Over the past ten years, the number of teachers has increased faster than the number of students. This growth pattern reflects both more program offerings and smaller class sizes.

Total teachers includes classroom teachers, special education teachers and other teachers who provide services.

In 2003-04 there were more teachers per students that in 1988-89 (65.1 teachers per thousand students in 2002-04, compared to 58.1 per thousand 1988-89). There were about 47,030 teachers (including classroom teachers, special education teachers, and other teachers who provide service but may not be assigned to one classroom) in 2003-04 compared to about 31,150 teachers in 1988-89.