

# How to Use the Rhode Island Educator Preparation Index

## ABOUT THE INDEX

All data is live and driven by confirmation of program completers from RI providers.

The Index includes three years, or “cohorts”, of program completers. Cohorts of completers include individuals that successfully finished in 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014. For many of the tables, the Index calculates the total of program completers whose employment is aligned to the program they completed.

Employment, effectiveness, and certification data are based on RI data. RI has worked hard to build comprehensive data systems. The Index incorporates that data, reported by LEAs and other entities, to paint a picture of RI educator preparation and employment.

Some data points, like RI school accountability and RI newly hired information, are provided to users for context about employment in RI.

## RI Terms in the Index

**RI Approved Educator Preparation Provider:** An entity that prepares individuals to meet RI certification requirements.

**Program Completer:** An individual that successfully finished a program an approved program and is therefore eligible for certification.

**RI Newly Hired:** An individual educator who has not been previously reported in a RI assignment.

**RI School Accountability:** A classification for an individual school based on multiple measures.

**Final Effectiveness Ratings:** A classification of an educator’s performance based on multiple measures.

### 1 Select a provider of interest.

Click on a link to view an Index for one of RI’s approved providers. Within that Index, you will see data on the providers’ program completers.



### 2 Familiarize yourself with the summary data.

Review the top table to learn how many individuals completed programs, were certified in Rhode Island, and served as educators in the given years.

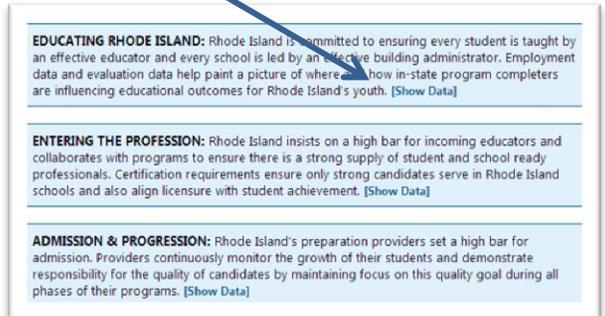
	PROVIDER SUMMARY		
	Admission & Progression	Entering the Profession	Educating Rhode Island in 13-14 SY
11-12 Program Completers	207	179	58
12-13 Program Completers	266	190	54

### 4 Think through and discuss key questions.

Consider reviewing an Index with a colleague to think about how this information may influence your organization or practice. Ask yourself: *Is the data what you thought? Did anything surprise you? Are there data points that you want to learn more about?*

### 3 Learn about the data points.

Choose a section that you want to explore by clicking ‘show data’. Review the charts by reading the labels, hovering over visual representations, and reading FAQs.



- ✓ Certificate areas with an asterisk\* denote RI certification shortage areas.
- ✓ Frequently asked questions appear below the tables and graphs.
- ✓ Totals for visually represented data can be seen by hovering over the colored segments.
- ✓ More information is available by selecting “Show Data” and “Show Details” throughout the Indices.

### 5 Let us know what data was helpful.

Tell us about your experience with the Index by taking our survey. Explain what additional data you are curious about and how we may improve the Index for the November 2015 release.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RI\\_Index2014](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RI_Index2014)

Indices may be found at: <http://www3.ride.ri.gov/RIEdPrepIndex/Default.aspx>