

Mean Annual Salary for Child Care Workers and Preschool Teachers

State	Child Care Workers*	Preschool Teachers**
Alabama	\$14,800	\$21,780
Alaska	\$22,170	\$27,520
Arizona	\$16,260	\$22,160
Arkansas	\$14,590	\$19,530
California	\$22,030	\$27,570
Colorado	\$20,030	\$25,730
Connecticut	\$22,180	\$28,070
Delaware	\$19,590	\$25,920
District of Columbia	\$22,850	\$31,000
Florida	\$18,200	\$24,920
Georgia	\$16,060	\$22,950
Hawaii	\$17,200	\$26,300
Idaho	\$17,700	\$22,300
Illinois	\$19,700	\$27,560
Indiana	\$17,560	\$23,020
Iowa	\$16,310	\$20,540
Kansas	\$16,870	\$24,680
Kentucky	\$15,930	\$24,670
Louisiana	\$14,770	\$19,090
Maine	\$20,780	\$24,530
Maryland	\$21,210	\$26,930
Massachusetts	\$22,760	\$28,780
Michigan	\$19,920	\$31,690
Minnesota	\$19,020	\$29,870
Mississippi	\$14,730	\$21,120
Missouri	\$17,340	\$23,490

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Montana	\$16,930	\$20,420
Nebraska	\$16,960	\$23,370
Nevada	\$16,630	\$23,390
New Hampshire	\$18,420	\$24,860
New Jersey	\$19,930	\$32,960
New Mexico	\$16,490	\$23,360
New York	\$22,050	\$37,520
North Carolina	\$18,120	\$20,100
North Dakota	\$16,990	\$22,710
Ohio	\$18,730	\$21,890
Oklahoma	\$15,440	\$23,180
Oregon	\$19,090	\$24,100
Pennsylvania	\$18,500	\$21,710
Rhode Island	\$20,230	\$27,910
South Carolina	\$15,660	\$22,180
South Dakota	\$16,110	\$26,150
Tennessee	\$16,190	\$18,390
Texas	\$15,700	\$21,910
Utah	\$16,400	\$25,170
Vermont	\$19,860	\$27,140
Virginia	\$17,630	\$29,040
Washington	\$19,710	\$26,630
West Virginia	\$14,810	\$23,610
Wisconsin	\$19,790	\$23,240
Wyoming	\$17,210	\$21,300
United States	\$18,120	\$24,784

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."

** Occupation code 25-2011 defined by the BLS as "Instruct children (normally up to 5 years of age) in activities designed to promote social, physical, and intellectual growth needed for primary school in preschool, day care center, or other child development center."