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## **OKLAHOMA RANKS 41ST IN THE NATION FOR TEACHER PAY**

Oklahoma ranked 41st in the nation for its average teacher salary in 2006-07, according to the American Federation of Teachers' (AFT) *Survey and Analysis of Teacher Salary Trends 2007*.

The average teacher salary in Oklahoma for the 2006-07 school year was \$42,379—a 9.3 percent increase from the previous year. Oklahoma was ranked 14th in the nation for beginning teacher salaries, at \$36,278, an increase of 10.9 percent from 2005-06.

Traditional public school teacher salaries for other states in the Southwest Region ranked as follows: Texas was ranked 29th in the nation, at \$45,392; Arizona was 31st, at \$44,700; and New Mexico was 40th, at \$42,780.

California had the highest average teacher salary, at \$63,640, while South Dakota reported the lowest, at \$35,378

The Survey and Analysis of Teacher Salary Trends 2007 uses data from state education agencies, the U.S. Department of Defense, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Census Bureau and the Bureau of Economic Analysis. The full report can be downloaded from the AFT Web site: [www.aft.org/salary/2007/download/AFT2007SalarySurvey.pdf](http://www.aft.org/salary/2007/download/AFT2007SalarySurvey.pdf).

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