 | 0.091 | 0.106 | 0.064 |
| 1999 | 0.343 | 0.164 | 0.082 | 0.102 | 0.090 |

* Novice means no prior teaching experience

Table B-14

Proportion of Failing NTE Professional Knowledge Exam**

| Year | New York City | Big Four | Small Cities | Suburban | Rural |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1985 | 0.120 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 1986 | 0.104 | 0.024 | 0.057 | 0.030 | 0.025 |
| 1987 | 0.077 | 0.052 | 0.000 | 0.023 | 0.025 |
| 1988 | 0.086 | 0.023 | 0.055 | 0.022 | 0.025 |
| 1989 | 0.108 | 0.054 | 0.048 | 0.026 | 0.026 |
| 1990 | 0.117 | 0.069 | 0.027 | 0.027 | 0.026 |
| 1991 | 0.093 | 0.053 | 0.060 | 0.037 | 0.031 |
| 1992 | 0.141 | 0.061 | 0.017 | 0.032 | 0.041 |
| 1993 | 0.156 | 0.044 | 0.047 | 0.025 | 0.026 |
| 1994 | 0.154 | 0.066 | 0.021 | 0.032 | 0.025 |
| 1995 | 0.171 | 0.049 | 0.089 | 0.038 | 0.025 |
| 1996 | 0.165 | 0.032 | 0.038 | 0.048 | 0.049 |
| 1997 | 0.179 | 0.056 | 0.043 | 0.041 | 0.030 |
| 1998 | 0.155 | 0.036 | 0.030 | 0.046 | 0.035 |
| 1999 | 0.179 | 0.043 | 0.041 | 0.048 | 0.041 |

** Of test takers

Proportion of Novice New York State Public Teachers with Various Attributes by Region, 1985-99*

Table B-15

Proportion of Failing NYSTCE Liberal Arts and Science Exam**

| Year | New York City | Big Four | Small Cities | Suburban | Rural |
|------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|-------|
| 1985 | | | | | |
| 1986 | | | | | |
| 1987 | | | | | |
| 1988 | | | | | |
| 1989 | | | | | |
| 1990 | | | | | |
| 1991 | | | | | |
| 1992 | | | | | |
| 1993 | | | | | |
| 1994 | a | a | a | a | a |
| 1995 | a | a | a | a | a |
| 1996 | 0.182 | 0.059 | 0.067 | 0.032 | 0.033 |
| 1997 | 0.179 | 0.100 | 0.100 | 0.040 | 0.037 |
| 1998 | 0.170 | 0.113 | 0.054 | 0.039 | 0.033 |
| 1999 | 0.172 | 0.096 | 0.047 | 0.040 | 0.034 |

Table B-16

Proportion of Failing NYSTCE Elementary ATS-W Exam**

| Year | New York City | Big Four | Small Cities | Suburban | Rural |
|------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|-------|
| 1985 | | | | | |
| 1986 | | | | | |
| 1987 | | | | | |
| 1988 | | | | | |
| 1989 | | | | | |
| 1990 | | | | | |
| 1991 | | | | | |
| 1992 | | | | | |
| 1993 | | | | | |
| 1994 | a | a | a | a | a |
| 1995 | a | a | a | a | a |
| 1996 | 0.176 | 0.000 | 0.111 | 0.023 | 0.024 |
| 1997 | 0.142 | 0.065 | 0.038 | 0.023 | 0.022 |
| 1998 | 0.135 | 0.038 | 0.000 | 0.026 | 0.015 |
| 1999 | 0.125 | 0.035 | 0.000 | 0.026 | 0.015 |

* Novice means no prior teaching experience

** Of test takers

a: results from the NYSTCE are first available in 1994 but cell sizes are generally too small to report.

Proportion of Novice New York State Public Teachers with Various Attributes by Region, 1985-99*

Table B-17

Proportion of Failing NYSTCE Secondary ATS-W Exam**

| Year | New York City | Big Four | Small Cities | Suburban | Rural |
|------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|-------|
| 1985 | | | | | |
| 1986 | | | | | |
| 1987 | | | | | |
| 1988 | | | | | |
| 1989 | | | | | |
| 1990 | | | | | |
| 1991 | | | | | |
| 1992 | | | | | |
| 1993 | | | | | |
| 1994 | a | a | a | a | a |
| 1995 | a | a | a | a | a |
| 1996 | 0.144 | 0.031 | 0.000 | 0.016 | 0.024 |
| 1997 | 0.133 | 0.082 | 0.000 | 0.030 | 0.037 |
| 1998 | 0.130 | 0.019 | 0.042 | 0.022 | 0.016 |
| 1999 | 0.114 | 0.044 | 0.000 | 0.028 | 0.032 |

Table B-18

Proportion with Bachelors Degree from Most or Highly Competitive Colleges

| Year | New York City | Big Four | Small Cities | Suburban | Rural |
|------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|-------|
| 1985 | 0.089 | 0.148 | 0.089 | 0.154 | 0.145 |
| 1986 | 0.089 | 0.148 | 0.179 | 0.142 | 0.141 |
| 1987 | 0.089 | 0.177 | 0.121 | 0.149 | 0.129 |
| 1988 | 0.090 | 0.170 | 0.112 | 0.138 | 0.121 |
| 1989 | 0.101 | 0.135 | 0.118 | 0.146 | 0.127 |
| 1990 | 0.102 | 0.167 | 0.099 | 0.153 | 0.112 |
| 1991 | 0.128 | 0.134 | 0.066 | 0.147 | 0.145 |
| 1992 | 0.110 | 0.152 | 0.129 | 0.162 | 0.134 |
| 1993 | 0.126 | 0.132 | 0.127 | 0.167 | 0.131 |
| 1994 | 0.122 | 0.166 | 0.135 | 0.169 | 0.126 |
| 1995 | 0.106 | 0.171 | 0.063 | 0.154 | 0.107 |
| 1996 | 0.123 | 0.156 | 0.063 | 0.151 | 0.123 |
| 1997 | 0.132 | 0.137 | 0.075 | 0.145 | 0.108 |
| 1998 | 0.122 | 0.146 | 0.081 | 0.140 | 0.094 |
| 1999 | 0.120 | 0.139 | 0.068 | 0.132 | 0.097 |

* Novice means no prior teaching experience

** Of test takers

a: results from the NYSTCE are first available in 1994 but cell sizes are generally too small to report.

Proportion of Novice New York State Public Teachers with Various Attributes by Region, 1985-99*

Table B-19
Proportion with Bachelors Degree
from Very Competitive Colleges

| Year | New York City | Big Four | Small Cities | Suburban | Rural |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1985 | 0.192 | 0.227 | 0.125 | 0.192 | 0.222 |
| 1986 | 0.201 | 0.195 | 0.221 | 0.197 | 0.238 |
| 1987 | 0.221 | 0.194 | 0.253 | 0.195 | 0.271 |
| 1988 | 0.203 | 0.210 | 0.187 | 0.209 | 0.267 |
| 1989 | 0.206 | 0.221 | 0.157 | 0.211 | 0.286 |
| 1990 | 0.212 | 0.172 | 0.198 | 0.209 | 0.267 |
| 1991 | 0.202 | 0.191 | 0.207 | 0.205 | 0.240 |
| 1992 | 0.202 | 0.200 | 0.177 | 0.234 | 0.279 |
| 1993 | 0.222 | 0.222 | 0.137 | 0.221 | 0.275 |
| 1994 | 0.227 | 0.232 | 0.180 | 0.216 | 0.279 |
| 1995 | 0.230 | 0.251 | 0.211 | 0.224 | 0.295 |
| 1996 | 0.216 | 0.216 | 0.225 | 0.225 | 0.304 |
| 1997 | 0.213 | 0.210 | 0.175 | 0.227 | 0.285 |
| 1998 | 0.206 | 0.214 | 0.182 | 0.228 | 0.289 |
| 1999 | 0.194 | 0.231 | 0.209 | 0.225 | 0.317 |

Table B-20
Proportion with Bachelors Degree
from Competitive Colleges

| Year | New York City | Big Four | Small Cities | Suburban | Rural |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1985 | 0.487 | 0.547 | 0.732 | 0.544 | 0.576 |
| 1986 | 0.500 | 0.560 | 0.579 | 0.549 | 0.560 |
| 1987 | 0.460 | 0.565 | 0.576 | 0.560 | 0.536 |
| 1988 | 0.489 | 0.520 | 0.664 | 0.559 | 0.559 |
| 1989 | 0.448 | 0.559 | 0.657 | 0.538 | 0.535 |
| 1990 | 0.453 | 0.570 | 0.679 | 0.539 | 0.566 |
| 1991 | 0.431 | 0.565 | 0.711 | 0.552 | 0.570 |
| 1992 | 0.447 | 0.557 | 0.645 | 0.515 | 0.555 |
| 1993 | 0.419 | 0.591 | 0.706 | 0.525 | 0.563 |
| 1994 | 0.418 | 0.520 | 0.629 | 0.512 | 0.543 |
| 1995 | 0.423 | 0.506 | 0.684 | 0.517 | 0.543 |
| 1996 | 0.426 | 0.564 | 0.700 | 0.533 | 0.513 |
| 1997 | 0.415 | 0.530 | 0.700 | 0.523 | 0.545 |
| 1998 | 0.429 | 0.544 | 0.717 | 0.523 | 0.557 |
| 1999 | 0.432 | 0.564 | 0.696 | 0.527 | 0.516 |

* Novice means no prior teaching experience

Proportion of Novice New York State Public Teachers with Various Attributes by Region, 1985-99*

**Table B-21
Proportion with Bachelors Degree
from Least Competitive Colleges**

| Year | New York City | Big Four | Small Cities | Suburban | Rural |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1985 | 0.232 | 0.079 | 0.054 | 0.111 | 0.057 |
| 1986 | 0.211 | 0.097 | 0.021 | 0.111 | 0.061 |
| 1987 | 0.229 | 0.065 | 0.051 | 0.096 | 0.064 |
| 1988 | 0.218 | 0.100 | 0.037 | 0.094 | 0.053 |
| 1989 | 0.246 | 0.086 | 0.069 | 0.106 | 0.052 |
| 1990 | 0.233 | 0.091 | 0.025 | 0.099 | 0.054 |
| 1991 | 0.239 | 0.111 | 0.017 | 0.096 | 0.044 |
| 1992 | 0.241 | 0.090 | 0.048 | 0.089 | 0.033 |
| 1993 | 0.234 | 0.054 | 0.029 | 0.088 | 0.031 |
| 1994 | 0.234 | 0.082 | 0.056 | 0.103 | 0.052 |
| 1995 | 0.240 | 0.072 | 0.042 | 0.104 | 0.055 |
| 1996 | 0.234 | 0.064 | 0.013 | 0.090 | 0.060 |
| 1997 | 0.240 | 0.123 | 0.050 | 0.104 | 0.062 |
| 1998 | 0.244 | 0.097 | 0.020 | 0.109 | 0.059 |
| 1999 | 0.255 | 0.067 | 0.027 | 0.116 | 0.069 |

* Novice means no prior teaching experience

Proportion of Novice NYS Public Teachers with Various Attributes by Predominant Teaching Assignment, 1985-99*

Table B-22
Proportion Masters degree

| Year | Elem-entary | Human-ities | Math and Science | Special Education | Other |
|------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 1985 | 0.294 | 0.310 | 0.279 | 0.353 | 0.329 |
| 1986 | 0.280 | 0.296 | 0.272 | 0.330 | 0.324 |
| 1987 | 0.280 | 0.298 | 0.268 | 0.323 | 0.335 |
| 1988 | 0.284 | 0.317 | 0.316 | 0.330 | 0.327 |
| 1989 | 0.275 | 0.315 | 0.311 | 0.335 | 0.332 |
| 1990 | 0.286 | 0.290 | 0.328 | 0.346 | 0.376 |
| 1991 | 0.279 | 0.311 | 0.363 | 0.363 | 0.388 |
| 1992 | 0.327 | 0.323 | 0.333 | 0.372 | 0.431 |
| 1993 | 0.338 | 0.338 | 0.364 | 0.392 | 0.387 |
| 1994 | 0.357 | 0.341 | 0.367 | 0.401 | 0.418 |
| 1995 | 0.376 | 0.374 | 0.374 | 0.447 | 0.438 |
| 1996 | 0.401 | 0.432 | 0.394 | 0.513 | 0.407 |
| 1997 | 0.392 | 0.425 | 0.365 | 0.475 | 0.422 |
| 1998 | 0.394 | 0.399 | 0.358 | 0.499 | 0.401 |
| 1999 | 0.433 | 0.411 | 0.398 | 0.519 | 0.454 |

Table B-23
Proportion Not Certified in Any Teaching Assignment**

| Year | Elem-entary | Human-ities | Math and Science | Special Education | Other |
|------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 1985 | 0.212 | 0.292 | 0.240 | 0.304 | 0.180 |
| 1986 | 0.269 | 0.337 | 0.285 | 0.282 | 0.277 |
| 1987 | 0.265 | 0.330 | 0.269 | 0.306 | 0.233 |
| 1988 | 0.211 | 0.265 | 0.232 | 0.258 | 0.198 |
| 1989 | 0.224 | 0.202 | 0.239 | 0.206 | 0.160 |
| 1990 | 0.342 | 0.423 | 0.364 | 0.385 | 0.296 |
| 1991 | 0.343 | 0.413 | 0.359 | 0.380 | 0.237 |
| 1992 | 0.221 | 0.261 | 0.231 | 0.297 | 0.157 |
| 1993 | 0.158 | 0.219 | 0.168 | 0.205 | 0.164 |
| 1994 | 0.186 | 0.279 | 0.218 | 0.248 | 0.192 |
| 1995 | 0.171 | 0.244 | 0.264 | 0.248 | 0.158 |
| 1996 | 0.141 | 0.180 | 0.237 | 0.130 | 0.131 |
| 1997 | 0.168 | 0.238 | 0.292 | 0.194 | 0.177 |
| 1998 | 0.145 | 0.228 | 0.321 | 0.225 | 0.233 |
| 1999 | 0.149 | 0.237 | 0.283 | 0.234 | 0.264 |

* Novice means no prior teaching experience

** Buffalo is excluded from certification status calculations. Buffalo has its own certification system.

Proportion of Novice NYS Public Teachers with Various Attributes by Predominant Teaching Assignment, 1985-99*

Table B-24

**Proportion Provisionally Certified in
At Least One Assignment, Permanently Certified in None****

| Year | Elem-entary | Human-ities | Math and Science | Special Education | Other |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1985 | 0.702 | 0.627 | 0.685 | 0.624 | 0.743 |
| 1986 | 0.646 | 0.602 | 0.658 | 0.646 | 0.630 |
| 1987 | 0.632 | 0.589 | 0.671 | 0.605 | 0.660 |
| 1988 | 0.692 | 0.665 | 0.711 | 0.641 | 0.717 |
| 1989 | 0.670 | 0.696 | 0.674 | 0.652 | 0.727 |
| 1990 | 0.599 | 0.530 | 0.593 | 0.537 | 0.660 |
| 1991 | 0.602 | 0.552 | 0.605 | 0.548 | 0.689 |
| 1992 | 0.720 | 0.692 | 0.716 | 0.631 | 0.765 |
| 1993 | 0.781 | 0.750 | 0.798 | 0.731 | 0.761 |
| 1994 | 0.752 | 0.683 | 0.732 | 0.686 | 0.720 |
| 1995 | 0.760 | 0.714 | 0.690 | 0.667 | 0.751 |
| 1996 | 0.791 | 0.782 | 0.723 | 0.739 | 0.793 |
| 1997 | 0.774 | 0.722 | 0.664 | 0.721 | 0.755 |
| 1998 | 0.730 | 0.680 | 0.566 | 0.617 | 0.670 |
| 1999 | 0.747 | 0.684 | 0.617 | 0.633 | 0.618 |

Table B-25

Proportion Permanently Certified in Some Assignments**

| Year | Elem-entary | Human-ities | Math and Science | Special Education | Other |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1985 | 0.001 | 0.010 | 0.008 | 0.001 | 0.007 |
| 1986 | 0.000 | 0.004 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.002 |
| 1987 | 0.001 | 0.004 | 0.003 | 0.002 | 0.005 |
| 1988 | 0.000 | 0.006 | 0.002 | 0.001 | 0.003 |
| 1989 | 0.001 | 0.012 | 0.016 | 0.001 | 0.011 |
| 1990 | 0.000 | 0.006 | 0.007 | 0.007 | 0.000 |
| 1991 | 0.002 | 0.003 | 0.005 | 0.006 | 0.006 |
| 1992 | 0.000 | 0.006 | 0.004 | 0.001 | 0.000 |
| 1993 | 0.000 | 0.004 | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.002 |
| 1994 | 0.000 | 0.002 | 0.004 | 0.001 | 0.004 |
| 1995 | 0.000 | 0.006 | 0.011 | 0.002 | 0.005 |
| 1996 | 0.000 | 0.004 | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.005 |
| 1997 | 0.000 | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.001 | 0.003 |
| 1998 | 0.008 | 0.025 | 0.047 | 0.002 | 0.013 |
| 1999 | 0.012 | 0.026 | 0.043 | 0.002 | 0.015 |

* Novice means no prior teaching experience

** Buffalo is excluded from certification status calculations. Buffalo has its own certification system.

Proportion of Novice NYS Public Teachers with Various Attributes by Predominant Teaching Assignment, 1985-99*

Table B-26
Proportion Permanently Certified in all Assignments**

| Year | Elem-entary | Human-ities | Math and Science | Special Education | Other |
|------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 1985 | 0.085 | 0.072 | 0.067 | 0.071 | 0.072 |
| 1986 | 0.085 | 0.057 | 0.055 | 0.071 | 0.092 |
| 1987 | 0.102 | 0.077 | 0.057 | 0.088 | 0.105 |
| 1988 | 0.097 | 0.064 | 0.055 | 0.101 | 0.084 |
| 1989 | 0.105 | 0.090 | 0.071 | 0.141 | 0.104 |
| 1990 | 0.058 | 0.041 | 0.037 | 0.072 | 0.049 |
| 1991 | 0.053 | 0.032 | 0.031 | 0.066 | 0.072 |
| 1992 | 0.059 | 0.041 | 0.049 | 0.071 | 0.084 |
| 1993 | 0.060 | 0.028 | 0.031 | 0.061 | 0.072 |
| 1994 | 0.061 | 0.036 | 0.046 | 0.065 | 0.083 |
| 1995 | 0.069 | 0.036 | 0.036 | 0.083 | 0.084 |
| 1996 | 0.067 | 0.034 | 0.037 | 0.128 | 0.073 |
| 1997 | 0.058 | 0.038 | 0.041 | 0.084 | 0.066 |
| 1998 | 0.118 | 0.067 | 0.066 | 0.156 | 0.082 |
| 1999 | 0.092 | 0.052 | 0.057 | 0.131 | 0.103 |

Table B-27
Proportion of Failing NTE Communication Skills Exam***

| Year | Elem-entary | Human-ities | Math and Science | Special Education | Other |
|------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 1985 | 0.057 | 0.167 | 0.143 | 0.154 | 0.200 |
| 1986 | 0.075 | 0.054 | 0.027 | 0.043 | 0.067 |
| 1987 | 0.062 | 0.029 | 0.014 | 0.050 | 0.041 |
| 1988 | 0.057 | 0.028 | 0.014 | 0.051 | 0.101 |
| 1989 | 0.068 | 0.027 | 0.041 | 0.062 | 0.080 |
| 1990 | 0.087 | 0.054 | 0.033 | 0.060 | 0.071 |
| 1991 | 0.068 | 0.025 | 0.036 | 0.055 | 0.069 |
| 1992 | 0.082 | 0.064 | 0.038 | 0.088 | 0.076 |
| 1993 | 0.082 | 0.083 | 0.051 | 0.098 | 0.094 |
| 1994 | 0.091 | 0.062 | 0.062 | 0.104 | 0.111 |
| 1995 | 0.087 | 0.078 | 0.081 | 0.105 | 0.092 |
| 1996 | 0.099 | 0.062 | 0.049 | 0.086 | 0.073 |
| 1997 | 0.102 | 0.063 | 0.081 | 0.101 | 0.101 |
| 1998 | 0.111 | 0.049 | 0.073 | 0.133 | 0.086 |
| 1999 | 0.113 | 0.069 | 0.052 | 0.107 | 0.114 |

* Novice means no prior teaching experience

*** Of test takers.

** Buffalo is excluded from certification status calculations. Buffalo has its own certification system.

Proportion of Novice NYS Public Teachers with Various Attributes by Predominant Teaching Assignment, 1985-99*

Table B-28

Proportion of Failing NTE General Knowledge Exam**

| Year | Elem-entary | Human-ities | Math and Science | Special Education | Other |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1985 | 0.212 | 0.167 | 0.000 | 0.250 | 0.000 |
| 1986 | 0.121 | 0.087 | 0.008 | 0.112 | 0.067 |
| 1987 | 0.117 | 0.048 | 0.014 | 0.113 | 0.095 |
| 1988 | 0.106 | 0.047 | 0.016 | 0.097 | 0.101 |
| 1989 | 0.124 | 0.048 | 0.015 | 0.122 | 0.098 |
| 1990 | 0.132 | 0.069 | 0.025 | 0.127 | 0.114 |
| 1991 | 0.115 | 0.034 | 0.018 | 0.116 | 0.091 |
| 1992 | 0.136 | 0.082 | 0.042 | 0.160 | 0.112 |
| 1993 | 0.138 | 0.112 | 0.048 | 0.177 | 0.109 |
| 1994 | 0.157 | 0.089 | 0.036 | 0.184 | 0.141 |
| 1995 | 0.180 | 0.107 | 0.054 | 0.164 | 0.125 |
| 1996 | 0.176 | 0.101 | 0.028 | 0.142 | 0.100 |
| 1997 | 0.192 | 0.091 | 0.084 | 0.174 | 0.119 |
| 1998 | 0.192 | 0.087 | 0.044 | 0.207 | 0.111 |
| 1999 | 0.225 | 0.106 | 0.034 | 0.160 | 0.089 |

Table B-29

Proportion of Failing NTE Professional Knowledge Exam**

| Year | Elem-entary | Human-ities | Math and Science | Special Education | Other |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1985 | 0.109 | 0.167 | 0.143 | 0.063 | 0.000 |
| 1986 | 0.069 | 0.068 | 0.024 | 0.034 | 0.062 |
| 1987 | 0.045 | 0.036 | 0.016 | 0.025 | 0.044 |
| 1988 | 0.044 | 0.022 | 0.014 | 0.034 | 0.042 |
| 1989 | 0.055 | 0.040 | 0.018 | 0.041 | 0.067 |
| 1990 | 0.060 | 0.038 | 0.033 | 0.040 | 0.066 |
| 1991 | 0.053 | 0.046 | 0.029 | 0.043 | 0.069 |
| 1992 | 0.066 | 0.067 | 0.060 | 0.083 | 0.097 |
| 1993 | 0.079 | 0.083 | 0.066 | 0.077 | 0.087 |
| 1994 | 0.081 | 0.058 | 0.071 | 0.078 | 0.095 |
| 1995 | 0.082 | 0.084 | 0.075 | 0.074 | 0.110 |
| 1996 | 0.091 | 0.084 | 0.049 | 0.045 | 0.080 |
| 1997 | 0.085 | 0.078 | 0.071 | 0.067 | 0.084 |
| 1998 | 0.083 | 0.092 | 0.064 | 0.062 | 0.072 |
| 1999 | 0.089 | 0.089 | 0.028 | 0.052 | 0.068 |

* Novice means no prior teaching experience

** Of test takers.

Proportion of Novice NYS Public Teachers with Various Attributes by Predominant Teaching Assignment, 1985-99*

Table B-30

Proportion of Failing NYSTCE Liberal Arts and Science Exam**

| Year | Elem-entary | Human-ities | Math and Science | Special Education | Other |
|------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 1985 | | | | | |
| 1986 | | | | | |
| 1987 | | | | | |
| 1988 | | | | | |
| 1989 | | | | | |
| 1990 | | | | | |
| 1991 | | | | | |
| 1992 | | | | | |
| 1993 | | | | | |
| 1994 | a | a | a | a | a |
| 1995 | a | a | a | a | a |
| 1996 | 0.134 | 0.044 | 0.021 | 0.108 | 0.093 |
| 1997 | 0.133 | 0.075 | 0.053 | 0.150 | 0.110 |
| 1998 | 0.117 | 0.071 | 0.042 | 0.141 | 0.151 |
| 1999 | 0.116 | 0.067 | 0.051 | 0.126 | 0.102 |

Table B-31

Proportion of Failing NYSTCE Elementary ATS-W Exam**

| Year | Elem-entary | Human-ities | Math and Science | Special Education | Other |
|------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 1985 | | | | | |
| 1986 | | | | | |
| 1987 | | | | | |
| 1988 | | | | | |
| 1989 | | | | | |
| 1990 | | | | | |
| 1991 | | | | | |
| 1992 | | | | | |
| 1993 | | | | | |
| 1994 | a | a | a | a | a |
| 1995 | a | a | a | a | a |
| 1996 | 0.089 | 0.269 | 0.037 | 0.082 | 0.077 |
| 1997 | 0.076 | 0.196 | 0.068 | 0.087 | 0.123 |
| 1998 | 0.075 | 0.199 | 0.043 | 0.083 | 0.097 |
| 1999 | 0.059 | 0.181 | 0.052 | 0.081 | 0.078 |

* Novice means no prior teaching experience

** Of test takers

a: results from the NYSTCE are first available in 1994 but cell sizes are generally too small to report.

Proportion of Novice NYS Public Teachers with Various Attributes by Predominant Teaching Assignment, 1985-99*

Table B-32

Proportion of Failing NYSTCE Secondary ATS-W Exam**

| Year | Elem-entary | Human-ities | Math and Science | Special Education | Other |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1985 | | | | | |
| 1986 | | | | | |
| 1987 | | | | | |
| 1988 | | | | | |
| 1989 | | | | | |
| 1990 | | | | | |
| 1991 | | | | | |
| 1992 | | | | | |
| 1993 | | | | | |
| 1994 | a | a | a | a | a |
| 1995 | a | a | a | a | a |
| 1996 | 0.132 | 0.060 | 0.024 | 0.133 | 0.080 |
| 1997 | 0.119 | 0.074 | 0.050 | 0.118 | 0.122 |
| 1998 | 0.053 | 0.045 | 0.041 | 0.141 | 0.158 |
| 1999 | 0.095 | 0.038 | 0.039 | 0.179 | 0.103 |

Table B-33

Proportion with Bachelors Degree from Most or Highly Competitive Colleges

| Year | Elem-entary | Human-ities | Math and Science | Special Education | Other |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1985 | 0.075 | 0.142 | 0.157 | 0.170 | 0.088 |
| 1986 | 0.092 | 0.147 | 0.164 | 0.151 | 0.093 |
| 1987 | 0.102 | 0.138 | 0.177 | 0.150 | 0.112 |
| 1988 | 0.086 | 0.141 | 0.168 | 0.177 | 0.085 |
| 1989 | 0.097 | 0.173 | 0.173 | 0.137 | 0.131 |
| 1990 | 0.100 | 0.163 | 0.152 | 0.147 | 0.124 |
| 1991 | 0.115 | 0.207 | 0.181 | 0.142 | 0.114 |
| 1992 | 0.111 | 0.202 | 0.160 | 0.130 | 0.104 |
| 1993 | 0.121 | 0.188 | 0.199 | 0.131 | 0.098 |
| 1994 | 0.120 | 0.217 | 0.195 | 0.133 | 0.079 |
| 1995 | 0.098 | 0.190 | 0.166 | 0.129 | 0.091 |
| 1996 | 0.114 | 0.192 | 0.208 | 0.129 | 0.091 |
| 1997 | 0.102 | 0.190 | 0.200 | 0.130 | 0.096 |
| 1998 | 0.094 | 0.188 | 0.175 | 0.118 | 0.101 |
| 1999 | 0.094 | 0.170 | 0.172 | 0.119 | 0.105 |

* Novice means no prior teaching experience. ** Of test takers.

a: results from the NYSTCE are first available in 1994 but cell sizes are generally too small to report.

Proportion of Novice NYS Public Teachers with Various Attributes by Predominant Teaching Assignment, 1985-99*

**Table B-34
Proportion with Bachelors Degree
from Very Competitive Colleges**

| Year | Elem-entary | Human-ities | Math and Science | Special Education | Other |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1985 | 0.182 | 0.291 | 0.249 | 0.145 | 0.253 |
| 1986 | 0.192 | 0.299 | 0.225 | 0.158 | 0.233 |
| 1987 | 0.200 | 0.323 | 0.230 | 0.170 | 0.253 |
| 1988 | 0.193 | 0.312 | 0.246 | 0.181 | 0.263 |
| 1989 | 0.210 | 0.296 | 0.270 | 0.160 | 0.266 |
| 1990 | 0.212 | 0.300 | 0.254 | 0.176 | 0.215 |
| 1991 | 0.197 | 0.255 | 0.237 | 0.177 | 0.234 |
| 1992 | 0.205 | 0.291 | 0.242 | 0.180 | 0.262 |
| 1993 | 0.210 | 0.297 | 0.240 | 0.195 | 0.263 |
| 1994 | 0.215 | 0.274 | 0.248 | 0.220 | 0.245 |
| 1995 | 0.221 | 0.289 | 0.300 | 0.205 | 0.244 |
| 1996 | 0.206 | 0.328 | 0.254 | 0.201 | 0.245 |
| 1997 | 0.204 | 0.298 | 0.258 | 0.189 | 0.222 |
| 1998 | 0.202 | 0.301 | 0.251 | 0.187 | 0.233 |
| 1999 | 0.198 | 0.301 | 0.260 | 0.208 | 0.209 |

**Table B-35
Proportion with Bachelors Degree
from Competitive Colleges**

| Year | Elem-entary | Human-ities | Math and Science | Special Education | Other |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1985 | 0.590 | 0.400 | 0.487 | 0.502 | 0.586 |
| 1986 | 0.566 | 0.420 | 0.499 | 0.530 | 0.598 |
| 1987 | 0.562 | 0.411 | 0.468 | 0.526 | 0.538 |
| 1988 | 0.584 | 0.445 | 0.478 | 0.506 | 0.556 |
| 1989 | 0.537 | 0.409 | 0.433 | 0.532 | 0.486 |
| 1990 | 0.539 | 0.415 | 0.449 | 0.522 | 0.562 |
| 1991 | 0.540 | 0.418 | 0.460 | 0.517 | 0.527 |
| 1992 | 0.528 | 0.376 | 0.481 | 0.530 | 0.523 |
| 1993 | 0.527 | 0.380 | 0.415 | 0.505 | 0.532 |
| 1994 | 0.512 | 0.373 | 0.426 | 0.478 | 0.560 |
| 1995 | 0.507 | 0.402 | 0.418 | 0.491 | 0.541 |
| 1996 | 0.519 | 0.394 | 0.415 | 0.539 | 0.562 |
| 1997 | 0.509 | 0.364 | 0.418 | 0.506 | 0.561 |
| 1998 | 0.509 | 0.382 | 0.432 | 0.513 | 0.549 |
| 1999 | 0.521 | 0.408 | 0.433 | 0.473 | 0.538 |

* Novice means no prior teaching experience

Proportion of Novice NYS Public Teachers with Various Attributes by Predominant Teaching Assignment, 1985-99*

Table B-36
Proportion with Bachelors Degree
from Least Competitive Colleges

| Year | Elem-entary | Human-ities | Math and Science | Special Education | Other |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1985 | 0.153 | 0.168 | 0.107 | 0.183 | 0.073 |
| 1986 | 0.150 | 0.134 | 0.113 | 0.162 | 0.076 |
| 1987 | 0.136 | 0.128 | 0.125 | 0.154 | 0.097 |
| 1988 | 0.137 | 0.103 | 0.108 | 0.135 | 0.097 |
| 1989 | 0.156 | 0.123 | 0.124 | 0.171 | 0.116 |
| 1990 | 0.149 | 0.122 | 0.145 | 0.155 | 0.099 |
| 1991 | 0.148 | 0.120 | 0.122 | 0.164 | 0.124 |
| 1992 | 0.156 | 0.131 | 0.116 | 0.159 | 0.111 |
| 1993 | 0.142 | 0.135 | 0.145 | 0.168 | 0.107 |
| 1994 | 0.153 | 0.136 | 0.132 | 0.169 | 0.116 |
| 1995 | 0.174 | 0.119 | 0.116 | 0.174 | 0.124 |
| 1996 | 0.160 | 0.086 | 0.122 | 0.131 | 0.102 |
| 1997 | 0.185 | 0.148 | 0.124 | 0.175 | 0.120 |
| 1998 | 0.195 | 0.130 | 0.143 | 0.182 | 0.117 |
| 1999 | 0.187 | 0.120 | 0.134 | 0.200 | 0.148 |

* Novice means no prior teaching experience

Appendix C

Cohort Analysis of All Teachers Who Began Their Careers in 1991 Attributes of Teachers Depending on Career Path

Table C-1

Attributes of New York City Teachers Beginning in 1991 as of 1997 by Their Career Paths

| Teacher Attributes | Same School | Different School | Different District | Not in NYS System |
|---|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Performance on NTE Exams | | | | |
| Fail Communication Skills | 0.114 | 0.102 | 0.104 | 0.078 |
| Fail General Knowledge | 0.198 | 0.131 | 0.176 | 0.116 |
| Fail Professional Knowledge | 0.106 | 0.110 | 0.045 | 0.072 |
| Barron's ranking of Undergraduate College | | | | |
| Most or highly competitive | 0.076 | 0.099 | 0.087 | 0.220 |
| Very competitive | 0.212 | 0.202 | 0.239 | 0.185 |
| Competitive | 0.474 | 0.450 | 0.478 | 0.356 |
| Least competitive | 0.237 | 0.250 | 0.196 | 0.239 |

Table C-2

Attributes of Big Four Teachers Beginning in 1991 as of 1997 by Their Career Paths

| Teacher Attributes | Same School | Different School | Different District | Not in NYS System |
|---|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Performance on NTE Exams | | | | |
| Fail Communication Skills | 0.095 | 0.078 | 0.000 | 0.192 |
| Fail General Knowledge | 0.160 | 0.107 | 0.056 | 0.137 |
| Fail Professional Knowledge | 0.097 | 0.052 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Barron's ranking of Undergraduate College | | | | |
| Most or highly competitive | 0.144 | 0.071 | 0.182 | 0.193 |
| Very competitive | 0.156 | 0.214 | 0.091 | 0.211 |
| Competitive | 0.556 | 0.619 | 0.682 | 0.491 |
| Least competitive | 0.144 | 0.095 | 0.045 | 0.105 |

Table C-3
Attributes of Small City Teachers Beginning in 1991 as of 1997 by Their Career Paths

| Teacher Attributes | Same School | Different School | Different District | Not in NYS System |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Performance on NTE Exams | | | | |
| Fail Communication Skills | 0.059 | 0.054 | 0.000 | 0.069 |
| Fail General Knowledge | 0.088 | 0.108 | 0.000 | 0.071 |
| Fail Professional Knowledge | 0.059 | 0.108 | 0.000 | 0.034 |
| Barron's ranking of Undergraduate College | | | | |
| Most or highly competitive | 0.056 | 0.027 | 0.100 | 0.094 |
| Very competitive | 0.278 | 0.108 | 0.300 | 0.188 |
| Competitive | 0.667 | 0.838 | 0.600 | 0.688 |
| Least competitive | 0.000 | 0.027 | 0.000 | 0.031 |

Table C-4
Attributes of Suburban Teachers Beginning in 1991 as of 1997 by Their Career Paths

| Teacher Attributes | Same School | Different School | Different District | Not in NYS System |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Performance on NTE Exams | | | | |
| Fail Communication Skills | 0.044 | 0.043 | 0.030 | 0.034 |
| Fail General Knowledge | 0.074 | 0.059 | 0.060 | 0.067 |
| Fail Professional Knowledge | 0.038 | 0.040 | 0.037 | 0.036 |
| Barron's ranking of Undergraduate College | | | | |
| Most or highly competitive | 0.152 | 0.092 | 0.158 | 0.183 |
| Very competitive | 0.185 | 0.188 | 0.254 | 0.216 |
| Competitive | 0.561 | 0.622 | 0.505 | 0.499 |
| Least competitive | 0.101 | 0.098 | 0.082 | 0.103 |

Table C-5
Attributes of Rural Teachers Beginning in 1991 as of 1997 by Their Career Paths

| Teacher Attributes | Same School | Different School | Different District | Not in NYS System |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Performance on NTE Exams | | | | |
| Fail Communication Skills | 0.065 | 0.065 | 0.036 | 0.058 |
| Fail General Knowledge | 0.111 | 0.087 | 0.065 | 0.082 |
| Fail Professional Knowledge | 0.057 | 0.065 | 0.034 | 0.048 |
| Barron's ranking of Undergraduate College | | | | |
| Most or highly competitive | 0.139 | 0.124 | 0.172 | 0.155 |
| Very competitive | 0.216 | 0.281 | 0.234 | 0.271 |
| Competitive | 0.600 | 0.562 | 0.566 | 0.519 |
| Least competitive | 0.044 | 0.033 | 0.028 | 0.055 |

Table C-6
Attributes of Elementary Teachers Beginning in 1991 as of 1997 by Their Career Paths

| Teacher Attributes | Same School | Different School | Different District | Not in NYS System |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Performance on NTE Exams | | | | |
| Fail Communication Skills | 0.064 | 0.083 | 0.063 | 0.069 |
| Fail General Knowledge | 0.133 | 0.112 | 0.081 | 0.098 |
| Fail Professional Knowledge | 0.050 | 0.074 | 0.044 | 0.050 |
| Barron's ranking of Undergraduate College | | | | |
| Most or highly competitive | 0.095 | 0.084 | 0.149 | 0.174 |
| Very competitive | 0.197 | 0.188 | 0.202 | 0.206 |
| Competitive | 0.557 | 0.577 | 0.565 | 0.445 |
| Least competitive | 0.152 | 0.151 | 0.083 | 0.174 |

Table C-7
Attributes of Humanities Teachers Beginning in 1991 as of 1997 by Their Career Paths

| Teacher Attributes | Same School | Different School | Different District | Not in NYS System |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Performance on NTE Exams | | | | |
| Fail Communication Skills | 0.012 | 0.038 | 0.012 | 0.034 |
| Fail General Knowledge | 0.043 | 0.000 | 0.012 | 0.043 |
| Fail Professional Knowledge | 0.048 | 0.067 | 0.025 | 0.044 |
| Barron's ranking of Undergraduate College | | | | |
| Most or highly competitive | 0.185 | 0.115 | 0.207 | 0.287 |
| Very competitive | 0.232 | 0.281 | 0.333 | 0.218 |
| Competitive | 0.442 | 0.518 | 0.379 | 0.368 |
| Least competitive | 0.141 | 0.086 | 0.080 | 0.126 |

Table C-8**Attributes of Math and Science Teachers Beginning in 1991 as of 1997 by Their Career Paths**

| Teacher Attributes | Same School | Different School | Different District | Not in NYS System |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Performance on NTE Exams | | | | |
| Fail Communication Skills | 0.056 | 0.034 | 0.000 | 0.038 |
| Fail General Knowledge | 0.037 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.015 |
| Fail Professional Knowledge | 0.043 | 0.017 | 0.000 | 0.030 |
| Barron's ranking of Undergraduate College | | | | |
| Most or highly competitive | 0.172 | 0.161 | 0.172 | 0.208 |
| Very competitive | 0.250 | 0.237 | 0.224 | 0.253 |
| Competitive | 0.469 | 0.441 | 0.500 | 0.403 |
| Least competitive | 0.109 | 0.161 | 0.103 | 0.136 |

Table C-9**Attributes of Special Education Teachers Beginning in 1991 as of 1997 by Their Career Paths**

| Teacher Attributes | Same School | Different School | Different District | Not in NYS System |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Performance on NTE Exams | | | | |
| Fail Communication Skills | 0.070 | 0.052 | 0.016 | 0.069 |
| Fail General Knowledge | 0.125 | 0.084 | 0.116 | 0.141 |
| Fail Professional Knowledge | 0.050 | 0.040 | 0.024 | 0.047 |
| Barron's ranking of Undergraduate College | | | | |
| Most or highly competitive | 0.148 | 0.106 | 0.158 | 0.152 |
| Very competitive | 0.165 | 0.175 | 0.237 | 0.178 |
| Competitive | 0.528 | 0.498 | 0.518 | 0.505 |
| Least competitive | 0.159 | 0.221 | 0.086 | 0.165 |

Table C-10**Attributes of Other Teachers Beginning in 1991 as of 1997 by Their Career Paths**

| Teacher Attributes | Same School | Different School | Different District | Not in NYS System |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Performance on NTE Exams | | | | |
| Fail Communication Skills | 0.110 | 0.061 | 0.056 | 0.054 |
| Fail General Knowledge | 0.110 | 0.146 | 0.070 | 0.066 |
| Fail Professional Knowledge | 0.097 | 0.120 | 0.043 | 0.036 |
| Barron's ranking of Undergraduate College | | | | |
| Most or highly competitive | 0.218 | 0.250 | 0.260 | 0.230 |
| Very competitive | 0.218 | 0.250 | 0.260 | 0.230 |
| Competitive | 0.574 | 0.567 | 0.575 | 0.443 |
| Least competitive | 0.122 | 0.115 | 0.096 | 0.137 |

**Cohort Analysis of Transferring Teachers Who Began Their Careers in 1991
Attributes of Sending and Receiving Schools**

Table C-11

Attributes of Sending and Receiving New York City Schools for Transferring Teachers

| School & District Attributes | Within District | | | Between Districts | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| | Sending School | Receiving School | Difference | Sending School | Receiving School | Difference |
| Proportion students poor | 0.721 | 0.670 | -0.051 | 0.708 | 0.218 | -0.490 |
| Proportion students LEP | 0.164 | 0.156 | -0.008 | 0.154 | 0.077 | -0.077 |
| Proportion students nonwhite | 0.864 | 0.847 | -0.017 | 0.895 | 0.418 | -0.477 |
| Class Size | 24.2 | 24.6 | 0.4 | 25.6 | 20.5 | -5.1 |
| Salary | na | na | na | \$33,383 | \$38,112 | \$4,729 |

Table C-12

Attributes of Sending and Receiving Big Four Schools for Transferring Teachers

| School & District Attributes | Within District | | | Between Districts | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| | Sending School | Receiving School | Difference | Sending School | Receiving School | Difference |
| Proportion students poor | 0.671 | 0.673 | 0.002 | 0.675 | 0.190 | -0.485 |
| Proportion students LEP | 0.134 | 0.129 | -0.005 | 0.180 | 0.067 | -0.113 |
| Proportion students nonwhite | 0.744 | 0.716 | -0.028 | 0.660 | 0.233 | -0.427 |
| Class Size | 24.2 | 23.8 | -0.4 | 27.9 | 23.9 | -4.0 |
| Salary | na | na | na | \$36,189 | \$33,214 | -\$2,975 |

Table C-13
Attributes of Sending and Receiving Small City Schools for Transferring Teachers

| School & District Attributes | Within District | | | Between Districts | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| | Sending School | Receiving School | Difference | Sending School | Receiving School | Difference |
| Proportion students poor | 0.638 | 0.602 | -0.036 | 0.560 | 0.118 | -0.442 |
| Proportion students LEP | 0.048 | 0.075 | 0.027 | 0.032 | 0.008 | -0.024 |
| Proportion students nonwhite | 0.531 | 0.482 | -0.049 | 0.403 | 0.081 | -0.322 |
| Class Size | 22.0 | 26.2 | 4.2 | 21.4 | 24.1 | 2.7 |
| Salary | na | na | na | \$27,070 | \$28,677 | \$1,607 |

Table C-14
Attributes of Sending and Receiving Suburban Schools for Transferring Teachers

| School & District Attributes | Within District | | | Between Districts | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| | Sending School | Receiving School | Difference | Sending School | Receiving School | Difference |
| Proportion students poor | 0.174 | 0.171 | -0.003 | 0.179 | 0.164 | -0.015 |
| Proportion students LEP | 0.035 | 0.033 | -0.002 | 0.021 | 0.027 | 0.006 |
| Proportion students nonwhite | 0.203 | 0.201 | -0.002 | 0.166 | 0.178 | 0.012 |
| Class Size | 23.2 | 24.1 | 0.9 | 21.0 | 21.6 | 0.6 |
| Salary | na | na | na | \$30,337 | \$32,072 | \$1,735 |

Table C-15
Attributes of Sending and Receiving Rural Schools for Transferring Teachers

| School & District Attributes | Within District | | | Between Districts | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| | Sending School | Receiving School | Difference | Sending School | Receiving School | Difference |
| Proportion students poor | 0.288 | 0.266 | -0.022 | 0.294 | 0.230 | -0.064 |
| Proportion students LEP | 0.015 | 0.015 | 0.000 | 0.016 | 0.011 | -0.005 |
| Proportion students nonwhite | 0.118 | 0.119 | 0.001 | 0.108 | 0.102 | -0.006 |
| Class Size | 22.8 | 23.9 | 1.1 | 19.4 | 20.7 | 1.3 |
| Salary | na | na | na | \$28,300 | \$30,129 | \$1,829 |