



Reading Recovery®
Council of North America

www.readingrecovery.org

“When you compare the success rate of Reading Recovery with other programs that keep children for years and never get them reading on grade level, Reading Recovery is a bargain!”¹

— P.M. Cunningham & S.R. Allington

Reading Recovery: Facts & Figures (United States 1984–2008)

Reading Recovery begins with the lowest-achieving first graders — those who are having extreme difficulty with early reading and writing.

READING RECOVERY AND DESCUBRIENDO LA LECTURA CHILDREN SERVED AND RESULTS

	Children Served	Complete Intervention	Discontinued	Percent
1984–1985	110	55	37	67%
1985–1986	230	136	99	73%
1986–1987	2,048	1,336	1,059	79%
1987–1988	3,649	2,648	2,269	86%
1988–1989	4,772	3,609	2,994	83%
1989–1990	7,778	5,840	4,888	84%
1990–1991	12,605	9,283	8,126	88%
1991–1992	21,821	16,026	13,499	84%
1992–1993	36,443	26,582	22,109	83%
1993–1994	56,077	40,493	33,243	82%
1994–1995	81,220	57,712	46,637	81%
1995–1996	99,617	71,193	59,266	83%
1996–1997	109,879	78,935	65,551	83%
1997–1998	122,935	88,929	73,610	83%
1998–1999	142,149	101,023	79,275	78%
1999–2000	150,046	110,913	86,426	78%
2000–2001	152,169	115,284	89,236	77%
2001–2002	148,567	113,791	88,408	78%
2002–2003	142,394	110,197	84,108	76%
2003–2004	126,544	97,643	74,537	76%
2004–2005	117,577	91,916	69,605	76%
2005–2006	109,512	84,946	64,211	76%
2006–2007	99,527	76,809	56,230	73%
2007–2008	91,021	71,175	53,258	75%
TOTAL	1,839,572	1,376,474	1,078,681	78%

National Data Evaluation Center, The Ohio State University

Children Served — Children who received at least one lesson in Reading Recovery
Complete Intervention — Children who had the opportunity for a full series of lessons
Discontinued² — Children who successfully met rigorous criteria to be released from Reading Recovery during the school year or at the time of year-end testing
Percent — Percent of children who successfully completed the full intervention and whose lessons were discontinued

¹ Cunningham, P.M. & Allington, S.R. (1994). *Classrooms that work*. New York: HarperCollins Publishers. 255.

² Criteria for “discontinuing” student lessons are discussed more completely in Askew, B.J., Fountas, I.C., Lyons, C.A., Pinnell, G.S., & Schmitt, M.C. (1998). *Reading Recovery review: Understandings, outcomes, and implications*. Columbus, OH: Reading Recovery Council of North America, Inc.

SUCCESS RATE — 1984 to PRESENT

78% of students who received
the full series of lessons reached grade-level expectations.

UNIVERSITY TRAINERS, TEACHER LEADERS, TEACHERS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND SCHOOLS

	University Trainers	Teacher Leaders	Teachers	School Districts	Schools
1984–1985	0	0	16	1	6
1985–1986	1	3	58	23	35
1986–1987	3	27	280	108	255
1987–1988	3	45	531	143	227
1988–1989	6	43	732	265	623
1989–1990	11	54	1,163	332	892
1990–1991	13	80	1,850	508	1,406
1991–1992	19	155	3,164	798	2,336
1992–1993	24	259	5,343	1,246	3,731
1993–1994	33	388	8,182	1,905	5,523
1994–1995	39	510	12,084	2,543	7,784
1995–1996	39	625	14,153	2,939	9,062
1996–1997	42	667	15,843	3,241	9,815
1997–1998	35	739	18,831	3,596	10,612
1998–1999	38	770	18,854	3,450	11,102
1999–2000	39	729	18,862	3,261	10,636
2000–2001	37	727	18,846	3,289	10,619
2001–2002	36	729	18,425	3,235	10,474
2002–2003	34	708	17,637	3,087	9,925
2003–2004	35	641	15,601	2,829	8,787
2004–2005	39	600	13,823	2,614	8,139
2005–2006	40	555	12,801	2,404	7,543
2006–2007	40	512	12,256	2,214	6,948
2007–2008	40	473	10,664	2,040	6,432

National Data Evaluation Center, The Ohio State University

READING RECOVERY TEACHERS' OTHER ROLES

Reading Recovery teachers typically work a half-day in Reading Recovery, and the other half-day they are assigned to other school roles. In 2007–2008, Reading Recovery teachers served an average of 8.1 students in Reading Recovery and 40.6 students in their other assigned roles, for a total average of 48.7 students served per teacher.

Title I or reading teachers	70%
Classroom teachers	11%
Other roles*	19%

**Other roles include special education teacher, staff developer, school administrator, ESL teacher, and other positions.*