

Table 77. Estimated average annual salary of teachers in public elementary and secondary schools: 1959–60 to 2002–03

| School year | Current dollars | | | | | Constant 2002–03 dollars | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|--|--|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | All teachers | Elementary teachers | Secondary teachers | Earnings per full-time employee working for wages or salary ¹ | Ratio of average teachers' salary to earnings per full-time employee | All teachers | Elementary teachers | Secondary teachers |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 1959–60 | \$4,995 | \$4,815 | \$5,276 | \$4,632 | 1.08 | \$30,959 | \$29,844 | \$32,701 |
| 1961–62 | 5,515 | 5,340 | 5,775 | 4,928 | 1.12 | 33,415 | 32,354 | 34,990 |
| 1963–64 | 5,995 | 5,805 | 6,266 | 5,373 | 1.12 | 35,399 | 34,278 | 37,000 |
| 1965–66 | 6,485 | 6,279 | 6,761 | 5,838 | 1.11 | 37,013 | 35,838 | 38,589 |
| 1967–68 | 7,423 | 7,208 | 7,692 | 6,444 | 1.15 | 39,751 | 38,600 | 41,192 |
| 1969–70 | 8,626 | 8,412 | 8,891 | 7,334 | 1.18 | 41,587 | 40,555 | 42,864 |
| 1970–71 | 9,268 | 9,021 | 9,568 | 7,815 | 1.19 | 42,489 | 41,356 | 43,864 |
| 1971–72 | 9,705 | 9,424 | 10,031 | 8,334 | 1.16 | 42,951 | 41,708 | 44,394 |
| 1972–73 | 10,174 | 9,893 | 10,507 | 8,858 | 1.15 | 43,283 | 42,087 | 44,700 |
| 1973–74 | 10,770 | 10,507 | 11,077 | 9,647 | 1.12 | 42,067 | 41,040 | 43,267 |
| 1974–75 | 11,641 | 11,334 | 12,000 | 10,420 | 1.12 | 40,933 | 39,854 | 42,196 |
| 1975–76 | 12,600 | 12,280 | 12,937 | 11,218 | 1.12 | 41,377 | 40,326 | 42,483 |
| 1976–77 | 13,354 | 12,989 | 13,776 | 11,991 | 1.11 | 41,436 | 40,304 | 42,746 |
| 1977–78 | 14,198 | 13,845 | 14,602 | 12,823 | 1.11 | 41,283 | 40,257 | 42,458 |
| 1978–79 | 15,032 | 14,681 | 15,450 | 13,822 | 1.09 | 39,965 | 39,031 | 41,076 |
| 1979–80 | 15,970 | 15,569 | 16,459 | 15,086 | 1.06 | 37,463 | 36,523 | 38,611 |
| 1980–81 | 17,644 | 17,230 | 18,142 | 16,517 | 1.07 | 37,094 | 36,224 | 38,141 |
| 1981–82 | 19,274 | 18,853 | 19,805 | 17,863 | 1.08 | 37,299 | 36,484 | 38,326 |
| 1982–83 | 20,695 | 20,227 | 21,291 | 18,946 | 1.09 | 38,399 | 37,531 | 39,505 |
| 1983–84 | 21,935 | 21,487 | 22,554 | 19,874 | 1.10 | 39,248 | 38,446 | 40,355 |
| 1984–85 | 23,600 | 23,200 | 24,187 | 20,815 | 1.13 | 40,636 | 39,947 | 41,647 |
| 1985–86 | 25,199 | 24,718 | 25,846 | 21,727 | 1.16 | 42,173 | 41,368 | 43,256 |
| 1986–87 | 26,569 | 26,057 | 27,244 | 22,642 | 1.17 | 43,500 | 42,662 | 44,605 |
| 1987–88 | 28,034 | 27,519 | 28,798 | 23,698 | 1.18 | 44,073 | 43,263 | 45,274 |
| 1988–89 | 29,564 | 29,022 | 30,218 | 24,651 | 1.20 | 44,426 | 43,612 | 45,409 |
| 1989–90 | 31,367 | 30,832 | 32,049 | 25,643 | 1.22 | 44,989 | 44,221 | 45,967 |
| 1990–91 | 33,084 | 32,490 | 33,896 | 26,791 | 1.23 | 44,992 | 44,184 | 46,096 |
| 1991–92 | 34,063 | 33,479 | 34,827 | 27,990 | 1.22 | 44,885 | 44,115 | 45,892 |
| 1992–93 | 35,029 | 34,350 | 35,880 | 29,036 | 1.21 | 44,760 | 43,892 | 45,847 |
| 1993–94 | 35,737 | 35,233 | 36,566 | 29,778 | 1.20 | 44,511 | 43,884 | 45,544 |
| 1994–95 | 36,675 | 36,088 | 37,523 | 30,568 | 1.20 | 44,407 | 43,696 | 45,434 |
| 1995–96 | 37,642 | 37,138 | 38,397 | 31,518 | 1.19 | 44,370 | 43,776 | 45,260 |
| 1996–97 | 38,443 | 38,039 | 39,184 | 32,735 | 1.17 | 44,058 | 43,595 | 44,907 |
| 1997–98 | 39,351 | 39,008 | 39,945 | 34,269 | 1.15 | 44,308 | 43,922 | 44,977 |
| 1998–99 | 40,550 | 40,097 | 41,303 | 35,893 | 1.13 | 44,881 | 44,380 | 45,715 |
| 1999–2000 | 41,827 | 41,326 | 42,571 | 37,718 | 1.11 | 44,996 | 44,457 | 45,796 |
| 2000–01 | 43,400 | 42,937 | 44,028 | 39,272 | 1.11 | 45,141 | 44,660 | 45,794 |
| 2001–02 | 44,683 | 44,308 | 45,246 | — | — | 45,667 | 45,284 | 46,243 |
| 2002–03 | 45,822 | 45,658 | 46,119 | — | — | 45,822 | 45,658 | 46,119 |

—Not available.

¹ Calendar-year data from the U.S. Department of Commerce have been converted to a school-year basis by averaging the two appropriate calendar years in each case. Beginning in 1992–93, data are wage and salary accruals per full-time-equivalent employee.

NOTE: Constant 2002–03 dollars based on the Consumer Price Index, prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. Some data have been revised from previously published figures.

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