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GENDER	AGE RANGE	PARTY	AREA	CD	COUNTY	TEACHERS UNDERPAID?	VERBATIM RESPONSE
FEMALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	BIG CITY	7	ADAMS	NO	I believe they are okay because they make a decent amount of money and they get vacations.
MALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS	7	ADAMS	NO	If they think they're underpaid they can find a new job.
MALE	18-34	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	7	ADAMS	NO	They have a decent salary. If they wanted to focus on money, they should have gotten into another field. You don't teach to become rich.
MALE	18-34	REPUBLICAN	BIG CITY	7	ADAMS	NO	They work for the government, which is obligated to keep costs low.
MALE	35-44	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	7	ADAMS	NO	Making \$40,000-\$50,000 a year on average seems very fair for someone who teaches children.
MALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	7	ADAMS	NO	The pay is what the job is. If the pay isn't enough. They can use there degree to work in a different field. They work 185 days a year.
FEMALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	7	ADAMS	NO	I have done taxes here for 15 years I wish I got such a pay check for the few months of work. Also pension is funded quite well.
FEMALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	7	ADAMS	NO	The teachers I know get paid about 75,000. A year. That's more than I get paid and I'm a medical professional who can save lives.
FEMALE	65+	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	7	ADAMS	NO	They only work half a year and get full year salaries.
MALE	65+	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS	6	ARAPAHOE	NO	I'm answering these stupid questions.
MALE	18-34	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	6	ARAPAHOE	NO	I feel they got paid up to mark.
FEMALE	35-44	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	6	ARAPAHOE	NO	Teaching is not a suppose to be a high paying position. Teacher should be paid based on success in the classroom and not years teaching. Maybe a to fix the problem in this socialist society is to offer one salary amount for all teachers.
FEMALE	35-44	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	6	ARAPAHOE	NO	They choose to go into that profession knowing how much it pays.
FEMALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	6	ARAPAHOE	NO	Because everyone is underpaid and public school teachers have wonderful benefits and pensions.
FEMALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	6	ARAPAHOE	NO	Public school teachers do not work full days not do they work all months of the year. I work full time everyday at a company and get paid less per hour than teachers. I have a degree and I work twelve months a year not nine.

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FEMALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	6	ARAPAHOE	NO	They make more to start than I ever did. They get 3 months off every summer.
FEMALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	6	ARAPAHOE	NO	We waste too much on non-academic thereby waste school resource that should be spent on classroom teachers' salaries.
MALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	6	ARAPAHOE	NO	That would depend on the school districts, not the entire state.
MALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	6	ARAPAHOE	NO	There is no evidence to suggest that they are underpaid. While there may be some exceptions, it is not necessarily the rule.
FEMALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	6	ARAPAHOE	NO	They don't think for themselves.
FEMALE	18-34	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	2	BOULDER	NO	Because they went on strike to get paid more.
MALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	2	BOULDER	NO	No comment.
FEMALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	2	BOULDER	NO	They work 9 months in the year, have great pensions and can retire early, unlike the rest of us.
FEMALE	35-44	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	4	BOULDER	NO	They work PART TIME! about 180 days a year! With amazing benefits! Their salary and benefits even exceed that of a police officer when compared to number of hours worked broken down to an hourly salary. They are aware of the job and salary before they go into it, if that's a problem, choose another career.
MALE	35-44	REPUBLICAN	BIG CITY	1	DENVER	NO	I think a real teacher should never be broke because it's always someone in the world that wants to learn.
MALE	35-44	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	1	DENVER	NO	Not well.
MALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	BIG CITY	1	DENVER	NO	My wife was one and I know much she made, now works for a private school at about half of what she once made.
MALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	BIG CITY	1	DENVER	NO	They are all part of a totally corrupt Union Organization which only cares about how much money they get to line their pockets and not the type of citizen they turn out into the community.
MALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	1	DENVER	NO	They work 5 months a year.
MALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	1	DENVER	NO	Only work 9 months in a year--get a competitive wage--it's their choice--

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FEMALE	35-44	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS	7	DENVER	NO	I think they receive a fair wage in the Denver area.
FEMALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	BIG CITY	6	DOUGLAS	NO	They are paid properly.
MALE	45-54	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS	6	DOUGLAS	NO	No comment.
MALE	35-44	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	6	DOUGLAS	NO	Teachers work 9 months of the year and are fairly compensated for 9 months work. The problem with teacher pay is they dont work enough hours
MALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	6	DOUGLAS	NO	They make pretty good money for the time they put in.
MALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	6	DOUGLAS	NO	Lots of time off is not factored in.
FEMALE	18-34	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	6	DOUGLAS	NO	I have spoken to my mentors many times during my academic career. They were honest, the more time they spent in their field and the more accomplished in the teaching community the more they got paid. Yes, at first it doesn't bring in a lot of income but that's like any industry, the more can provide the more valued you become.
MALE	18-34	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	6	DOUGLAS	NO	They don't have to work a full year so their salaries should be adjusted to reflect that. The Denver public school teachers just got a sizeable raise that I would love to get at work.
FEMALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	6	DOUGLAS	NO	The average is \$47,000 or more. Plus they get a ton of benefits and 3 months off in the summer with that \$47,000. So 47,000 for 9 mths or less of work.
MALE	65+	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	6	DOUGLAS	NO	In general, there are many teachers whose talents do not merit any more pay. Teachers in many districts used to be paid based on performance. Also, the union is a great expense to teachers. Administration is paid a disproportionate share of funding, that could be better spent on teachers and supplies.
MALE	35-44	REPUBLICAN	SMALL TOWN	3	EAGLE	NO	I know that they all got a 10% increase in pay.
MALE	45-54	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS	5	EL PASO	NO	Read a lot about what teachers are getting an the hours they work.
FEMALE	35-44	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA	5	EL PASO	NO	People live beyond their means. I've known teachers who lived well on their salary when they were wise about their spending.

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MALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	5	EL PASO	NO	Just depends on the school.
MALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	5	EL PASO	NO	Teachers know their salaries before they decide to teach.
FEMALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA	5	EL PASO	NO	From what I've seen teacher's wages are reasonable and fair.
MALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	BIG CITY	5	EL PASO	NO	I know some teachers and they get paid very well, for the 170 days a year they spend with kids some make twice as much as I do working a full 52
FEMALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	5	EL PASO	NO	Given the level of education, teachers receive pay commensurate with other industries.
MALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA	5	EL PASO	NO	Because when you consider their other benefits they are definitely underpaid.
MALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	5	EL PASO	NO	Because they aren't... job pays what it does, and the Teachers union seems to make it all worse.
MALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	5	EL PASO	NO	Many do not pro-rate salaries, which tend to be above the average for other industries.
FEMALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	BIG CITY	5	EL PASO	NO	I believe they just got a raise the last time they went on strike. Teachers know they are not going to make a lot of money going into this profession.
FEMALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	RURAL AREA	5	EL PASO	NO	The schoolteachers in Colorado as a general rule don't earn their money.
MALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	5	EL PASO	NO	General impression.
MALE	65+	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	5	EL PASO	NO	The teachers work 8 months of the year. That, by definition, is a part-time job. They are not underpaid for that reason alone.
FEMALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA	4	ELBERT	NO	I know a few teachers and they make more than I do, and I am a veterinarian.
MALE	65+	UNAFFILIATED	RURAL AREA	4	ELBERT	NO	The salaries are competitive or better than with what teachers cold earn in an outside industry requiring the same amount of skill.
FEMALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	SMALL TOWN	5	FREMONT	NO	I think you need to look at the pay, benefits, and hours. If you average out everything, I feel that most are paid fairly. Yes, there are districts that need to consider the cost of living into the equation.
MALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	SMALL TOWN	2	GRAND	NO	Teacher wages are too high.

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FEMALE	55-64	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS	7	JEFFERSON	NO	Some districts are underpaid, but many pay more than most people in their district make.
MALE	18-34	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	7	JEFFERSON	NO	No comment.
MALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	7	JEFFERSON	NO	I know teachers at all tenure levels.
MALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	7	JEFFERSON	NO	My answer was based on what little information I know of the subject. I have not read or seen anything that indicates Colorado teachers are Underpaid.
MALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	7	JEFFERSON	NO	They don't work a full year and they get very good benefits.
MALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	7	JEFFERSON	NO	Teachers make a fair wage for a 9 month job.
MALE	18-34	REPUBLICAN	SMALL TOWN	2	LARIMER	NO	Because you are always paid for the value you provide. Hanging out with kids 6 hours a day and having weekend and holidays and 3 months off doesn't add up to making six figures.
MALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	BIG CITY	2	LARIMER	NO	They get paid well as far as I have heard.
FEMALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA	2	LARIMER	NO	Teachers are paid fine. They take the job knowing the pay, but then turn around and complain. shame.
MALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	2	LARIMER	NO	There are plenty of people wanting to be teachers for the pay that is being offered. basic supply & demand
MALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	BIG CITY	2	LARIMER	NO	They are earning a good wage and have benefits I could have only dreamed of as a full time paid employee and they claim it is still not enough.
FEMALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	3	MESA	NO	They all have aids that do the work, so what are the teachers getting paid for... Babysitting, security officers, police control.
FEMALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	3	MESA	NO	I have had several acquaintances over the years who are/were teachers and they don't seem to factor in their benefits and amount of time off.
FEMALE	18-34	UNAFFILIATED	RURAL AREA	4	PROWERS	NO	They get a three month holiday on top of their pay I would love that.
FEMALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA	3	PUEBLO	NO	They get paid plenty. Paid vaction for. Healthcare. Retirement
FEMALE	55-64	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS	3	RIO BLANCO	NO	Teachers have too much time off and are paid accordingly.
FEMALE	65+	DEMOCRAT	BIG CITY	4	WELD	NO	Many days off.

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FEMALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA	4	WELD	NO	They do not teach the students.
MALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	4	WELD	NO	I think teachers should be paid according to the quality of the education they're providing
FEMALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	4	WELD	NO	They bring home a decent salary for working about 8 months of the year and 7 hours a day. They should also be paid for performance and should be evaluated regularly by administration, as well as feedback from both students and parents.
MALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	4	WELD	NO	Reasonable pay for work and 3 months off per year.
FEMALE	65+	UNAFFILIATED	RURAL AREA	4	WELD	NO	Compared to other occupations get paid as well and have opportunity to work 3 months at another job
FEMALE	65+	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	4	WELD	NO	I know a teacher and her salary and I think she is not underpaid and teachers also have the summer off and that should be taken into consideration as a salary perk.
MALE	65+	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	4	WELD	NO	If they think they are under pay they should looking for something else.
FEMALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA	6	WELD	NO	The get a good salary considering their benefits and paid time off. Not too many people get As much time off as teachers. Basically with all their benefits they work 6 months a year
FEMALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA	6	WELD	NO	They get a better wage than most and can retire early earning the same amount of money
FEMALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	BIG CITY			NO	They just had a strike where it benefited them.
MALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA			NO	They know exactly what salaries are prior to any teaching
MALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	BIG CITY			NO	You know and understand the employment agreements before you sign into a school, to complain after the fact is ridiculous.
MALE	65+	UNAFFILIATED	SMALL TOWN			NO	I believe they are fairly compensated, and they do not work year-round. I do believe they should be offered student loan relief in exchange for years of public service.