

## Want to see the data behind Nevada Journal's story for yourself?

1. Go to [BLS.gov/data/](http://BLS.gov/data/)
2. Page down to the Employment heading, and under that, the Quarterly section. Where it says "State and County Employment and Wages," click the green icon labeled one-screen data search.
3. If the Java plug-in for your web browser is not automatically activated, activate it now.
4. You should now be on the BLS Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages page, with its data-query application active.

### To get the Nevada private-sector pay, select:

- In menu #1: Nevada
- In menu #2: Nevada - statewide
- In menu #3: Total, all industries
- In menu #4: Private
- In menu #5: All establishment sizes
- In menu #6: Average Annual Pay
- In menu #7: Click "Get Data"

Returns the average annual Nevada private-sector pay, for years 2002-2012, with the 2012 figure = \$42,410.

To get the BLS annual count of Nevada private-sector employees, repeat steps 1-5, but change step 6 to "All Employees."

### To get the national average private-sector income, select:

- In menu #1: U.S.TOTAL
- In menu #2: U.S. TOTAL
- In menu #3: Total, all industries
- In menu #4: Private
- In menu #5: All establishment sizes
- In menu #6: Average Annual Pay
- In menu #7: Click "Get Data"

Returns the average annual private-sector pay, nationally, for years 2002-2012, with the 2012 figure = \$49,200.

***Dividing 42410 by 49200 = 86.2 percent.***

## **To get the Nevada K-12 public-education-sector pay, go to**

### **www.nevadaworkforce.com:**

Click on *Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages*. On the next page, page down until you see, in the right hand column, the word “Tools” in blue with a yellow arrow and a link: “Quarterly Employment & Wages.”

In menu #1: Nevada

In menu #2: Nevada

In menu #3: 2012

In menu #4: Annual

In menu #5: NAICS

In menu #6: Local Government

In menu #7: “61 Education Services”

In menu #8: “611110 Elementary and Secondary Schools”

In menu #9: “Avg Employment” and “Total Wages” (Hold down Ctrl to select both.)

Click View Data button.

The application returns Avg Employment of 49,110 and Total Wages of 2,135,140,055. Dividing the latter figure by the former yields the Average Annual public K-12 Nevada wage of \$43,476.68.

## **To get the national average public K-12 income, go to BLS.gov:**

In menu #1: U.S.TOTAL

In menu #2: U.S. TOTAL

In menu #3: NAICS 611110 Elementary and secondary schools

In menu #4: Local Government

In menu #5: All establishment sizes

In menu #6: Average Annual Pay

In menu #7: Click “Get Data”

Returns the average annual K-12 public-sector pay, nationally, for years 2002-2012, with the 2012 figure = \$42,060.

***Dividing 43,476.68 by 42,060 = 103.4 percent.***