

Table 79.—Estimated average annual salary of instructional staff in public elementary and secondary schools and average annual earnings of full-time employees in all industries: 1929–30 to 1998–99

School year	Current dollars		Constant 1998–99 dollars ¹		
	Average salary of instructional staff ²	Earnings per full-time employee working for wages or salary ³	Average salary of instructional staff ²	Earnings per full-time employee working for wages or salary ³	Ratio of instructional staff salary to earnings per full-time employee
1	2	3	4	5	6
1929–30	\$1,420	\$1,386	\$13,650	\$13,323	1.02
1931–32	1,417	1,198	16,172	13,673	1.18
1933–34	1,227	1,070	15,246	13,296	1.15
1935–36	1,283	1,160	15,362	13,889	1.11
1937–38	1,374	1,224	15,782	14,059	1.12
1939–40	1,441	1,282	16,966	15,094	1.12
1941–42	1,507	1,576	15,903	16,631	0.96
1943–44	1,728	2,030	16,317	19,169	0.85
1945–46	1,995	2,272	17,995	20,493	0.88
1947–48	2,639	2,692	18,636	19,011	0.98
1949–50	3,010	2,930	20,913	20,357	1.03
1951–52	3,450	3,322	21,598	20,797	1.04
1953–54	3,825	3,628	23,404	22,198	1.05
1955–56	4,156	3,924	25,438	24,018	1.06
1957–58	4,702	4,276	27,091	24,637	1.10
1959–60	5,174	4,632	28,974	25,939	1.12
1961–62	5,700	4,928	31,203	26,977	1.16
1963–64	6,240	5,373	33,290	28,665	1.16
1965–66	6,935	5,838	35,762	30,105	1.19
1967–68	7,630	6,444	36,916	31,178	1.18
1969–70	9,047	7,334	39,407	31,946	1.23
1970–71	9,698	7,815	40,169	32,370	1.24
1971–72	10,213	8,334	40,838	33,324	1.23
1972–73	10,634	8,858	40,874	34,048	1.20
1973–74	11,254	9,647	39,716	34,045	1.17
1974–75	12,167	10,420	38,654	33,104	1.17
1975–76	13,124	11,218	38,938	33,283	1.17
1976–77	13,840	11,991	38,800	33,617	1.15
1977–78	14,698	12,829	38,613	33,702	1.15
1978–79	15,764	13,851	37,866	33,271	1.14
1979–80	16,715	15,095	35,427	31,993	1.11
1980–81	18,404	16,495	34,958	31,332	1.12
1981–82	20,327	17,818	35,540	31,154	1.14
1982–83	21,641	18,883	36,280	31,655	1.15
1983–84	23,005	19,749	37,190	31,926	1.16
1984–85	24,666	20,626	38,373	32,088	1.20
1985–86	26,362	21,518	39,862	32,537	1.23
1986–87	27,706	22,432	40,984	33,183	1.24
1987–88	29,219	23,698	41,503	33,661	1.23
1988–89	30,850	24,651	41,885	33,469	1.25
1989–90	32,638	25,643	42,294	33,230	1.27
1990–91	34,401	26,791	42,268	32,918	1.28
1991–92	35,556	27,990	42,331	33,323	1.27
1992–93	36,460	29,036	42,092	33,521	1.26
1993–94	37,446	29,778	42,139	33,510	1.26
1994–95	38,339	30,568	41,942	33,440	1.25
1995–96	39,483	31,518	42,049	33,567	1.25
1996–97	40,435	32,734	41,869	33,895	1.24
1997–98	41,272	34,270	41,986	34,863	1.20
1998–99	42,459	—	42,459	—	—

—Not available.

¹Based on the Consumer Price Index prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.²Includes supervisors, principals, classroom teachers, and other instructional staff.³Calendar-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. Data for years 1987–88 and after may not be directly comparable to earlier years.

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

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