Teacher Pay: A Look at Arizona's Competition for Quality Teachers

Dollar figures and ranking reflect median elementary teacher pay adjusted for cost of living.

Arizona
$44,490

Rank = 49th

California
$69,039

Rank = 5th

New Mexico
$59,587

Rank = 19th

Colorado
$48,277

Rank = 45th

Utah
$54,701

Rank = 29th

Nevada
$56,714

Rank = 28th

Few things have greater impact on student achievement than a highly effective teacher in every classroom, but Arizona is facing a teacher shortage crisis. Arizona students would benefit from policies and funding that enable schools to attract, support, and retain great teachers.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics, 2017. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Price Parities, 2017. Adjusted for cost of living by the Morrison Institute for Public Policy at ASU.

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