

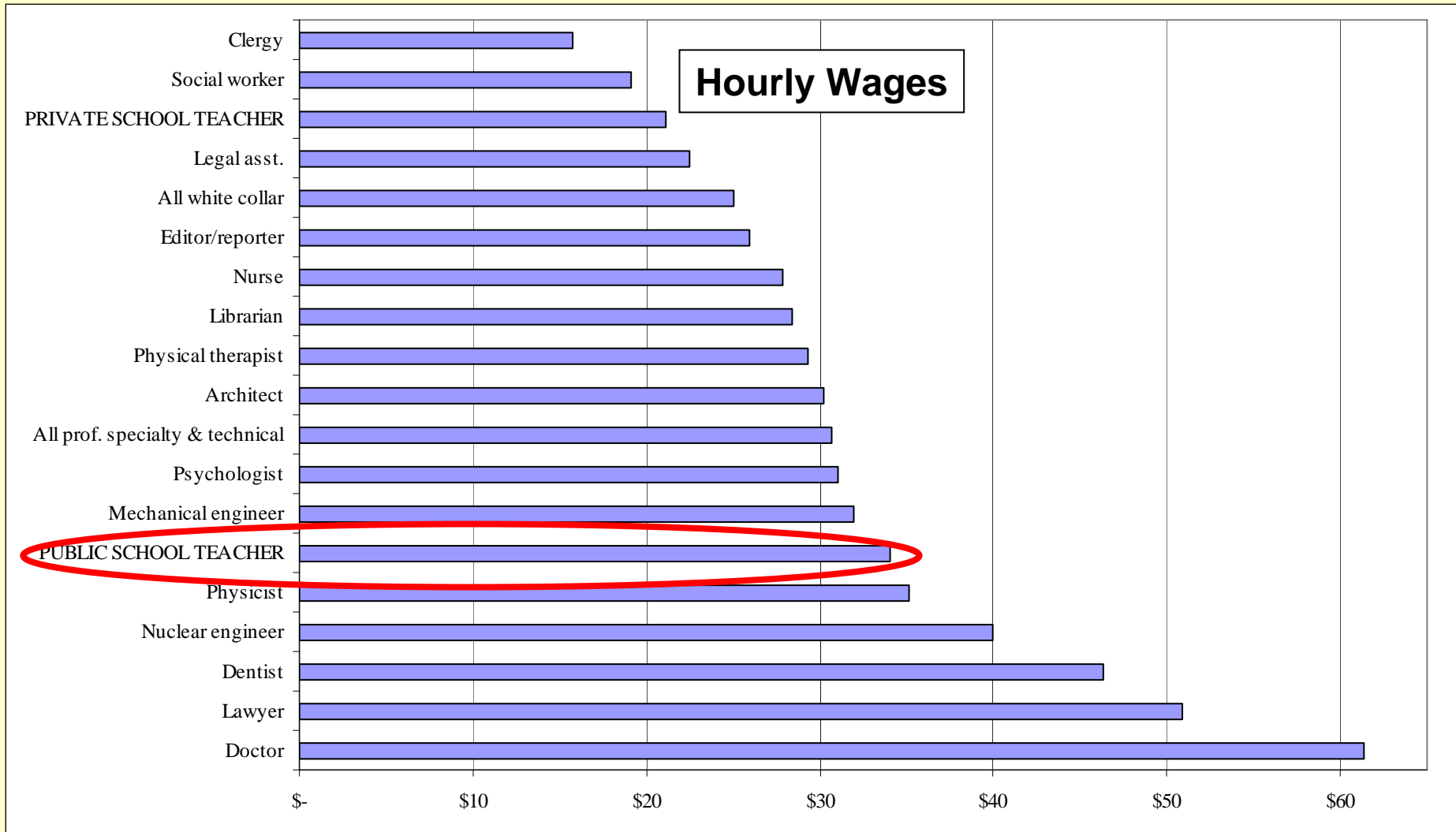
Myth #6: Teachers Are Underpaid

Fact:

- Overall, teachers are quite well paid
 - And have excellent benefits
- The problem is *how* teachers are paid
- Certain teachers *should* be paid more, but only those who deliver high student achievement, are willing to teach in the schools with the greatest concentration of the most disadvantaged students, and teach subjects in which there is a teacher shortage such as math and science

Overall, Teachers are *Not* Underpaid

They Earn 61% Per Hour Than Private School Teachers and Significantly More Than Other White-Collar Workers, Even Specialty/Technical Ones

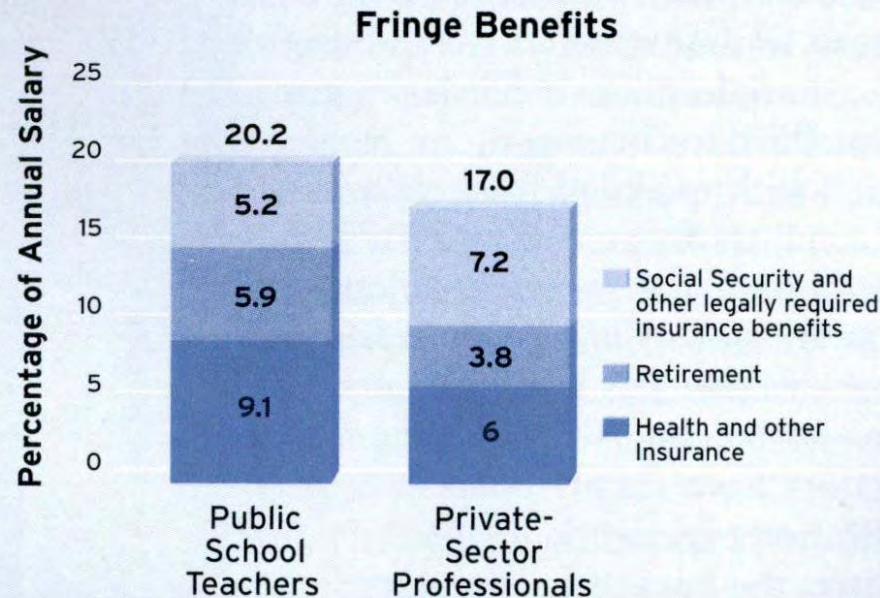


Teachers Also Receive Excellent Benefits

And Have Extraordinary Job Security

Fringe Benefits of Teaching (Figure 3)

The total fringe benefits paid on behalf of public school teachers are higher than those for private-sector workers.



Note: Private-sector workers include all management, professional, and related personnel. "Other legally required insurance" includes Medicare, state and federal unemployment insurance, and workers compensation. "Other insurance" includes life insurance and short- and long-term disability.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics. "Employer Costs for Employee Benefits—June 2004"