Where have all the teacher-librarians in BC public schools gone?

The following charts show the steady loss of teacher-librarian positions in BC public schools since 2001–02 and the impact of these ongoing cuts on the students-per-teacher-librarian ratio.

Change in FTE teacher-librarian positions: 2001–02 to 2014–15

- The following chart shows the number of teacher-librarians in BC public schools for select years between 2001–02 and 2014–15.
- Since 2001–02, the number of FTE teacher-librarians decreased from 922 FTE positions in 2001–02 to 577 FTE positions in 2014–15.
- There are 345 fewer FTE teacher-librarians in 2014–15 than in 2001–02.
- Teacher-librarians in BC public schools have been cut by more than one-third (-37.4%).

The chart on the following page shows how the students-per-teacher-librarian ratio changed between 2001–02 and 2014–15.
The number of students per full-time teacher-librarian is significantly higher in 2014–15 than in 2001-02

The following chart shows the impact of the loss of teacher-librarian positions between 2001–02 and 2014–15 on the students-per-teacher-librarian ratio in BC public schools.

- In 2001–02, there were 647 FTE students for each full-time teacher-librarian.
- By 2014–15, the ratio increased to 930 FTE students for each full-time teacher-librarian.
- Between 2001–02 and 2014–15, FTE student enrolment fell by 10%, while the number of FTE teacher librarians decreased by 37.4%.


BC Ministry of Education, Staff by Year and Program Code (unpublished Form 1530 data, various years).

Note: Numbers are rounded for the chart.

FTE teacher-librarians, FTE student enrolment (Public), and ratio of students per teacher-librarian (FTE)

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