

**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>
	Percent distribution, by field of study						
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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