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**TABLE B4**

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<b>National average</b>	<b>\$844</b>	<b>\$1,098</b>	<b>\$967</b>	<b>\$1,133</b>	<b>\$1,396</b>	<b>\$1,260</b>	<b>74.5%</b>	<b>78.7%</b>	<b>76.7%</b>
<i>Alaska</i>	947	1,127	1,020	1,129	1,341	1,215	83.9	84.0	84.0
<b>ALABAMA</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>1,076</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>62.7</b>	<b>72.6</b>	<b>68.3</b>
<b>ARKANSAS</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>70.5</b>	<b>80.7</b>	<b>74.0</b>
<b>ARIZONA</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>1,223</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>76.6</b>	<b>72.3</b>
<i>California</i>	1,115	1,288	1,183	1,286	1,603	1,411	86.7	80.4	83.9
<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>1,426</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>64.2</b>	<b>68.1</b>	<b>66.4</b>
<i>Connecticut</i>	867	1,351	1,264	1,324	1,596	1,547	65.4	84.7	81.7
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>1,167</b>	<b>1,492</b>	<b>1,371</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>73.9</b>
<i>Delaware</i>	887	1,180	1,026	1,131	1,380	1,249	78.4	85.5	82.1
<i>Florida</i>	808	1,009	892	1,008	1,243	1,106	80.2	81.2	80.6
<i>Georgia</i>	713	1,030	902	1,064	1,260	1,181	67.0	81.8	76.4
<i>Hawaii</i>	797	1,066	917	998	1,210	1,092	79.9	88.1	84.0
<i>Iowa</i>	734	1,062	835	955	1,180	1,024	76.8	90.0	81.5
<i>Idaho</i>	735	996	808	974	1,228	1,045	75.5	81.1	77.3
<i>Illinois</i>	821	1,165	993	1,141	1,474	1,308	72.0	79.0	76.0
<i>Indiana</i>	804	1,040	956	1,071	1,252	1,188	75.0	83.0	80.5
<b>KANSAS</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>64.7</b>	<b>75.3</b>	<b>69.7</b>
<i>Kentucky</i>	698	935	867	991	1,105	1,072	70.4	84.7	80.9
<b>LOUISIANA</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>67.1</b>	<b>69.2</b>
<i>Massachusetts</i>	1,020	1,168	1,112	1,218	1,547	1,422	83.7	75.5	78.2
<i>Maryland</i>	872	1,205	1,078	1,248	1,533	1,424	69.9	78.6	75.7
<i>Maine</i>	744	907	800	980	1,121	1,029	75.9	80.9	77.8
<i>Michigan</i>	974	1,298	1,183	1,204	1,426	1,347	80.9	91.0	87.8
<i>Minnesota</i>	864	1,098	991	1,146	1,464	1,318	75.4	75.0	75.2

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<b>MISSOURI</b>	<b>\$679</b>	<b>\$920</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$1,008</b>	<b>\$1,134</b>	<b>\$1,071</b>	<b>67.4%</b>	<b>81.1%</b>	<b>74.7%</b>
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>75.1</b>	<b>73.6</b>	<b>74.4</b>
<i>Montana</i>	682	973	752	769	926	807	88.6	105.1	93.2
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>70.8</b>	<b>82.7</b>	<b>74.8</b>
<i>North Dakota</i>	746	958	788	790	974	827	94.4	98.3	95.3
<i>Nebraska</i>	749	956	836	962	1,197	1,061	77.8	79.9	78.8
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>1,419</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>72.3</b>
<i>New Jersey</i>	1,145	1,440	1,268	1,330	1,603	1,445	86.0	89.8	87.8
<i>New Mexico</i>	767	927	839	967	1,264	1,101	79.3	73.4	76.2
<i>Nevada</i>	825	1,038	930	1,109	1,288	1,197	74.4	80.6	77.7
<i>New York</i>	865	1,284	1,195	1,169	1,477	1,411	74.0	86.9	84.7
<i>Ohio</i>	877	1,103	1,015	1,082	1,316	1,225	81.1	83.8	82.9
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>68.0</b>	<b>71.3</b>
<i>Oregon</i>	902	1,017	967	1,070	1,327	1,216	84.3	76.6	79.6
<i>Pennsylvania</i>	880	1,137	1,014	1,090	1,379	1,241	80.8	82.4	81.7
<i>Rhode Island</i>	1,009	1,311	1,180	1,110	1,361	1,252	90.9	96.3	94.2
<i>South Carolina</i>	714	932	843	1,015	1,148	1,094	70.4	81.2	77.0
<i>South Dakota</i>	654	924	757	849	1,048	925	77.0	88.2	81.9
<b>TENNESSEE</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>1,075</b>	<b>1,354</b>	<b>1,199</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>66.6</b>
<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>1,356</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>68.1</b>	<b>66.6</b>	<b>67.7</b>
<i>Utah</i>	846	1,006	889	1,032	1,260	1,093	82.0	79.8	81.3
<b>VIRGINIA</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>1,541</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>67.4</b>	<b>67.3</b>
<i>Vermont</i>	809	1,097	959	949	1,088	1,022	85.2	100.8	93.9
<i>Washington</i>	885	1,068	1,010	1,195	1,355	1,304	74.1	78.9	77.5
<i>Wisconsin</i>	811	1,031	922	1,055	1,369	1,213	76.9	75.4	76.0
<i>West Virginia</i>	708	895	811	911	1,048	987	77.8	85.4	82.2
<i>Wyoming</i>	803	934	846	879	1,011	922	91.4	92.4	91.8

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\* Totals are weighted averages of the BA and MA level weekly wages where the weights are the shares of teachers with a BA or MA. This insures that the distribution of education among teachers and other college graduates does not affect the comparison.

SOURCE: Authors' analysis of weekly wages computed from the Current Population Survey ORG files averaged over the 2002-06 period and inflation-adjusted to 2006.