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Occupational Employment and Wages for Teachers in New York’s Metropolitan Areas – May 2014

Among the 12 metropolitan areas in New York, 8 had annual wages that were significantly above the national average for elementary and middle school teachers, and 6 had significantly higher than average wages for secondary school teachers, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Chief Regional Economist Martin Kohli noted that except for secondary school teachers in Utica-Rome, no metropolitan area in New York had wages that fell measurably below those for the nation in any of the three teaching occupations. Nationwide, the average (mean) wage for elementary school teachers was \$56,830; for middle school teachers, \$57,620; and for secondary school teachers, \$59,330. (See [table A](#). For comprehensive definitions of metropolitan areas in New York, please see [Technical Note](#).)

Table A. Average (mean) annual wages for selected teaching occupations in the United States, New York, and metropolitan areas in New York, May 2014

Area	Elementary school teachers, except special education	Middle school teachers, except special and career/technical education	Secondary school teachers, except special and career/technical education
United States	\$56,830	\$57,620	\$59,330
New York	74,830*	75,470*	76,680*
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	60,000	63,610*	61,770
Binghamton	56,060	57,030	65,330*
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	59,750*	60,370*	61,120
Elmira	55,200	65,150	63,710
Glens Falls	61,890*	68,220*	64,310*
Ithaca	52,250	58,380	64,950
Kingston	88,700*	93,090*	74,010*
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island	75,930*	76,540*	81,640*
Nassau-Suffolk	96,910*	98,410*	98,950*
New York-White Plains-Wayne	75,280*	75,110*	79,490*
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown	79,380*	79,630*	80,760*
Rochester	59,580*	59,970	58,160
Syracuse	62,940*	66,760*	67,310*
Utica-Rome	62,740*	62,230*	57,040*

Note: An asterisk indicates that the mean annual wage for this area is significantly different from the national average of all areas at the 90-percent confidence level.

Of the 12 metropolitan areas located entirely or partially in the state, the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island area had the largest number of elementary, middle, and secondary school teachers (184,980 in the three teaching occupations combined). Over half (102,240) of those positions were located in one of the area's four divisions, New York-White Plains-Wayne. Another division, Nassau-Suffolk, had an additional 30,530 jobs in the highlighted occupations. (See [table B](#). The New York metropolitan area's other divisions, Newark-Union and Edison-New Brunswick, contain no counties in New York State, and their data have not been presented in this release.) Buffalo-Niagara Falls and Rochester were the two other metropolitan areas in New York state where the sum total of elementary, middle, and secondary school teachers was at least 10,000 employees.

Table B. Employment of selected teaching occupations in the United States, New York, and metropolitan areas in New York, May 2014

Area	Elementary school teachers, except special education	Middle school teachers, except special and career/technical education	Secondary school teachers, except special and career/technical education
United States	1,353,020	630,620	960,380
New York	73,280	39,220	67,320
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	3,430	1,440	3,150
Binghamton	760	600	770
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	4,280	2,210	4,550
Elmira	320	140	(1)
Glens Falls	400	200	540
Ithaca	330	50	650
Kingston	770	400	710
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island	78,850	42,300	63,830
Nassau-Suffolk	11,700	6,270	12,560
New York-White Plains-Wayne	44,060	24,020	34,160
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown	2,620	1,740	2,920
Rochester	4,610	2,170	5,420
Syracuse	2,780	1,680	2,230
Utica-Rome	1,370	520	1,070

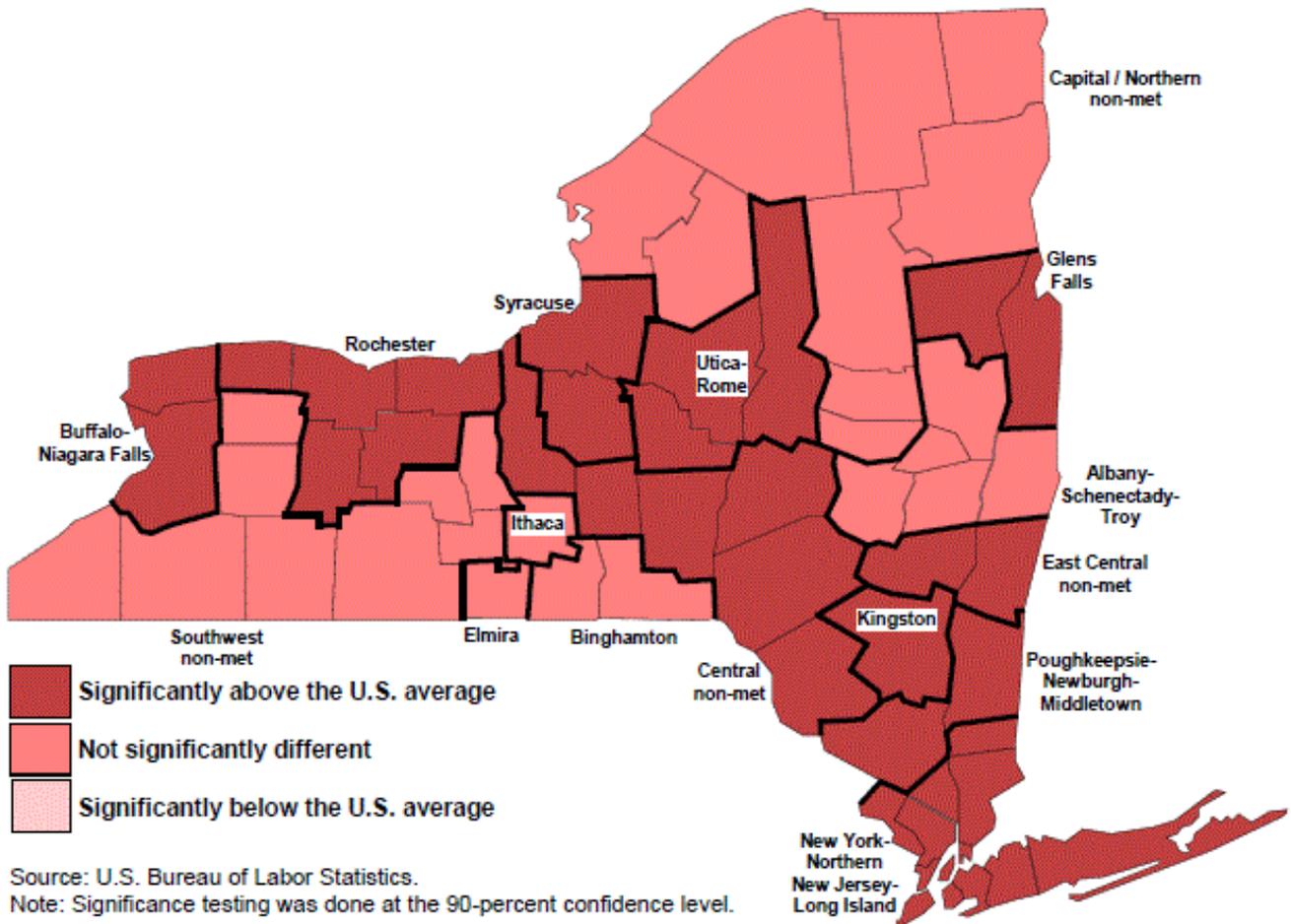
Footnotes:

(1) Data not available.

Wages for elementary school teachers in metropolitan areas in New York

Eight metropolitan areas reported average wages for elementary school teachers that were significantly higher than the \$56,830 national average, including Kingston (\$88,700), Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown (\$79,380), and the New York metropolitan area (\$75,930). Four localities had wages for elementary school teachers that were not measurably different from the U.S. average. (For the purpose of completeness, the chart also includes nonmetropolitan areas.) (See [chart 1](#).)

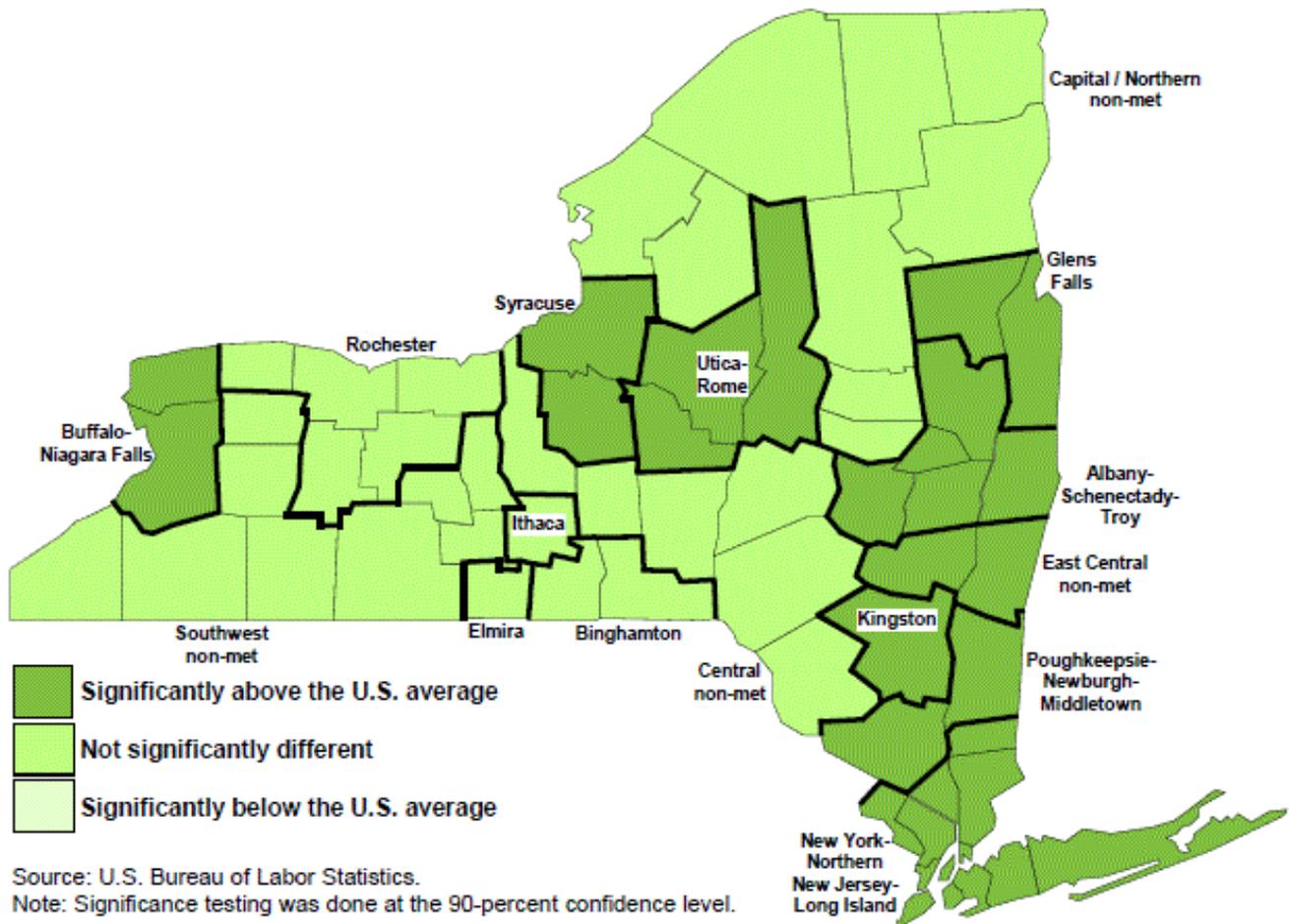
Chart 1. Mean annual wages for elementary school teachers, by area, New York, May 2014



Wages for middle school teachers in metropolitan areas in New York

Kingston (\$93,090), Poughkeepsie (\$79,630), and the New York metropolitan area (\$76,540) were among the highest paying areas for middle school teachers. Four areas in New York State had wages that were not measurably different from the U.S. average of \$57,620. (See [chart 2.](#))

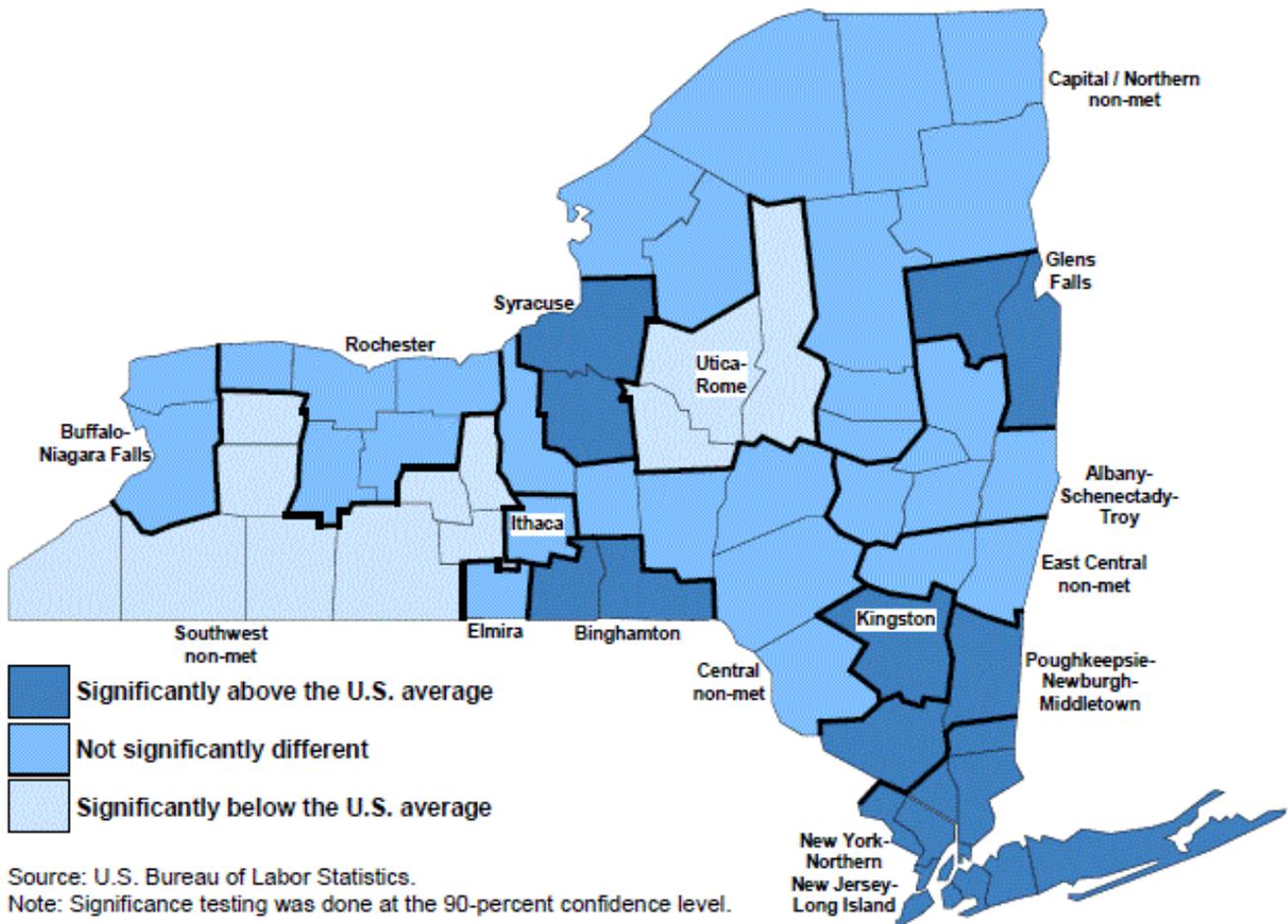
Chart 2. Mean annual wages for middle school teachers, by area, New York, May 2014



Wages for secondary school teachers in metropolitan areas in New York

New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island (\$81,640) and Poughkeepsie (\$80,760) were the highest-paying metropolitan areas in the state for secondary school teachers. Wages in both of these areas were measurably higher than the national rate of \$59,330. Four other areas had wages that were significantly above average, including Kingston (\$74,010), Syracuse (\$67,310), Binghamton (\$65,330), and Glens Falls (\$64,310). Five other areas had wages that were not measurably different from the national average. Utica-Rome (\$57,040) was the only metropolitan area in New York State to report wages that were significantly below the national average for this occupation. (See [chart 3.](#))

Chart 3. Mean annual wages for secondary school teachers, by area, New York, May 2014



These statistics are from the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey, a federal-state cooperative program between BLS and State Workforce Agencies, in this case, the New York State Department of Labor and the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Note

A value that is statistically different from another does not necessarily mean that the difference has economic or practical significance. Statistical significance is concerned with the ability to make confident statements about a universe based on a sample. It is entirely possible that a large difference between two values is not significantly different statistically, while a small difference is, since both the size and heterogeneity of the sample affect the relative error of the data being tested.

Technical Note

The Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey is a semiannual mail survey measuring occupational employment and wage rates for wage and salary workers in nonfarm establishments in the United States. Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands are also surveyed, but their data are not included in the national estimates. OES estimates are constructed from a sample of about 1.2 million establishments. Forms are mailed to approximately 200,000 sampled establishments in May and November each year. May 2014 estimates are based on responses from six semiannual panels collected over a 3-year period: May 2014, November 2013, May 2013, November 2012, May 2012, and November 2011. The overall national response rate for the six panels is 74.3 percent based on establishments and 70.5 percent based on weighted sampled employment. The unweighted employment of sampled establishments across all six semiannual panels represents approximately 57.1 percent of total national employment. (Response rates are slightly lower for these estimates due to the federal shutdown in October 2013.) For more information about OES concepts and methodology, go to www.bls.gov/news.release/ocwage.tn.htm.

The OES survey provides estimates of employment and hourly and annual wages for wage and salary workers in 22 major occupational groups and 821 detailed occupations for the nation, states, metropolitan statistical areas, metropolitan divisions, and nonmetropolitan areas. In addition, employment and wage estimates for 94 minor groups and 458 broad occupations are available in the national data. OES data by state and metropolitan/nonmetropolitan area are available from www.bls.gov/oes/current/oessrcst.htm and www.bls.gov/oes/current/oessrcma.htm, respectively.

The May 2014 OES estimates are based on the 2010 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system and the 2012 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Information about the 2010 SOC is available on the BLS website at www.bls.gov/soc and information about the 2012 NAICS is available at www.bls.gov/bls/naics.htm.

Metropolitan area definitions

The substate area data published in this release reflect the standards and definitions established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

- **Albany-Schenectady-Troy, N.Y. Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)** includes Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, and Schoharie Counties in New York.
- **Binghamton, N.Y. MSA** includes Broome and Tioga Counties in New York.
- **Buffalo-Niagara Falls, N.Y. MSA** includes Erie and Niagara Counties in New York.
- **Elmira, N.Y. MSA** includes Chemung County in New York.
- **Glens Falls, N.Y. MSA** includes Warren and Washington Counties in New York.
- **Ithaca, N.Y. MSA** includes Tompkins County in New York.
- **Kingston, N.Y. MSA** includes Ulster County in New York.
- **New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Pa. MSA** includes the following:
- **Edison-New Brunswick, N.J. Metropolitan Division (MD)** includes Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Somerset Counties in New Jersey.
- **Nassau-Suffolk, N.Y. MD** includes Nassau and Suffolk Counties in New York.
- **Newark-Union, N.J.-Pa. MD** includes Essex, Hunterdon, Morris, Sussex, and Union Counties in New Jersey and Pike County in Pennsylvania.
- **New York-White Plains-Wayne, N.Y.-N.J. MD** includes Bergen, Hudson, and Passaic Counties in New Jersey; and Bronx, Kings, New York, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, and Westchester Counties in New York.
- **Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown, N.Y. MSA** includes Dutchess and Orange Counties in New York.

- **Rochester, N.Y. MSA** includes Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, and Wayne Counties in New York.
- **Syracuse, N.Y. MSA** includes Madison, Onondaga, and Oswego Counties in New York.
- **Utica-Rome, N.Y. MSA** includes Herkimer and Oneida Counties in New York.

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