

On September 28, 2020, 24/7 Wall St.¹ published a special report titled “[States With the Most Underpaid Teachers](#).” The report referenced findings by the Economic Policy Institute’s (EPI) report, “[Teacher pay penalty dips but persists in 2019](#)” (published on September 17, 2020). EPI’s report found that public school teachers earned approximately 10.2% less than other college-educated workers in 2019.²

For the data found on in the following chart 24/7 Wall St.:

1. Reviewed each state’s teacher pay penalty from EPI’s report³
2. Calculated the average wage of public high school teachers using data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Occupational Employment Survey
3. Calculated weighted average annual income of non-teacher college-educated workers in each state using the Bureau of Labor Statistics’ employment projections for 2019-2029 for occupations that require at least a bachelor’s degree

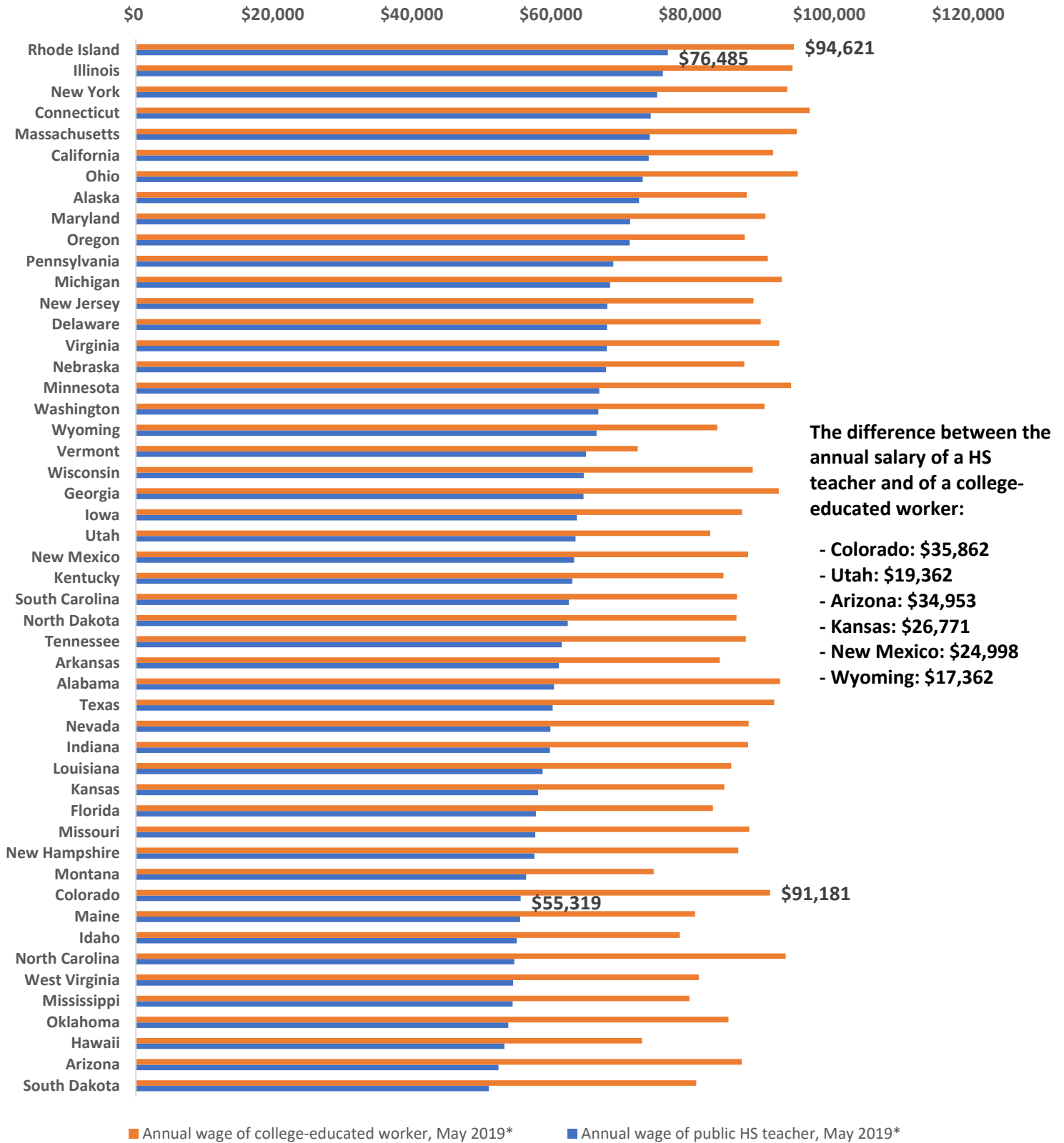
According to the Economic Policy Institute’s wage penalty report, Colorado teachers had a 28.8% weekly wage penalty in 2019. This means the on average teachers in Colorado are paid 28.8 percent less in wages and compensation than other college-educated workers. 24/7 Wall St.’s data shows that the difference between the average annual salary of teachers and college-education workers is almost \$36,000/annually in Colorado.

¹ 24/7 Wall St. is a Delaware corporation that runs a financial news and opinion company. These articles are then republished by many of the largest news sites, like USA Today, The Atlantic, MSN Marketwatch, and other newspapers.

² Model calculated weekly wage and controlled for benefits including summers.

³ EPI utilized Bureau of Labor Statistics and the U.S. Census Bureau’s Current Population Survey data to calculate regression-adjusted weekly wage to show the pay penalty.

Difference in Annual Salary of High School (HS) Teacher and College-Educated Worker (2019 data)



The difference between the annual salary of a HS teacher and of a college-educated worker:

- Colorado: \$35,862
- Utah: \$19,362
- Arizona: \$34,953
- Kansas: \$26,771
- New Mexico: \$24,998
- Wyoming: \$17,362

*Adjusted for cost of living

Source: 24/7 Wall Street, <https://247wallst.com/special-report/2020/09/28/states-with-the-most-underpaid-teachers/>