Table 9-8. Average Hourly Wages for Child Care Workers and Preschool Teachers, May 2015

(wages in dollars)

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State	Child Care Workersa	Preschool Teachersb
Alabama	8.99	13.65
Alaska	12.32	18.89
Arizona	10.25	12.89
Arkansas	9.01	14.58
California	12.52	16.48
Colorado	12.05	14.42
Connecticut	11.72	18.17
Delaware	10.45	12.77
District of Columbia	12.93	19.36
Florida	10.2	13.02
Georgia	9.89	14.44
Guam	9.12	15.54
Hawaii	9.75	17.19
Idaho	9.27	11.49
Illinois	11.15	15.49
Indiana	9.66	13.42
Iowa	9.1	13.01
Kansas	9.54	13.85
Kentucky	9.71	18.24
Louisiana	9.07	17.9
Maine	10.67	15.07
Maryland	11.75	14.96
Massachusetts	12.66	17.35
Michigan	10.65	14.43
Minnesota	11.28	16.72
Mississippi	8.88	13.51
Missouri	9.79	13.22
Montana	9.85	12.68
Nebraska	9.89	16.3
Nevada	10.74	13.72
New Hampshire	10.67	14.16
New Jersey	11.81	19.58
New Mexico	9.68	14.92
New York	12.64	18.27
North Carolina	10.09	13.41

State	Child Care Workersa	Preschool Teachersb
North Dakota	9.88	18.25
Ohio	10.55	12.86
Oklahoma	9.21	14.99
Oregon	11.73	14.71
Pennsylvania	10.1	13.62
Puerto Rico	8.28	11.35
Rhode Island	10.91	17.55
South Carolina	9.25	14.58
South Dakota	9.8	14.21
Tennessee	9.68	14.63
Texas	9.73	17.77
Utah	10.54	12.24
Vermont	11.95	15.6
Virgin Islands	8.27	12.45
Virginia	10.79	17.65
Washington	12.07	14.25
West Virginia	9.59	15.63
Wisconsin	10.23	12.58
Wyoming	10.53	14.06

**Source:** Table prepared by the Congressional Research Service on November 14, 2016, for the 2016 version of the House Ways and Means Committee Green Book. The table is based on May 2015 Occupational Employment and Wages data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Data were extracted from the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey on August 29, 2016, available at http://www.bls.gov/oes/home.htm#data.

Notes: Average hourly wages represent mean wages by state.

- a. These data are based on BLS SOC 39-9011, "Childcare Workers." BLS includes in this classification individuals who attend to children at schools, businesses, private households, and childcare institutions. BLS excludes from this classification those who are classified as "Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education" (SOC 25-2011) and "Teacher Assistants" (SOC 25-9041).
- b. These data are based on BLS Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) 25-2011, "Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education." BLS includes in this classification individuals who instruct preschool-aged children in activities designed to promote social, physical, and intellectual growth needed for primary school in preschools, day care centers, or other child development facilities. BLS excludes from this classification those who are classified as "Childcare Workers" (SOC 39-9011) or "Special Education Teachers" (SOC 25-2050).