

FY 25 Teacher Attrition Survey Section A—Special Education Directors

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	Question:	Answer:
Q1	How many years has the special education director been in his or her current position?	
Q2	How many total years of experience as a special education director does the director have? Include the number of years in previous and current positions.	
Q3	Is the special education director employed by the PEA or a contract agency? Select one.	Employed by the PEA Employed by a contract agency
Q4	Does the special education director have an administrative certificate?	Yes No, the special education director does not have an administrative certificate. (If "No" is selected, skip to Section A Q6)
Q5	You selected "Yes" for the previous question, "Does the special education director have an administrative certificate?" Select all that apply.	Director of Special EducationPrincipalSuperintendentSupervisor
Q6	Does the special education director currently hold, or has he or she ever held, one or more of the following?	Occupational or Physical Therapist License School Psychologist Certificate Special Education Teaching Certificate Speech-Language Pathologist/ Technician Certificate/License Certificate, license, or degree in another field related to special education The special education director does not hold any of the listed certificates or licenses.
Q7	If you selected "certificate, license, or degree in another field related to special education" for the previous question, please specify more detail here. If you did not select this answer, enter "N/A."	

#### **Teacher Attrition Survey Section B—Special Education Teachers**

	Question:	Answer:
Q1	Please enter numbers for the following questions (decimals accepted). Please note that you must answer each question, even if the answer is 0 (zero).	
	What was the number of FTE special education teacher new hires employed by October 1?	
	Of the FTE special education teacher new hires employed by October 1, what was the number of FTE for teachers of preschool students with disabilities?	
	What was the number of FTE special education teacher new hires employed by October 1 experiencing their first year of teaching?	
	How many special education teachers experiencing their first year of teaching are being mentored by experienced special education teachers in the current fiscal year?	
	What was the number of FTE special education teacher vacancies not filled (open) as of October 1?	
	Of the FTE special education teacher vacancies not filled (open) as of October 1, what was the number of FTE for teachers of preschool students with disabilities?	
	What was the number of FTE from the previous fiscal year special education employed staff who returned to teach special education in the current fiscal year?	
	Of the FTE from the previous fiscal year special education employed staff who returned to teach special education in the current fiscal year, what was the number of FTE for teachers of preschool students with disabilities?	
	What was the number of FTE from the previous fiscal year special education employed staff who did not return to teach special education in the current fiscal year?	
	Of those special education teachers who did not return to teach special education in the current fiscal year, how many FTE have left the teaching profession?	
	What was the number of FTE from the previous fiscal year special education teachers that retired, were disabled, died, or moved out of state?	

Question:	Answer:
What was the number of FTE special education teachers filled by a contract agency (e.g., procured written agreement) as of October 1?	
Of the FTE special education teachers filled by a contract agency (e.g., procured written agreement) as of October 1, what was the number of FTE for teachers of preschool students with disabilities?	
What number of special education teacher new hires are recent graduates of an in-state (Arizona) public or private college or university (graduated between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024, or later)?	
What number of special education teacher new hires are recent graduates of an out-of-state public or private college or university (graduated between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024, or later)?	

# Teacher Attrition Survey Section C—Related Service Providers Physical Therapists

	Question:	Answer:
Q1	Please enter numbers for the following questions (decimals accepted). Please note that you must answer each question, even if the answer is 0 (zero).	
	What was the total number of FTE Physical Therapists (PTs) (licensed by the Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy) employed by the PEA as of October 1?	
	What was the total number of FTE Physical Therapists (PTs) (licensed by the Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy) filled by a contract agency (e.g., procured written agreement) as of October 1?	
	What was the number of FTE Physical Therapists (PTs) (licensed by the Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy) not filled (open) by October 1?	

## Teacher Attrition Survey Section C—Related Service Providers Speech-Language Pathologists/Technicians/SLPAs

	Question:	Answer:
Q2	Please enter numbers for the following questions (decimals accepted). Please note that you must answer each question, even if the answer is o (zero).	
	What was the number of FTE Master's-level Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs) (licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services with ADE certification) employed by the PEA as of October 1?	
	What was the number of FTE Master's-level Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs) (licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services with ADE certification) filled by a contract agency (e.g., procured written agreement) as of October 1?	
	What was the number of FTE Master's-level Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs) (licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services with ADE certification) not filled (open) by October 1?	
	What was the number of FTE SLPAs (licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services) employed by the PEA as of October 1?	
	What was the number of FTE SLPAs (licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services) filled by a contract agency (e.g., procured written agreement) as of October 1?	
	What was the number of FTE SLPAs (licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services) not filled (open) as of October 1?	
	What was the number of FTE Bachelor's level Speech-Language Technicians (licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services with ADE certification) employed by the PEA as of October 1?	
	What was the number of FTE Bachelor's level Speech-Language Technicians (licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services with ADE certification) filled by a contract agency (e.g., procured written agreement) as of October 1?	

## Teacher Attrition Survey Section C—Related Service Providers Occupational Therapists/COTAs

	Question:	Answer:
Q3	Please note that you must answer each question, even if the answer is 0 (zero).	
	What was the number of FTE Occupational Therapists (OTs) (licensed by the Arizona Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners) employed by the PEA as of October 1?	
	What was the number of FTE Occupational Therapists (OTs) (licensed by the Arizona Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners) filled by a contract agency (e.g., procured written agreement) as of October 1?	
	What was the number of FTE Occupational Therapists (OTs) (licensed by the Arizona Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners) not filled (open) as of October 1?	
	What was the number of FTE Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants (COTAs) (licensed by the Arizona Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners), employed by the PEA as of October 1?	
	What was the number of FTE Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants (COTAs) (licensed by the Arizona Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners), filled by a contract agency (e.g., procured written agreement) as of October 1?	
	What was the number of FTE Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants (COTAs) (licensed by the Arizona Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners) not filled (open) as of October 1?	

Teacher Attrition Survey Section C—Related Service Providers Sign Language Interpreters

	Question:	Answer:
Q4	Please enter numbers for the following questions (decimals accepted). Please note that you must answer each question, even if the answer is 0	
	(zero).	
	What was the total FTE of qualified (3.5 or higher on the EIPA) sign language interpreters hired by the PEA as of October 1?	
	What was the number of FTE qualified (3.5 or higher on the EIPA) sign language interpreters filled by a contract agency (e.g., procured written agreement) as of October 1?	
	What was the number of qualified (3.5 or higher on the EIPA) sign language interpreter positions not filled (open) as of October 1?	

**Teacher Attrition Survey Section C—Related Service Providers School Psychologists** 

	Question:	Answer:
Q5	Please enter numbers for the following questions (decimals accepted). Please note that you must answer each question, even if the answer is o (zero).	
	What was the number of FTE School Psychologists employed by the PEA as of October 1?	
	Of the number of FTE School Psychologists employed by the PEA as of October 1, what was the number of FTE School Psychologists licensed by the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners?	
	What was the number of FTE School Psychologists filled by a contract agency (e.g., procured written agreement) as of October 1?	
	Of the number of FTE School Psychologists filled by a contract agency (e.g., procured written agreement) as of October 1, what was the number of FTE School Psychologists licensed by the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners?	
	What was the number of FTE School Psychologists not filled (open) as of October 1?	

## Teacher Attrition Survey Section C—Related Service Providers O&M/Teachers of Visually Impaired/Teachers of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing

	Question:	Answer:
Q6	Please enter numbers for the following questions (decimals accepted). Please note that you must answer each question, even if the answer is 0 (zero).	
	What was the number of FTE Orientation & Mobility Specialists employed by the PEA as of October 1?	
	What was the number of FTE Orientation & Mobility Specialists filled by a contract agency (e.g., procured written agreement) as of October 1?	
	What was the number of FTE Orientation & Mobility Specialists not filled (open) by October 1?	
	What was the number of FTE teachers of the visually impaired employed by the PEA as of October 1?	
	What was the number of FTE teachers of the visually impaired filled by a contract agency (e.g., procured written agreement) as of October 1?	
	What was the number of FTE teachers of the visually impaired not filled (open) by October 1?	
	What was the number of FTE teachers of the deaf/hard of hearing employed by the PEA as of October 1?	
	What was the number of FTE teachers of the deaf/hard of hearing filled by a contract agency (e.g., procured written agreement) as of October 1?	
	What was the number of FTE teachers of the deaf/hard of hearing not filled (open) by October 1?	

### Teacher Attrition Survey Section D—Special Education Paraprofessionals

	Question:	Answer:
Q1	Please enter numbers for the following questions (decimals accepted). Please note that you must answer each question, even if the answer is 0 (zero).	
	What was the total number of FTE special education paraprofessionals (paraprofessional working under the direct supervision of a special education certified teacher) employed by the PEA as of October 1?	
	What was the total number of FTE special education paraprofessionals (paraprofessional working under the direct supervision of a special education certified teacher) filled by a contract agency (e.g., procured written agreement) as of October 1?	
	What was the total number of FTE special education paraprofessionals (paraprofessional working under the direct supervision of a special education certified teacher) not filled (open) by October 1?	

#### **Teacher Attrition Survey Section E—Special Education Personnel**

	Question:	Answer:
Q1	Did any special education teacher(s) (non-preschool) leave their position?	Yes No (If "No" is selected, skip to Section E Q4)
Q2	What were the main reasons (other than retirement, disability, or death) that special education teachers (non-preschool) left their positions? Select all that apply.	Better paying position Career change Contract was not renewed due to poor performance Contract was not renewed due to position being eliminated Family reasons Health-related reasons International visa expired Lack of mentoring Lack of opportunity for advancement Lack of support from district office or school-based administration Left to work for a contract agency Moved (in-state) Moved (out-of-state) Position change within district/charter Workload/caseload Work-related stress Unknown
Q3	Please provide any additional comments about the main reason (other than retirement, disability, or death) that special education teachers (non-preschool) left their positions. <b>If you do not have any comments to add, enter "N/A."</b>	
Q4	Did any special education preschool teacher(s) leave their position?	Yes No (If "No" is selected, skip to Section E Q7)

	Question:	Answer:
Q5	What were the main reasons (other than retirement, disability, or death) that special education preschool teachers left their positions? Select all that apply.	Better paying position Career change Contract was not renewed due to poor performance Contract was not renewed due to position being eliminated Family reasons Health-related reasons International visa expired Lack of mentoring Lack of opportunity for advancement Lack of support from district office or school-based administration Left to work for a contract agency Moved (in-state) Moved (out-of-state) Position change within district/charter Workload/caseload Work-related stress Unknown
Q6	Please provide any additional comments about the main reason (other than retirement, disability, or death) that special education preschool teachers left their positions. <b>If you do not have any comments to add, enter "N/A."</b>	
Q7	Did any special education related service provider(s) leave their position?	Yes No (If "No" is selected, skip to Section E Q10)

	Question:	Answer:
Q8	What were the main reasons (other than retirement, disability, or death) that related service providers left their positions? Select all that apply.	Better paying position Contract was not renewed due to poor performance Contract was not renewed due to position being eliminated Family reasons Health-related reasons Lack of resources Lack of support from district office or school-based administration Left to work for a contract agency Moved (in-state) Moved (out-of-state) Too little time for planning and collaboration Workload/caseload Work-related stress Unknown
Q9	Please provide any additional comments about the main reason (other than retirement, disability, or death) that related service providers left their positions. If you do not have any comments to add, enter "N/A."	
Q10	Did the special education director(s) leave their position?	Yes No (If "No" is selected, skip to Section E Q13)

	Question:	Answer:
Q11	What were the main reasons (other than retirement, disability, or death) that the special education director(s) left their position? Select all that apply.	This information was not asked of special education director(s) Confronting increased special education teacher shortages Contract was not renewed due to poor performance Contract was not renewed due to position being eliminated Family reasons Health-related reasons Lack of support from district office or school-based administration Left to work for a contract agency Moved (in-state) Moved (out-of-state) Workload Work-related stress Unknown
Q12	Please provide any additional comments about the main reason (other than retirement, disability, or death) that special education directors left their positions. If you do not have any comments to add, enter "N/A."	
Q13	Did any special education paraprofessional(s) leave their position?	Yes No (If "No" is selected, skip to Section E Q16)

	Question:	Answer:
Q14	What were the main reasons (other than retirement, disability, or death) that special education paraprofessionals left their positions? Select all that apply.	Better paying position Career change Contract was not renewed due to poor performance Contract was not renewed due to position being eliminated Family reasons Health-related reasons Lack of benefits Lack of training and/or support Moved (in-state) Moved (out-of-state) Position change within district/charter Workload Work-related stress Unknown
Q15	Please provide any additional comments about the main reason (other than retirement, disability, or death) that special education paraprofessionals left their positions. If you do not have any comments to add, enter "N/A."	
Q16	When your special education staff leave their positions, do you provide an opportunity for them to complete an exit survey or an exit interview?	Yes No

#### Teacher Attrition Survey Section F—Special Education Personnel Retention

Answer:
6/5 contracts (additional pay for extra work associated with large caseload) Bonus for returning teachers Bonus if returning teacher signs contract early Competitive salary Longevity bonus Mid-year retention bonus On-site daycare or preschool for children of staff Pay for professional membership (CEC, ArSHA, AASP, etc.) Pay for related service provider's license and/or credentialing renewal Relocation assistance Stipends Summer work for teachers Teacher housing Tuition assistance or reimbursement Alternative work schedule: 4-day school week Alternative work schedule: year-round calendar Protected planning time Provide substitute for "paperwork" days Remote/work from home opportunities Formal opportunities to collaborate with general education teachers Formal opportunities to collaborate with other special education teachers/related service providers Funds for materials Funds for professional development Induction programs Instructional coaching Mentoring Peer-to-peer observation and feedback Targeted professional learning for principals on special education-related topics Targeted professional learning opportunities

Q2	If you checked "Other incentives not listed above" in the previous	Targeted professional learning opportunities for paraprofessionals Teacher leadership opportunities Teacher voice in decision-making Other incentives not listed above None
	question, please provide further detail. If this question does not apply, enter "N/A."	