## **Teachers**

Over the past decade, the national average teacher salary has dropped 4.5 percent, adjusted for inflation, according to the National Education Association. In 2018, the Economic Policy Institute reported that teachers are paid 21.4 percent less than professionals with similar education and experience - a record-high pay gap, and a major reason the national teacher shortage is increasing.

> Alexandra Robbins, New York Times, March 20, 2020