

TABLE 3
AVERAGE SALARY IN K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION

	COLORADO					
	1992-93	2003-04	2007-08	2008-09	Change over 5 years*	Change from 1992-93 to 2008-09
AVERAGE SALARY	\$33,578	\$42,706	\$45,831	\$47,493	11.2%	41.4%
- national	\$35,029	\$46,542	\$52,308	\$54,319	16.7%	55.1%
Adjusted for						
Inflation	\$53,758	\$48,002	\$47,618	\$47,493	-1.1%	-11.7%
- national	\$53,756	\$54,459	\$54,327	\$54,319	-0.3%	1.0%

* Change figures over 5 years are between 2003-04 and 2008-09.

Note: The rates of inflation for Colorado are: 60.1% between 1992-93 and 2008-09;
 12.4% between 2002-03 and 2007-08; and 3.9% between 2006-07 and 2007-08

Summary:

1. Salaries remain 13.7 percentage points behind the national average growth over the last 16 years (not adjusted for inflation).
2. Adjusted for inflation, Colorado's average teacher salaries are over \$6,000 less than they were in 1992-93.
3. Over the same 16 year time period, adjusted for inflation, the national average for teacher salaries has increased slightly.