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**BEGINNING AND AVERAGE TEACHER SALARY IN 1997-98
RANKED BY AVERAGE SALARY WITHIN REGION**

State	Average Salary	Beginning Salary	State	Average Salary	Beginning Salary
NEW ENGLAND			SOUTHEAST		
Connecticut	\$51,727	\$29,506	Georgia	\$37,412	\$26,706
Rhode Island	44,506	26,300	Virginia	37,024	25,272
Massachusetts	44,285	27,238	Tennessee	34,584	22,140
New Hampshire	36,663	23,927	Florida	34,473	25,266
Vermont	36,299	25,183	Kentucky	34,453	23,536
Maine	34,349	21,554	South Carolina	33,608	23,427
			West Virginia	33,396	22,529
MIDEAST			North Carolina	33,123	22,150
New Jersey	\$50,284	\$28,319	Alabama	32,799	27,388
New York	48,712	30,204	Arkansas	32,119	21,000
Pennsylvania	47,542	29,581	Louisiana	30,090	22,843
D.C.	44,746	27,234	Mississippi	28,691	20,630
Delaware	42,439	25,493			
Maryland	41,404	27,010	ROCKY MOUNTAINS		
			Colorado	\$37,240	\$24,867
GREAT LAKES			Utah	32,981	22,241
Michigan	\$48,361	\$27,064	Idaho	32,834	20,248
Illinois	43,707	28,183	Wyoming	32,022	22,230
Indiana	39,752	24,716	Montana	30,617	21,045
Minnesota	39,104	26,266			
Ohio	39,099	22,535	FAR WEST		
Wisconsin	38,179	24,077	Alaska	\$48,275	\$33,162
			California	44,585	27,852
PLAINS			Oregon	42,301	26,098
Iowa	\$34,084	\$22,475	Nevada	40,572	28,641
Missouri	34,001	24,125	Washington	38,755	23,860
Kansas	33,800	22,445	Hawaii	36,598	26,744
Nebraska	32,668	21,949			
North Dakota	28,231	19,146	OUTLYING AREAS		
South Dakota	27,839	20,340	Guam	\$27,827	\$26,197
			Puerto Rico	24,000	18,000
SOUTHWEST			Virgin Islands	33,311	21,913
Arizona	\$34,071	\$24,917			
Texas	33,537	24,736	U.S. AVERAGE		
Oklahoma	30,940	23,676		\$39,347	\$25,735
New Mexico	30,309	23,297			

Source: American Federation of Teachers, annual survey of state departments of education.