

**Table 82.—Estimated average annual salary of instructional staff<sup>1</sup> in public elementary and secondary schools and average annual earnings of full-time employees in all industries: 1929–30 to 1997–98**

School year	Current dollars		Constant 1997–98 dollars <sup>2</sup>		
	Average salary of instructional staff	Earnings per full-time employee working for wages or salary <sup>3</sup>	Average salary of instructional staff	Earnings per full-time employee working for wages or salary <sup>3</sup>	Ratio of instructional staff salary to earnings per full-time employee
1	2	3	4	5	6
1929–30 .....	\$1,420	\$1,386	\$13,418	\$13,097	1.02
1931–32 .....	1,417	1,198	15,897	13,440	1.18
1933–34 .....	1,227	1,070	14,987	13,069	1.15
1935–36 .....	1,283	1,160	15,101	13,653	1.11
1937–38 .....	1,374	1,224	15,514	13,820	1.12
1939–40 .....	1,441	1,282	16,678	14,837	1.12
1941–42 .....	1,507	1,576	15,633	16,348	0.96
1943–44 .....	1,728	2,030	16,040	18,843	0.85
1945–46 .....	1,995	2,272	17,689	20,145	0.88
1947–48 .....	2,639	2,692	18,319	18,687	0.98
1949–50 .....	3,010	2,930	20,557	20,010	1.03
1951–52 .....	3,450	3,322	21,231	20,443	1.04
1953–54 .....	3,825	3,628	23,005	21,821	1.05
1955–56 .....	4,156	3,924	25,005	23,609	1.06
1957–58 .....	4,702	4,276	26,630	24,218	1.10
1959–60 .....	5,174	4,632	28,481	25,497	1.12
1961–62 .....	5,700	4,928	30,672	26,518	1.16
1963–64 .....	6,240	5,373	32,724	28,177	1.16
1965–66 .....	6,935	5,838	35,154	29,593	1.19
1967–68 .....	7,630	6,444	36,288	30,648	1.18
1969–70 .....	9,047	7,334	38,737	31,402	1.23
1970–71 .....	9,698	7,815	39,486	31,819	1.24
1971–72 .....	10,213	8,334	40,143	32,757	1.23
1972–73 .....	10,634	8,858	40,179	33,468	1.20
1973–74 .....	11,254	9,647	39,040	33,465	1.17
1974–75 .....	12,167	10,420	37,997	32,541	1.17
1975–76 .....	13,124	11,218	38,276	32,717	1.17
1976–77 .....	13,840	11,991	38,140	33,045	1.15
1977–78 .....	14,698	12,829	37,956	33,128	1.15
1978–79 .....	15,764	13,851	37,222	32,705	1.14
1979–80 .....	16,715	15,095	34,824	31,448	1.11
1980–81 .....	18,404	16,495	34,363	30,799	1.12
1981–82 .....	20,327	17,818	34,936	30,624	1.14
1982–83 .....	21,641	18,883	35,662	31,117	1.15
1983–84 .....	23,005	19,749	36,557	31,383	1.16
1984–85 .....	24,666	20,626	37,720	31,542	1.20
1985–86 .....	26,362	21,518	39,184	31,983	1.23
1986–87 .....	27,706	22,432	40,287	32,618	1.24
1987–88 .....	29,219	23,467	40,796	32,765	1.25
1988–89 .....	30,850	24,502	41,172	32,700	1.26
1989–90 .....	32,638	25,555	41,575	32,553	1.28
1990–91 .....	34,401	26,668	41,549	32,209	1.29
1991–92 .....	35,556	27,829	41,610	32,568	1.28
1992–93 .....	36,460	29,060	41,376	32,978	1.25
1993–94 .....	37,446	29,781	41,422	32,943	1.26
1994–95 .....	38,331	30,573	41,219	32,876	1.25
1995–96 .....	39,465	31,579	41,315	33,059	1.25
1996–97 .....	40,562	32,850	41,285	33,436	1.23
1997–98 .....	41,598	—	41,598	—	—

<sup>1</sup> Includes supervisors, principals, classroom teachers, and other instructional staff.<sup>2</sup> Based on the Consumer Price Index prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.<sup>3</sup> Calendar-year data from the U.S. Department of Commerce have been converted to a school-year basis by averaging the two appropriate calendar years in each case. Beginning in 1992–93, data are wage and salary accruals per full-time-equivalent employee.

—Data not available.

NOTE.—Some data have been revised from previously published figures.

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