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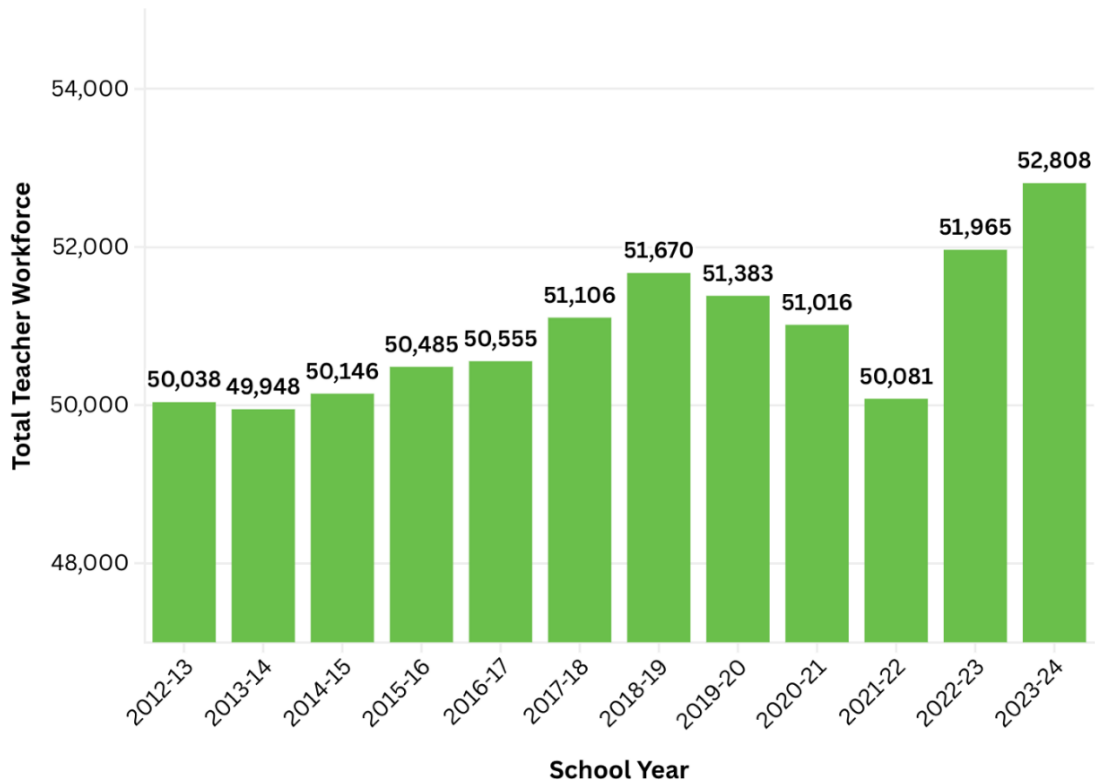
Fewer Teachers Leaving Louisiana Schools

The ranks of Louisiana’s K-12 public school teachers grew for a second consecutive year.

Traditional and charter public schools gained 843 teachers and set a new record of 52,808 educators during the 2023-24 school year.

A [January report](#) by the Louisiana Department of Education showed the rate of teachers leaving their jobs in traditional public school systems decreased by 2 percentage points, the first decline in the rate since the 2020-21 school year. Data wasn’t included in the report for the percentage of teachers exiting charter schools.

Total Teacher Workforce by Academic Year

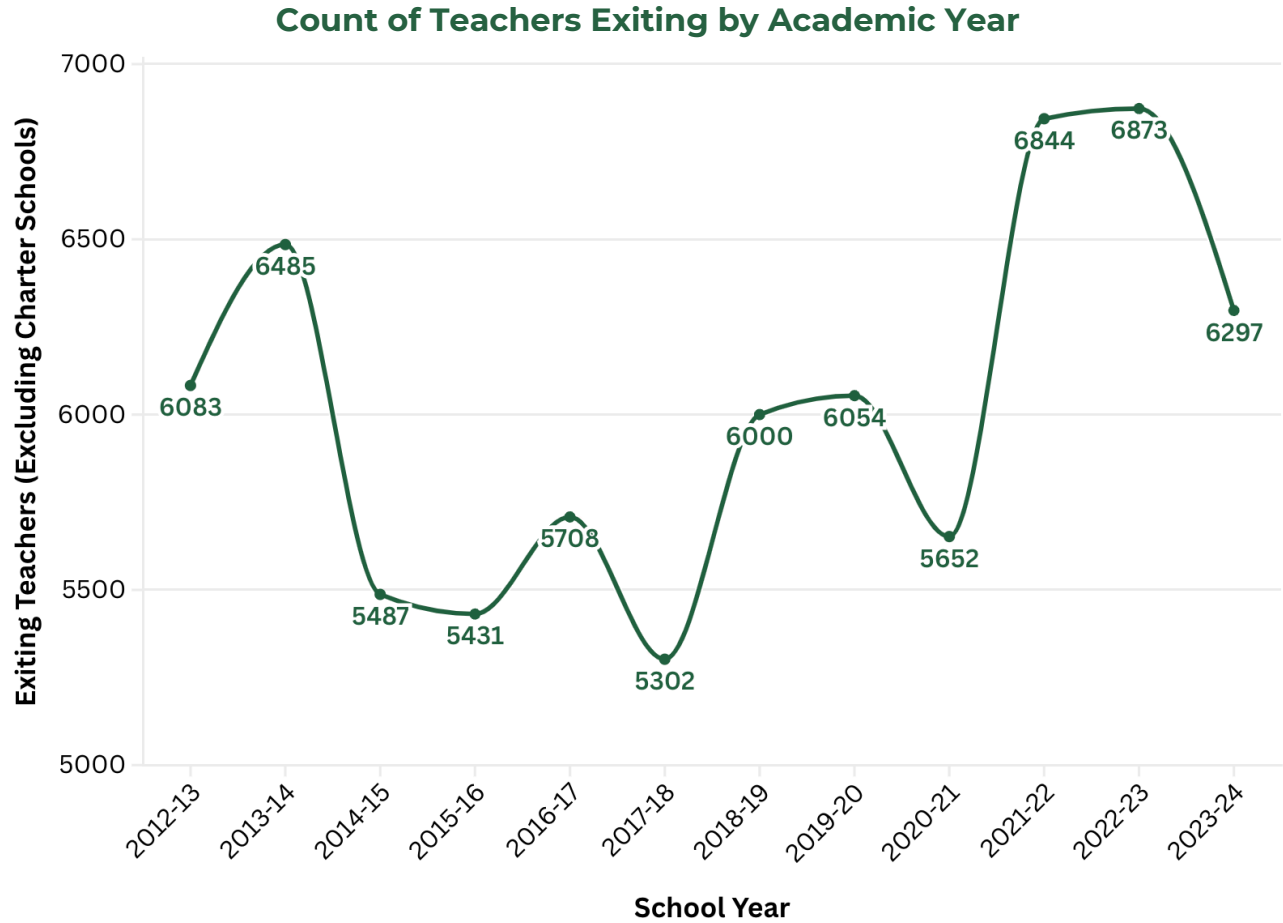


Source: 2023-24 Teacher Exit Data Report, Louisiana Department of Education

In the last school year, the number of teachers working at Louisiana’s public schools, both traditional and charter, reached its highest level in more than a decade, according to the data. Still, thousands of teachers – an average of more than 6,000 educators annually over the last 12 years – leave their jobs in the state each year.

Since the Louisiana Department of Education first fielded the survey in the 2012-13 school year, the percentage of teachers exiting their jobs has fluctuated between 11% and 15%. Thirteen percent of teachers left last year.

The exit rate was at its highest during the prior two school years and its lowest during the 2017-18 school year.



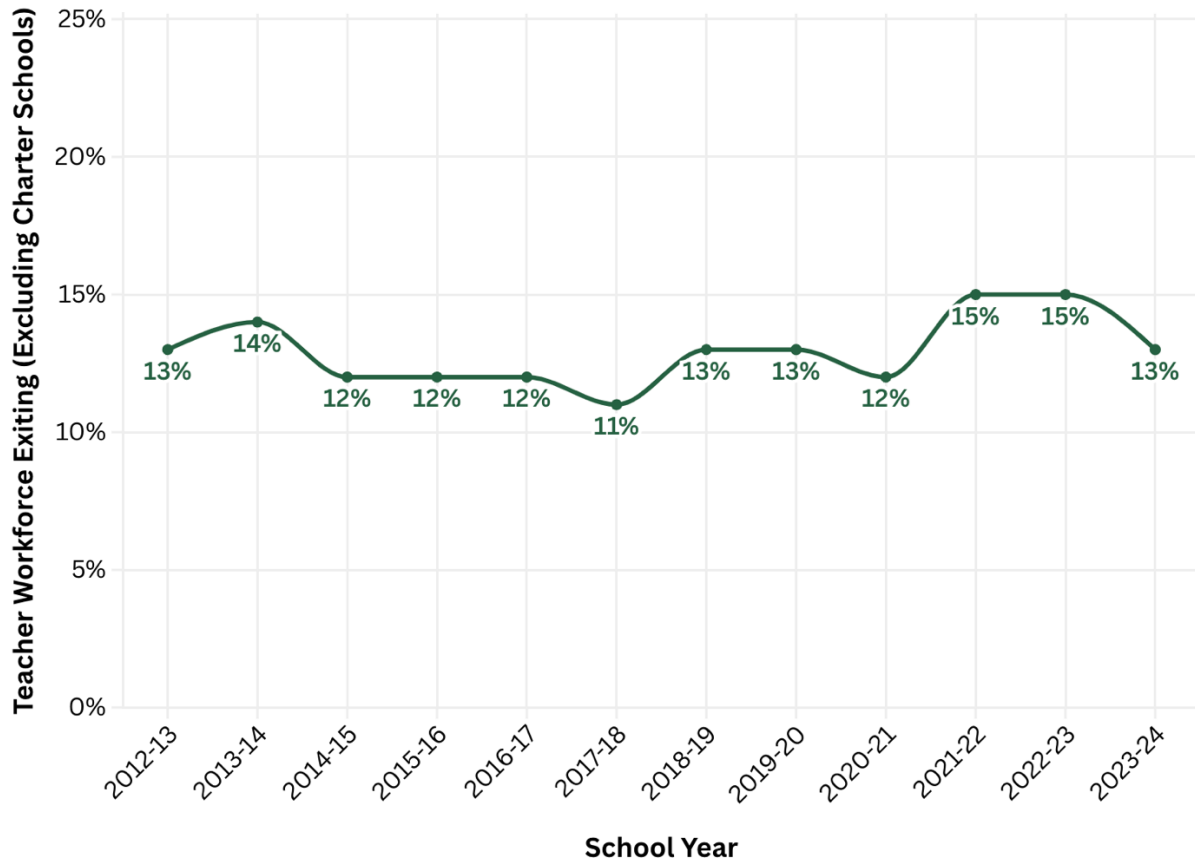
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During the last school year, nearly one-third of exiting teachers said they left for personal reasons.

Not everyone exited education, according to the data.

More than three-fourths of the teachers left the education field. But 18% of those who exited their positions transferred to another job in education in Louisiana, while 4% went to an education job in a different state. Others retired.

Percent of Teachers Exiting by Academic Year



Source: 2023-24 Teacher Exit Data Report, Louisiana Department of Education

Programs designed to replenish the ranks are seeing some gains.

The number of teachers in Louisiana completing a state-approved teacher preparation program has increased for the first time since reporting started. The 2022-23 academic year saw a 13% increase from the previous year, with nearly 1,800 people completing a program, a growth of 200 more teachers receiving certification, according to the data.

To read the complete 2023-24 Teacher Exit Data Report, visit https://doe.louisiana.gov/docs/default-source/teaching/2023-2024-teacher-exit-survey-report.pdf?sfvrsn=db74136e_3.