

Occupational Profile: Middle School Teachers (Except Special and Vocational Education)

GENERAL OCCUPATION DESCRIPTION

Teach students in public or private schools in one or more subjects at the middle, intermediate, or junior high level, which falls between elementary and senior high school as defined by applicable State laws and regulations. Exclude "Middle School Vocational Education Teachers" and "Special Education Teachers".

Source: O*NET online. <http://online.onetcenter.org>

REQUIRED EDUCATION

As shown in the table to right, a high level of education is required for this occupation, with 98% of interviewed employers reportedly requiring a four year college degree or more.

Required Education	
Percent of Employers Requiring HS Diploma or Less	2%
Percent of Employers Requiring 2-Year Degree or Equiv	0%
Percent of Employers Requiring BS Diploma or More	98%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

WAGES¹

Middle School Teacher is considered a medium-wage occupation, with good possibility for wage advancement with experience.

Employers in the State of Arizona generally pay less as compared with the overall United States.

Location	Pay Period	2005				
		10%	25%	Median	75%	90%
United States	Hourly	—	—	—	—	—
	Yearly	\$30,400	\$36,400	\$44,600	\$56,700	\$70,900
Greater Phoenix	Hourly	—	—	—	—	—
	Yearly	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Arizona	Hourly	—	—	—	—	—
	Yearly	\$25,200	\$30,600	\$36,700	\$45,700	\$56,700

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

As shown in the table to right, a national comparison of wages for this occupation reveals Arizona ranks 38th in terms of median wages.

RANK	Location	Median Wage 2005	
		Hourly	Annual
1	New York	N/A	\$64,200
2	Michigan	N/A	\$57,800
3	Rhode Island	N/A	\$57,400
4	Connecticut	N/A	\$56,600
5	California	N/A	\$55,400
38	ARIZONA	N/A	\$36,700

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

¹ Due to the seasonal nature of the occupation, hourly wages not calculated. Wages for Greater Phoenix unavailable.

EMPLOYMENT

As shown in the table below, this occupation has a projected 20% growth rate over 10 years (between 2003 and 2013) for the Greater Phoenix region. There are an average projected 145 job openings each year, comprised of 72 new jobs and 73 positions vacated by individuals leaving the field (due to retirement, death, career changes, or other reasons).

	10-YEAR CHANGE			AVERAGE ANNUAL		
	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings	Growth	Separations
United States	2004	2014				
Middle school teachers, except special and vocational education	628,000	714,100	14%	22,470	n/a	n/a
Arizona	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings	Growth	Separations
	2004	2014				
Middle school teachers, except special and vocational education	6,290	8,770	39%	390	n/a	n/a
Greater Phoenix	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings	Growth	Separations
	2003	2013				
Middle school teachers, except special and vocational education	3,319	4,038	20%	145	72	73

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

*Job Openings refers to the average annual job openings due to growth and net replacement.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

**N/A is displayed in cases where data is not available or cannot be published because of federal data privacy standards.

An additional source of information regarding this occupation can be provided by analysis of employer survey data collected for the Maricopa County Community Colleges by the ERISS Corporation in 2004. As shown, the ERISS survey data shows a projected 1-year growth rate of 1%, which is comparable to the average of 2% per year reflected by the BLS data above.

Additionally, the ERISS data provides an indicator of turnover for this occupation, which is reported to be moderate to low at 6%.

ERISS Occupational Survey Data (2004)			
Greater Phoenix	Growth	Turnover	Demand
Elementary and Middle School Teachers	1.0%	6.0%	7.0%

Comparison of employment projections for top five regions for Middle School Teacher

As shown in the table to right, a national comparison reveals the State of Arizona ranks 2nd in terms of projected 10-year growth for this occupation (39%).

RANK	Location	Employment		Percent Change
		2004	2014	
1	Nevada	3,260	4,680	44%
2	ARIZONA	6,290	8,770	39%
3	Utah	4,280	5,560	30%
4	Colorado	10,350	13,280	28%
5	Georgia	23,430	28,940	24%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Employment by Industry

The table below shows the industries that most commonly employ Middle School Teacher, and the proportion of employment accounted for at the national level. As shown, “Local government educational services” are the largest employer for this occupation (87%).

Percent of Employment Nationally by Industry	
Percent	Industry
86.6%	Local government educational services
11.3%	Elementary and secondary schools, private

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Geo-Location Overlay of Employers with 100 or More Employees that Potentially Employ Occupation (n = 204)

