

**Occupational Profile**  
**Teachers - Secondary**  
OES (Occupational Employment Statistics) CODE: 31308

Cameron County		Hidalgo/Starr/Willacy Counties	
Employment 2000	Projected Employment 2010	Employment 2000	Projected Employment 2010
1,810	2,310	3,280	4,610
Absolute Change		Absolute Change	
#	%	#	%
500	27.6	1,330	40.5
Is License Required?	Growth to Replacement	Is License Required?	Growth to Replacement
Yes	1:1.1	Yes	1:0.7
Hourly Wage 2002		Hourly Wage 2002	
Mean	Median	Mean	Median
\$20.90	*	\$19.69	*

**Job Description:**

Secondary School Teachers help students delve more deeply into subjects introduced in elementary school and expose them to more information about the world. Secondary school teachers specialize in a specific subject, such as English, Spanish, mathematics, history, or biology. They teach a variety of related courses—for example, American history, contemporary American problems, and world geography.

**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	99.9%

**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**

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

\* *Data not available*