



87%

of pre-K-12 teachers
report that low pay is
a moderate or serious
concern.

INCOME

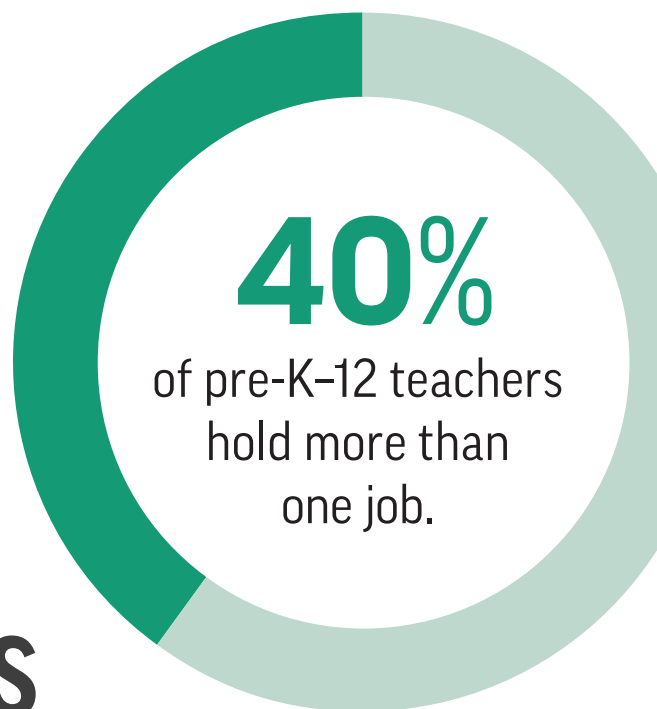
PRE-K-12 TEACHERS

95%

of pre-K-12 teachers
spend their own money
to meet the needs of
their students.

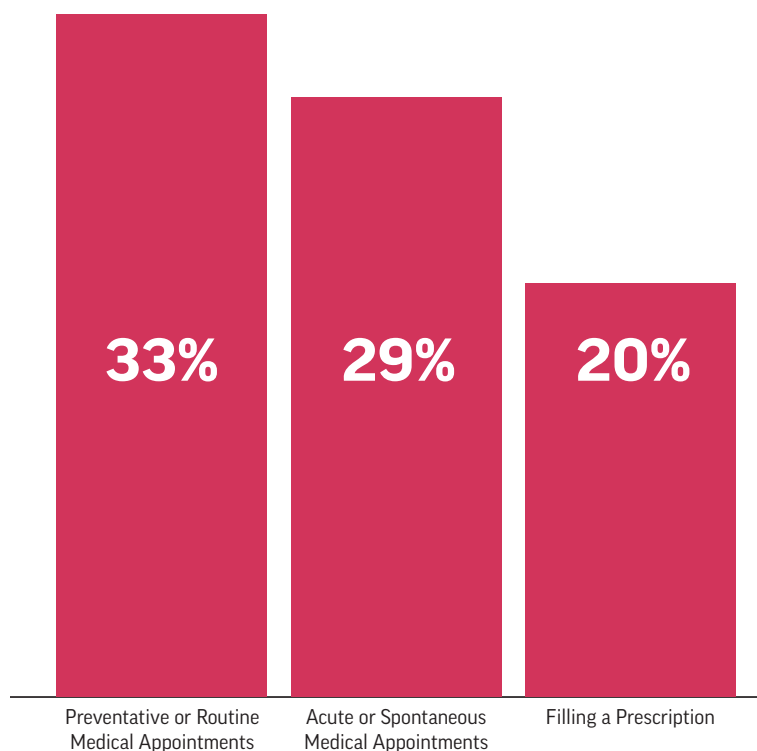
37%

of pre-K-12 teachers
have a moderate
or serious problem
making a living wage.



Pre-K-12 teachers and their families are skipping medical care due to financial strain.

Percent reporting that they or someone in their household has skipped each type of medical care due to other financial priorities.



HEALTH

PRE-K-12 TEACHERS

3%

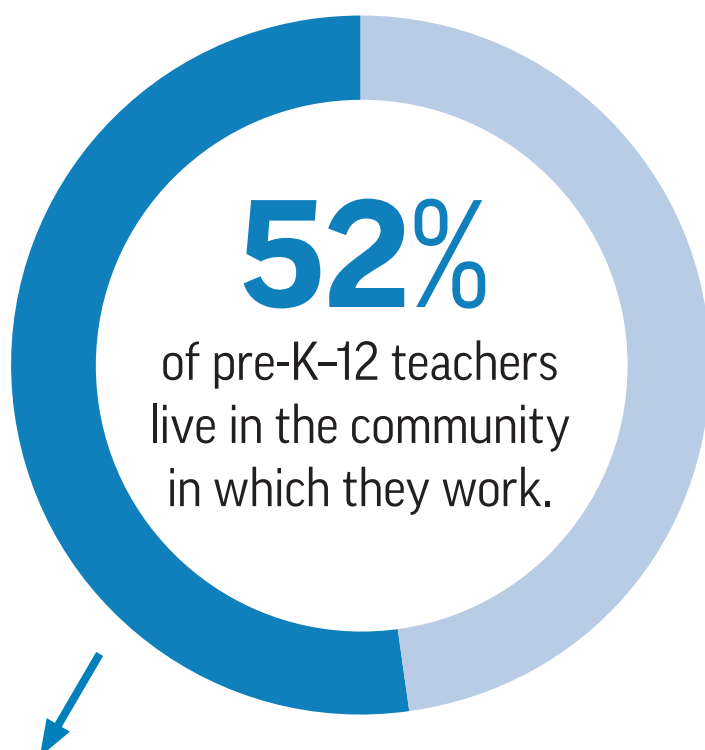
of pre-K-12 teachers participate in Medicaid.

28%

of pre-K-12 teachers have a moderate or serious problem paying for medical expenses.

19%

of pre-K-12 teachers have a moderate or serious problem paying health insurance premiums.



Among pre-K-12 teachers who live in the community in which they work, **26%** find doing so to be a financial strain, while another **1%** rely on employer housing benefits or employer-sponsored housing to make this affordable.

Among pre-K-12 teachers who do not live in the community in which they work, **26%** say they cannot afford to do so, and **22%** say it would be a financial strain.

22%

of pre-K-12 teachers have a moderate or serious problem paying gas, electric, or phone bills.

23%

of pre-K-12 teachers have a moderate or serious problem making rent or mortgage payments.

HOUSING

PRE-K-12 TEACHERS

FOOD

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5% of pre-K-12 teachers participate in free grocery or free meal programs.

2% of pre-K-12 teachers participate in SNAP, also known as food stamps.



About the survey: SSRS conducted this survey on behalf of NEA from May 14 to July 7, 2024. The sample was drawn from a combination of NEA member lists, the SSRS Probability-Based Business Insights Panel, and a nonprobability/opt-in panel. Data were weighted to reflect the national educator population; for pre-K-12 teachers, weighted n=1,427.