

Teacher salaries across Canada: How does BC compare?

The starting salary for a BC teacher with Category 5 qualifications is **second-lowest in Canada**. We rank behind only Quebec, which has drastically lower living costs.

Starting salary at Category 5 equivalent (as of February 1, 2021)

Province or Territory	Salary	Ranking, all	Ranking, provinces only
Northwest Territories	\$86,516	1	-----
Nunavut	\$82,147	2	-----
Yukon	\$80,766	3	-----
Alberta ^{1,2}	\$63,210	4	1
Manitoba ^{1,2}	\$60,469	5	2
Saskatchewan	\$60,338	6	3
Prince Edward Island	\$56,644	7	4
Ontario (Elementary – ETFO)	\$55,745	8	5
Nova Scotia	\$55,160	9	6
Newfoundland and Labrador ¹	\$53,755	10	7
New Brunswick	\$53,372	11	8
British Columbia ³	\$53,260	12	9
Quebec ¹	\$46,115	13	10

The maximum salary for a BC teacher with Category 5 qualifications ranks **8th** in Canada and **5th** out of the ten provinces. BC teachers are the lowest paid in the provinces west of Quebec. A teacher in Alberta at the same level of qualifications can make over \$12,000 more than the same teacher in BC.

Maximum salary at Category 5 equivalent (as of February 1, 2021)

Province or Territory	Salary	Ranking, all	Ranking, provinces only
Northwest Territories	\$127,282	1	-----
Nunavut	\$118,142	2	-----
Yukon	\$116,672	3	-----
Alberta ^{1,2}	\$97,734	4	1
Ontario (Elementary – ETFO)	\$96,557	5	2
Manitoba ^{1,2}	\$92,614	6	3
Saskatchewan	\$92,797	7	4
British Columbia ³	\$85,761	8	5
Quebec ¹	\$82,585	9	6
New Brunswick	\$82,296	10	7
Prince Edward Island	\$81,861	11	8
Nova Scotia	\$78,728	12	9
Newfoundland and Labrador ¹	\$70,391	13	10

¹ Collective agreement expired.

² Simple average (each school district counts the same).

³ Weighted average (each school district counts proportionately to the number of teachers).

All salary data comes from collective agreements.