**Licensure and Employment Rates**

**Initial Level**

To determine the initial level licensure rate, the official graduation list for each semester was used to individually look up students in the WVDE Certification Check Program. This program requires entry of the student’s name, birthdate, and last 4-digits of their social security number. The security of this data source provides for a great deal of confidence in these numbers. It does not, however, allow for students who have sought licensure in other states.

**Initial Level Licensure Rates**

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| **Academic Year** | **# of Graduates** | **# of Graduates who earned a Professional Teaching Certificate** |
| 2014-2015 | 86 |  (76/86) 88% |
| 2015-2016 | 131 | (108/131) 82% |
| 2016-2017 | 118 | (103/118) 87% |

Employment data is more difficult to verify. Several different forms of data retrieval was used to calculate the data below. Because names have changed and not all external online databases are updated, the percentages are less than reliable. It is anticipated that the actual employment numbers are much higher. Future efforts to provide better contact with graduates are needed to provide more accurate information.

**Initial Level Employment Rates**

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| **Academic Year** | **# of Graduates** | **Employed as a Teacher** |
| 2014-2015 | 86 | 72% |
| 2015-2016 | 131 | 56.5% |
| 2016-2017 | 118 | 40.7% |