

State Ranking of Child Care Worker Salaries

Rank	State	Child Care Workers*
1	District of Columbia	\$22,850
2	Massachusetts	\$22,760
3	Connecticut	\$22,180
4	Alaska	\$22,170
5	New York	\$22,050
6	California	\$22,030
7	Maryland	\$21,210
8	Maine	\$20,780
9	Rhode Island	\$20,230
10	Colorado	\$20,030
11	New Jersey	\$19,930
12	Michigan	\$19,920
13	Vermont	\$19,860
14	Wisconsin	\$19,790
15	Washington	\$19,710
16	Illinois	\$19,700
17	Delaware	\$19,590
18	Oregon	\$19,090
19	Minnesota	\$19,020
20	Ohio	\$18,730
21	Pennsylvania	\$18,500
22	New Hampshire	\$18,420
23	Florida	\$18,200
24	North Carolina	\$18,120
25	Idaho	\$17,700
26	Virginia	\$17,630

Rank	State	Child Care Workers*
27	Indiana	\$17,560
28	Missouri	\$17,340
29	Wyoming	\$17,210
30	Hawaii	\$17,200
31	North Dakota	\$16,990
32	Nebraska	\$16,960
33	Montana	\$16,930
34	Kansas	\$16,870
35	Nevada	\$16,630
36	New Mexico	\$16,490
37	Utah	\$16,400
38	Iowa	\$16,310
39	Arizona	\$16,260
40	Tennessee	\$16,190
41	South Dakota	\$16,110
42	Georgia	\$16,060
43	Kentucky	\$15,930
44	Texas	\$15,700
45	South Carolina	\$15,660
46	Oklahoma	\$15,440
47	West Virginia	\$14,810
48	Alabama	\$14,800
49	Louisiana	\$14,770
50	Mississippi	\$14,730
51	Arkansas	\$14,590
United States		\$18,120

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics; May 2006, <http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oesrcst.htm>.

*Occupation code 39-9011 defined by the BLS as "Attend to children at schools, businesses, private households, and child care institutions. Perform a variety of tasks, such as dressing, feeding, bathing, and overseeing play."