

Salaries & Benefits of the US Early Childhood Education Workforce

Rates of Increase of Early Care & Education Professionals and Others

	2002	2003	% change
Child Care Worker	\$8.32	\$8.37	0.6%
Preschool Teacher	\$10.45	\$10.67	2%
Kindergarten Teacher	\$20.22	\$20.37	0.7%
Parking Lot Attendant	\$8.30	\$8.50	2.4%
Taxi Driver	\$10.01	\$10.22	2%
Service Station Attendant	\$8.54	\$8.71	1.9%
Bicycle Repairer	\$9.62	\$9.99	3.7%

**Mean Annual Wages for Child Care Workers, Preschool and Kindergarten Teachers
in the SECA States 2003**

State	Child Care Workers	Preschool Teachers	Kindergarten Teachers
Alabama	\$14,390	\$19,030	\$39,250
Arkansas	\$14,020	\$18,550	\$34,360
Florida	\$15,380	\$21,480	\$41,690
Georgia	\$15,240	Data not reported	\$42,010
Kentucky	\$15,720	\$19,270	\$39,550
Louisiana	\$14,170	\$20,200	\$35,530
Mississippi	\$14,750	\$19,740	\$30,270
North Carolina	\$16,770	\$18,260	\$36,370
Oklahoma	\$14,620	\$18,390	\$29,000
South Carolina	\$14,720	\$18,150	\$38,990
Tennessee	\$15,010	\$16,970	\$34,240
Texas	\$14,860	\$21,790	\$39,040
Virginia	\$17,230	\$22,410	\$40,980
West Virginia	\$14,170	\$19,140	\$37,320

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2003 Occupational Employment & Wage Data. 2004

For more detailed statistics, download the report, *Current Data on the Salaries and Benefits of the US Early Childhood Education Workforce* at www.ccw.org.



Summary prepared by the Southern Early Childhood Association, PO Box 55930, Little Rock, AR 72215-5930 ☐ 1-800-305-SECA