

**Table 1-2**  
**Average and Beginning Teacher Salary in 2001-02**  
**Ranked by Average Salary Within Region**

State	Average Salary	Beginning Salary	State	Average Salary	Beginning Salary
NEW ENGLAND			SOUTHEAST		
Connecticut	\$52,376	\$34,551	Georgia	\$43,933	\$32,283
Rhode Island	51,619	30,272	North Carolina	42,118	29,359
Massachusetts	48,732	32,746	Virginia	41,752	31,238
New Hampshire	39,915	25,611	South Carolina	39,923	27,268
Vermont	39,771	25,229	Florida	39,275	30,096
Maine	37,300	24,054	Tennessee	38,515	28,857
MID-EAST			Kentucky	37,951	26,813
New York	\$51,020	\$34,577	Alabama	37,206	29,938
District of Columbia	51,000	31,982	West Virginia	36,775	25,633
Pennsylvania	50,599	31,866	Louisiana	36,328	28,229
New Jersey	50,115	35,311	Arkansas	36,026	27,565
Delaware	49,011	32,868	Mississippi	33,295	24,567
Maryland	48,251	31,828	ROCKY MOUNTAINS		
GREAT LAKES			Colorado	\$40,659	\$28,001
Michigan	\$52,497	\$32,649	Idaho	39,194	25,316
Illinois	49,679	31,761	Utah	38,153	26,806
Indiana	44,609	28,440	Wyoming	37,853	26,773
Ohio	44,266	29,953	Montana	34,379	22,344
Minnesota	42,175	29,998	FAR WEST		
Wisconsin	41,056	27,397	California	\$54,348	\$34,180
PLAINS			Alaska	49,028	36,035
Iowa	\$38,230	\$27,553	Oregon	46,033	31,026
Kansas	37,059	26,596	Nevada	44,621	28,734
Nebraska	36,236	26,010	Hawaii	44,306	31,340
Missouri	36,053	27,554	Washington	43,470	28,348
North Dakota	32,468	20,988	OUTLYING AREAS		
South Dakota	31,383	23,938	Guam	\$35,038	\$28,054
SOUTHWEST			Virgin Islands	34,764*	22,751*
Texas	\$39,230	\$30,938	Puerto Rico	22,164	18,000
Arizona	38,510	27,648	<b>U.S. AVERAGE</b>		
New Mexico	36,716	27,579	<b>Average Salary</b>	<b>\$44,367</b>	<b>\$30,719</b>
Oklahoma	32,870	27,547	<b>Beginning Salary</b>		

Source: American Federation of Teachers, annual survey of state departments of education.  
 \* 2000-01 salaries.