

**TABLE 3
 AVERAGE SALARY IN K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION**

COLORADO						
	1992-93	2002-03	2006-07	2007-08	Change over 5 years*	Change from 1992-93 to 2007-08
AVERAGE SALARY	\$33,578	\$42,706	\$45,831	\$47,493	11.2%	41.4%
- national	\$35,029	\$45,686	\$50,758	\$52,308	14.5%	49.3%
Adjusted for Inflation - national	\$50,505	\$46,678	\$46,839	\$47,493	1.7%	-6.0%
	\$51,279	\$52,644	\$52,194	\$52,308	-0.6%	2.0%

* Change figures over 5 years are between 2002-03 and 2007-08.

Note: The rates of inflation for Colorado are: 54.1% between 1992-93 and 2007-08;
 9.3% between 2002-03 and 2007-08; and 2.2% between 2006-07 and 2007-08

Summary:

1. Colorado K-12 salaries have increased over the years. Salaries remain 8 percentage points behind the national average growth over the last 15 years (not adjusted for inflation).
2. Adjusted for inflation, Colorado's average teacher salaries are almost \$3,000 less than they were in 1992-93.
3. Over the same 15 year time period, adjusted for inflation, the national average for teacher salaries has declined slightly.