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**BEGINNING AND AVERAGE TEACHER SALARY IN 1996-97
RANKED BY AVERAGE SALARY WITHIN REGION**

State	Average Salary	Beginning Salary	State	Average Salary	Beginning Salary
NEW ENGLAND			SOUTHEAST		
Connecticut	51,181	29,154	Virginia	36,116	24,774
Massachusetts	44,101	26,445	Georgia	35,679	25,434
Rhode Island	43,084	25,497	Tennessee	34,267	21,705
Vermont	36,053	24,934	Florida	33,885	24,736
New Hampshire	36,029	23,690	Kentucky	33,802	23,018
Maine	33,676	21,108	West Virginia	33,258	22,278
MIDEAST			South Carolina	32,659	22,681
New Jersey	49,786	28,039	Alabama	32,470	26,717
New York	48,000	28,749	North Carolina	31,167	21,136
Pennsylvania	47,147	29,426	Arkansas	30,987	20,680
D.C.	42,424	25,937	Louisiana	28,347	21,087
Delaware	41,436	24,349	Mississippi	27,662	20,264
Maryland	41,257	26,548	ROCKY MOUNTAINS		
GREAT LAKES			Colorado	36,271	23,068
Michigan	47,769	26,404	Idaho	31,818	19,715
Illinois	42,339	27,210	Wyoming	31,716	22,010
Ohio	38,944	22,146	Utah	31,310	21,475
Indiana	38,722	24,172	Montana	29,958	20,592
Minnesota	38,276	25,600	FAR WEST		
Wisconsin	37,878	24,830	California	42,992	26,684
PLAINS			Oregon	41,093	25,373
Iowa	33,272	21,884	Nevada	40,817	28,538
Kansas	33,150	21,909	Washington	37,860	23,933
Missouri	33,143	23,205	Alaska	49,140	32,502
Nebraska	31,768	21,189	Hawaii	38,105	25,965
North Dakota	27,709	18,889	U.S. AVERAGE		
South Dakota	27,072	19,820		\$38,436	\$25,012
SOUTHWEST					
Arizona	33,208	24,286			
Texas	32,426	24,079			
Oklahoma	30,187	23,847			
New Mexico	29,715	22,840			