

State Ranking of Preschool Teacher Salaries

Rank	State	Preschool Teachers**
1	New York	\$37,520
2	New Jersey	\$32,960
3	Michigan	\$31,690
4	District of Columbia	\$31,000
5	Minnesota	\$29,870
6	Virginia	\$29,040
7	Massachusetts	\$28,780
8	Connecticut	\$28,070
9	Rhode Island	\$27,910
10	California	\$27,570
11	Illinois	\$27,560
12	Alaska	\$27,520
13	Vermont	\$27,140
14	Maryland	\$26,930
15	Washington	\$26,630
16	Hawaii	\$26,300
17	South Dakota	\$26,150
18	Delaware	\$25,920
19	Colorado	\$25,730
20	Utah	\$25,170
21	Florida	\$24,920
22	New Hampshire	\$24,860
23	Kansas	\$24,680
24	Kentucky	\$24,670
25	Maine	\$24,530
26	Oregon	\$24,100

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27	West Virginia	\$23,610
28	Missouri	\$23,490
29	Nevada	\$23,390
30	Nebraska	\$23,370
31	New Mexico	\$23,360
32	Wisconsin	\$23,240
33	Oklahoma	\$23,180
34	Indiana	\$23,020
35	Georgia	\$22,950
36	North Dakota	\$22,710
37	Idaho	\$22,300
38	South Carolina	\$22,180
39	Arizona	\$22,160
40	Texas	\$21,910
41	Ohio	\$21,890
42	Alabama	\$21,780
43	Pennsylvania	\$21,710
44	Wyoming	\$21,300
45	Mississippi	\$21,120
46	Iowa	\$20,540
47	Montana	\$20,420
48	North Carolina	\$20,100
49	Arkansas	\$19,530
50	Louisiana	\$19,090
51	Tennessee	\$18,390
United States		\$24,784

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics; May 2006, <http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oesrcst.htm>.

** Occupation code 25-2011 defined by the BLS as "Instruct children (normally up to 5 years of age) in activities designed to promote social, physical, and intellectual growth needed for primary school in preschool, day care center, or other child development center."