The Face of Government: Education

State and local government employees provide critical services that citizens depend on every day including police and fire protection, roads and public transit systems, social services, public health and hospitals, and education services. The U.S. Census Bureau collects statistics on the nation’s governments every five years in the Census of Governments and every year in the Annual Survey of Public Employment and Payroll.

Who are the nation’s state and local government workers?

Total Number of Employees: 19,412,955

- 1.3 million Government Administration
- 2.1 million Public Safety
- 2.1 million Social Services and Income Maintenance
- 2.8 million All Other Employees
- 11.1 million Education

8.3 million employees outside the education sector

Education services account for 57% of total state and local government employees.

Education Employees: 11,103,272

- 48% Elementary & Secondary Instructional
- 23% Other Elementary & Secondary
- 18% Other Higher Education
- 10% Higher Education Instructional
- 1% Other Education

Data collected for the month of March 2011.
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Average Monthly Pay for Education Employees by Job and Work Status

- Higher Education Instructional:
  - Part-time: $1,608
  - Full-time: $7,193
  - Total: $4,045
- Other Higher Education:
  - Part-time: $874
  - Full-time: $4,347
  - Total: $2,602
- Other Elementary & Secondary:
  - Part-time: $1,031
  - Full-time: $2,773
  - Total: $2,202
- Elementary & Secondary Instructional:
  - Part-time: $1,169
  - Full-time: $4,517
  - Total: $3,904

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How much are education employees paid?

The monthly pay for a full-time education employee averaged $4,278 in March 2011, up from $3,268 in March 2001.

Average Monthly Pay for Full-Time Education Employees

- **10 states** $2,500–$3,499
- **25 states** $3,500–$4,499
- **13 states** $4,500–$5,499
- **2 states** $5,500–$6,499

Total gross pay for education employees was $36.6 billion in March 2011.