

Occupational Profile: Special Education Teacher Secondary School

GENERAL OCCUPATION DESCRIPTION

Teach secondary school subjects to educationally and physically handicapped students. Include teachers who specialize and work with audibly and visually handicapped students and those who teach basic academic and life processes skills to the mentally impaired.

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 100% of interviewed employers reportedly requiring a four year college degree or more.

| Required Education | |
|---|------|
| Percent of Employers Requiring HS Diploma or Less | 0% |
| Percent of Employers Requiring 2-Year Degree or Equiv | 0% |
| Percent of Employers Requiring BS Diploma or More | 100% |

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

WAGES¹

Special Education Teacher Secondary School is considered a medium-wage occupation, with moderate 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 | 2004 | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | 10% | 25% | Median | 75% | 90% |
| United States | Hourly | — | — | — | — | — |
| | Yearly | \$31,500 | \$37,800 | \$46,800 | \$60,800 | \$74,800 |
| Greater Phoenix | Hourly | — | — | — | — | — |
| | Yearly | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Arizona | Hourly | — | — | — | — | — |
| | Yearly | \$27,800 | \$32,200 | \$39,100 | \$47,900 | \$60,700 |

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

As shown in the table to right, a national comparison of wages for this occupation reveals Arizona ranks 34th in terms of median wages.

| RANK | Location | Median Wage 2004 | |
|------|--------------|------------------|----------|
| | | Hourly | Annual |
| 1 | New York | N/A | \$66,900 |
| 2 | Connecticut | N/A | \$61,800 |
| 3 | Rhode Island | N/A | \$59,000 |
| 4 | California | N/A | \$58,600 |
| 5 | Michigan | N/A | \$57,400 |
| 34 | ARIZONA | N/A | \$39,100 |

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 40% growth rate over 10 years (between 2003 and 2013) for the Greater Phoenix region. There are an average projected 57 job openings each year, comprised of 37 new jobs and 20 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 |
| | 2004 | 2014 | | | | |
| United States | | | | | | |
| Special education teachers, secondary school | 138,300 | 163,000 | 18% | 5,770 | n/a | n/a |
| Arizona | | | | | | |
| Special education teachers, secondary school | 1,060 | 1,570 | 48% | 80 | n/a | n/a |
| Greater Phoenix | | | | | | |
| Special education teachers, secondary school | 825 | 1,190 | 40% | 57 | 37 | 20 |

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.

Comparison of employment projections for top five regions for Special Education Teacher Secondary School

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 (48%).

| RANK | Location | Employment | | Percent Change |
|------|----------------|------------|-------|----------------|
| | | 2004 | 2014 | |
| 1 | Nevada | 910 | 1,410 | 56% |
| 2 | ARIZONA | 1,060 | 1,570 | 48% |
| 3 | Utah | 730 | 1,020 | 40% |
| 4 | Colorado | 1,400 | 1,940 | 39% |
| 5 | Georgia | 3,520 | 4,690 | 34% |

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Employment by Industry

The table below shows the industries that most commonly employ Special Education Teacher Secondary School, and the proportion of employment accounted for at the national level. As shown, "Local government educational services" are the largest employer for this occupation (89%).

| Percent of Employment Nationally by Industry | |
|--|---|
| Percent | Industry |
| 89.3% | Local government educational services |
| 6.6% | 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)

