



TEACHING IN ARIZONA Film Stats and Sources

1. "Arizona has a higher pupil-to-teacher ratio than nearly every other state."
Source: [Arizona State Funding Project: Addressing the Teacher Labor Market Challenge. Education Resources Strategies analysis, May 2018, page 56.](#)
2. "On average, teachers spend \$500 a year of their own money on supplies for their classrooms."
Source: [Tucson Values Teachers Statewide Survey, Fall 2015.](#)
3. "The median number of hours that Arizona teachers work each week is 57."
Source: [Tucson Values Teachers Statewide Survey, Fall 2015.](#)
4. "In Arizona, 42 percent of teachers leave the field within three years."
Source: ["Finding and Keeping Educators for Arizona's Classrooms," Arizona State University Morrison Institute for Public Policy, March 2017.](#)
5. "New teachers who receive high quality induction and mentoring support are twice as likely to stay in teaching than those who do not."
Source: ["Solving the Teacher Shortage: How to Attract and Retain Excellent Educators," Learning Policy Institute, Sept. 2016.](#)
6. "In 2017, the median pay for a secondary school teacher in Washington State was \$63,635. The equivalent in Arizona was \$48,306; in Tucson, it was \$40,678."
Source: [Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics, 2017. Adjusted for cost of living by the Morrison Institute of Public Policy at Arizona State University.](#)
7. "Currently, it takes the average Arizona teacher more than 25 years to earn a living wage."
Source: [Arizona State Funding Project: Addressing the Teacher Labor Market Challenge. Education Resources Strategies analysis, May 2018, page 73.](#)
8. Teacher wage increases of 20 percent by 2020, as announced by Arizona Governor Doug Ducey, May 3, 2018.
Source: [Press Release — Governor Ducey Signs 20 Percent Increase in Teacher Pay](#)
9. "Even if all Arizona teachers receive a 20 percent pay increase, they will still fall short of the national median."
Source: [TVT analysis based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics, 2017, verified by the Morrison Institute of Public Policy Arizona State University. In 2017, Arizona secondary-school teacher median wages were \\$48,306, which was 18.4% below the national median of \\$59,170. If Arizona secondary-school teacher wages had been increased by 20% in 2018, they would have risen to \\$57,967, which is 2% below the national median of \\$59,170.](#)
10. "Arizona has the highest turnover in the United States with close to a quarter of teachers leaving their schools annually, nearly double the national median of 14 percent."
Source: [Addressing the Teacher Labor Market Challenge. Education Resources Strategies analysis, May 2018, page 39.](#)