

**Table 79.—Estimated average annual salary of teachers in public elementary and secondary schools, by state: 1969–70 to 1997–98**

State	Current dollars							Constant 1997–98 dollars <sup>1</sup>						Percent change, 1979–80 to 1997–98 in constant dollars
	1969–70	1979–80	1989–90	1994–95	1995–96	1996–97	1997–98	1969–70	1979–80	1989–90	1994–95	1995–96	1996–97	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>United States .....</b>	<b>\$8,626</b>	<b>\$15,970</b>	<b>\$31,367</b>	<b>\$36,685</b>	<b>\$37,716</b>	<b>\$38,554</b>	<b>\$39,385</b>	<b>\$36,934</b>	<b>\$33,272</b>	<b>\$39,956</b>	<b>\$39,449</b>	<b>\$39,484</b>	<b>\$39,242</b>	<b>18.4</b>
Alabama .....	6,818	13,060	24,828	31,144	31,313	32,549	32,818	29,193	27,209	31,626	33,491	32,781	33,129	20.6
Alaska .....	10,560	27,210	43,153	47,951	49,171	50,647	51,738	45,215	56,690	54,969	51,564	51,476	51,550	-8.7
Arizona .....	8,711	15,054	29,402	32,574	33,300	33,300	33,850	37,298	31,364	37,453	35,029	34,861	33,894	7.9
Arkansas .....	6,307	12,299	22,352	28,934	29,533	30,319	30,578	27,005	25,624	28,472	31,114	30,917	30,860	19.3
California .....	10,315	18,020	37,998	41,078	42,259	42,992	43,725	44,166	37,543	48,402	44,173	44,240	43,759	16.5
Colorado .....	7,761	16,205	30,758	34,571	35,364	36,271	37,052	33,230	33,762	39,180	37,176	37,022	36,918	9.7
Connecticut .....	9,262	16,229	40,461	50,045	50,254	50,426	50,730	39,657	33,812	51,540	53,816	52,610	51,325	50.0
Delaware .....	9,015	16,148	33,377	39,076	40,533	41,436	42,439	38,600	33,643	42,516	42,021	42,433	42,175	26.1
District of Columbia .....	10,285	22,190	38,402	43,700	43,700	45,012	46,350	44,037	46,231	48,917	46,993	45,748	45,815	0.3
Florida .....	8,412	14,149	28,803	32,588	33,330	33,889	34,475	36,018	29,478	36,690	35,044	34,892	34,493	17.0
Georgia .....	7,276	13,853	28,006	32,291	34,002	35,596	37,378	31,154	28,862	35,674	34,724	35,596	36,231	29.5
Hawaii .....	9,453	19,920	32,047	38,518	35,807	35,842	38,377	40,475	41,502	40,822	41,421	37,485	36,481	-7.5
Idaho .....	6,890	13,611	23,861	29,783	30,891	31,818	32,775	29,501	28,357	30,394	32,027	32,339	32,385	15.6
Illinois .....	9,569	17,601	32,794	39,431	40,919	42,125	43,873	40,972	36,670	41,773	42,402	42,837	42,876	19.6
Indiana .....	8,833	15,599	30,902	36,785	37,675	38,845	39,682	37,820	32,499	39,363	39,557	39,441	39,538	22.1
Iowa .....	8,355	15,203	26,747	31,511	32,372	33,272	34,040	35,774	31,674	34,071	33,886	33,889	33,865	7.5
Kansas .....	7,612	13,690	28,744	34,652	35,023	35,739	36,811	32,592	28,522	36,614	37,263	36,665	36,376	29.1
Kentucky .....	6,953	14,520	26,292	32,257	33,080	33,797	34,525	29,771	30,251	33,491	34,688	34,631	34,400	14.1
Louisiana .....	7,028	13,760	24,300	26,461	27,530	29,025	29,650	30,092	28,668	30,954	28,455	28,820	29,543	3.4
Maine .....	7,572	13,071	26,881	31,972	32,869	33,676	34,349	32,421	27,232	34,241	34,381	34,410	34,277	26.1
Maryland .....	9,383	17,558	36,319	40,661	41,160	41,148	41,739	40,175	36,581	46,263	43,725	43,089	41,882	14.1
Massachusetts .....	8,764	17,253	34,712	40,718	41,408	42,650	43,930	37,525	35,945	44,216	43,786	43,349	43,411	22.2
Michigan .....	9,826	19,663	37,072	41,895	46,832	48,238	49,277	42,072	40,966	47,223	45,052	49,027	49,098	20.3
Minnesota .....	8,658	15,912	32,190	35,948	36,937	38,281	39,106	37,071	33,151	41,004	38,657	38,668	38,964	18.0
Mississippi .....	5,798	11,850	24,292	26,818	27,692	27,720	29,547	24,825	24,689	30,943	28,839	28,990	28,214	19.7
Missouri .....	7,799	13,682	27,094	31,189	32,322	33,155	33,975	33,393	28,505	34,513	33,539	33,837	33,746	19.2
Montana .....	7,606	14,537	25,081	28,785	29,364	29,958	30,617	32,567	30,287	31,948	30,954	30,740	30,492	1.1
Nebraska .....	7,375	13,516	25,522	30,922	31,496	31,768	32,668	31,578	28,159	32,510	33,252	32,972	32,335	16.0
Nevada .....	9,215	16,295	30,590	34,836	36,167	37,340	37,093	39,456	33,949	38,966	37,461	37,862	38,006	9.3
New Hampshire .....	7,771	13,017	28,986	34,720	35,792	36,029	36,640	33,273	27,120	36,923	37,336	37,470	36,672	35.1
New Jersey .....	9,130	17,161	35,676	47,038	48,751	49,786	50,442	39,092	35,754	45,444	50,583	51,036	50,674	41.1
New Mexico .....	7,796	14,887	24,756	28,493	29,074	30,131	30,152	33,380	31,016	31,534	30,640	30,437	30,668	-2.8
New York .....	10,336	19,812	38,925	47,612	48,115	48,000	49,034	44,256	41,277	49,583	51,200	50,370	48,856	18.8
North Carolina .....	7,494	14,117	27,883	30,793	30,411	31,167	33,315	32,087	29,412	35,518	33,113	31,836	31,723	13.3
North Dakota .....	6,696	13,263	23,016	26,327	26,969	27,711	28,230	28,670	27,632	29,318	28,311	28,233	28,205	2.2
Ohio .....	8,300	15,269	31,218	36,802	37,835	38,676	38,977	35,538	31,812	39,766	39,575	39,608	39,366	22.5
Oklahoma .....	6,882	13,107	23,070	28,172	28,404	30,369	30,606	29,467	27,307	29,387	30,295	29,735	30,911	12.1
Oregon .....	8,818	16,266	30,840	38,555	39,706	40,960	42,150	37,756	33,889	39,284	41,460	41,567	41,690	24.4
Pennsylvania .....	8,858	16,515	33,338	44,510	46,087	47,147	47,650	37,927	34,408	42,466	47,864	48,247	47,988	38.5
Rhode Island .....	8,776	18,002	36,057	40,729	41,765	43,019	44,300	37,576	37,506	45,930	43,798	43,723	43,786	18.1
South Carolina .....	6,927	13,063	27,217	30,279	31,622	32,830	33,608	29,659	27,216	34,669	32,561	33,104	33,415	23.5
South Dakota .....	6,403	12,348	21,300	25,994	26,346	26,764	27,341	27,416	25,726	27,132	27,953	27,581	27,241	6.3
Tennessee .....	7,050	13,972	27,052	32,477	33,126	34,222	35,340	30,186	29,110	34,459	34,924	34,679	34,832	21.4
Texas .....	7,255	14,132	27,496	31,223	32,000	33,038	33,648	31,064	29,443	35,025	33,576	33,500	33,627	14.3
Utah .....	7,644	14,909	23,686	29,082	30,588	31,867	32,950	32,729	31,062	30,171	31,273	32,022	32,435	6.1
Vermont .....	7,968	12,484	29,012	35,406	36,295	36,053	36,299	34,117	26,009	36,956	38,074	37,996	36,696	39.6
Virginia .....	8,070	14,060	30,938	33,987	34,792	35,691	36,654	34,553	29,293	39,409	36,548	36,423	36,328	25.1
Washington .....	9,225	18,820	30,457	36,151	37,853	37,815	38,788	39,499	39,210	38,796	38,875	39,627	38,489	-1.1
West Virginia .....	7,650	13,710	22,842	31,944	32,155	33,257	33,398	32,755	28,564	29,096	34,351	33,662	33,850	16.9
Wisconsin .....	8,963	16,006	31,921	37,746	38,182	39,057	39,899	38,377	33,347	40,661	40,590	39,972	39,754	19.6
Wyoming .....	8,232	16,012	28,141	31,285	31,571	31,715	32,022	35,247	33,360	35,846	33,642	33,051	32,281	-4.0

<sup>1</sup>Based on the Consumer Price Index prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. Price index does not account for different rates of change in the cost of living among states.

SOURCE: National Education Association, *Estimates of School Statistics*; and unpublished data. (Latest edition 1997–98. Copyright © 1998 by the National Education Association. All rights reserved.) (This table was prepared October 1998.)

NOTE.—Some data have been revised from previously published figures.