A Teacher’s Life by the Numbers!

Cook County, IL

Teacher Salaries

1st Year Teacher with a B.A.
$54,282-$58,832*

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.
$103,791-$115,349*

*Data from 2021-2022

Plus extra duty pay for coaching and club sponsorship

What does that mean for a teacher in this area?

The average annual wage is $84,604

Median home value is $280,691

Average rent for a two-bedroom apartment is $1,299

1st Year Teachers can buy houses like these*:
$240,000

Mid-Career Teachers can buy houses like these*:
$549,000

*With a 5% down payment for 1st year teachers and 20% down for mid-career and while spending 36% of their income on housing

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How does that impact a teacher’s ability to buy homes or save for a house?

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