

Occupational Profile
Teachers - Elementary
OES (Occupational Employment Statistics) CODE: 31305

Cameron County		Hidalgo/Starr/Willacy Counties	
Employment 2000	Projected Employment 2010	Employment 2000	Projected Employment 2010
2,650	3,220	4,810	6,440
Absolute Change		Absolute Change	
#	%	#	%
570	21.5	1,630	33.9
Is License Required?	Growth to Replacement	Is License Required?	Growth to Replacement
Yes	1:1	Yes	1:0.7
Hourly Wage 2002		Hourly Wage 2002	
Mean	Median	Mean	Median
\$19.24	*	\$18.89	*

Job Description:

Kindergarten and Elementary School Teachers play a vital role in the development of children. What children learn and experience during their early years can shape their views of themselves and the world, and affect later success or failure in school, work, and their personal lives. Kindergarten and elementary school teachers introduce children to numbers, language, science, and social studies. They use games, music, artwork, films, slides, computers, and other tools to teach basic skills. Most elementary school teachers instruct one class of children in several subjects.

Average Education Required

Most of these occupations require a four- year bachelor's degree.

Industrial Employment Patterns		
Industry Code	Industry	Percent of Employees
8210	Elementary & Secondary Schools	98.2%

Related Occupations

Kindergarten, elementary, and secondary school teaching requires a variety of skills and aptitudes, including a talent for working with children; organizational, administrative, and record keeping abilities; research and communication skills; the power to influence, motivate, and train others; patience; and creativity. Workers in other occupations requiring some of these aptitudes include [college and university faculty](#), [counselors](#), [education administrators](#), [employment interviewers](#), [librarians](#), preschool teachers and child-care workers, public relations specialists, [sales representatives](#), [social workers](#), and [trainers and employee development specialists](#).

Skills Required

- Instructing -- Teaching others how to do something
- Speaking -- Talking to others to effectively convey information
- Learning Strategies -- Using multiple approaches when learning or teaching new things
- Reading Comprehension -- Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work related documents
- Social Perceptiveness -- Being aware of others' reactions and understanding why they react the way they do
- Active Listening -- Listening to what other people are saying and asking questions as appropriate

* *Data not available*

