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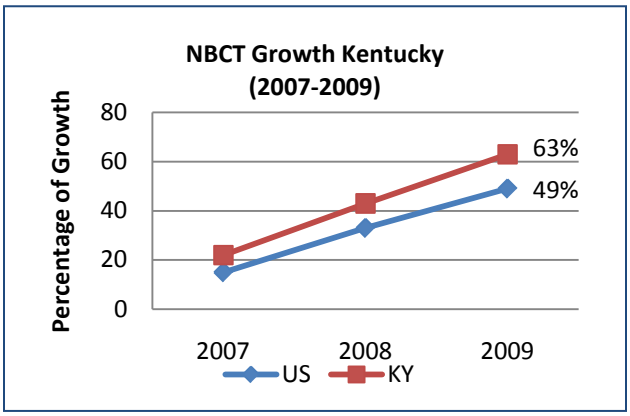
National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) by the numbers 2009*	
Number of NBCTs	1829
Number of new NBCTs	226
Percentage increase in the number of NBCTs	14%

Terry Holiday

Commissioner of Education

"Effective teaching cannot be measured solely by results of a one-day, one-time standardized test of student learning. National Board Certification is a proven method of documenting effective teaching practices. It is time that we engage our NBCTs in Kentucky in leading education reform and encourage and support more teachers to take this journey toward excellence in teaching and learning."



NBCTs comprise approximately 3 percent of the national teaching force and have won over a third of the 2010 State Teacher of the Year Awards and 2009 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Four of the five honorees of the National Teacher Hall of Fame and the 2010 National Teacher of the Year, Sarah Brown Wessling of Iowa, are NBCTs.

Kentucky National Board Certified Teacher Highlights:

Jennifer Crase of Crestwood, *2009 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching*

Patrice Powell McCrary of *Bowling Green, 2009 Teacher Hall of Fame*

Jerry Parks of Georgetown, *2009 Teacher Hall of Fame*

Karen Gill of Lexington, *2009 Kentucky Teacher of the Year*

Keri Dowdy of Mayfield, *2008 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching*

Jennifer Ann Terry of Goshen, *2007 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching*

Jeffrey A. Wright of Louisville, *2007 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching*

Susanne Burkhardt of Simpsonville, *2007 State Teacher of the Year*

Jeffrey A. Wright of Louisville, *2006 State Teacher of the Year*

Beverly McDavid of Sandy Hook, *2006 Disney Teacher Award Honoree*

Ruth Ann Sweazy of Taylorsville, *2003 Milken Scholar*

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- There are nearly 8,900 new National Board Certified Teachers nationwide—more than 82,000 teachers have been certified since the program's inception.

- More than half of NBCTs are in Title I eligible schools as reported by the National Center for Education Statistics.

- States with the highest number of teachers achieving National Board Certification in 2009 were: North Carolina, Washington, South Carolina, Illinois and Florida. Fifteen states had at least a 20 percent increase in the number of 2009 NBCTs over the number of teachers who achieved certification in 2008.

- In a congressionally mandated report, the National Research Council (NRC) confirmed that National Board Certified Teachers advance student achievement and learning, stay in the classroom longer, support new and struggling teachers and assume other school leadership roles. The NRC acknowledged that students taught by National Board Certified Teachers make higher gains on achievement tests than students taught by non-board-certified teachers.

Top Five School Districts Statewide (by total number of NBCTs)		
School District	**Number of New NBCTs**	**Total Number of NBCTs**
JEFFERSON COUNTY	24	125
OLDHAM COUNTY	23	124
FAYETTE COUNTY	25	114
KENTON COUNTY	11	60
BULLITT CO	7	55

2009 State Incentives for NBCTs**	
Fee Support	75% fee reimbursement
Salary Increase	$2,000 for the life of certificate
Other Incentive	$400 for candidate preparation

*These data reflect the number of NBCTs ever certified in the state as self-reported by the NBCTs

**Financial incentives may be subject to state imposed eligibility requirements, caps, or other restrictions. Additional incentives may also be offered by local districts on a case by case basis. The information above reflects the data available to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards as of July 13, 2010. NBPTS is not responsible for the accuracy of the incentive and support information found herein. Please contact the appropriate state agency directly to ensure that the information listed is current and report any updates to outreach@nbpts.org.

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