

**Table 71.—Public secondary school teachers, by subject taught: Spring 1966 to spring 1996**

[Percentage distribution]

| Teaching field in which largest portion of time was spent  | 1966       | 1971       | 1976         | 1981       | 1986       | 1991         | 1996         |
|--|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1  | 2          | 3          | 4            | 5          | 6          | 7            | 8            |
| <b>Total secondary school teachers, in thousands .....</b> | <b>746</b> | <b>927</b> | <b>1,016</b> | <b>995</b> | <b>970</b> | <b>1,012</b> | <b>1,049</b> |
| All fields .....   | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0        | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0        | 100.0        |
| Agriculture .....  | 1.6        | 0.6        | 0.6          | 1.1        | 0.6        | 0.3          | 0.5          |
| Art .....  | 2.0        | 3.7        | 2.4          | 3.1        | 1.5        | 2.6          | 3.3          |
| Business education .....                                   | 7.0        | 5.9        | 4.6          | 6.2        | 6.5        | 3.5          | 4.1          |
| English .....  | 18.1       | 20.4       | 19.9         | 23.8       | 21.8       | 25.0         | 23.9         |
| Foreign language .....                                     | 6.4        | 4.8        | 4.2          | 2.8        | 3.7        | 3.8          | 5.2          |
| Health and physical education .....                        | 6.9        | 8.3        | 7.9          | 6.5        | 5.6        | 7.5          | 5.9          |
| Home economics .....                                       | 5.9        | 5.1        | 2.8          | 3.6        | 2.6        | 3.1          | 2.2          |
| Industrial arts .....                                      | 5.1        | 4.1        | 3.9          | 5.2        | 2.2        | 2.1          | 0.5          |
| Mathematics .....  | 13.9       | 14.4       | 18.2         | 15.3       | 19.2       | 14.5         | 17.2         |
| Music .....  | 4.7        | 3.8        | 3.0          | 3.7        | 4.8        | 4.2          | 4.3          |
| Science .....  | 10.8       | 10.6       | 13.1         | 12.1       | 11.0       | 13.3         | 12.6         |
| Social studies .....                                       | 15.3       | 14.0       | 12.4         | 11.2       | 13.6       | 11.0         | 13.4         |
| Special education .....                                    | 0.4        | 1.1        | 3.0          | 2.1        | 3.5        | 5.2          | 1.7          |
| Other .....  | 1.9        | 3.1        | 4.0          | 3.3        | 3.4        | 3.9          | 5.2          |

NOTE: Data are based upon sample surveys of public school teachers. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

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