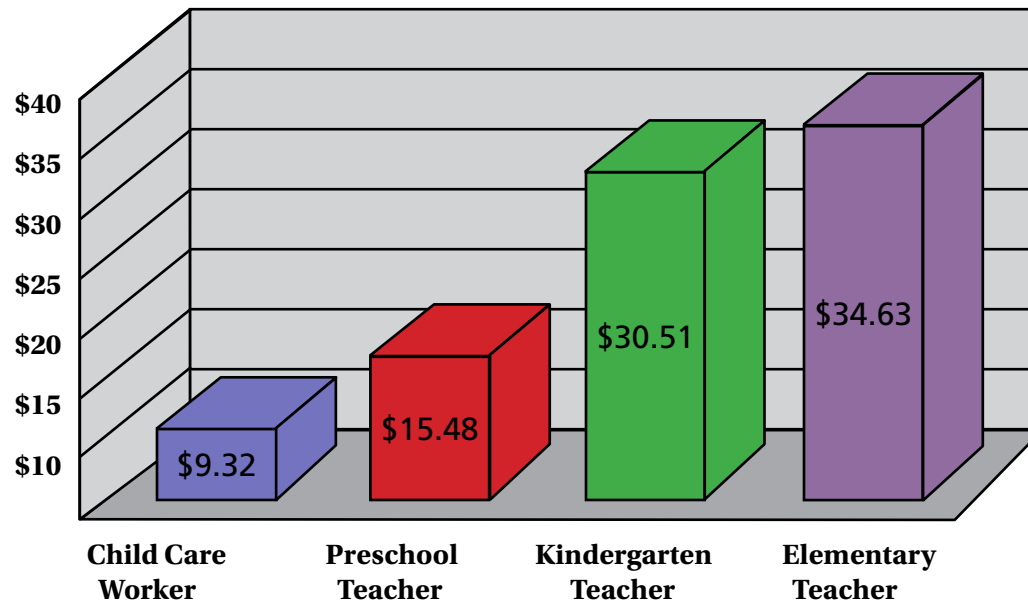


## Fact Sheet

- The mean hourly wage for child care workers in 2007 was \$9.32. The mean hourly wage for preschool teachers was \$15.48 an hour; for kindergarten teachers, \$30.51 an hour; and elementary teachers, \$34.63 an hour.
- Based on the average number of hours they work, with the mean hourly wage of \$9.32, child care workers earn approximately \$18,623 per year.
- Occupations with mean hourly wages comparable to child care workers include parking lot attendants (\$9.29) and bell hops (\$10.88).
- More than 12 million children are in child care settings every day.
- More than 4.6 million working family households rely on child care as a key ingredient to remaining employed.

**Comparison of Mean Hourly Wages of Early Childhood Educators with Mean Hourly Wages of Other Teachers**



This information was gathered by the Center for the Child Care Workforce, a project of the American Federation of Teachers.  
Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics; May 2007, <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ocwage.t01.htm>.  
Please note: Child care worker wage figures cover a broad range of employment establishments including schools, child care facilities and hospitals.

## State Ranking of Preschool Teacher Hourly Wages

Rank	State	Hourly Wage
1	New Jersey	16.02
2	Michigan	15.84
3	District of Columbia	15.30
4	Minnesota	14.59
5	New York	14.43
6	Rhode Island	14.40
7	Massachusetts	14.19
8	Maryland	14.08
9	Connecticut	13.98
10	California	13.78
11	Vermont	13.77
12	Illinois	13.70
13	Alaska	13.67
14	Hawaii	13.35
15	Washington	13.08
16	Maine	12.96
17	Virginia	12.94
18	South Dakota	12.75
19	New Hampshire	12.58
20	Florida	12.19
21	Colorado	12.17
22	New Mexico	12.14
23	South Carolina	12.04
24	Kentucky	11.99
25	Missouri	11.88
26	Delaware	11.85

Rank	State	Hourly Wage
27	Wyoming	11.81
28	Oregon	11.70
29	Indiana	11.57
30	Kansas	11.52
31	Pennsylvania	11.38
32	Arkansas	11.35
33	Utah	11.22
34	West Virginia	11.16
35	Wisconsin	11.16
36	Nevada	11.11
37	North Dakota	11.06
38	Texas	11.03
39	Arizona	10.84
40	Nebraska	10.84
41	Georgia	10.56
42	Oklahoma	10.51
43	Ohio	10.45
44	Iowa	10.43
45	Alabama	10.40
46	Mississippi	10.40
47	North Carolina	10.18
48	Montana	9.89
49	Idaho	9.63
50	Tennessee	9.61
51	Louisiana	9.02
<b>United States</b>		<b>15.48</b>

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics; May 2007, <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ocwage.t01.htm>.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey: Occupational Earnings in the United States, 2007. <http://www.bls.gov/ncs/ncswage2007.htm>

## State Ranking of Child Care Worker Hourly Wages

Rank	State	Hourly Wage
1	Massachusetts	10.29
2	Connecticut	10.01
3	New York	9.91
4	District of Columbia	9.90
5	California	9.80
6	Alaska	9.62
7	Maryland	9.46
8	Rhode Island	9.26
9	Michigan	9.12
10	Illinois	9.09
11	Vermont	8.93
12	Washington	8.87
13	Maine	8.80
14	Colorado	8.78
15	New Jersey	8.74
16	Wisconsin	8.65
17	Oregon	8.62
18	New Hampshire	8.61
19	Delaware	8.50
20	Minnesota	8.43
21	Ohio	8.42
22	Pennsylvania	8.32
23	Virginia	8.16
24	North Carolina	8.12
25	Indiana	8.03
26	Missouri	7.97

Rank	State	Hourly Wage
27	Nevada	7.96
28	Florida	7.78
29	Idaho	7.78
30	Kansas	7.73
31	Arizona	7.66
32	Hawaii	7.64
33	Utah	7.62
34	North Dakota	7.59
35	Nebraska	7.58
36	Wyoming	7.55
37	Montana	7.52
38	Kentucky	7.44
39	Iowa	7.40
40	South Dakota	7.38
41	Georgia	7.35
42	New Mexico	7.34
43	Tennessee	7.34
44	Texas	7.22
45	South Carolina	7.14
46	Alabama	7.02
47	Oklahoma	7.01
48	West Virginia	6.92
49	Mississippi	6.88
50	Louisiana	6.78
51	Arkansas	6.76
<b>United States</b>		<b>9.32</b>

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics; May 2007, [www.bls.gov/news.release/ocwage.t01.htm](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ocwage.t01.htm).

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## Hourly Wages for Child Care Workers and Preschool Teachers

State	Child Care Workers	Preschool Teachers
Alabama	7.02	10.40
Alaska	9.62	13.67
Arizona	7.66	10.84
Arkansas	6.76	11.35
California	9.80	13.78
Colorado	8.78	12.17
Connecticut	10.01	13.98
Delaware	8.50	11.85
District of Columbia	9.90	15.30
Florida	7.78	12.19
Georgia	7.35	10.56
Hawaii	7.64	13.35
Idaho	7.78	9.63
Illinois	9.09	13.70
Indiana	8.03	11.57
Iowa	7.40	10.43
Kansas	7.73	11.52
Kentucky	7.44	11.99
Louisiana	6.78	9.02
Maine	8.80	12.96
Maryland	9.46	14.08
Massachusetts	10.29	14.19
Michigan	9.12	15.84
Minnesota	8.43	14.59
Mississippi	6.88	10.40
Missouri	7.97	11.88

State	Child Care Workers	Preschool Teachers
Montana	7.52	9.89
Nebraska	7.58	10.84
Nevada	7.96	11.11
New Hampshire	8.61	12.58
New Jersey	8.74	16.02
New Mexico	7.34	12.14
New York	9.91	14.43
North Carolina	8.12	10.18
North Dakota	7.59	11.06
Ohio	8.42	10.45
Oklahoma	7.01	10.51
Oregon	8.62	11.70
Pennsylvania	8.32	11.38
Rhode Island	9.26	14.40
South Carolina	7.14	12.04
South Dakota	7.38	12.75
Tennessee	7.34	9.61
Texas	7.22	11.03
Utah	7.62	11.22
Vermont	8.93	13.77
Virginia	8.16	12.94
Washington	8.87	13.08
West Virginia	6.92	11.16
Wisconsin	8.65	11.16
Wyoming	7.55	11.81
<b>United States</b>	<b>9.32</b>	<b>15.48</b>

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